Did you know that to say that “G-d is love” is actually a form of idolatry? Did you know that to say G-d loves you and will forgive you all your misdeeds borders on blasphemy? No, you probably did not know these things, did you?

Knowledge of Torah has fallen to a possibly all time low. Although many people study day in and day out, not many of those who study grasp the true foundations of what the message and way of Torah actually is. So many people pay so much attention only to matters of surface importance. So few actually make the effort to delve deep to truly grasp the essence of Torah.

Today many people embrace ideas about G-d and Torah that are foreign in origins. Many today embrace the messages of other religions and then try to wrap them up to make them sound Jewish. One can serve the highest quality kosher stuffed chicken for dinner, but if it is stuffed with pork it is still unkosher. Just because some say something is compatible with Torah does not make it so. To think G-d is love and forgiving to all is one of these foreign ideas that have crept into Judaism, but have no actual Biblical foundation in the Jewish TaNaKh.

All one needs to do is to read any section of the TaNaKh and see how over many centuries G-d has interacted with humanity, Jews and non-Jews alike. One will see a striking consistency between how G-d interacted with humanity during Biblical times and how He has acted with us since. There has never been a period in human history that we can say that the Grace of G-d shined all over the Earth and that everywhere and for everyone, life was Heavenly.

Many of us have been seduced by a concept about G-d and Torah that severely blinds the eye from seeing the true and dangerous nature of spiritual reality. G-d is not so forgiving. G-d is not so loving. Indeed, the prophet Isaiah said very clearly that G-d is the author and creator of both good and evil. In Torah (specifically the Book of Job), the concept of the Devil is not one of being the lord of hell in a dual with G-d. On the contrary the Devil is viewed as being G-d’s loyal subject whose job it is to test humanity and then serve as prosecutor over one’s soul. Indeed, the Hebrew term Satan actually translated as prosecutor or accuser.
Ultimately, there is no dichotomy in the universe. Everything emanates from a Singular Source. This is true for both good and evil. G-d uses both as His agents, as His tools. Good and evil both serve G-d and are His faithful servants.

G-d therefore, is love, but He is also hate. G-d is peace, but He is also war. G-d is the giver of life, but He is also the sender of death. G-d blesses and He curses. G-d rewards and He punishes. To everything there is a time and purpose under Heaven (Kol. 3:1). To say G-d is one thing over another or one thing and not another is to split the Divine Unity. This is akin to idolatry.

Understanding that everything, be it good or bad, emanates from the Divine Source is no mere lesson in theology; it is a sound warning and good advice. Too many of us have long held religious beliefs that are akin to children’s myths and stories. It is OK to believe in stories as long as one recognizes the fantasy nature of those stories. I do not consider it bad if some one wants to believe in Santa Claus. I do however; consider it dangerous when one wants to travel alone to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus. This is the difference between a benign silly belief and the dangerous literal application of said belief. As it is with Santa Claus so it is with our understandings of G-d and how He runs the world.

For centuries our Sages have spoken about G-d using a form of symbolism that describes G-d as some type of super-human king. G-d is personified and given human type attributes. Yet, our Sages are emphatic that all their talk of this nature is entirely symbolic and there is nothing literal about it whatsoever. G-d is not a man, nor son of man. G-d is not human, nor does He have any corporeal form. The Torah refers to G-d as a “He,” but this is not done to ascribe sexually. G-d is clearly said to be both male and female. Yet, these terms too when applied to the Divine are absolutely different from anything that we associate with sexuality. To sum it up, almost everything that we believe about G-d is a myth and a religious fairy tale; a set of metaphors using symbolic language to describe to us a reality so unlike anything we know that we can only grasp a glimpse of its existence by using these symbolic terms to describe it.

Our problems with religion have arisen because of the different symbols each group uses to describe spiritual reality. Groups believe that their symbols are literal and that when another group does not accept one’s symbols that this is tantamount to that group rejecting spiritual reality, with all the consequences of Divine wrath attached to such a rejection. Of course there is no such Divine wrath; the wrath is merely that of the collective consciousness of one group expressed on to another group that embraces a different set of myths.

This competition of myths and symbols is very similar to the conflicts that transpire between children in a playground. Yet, unfortunately with religions, we are talking
about adults and groups seeking global domination. These so-called adults are nothing more than children who have matured physically, but not a bit emotionally, mentally or spiritually. This is why I consider the simplistic embrace of religious myth to be a dangerous thing. This is why Torah prohibits us to ascribe any form or semblance to anything spiritual or Divine. Heaven knows well the true nature of their own being and how radically different it is from mortal temporal life here on Earth. Heaven sought to protect us from the dangers of our infantile intellectual limitations. Therefore, every time we say G-d is this or G-d is that, we are in violation of a fundamental spiritual and psychological truth and creating a very dangerous precedent.

Idolatry is ascribing fantasy beliefs onto spiritual reality. This is a debilitating psychological problem. It is ego inflation at its worse. Idolatry is not dangerous because of what we believe; it is dangerous because based on what we believe we end up doing terrible evil deeds, all in the name of the myth of serving our fantasy idea about G-d. For millennia, millions have been tortured and murdered in the name of religious purges. What sheer stupidity this is, but even in our days, no one can see this.

