Cosmic Believers' 1st Illusion: In Fellowship while in Darkness, 1 Jn 1:6; 1 Jn 1:7*a*: Protasis: "If we walk in the Light": Residence inside the Divine Dynasphere

- 20. Asceticism in the "religious" community, which can include some "traditionalists," can be just as heretical.
- 21. There are some in Christendom who apparently conclude they have no sinful nature. This is self-assumed sinless perfection. They arrive at this by self-observation, "I have not violated any of my own legalistic standards therefore I have never sinned."
- 22. The early church was attacked by insipient Gnosticism which provided a set of beliefs for every category of cosmic living the legalistic or the licentious, the ascetic or the antinomian.
- 23. Verse 6 takes up the issue of the cosmic believer's first illusion: calculated from self-deception that he is in fellowship when in fact he habitually ignores the truth.

1 John 1:6 - If we assert that we have continuous fellowship with God and continue to make choices for facilitated wheel-tracks in the sphere of the cosmic systems, therefore, we keep on lying because we keep on deceiving ourselves and we habitually do not practice the truth.

XIII. 1 John, Chapter 1:7:

1 John 1:7 - but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- 1. This verse is also made up of the protasis and apodosis of a third class condition and it presents a contrast to those of verse 6. Here John offers the condition necessary to have fellowship with God which results in fellowship with our fellow believer.
- 2. The verse begins with the post positive conjunction of contrast, $\delta \epsilon$, de. It introduces a contrast or opposing thought to the idea to which it is connected, and is translated "but."
- 3. This is accompanied by the conjunction which introduces a third class conditional clause: ἐάν, ean, translated "if." This presents a condition that must occur before a certain action or conclusion can occur in the main clause called the apodosis.
- 4. The third class condition is established by the introductory particle *ean* plus the subjunctive mood of the verb, in this case, the present active subjunctive of:

περιπατέω, peripateo - "we walk"

- present: Retroactive progressive: denotes that which has begun in the past and continues into the present. It may also be classified as the present of duration. This verb is to be a facilitated behavior pattern; something that is habitual. It describes a believer that persistently studies Bible doctrine and consistently logs time in the divine power system.
 - active: The believer that functions in the sphere of the Light, the divine power system, produces the action of the verb.
 - subj.: Potential as per the third class condition. The probability depends on the believer being filled with the Holy Spirit and functioning under the grace apparatus for perception.

"But if we habitually function inside the Light of the divine power system \dots "

- 5. Where the believer is to habitually function is expressed next in the prepositional phrase, ἐν φῶς, *en phōs*: "in the Light."
- 6. "In the Light" speaks of the divine dynasphere whose "on switch" is rebound: confession alone to God alone which results in the filling of the Holy Spirit. It is with these assets that the believer is able to access truth, grow in grace, and, with this knowledge, serve God by living the life that biblical guidance requires.