Holy Spirit: Cryptographer of Mystery Doctrines

Let's note some definitions in order to better understand this illustration:

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "crypt, cryptogram, cryptic, cryptographer, cryptanalyst": crypt n [from the Greek

kruptos, meaning "hidden, secret."

cryptogram n A communication having a hidden significance.

cryptic adj intended to be obscure or mysterious. Implies a purposely concealed meaning. cryptographer n A specialist who enciphers and deciphers messages.

cryptanalyst n A specialist in the solving of cryptographic systems.

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, s.v. "mystery."

The Bible may be described as cryptic. It is a communication which may be read by any or all but which has a hidden significance.

1 Corinthians 1:27 - God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong.

Obviously, the Bible is intended to be obscure and meaningless to those who reject its message of grace.

Matthew 7:24 - Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house upon the rock.

Matthew 7:25 - And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and burst against that house, and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.

Matthew 7:26 - And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act upon them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.

Matthew 7:27 - And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and burst against that house, and it fell, and great was its fall.

The Bible's cryptic message may be understood by those who give it an objective hearing. The content of the message which makes it foolish to the world is its principle of grace.

The message to the unbeliever is that peace with God and eternal life may be acquired through grace by believing that Jesus is the Christ, or, faith alone in Christ alone.

The message to the believer is that tranquility with God and happiness in life may be acquired through grace, by believing the teachings of the Scripture.

There are certain men who are commissioned by God with the power to decipher His message of salvation and the details of His plan. These communicators may be called cryptanalysts, specialists at solving the cryptographic systems of the Bible.

- 1 John 1:3 What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 1:4 These things we write so that our happiness may be made complete.

These communicators called in Scripture "evangelist" and "pastor," receive their knowledge from the teaching of the Holy Spirit and communicate it through their spiritual gifts by means of the Spirit's power.

The Holy Spirit therefore, becomes the cryptographer, a Specialist who enciphers and deciphers messages. Those who accept these messages have fellowship with God, those who reject them live in darkness.

- 1 John 1:5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light [the wheel-tracks of righteousness, integrity, truth, perfection] and in Him is no darkness at all [the wheel-tracks of wickedness, duplicity, the lie, error].
- 1 John 1:6 If we say we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness [peripateo skotos: the wheel-tracks of wickedness], we lie [self-justification] and do not practice the truth.
- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light [peripateo phos: wheel-tracks of righteousness] 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.

Note that 1 John 1:7 says that God "is in the light." This is another way of saying that God has established the "wheel-tracks of righteousness."

The conditional suggestion is that those who have fellowship with God must also be "in the light." The principle is clear: we must "be making straight wheel-tracks of righteousness" with our volition (third class condition) if we are to please God. Such decision making is impossible if we are in self-deception.

- 1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned [self-absorption], we make Him a liar [for He has said that "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God."], and His Word is not in us [foolishness].
- 1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," [Intnesive perfect of ginosko: emphasizes the existing results. The tense of the "finished product." A way of saying a thing "is."] and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Therefore, the righteousness we see here must be developed by inculcating truth into the soul's stream of consciousness. The development of this righteousness causes a transformation of the soul which results in the believer becoming a person of integrity.

The believer who has integrity will invariably be placed under the common pressures of the Angelic Conflict and thus challenged to remain loyal to the truth he has come to believe. If when confronting this pressure he remains loyal to the truth, then he becomes a person of honor. In order to arrive at that objective, the believer must begin "making straight wheel-tracks with his feet."

David says that the Lord leads him in these wheel-tracks. This leadership is contained in the cryptographic message of the Bible. As your knowledge of its mysteries increase their occurs a simultaneous enlargement of your capacity to function under the principles of righteousness. This capacity for righteous function means that you are consistently following the leadership of our Lord in the wheel-tracks established by Him in the incarnation and further revealed in Scripture.

The following diagram highlights the message of our passages:

Psalm 23:3 - He leads and guides me in the wheel-tracks of righteousness for His name's sake.

Hebrews 12:13a - Be making straight wheel-tracks for your feet ...