Those who have personally had spiritual experiences have long taught us that we live in a much grander universe than meets the eye. Secular scientists, using their modern methods have come to the same conclusions. Both religionists and scientists now state that we live in a multi-dimensional universe, possibly inhabited by countless other races of beings. While science claims no extraterrestrial contact has yet been made, religionists have claimed that such contact has gone on for millennia.

When religionists speak about close encounters of the alien kind, their experiences, like everything else in religion, has been run through the filter of mythology and fairy tales. The other-worldly entities that these individuals have experienced have been given mythical names like angels and demons. Our society is full of fantasy images of both these types of beings. Yet, if these entities are real as religionists have claimed, and their true nature and appearance is not how we have portrayed them in our fairy tales, then what is their true nature? What is their true appearance? Where do they come from? Why have they come here? What do they want from us? And possibly the most important question is what are the true parameters of our relationship?

Religionists have long asked these questions and often their answers have been wrapped up in myth and embellished with silly children’s-like fairy tales. Yet, many religionists have safely guarded a truth about their close encounters that has not been tainted by the myth making, story telling limited human intellectual capacity.

Scientists also ask questions about what kind of life is “out there”? Today, the official position of the scientific community is that we have not yet made any such contacts.
Whether or not this is true is something we will probably never know. Regardless of when it is we make contact (or if we already have) I am sure that scientists will ask the same questions on that day as religionists have asked for millennia. Ultimately, we will all be faced with the same questions once our eyes have been forced open to see the greater universe in which we live.

We live in a greater universe. Nothing is as it actually appears. This is both a religious and scientific fact. Religion embraces its myth and modern science embraces its own. Only with the removal of myth can we get down to the business of discovering truth for its own sake and to see the universe as it actually is. In religious terms we call the era in which this will occur “the days of Mashiah.” Even this term and its associated concepts have long been subject to religious story telling and mythical embellishments. Yet, underlying all the children’s stories about the coming of Mashiah there is a reality that can only be interpreted as being an invasion of Earth by an extraterrestrial power. This sounds frightening and I am sure that it will be.

I am sure that the coming entities that we have in our myths called angels will impose a new world order as designed by Heaven. Upon their arrival we will see for real who they are and what they are. We may or may not welcome their intervention in human affairs. Yet, whether or not we like or approve, I do not think we will be in a position to resist.

In light of understanding the true extraterrestrial nature of spiritual beings, we should also acknowledge the extraterrestrial nature of any communiqué that they might bestow upon us. The greatest of such communiqués is the Torah. While we have thousands of years of Torah commentaries and have built the entire religion of Judaism upon them, we have only begun to scratch the surface of what Torah really is and what it really teaches. In our present state of human limitations there is only so much of Torah that our minds are able to grasp. Without our ability to grasp the depths of Torah, thousands of years of Sages have built upon its surface, thus reinforcing a connection between the Torah and her people. Were it not for the wisdom of our Sages in creating the present form of Torah practices the people of Torah would have long ago ceased to exist and the Torah itself might have disappeared from human history. I do believe that those entities, who made the effort to bring Torah to Earth, would not be very happy seeing their plans thwarted.

Although modern science has not yet discovered this, religionists for millennia have known that those whom we call spiritual entities have long been involved with human affairs on an intimate basis. Truly, we are not alone and those who are amongst us are not very happy and satisfied with what they see. If these entities were merely performing a duty of observation then we might not have that much reason to be concerned. However, if their observations overlap with their outright meddling in human affairs, then we truly do have very much to be concerned with.
History rebounds with stories of other-worldly creatures interacting with people, often to their harm. Modern myth speaks of extraterrestrial entities in secret collusion with clandestine government agencies planning and plotting some mysterious ominous plan that could spell doom for us all. Is there any truth to this? If not, then we can all have a good laugh at silly urban legends. Yet, if there is even a grain of truth to all this, had we not better ask, what is the true part and what is really going on?

Now we have come full circle. Torah teaches that we are not alone in the universe, or on planet Earth. Torah teaches that we human beings were put here on Earth for a purpose. That purpose is for the education and evolution of our true essence, which we call our souls. Those that placed us here are very active in our education. Their influence is felt in almost every arena of life. Therefore, the Book of Daniel refers to them as the Watchers. They watch, interact and intervene. They act in ways that we would interpret as both good and bad. Their sense of values is far different from our own. They show no concern for those things that we hold of value. They seem not to be concerned about suffering, pain or even death. Apparently, they view these things in a different light than do we. As such how they guide and direct us is based upon parameters totally different from what we would consider fair or just. Yet, it is they who are in charge. They do what they are instructed to do from their superiors, who carry out the orders of their superiors and on and on up the chain of command up to the Source.

Do not think for an instant that life operates according to our standards and our definitions of right and wrong. This is certainly not the case. G-d and Heaven are certainly not about love and forgiveness and all our religious hype of the opposite will not make it so. All the positive thinking in the world will not change reality.

Reality is not what you think it is or what you want it to be. Reality is regardless of what you want or what you think. You cannot change this. Accept this and live accordingly and you will learn wisdom, your soul will evolve and all will be well with you. Reject or ignore this and try to live life according to your own rules and you will forever be in conflict with reality. Eventually reality will catch up with you and your little private make-believe world will be shattered.

We truly live in a greater universe, one not of our own making, one in which we are not in control. We have been contacted and instructed what to do. The choice of what we do, of course, as always, is up to each and every one of us. Just remember this, the Watchers are watching and they are very much involved.