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*“Love one another as I have loved you.” (St. Jn. 13: 34)*

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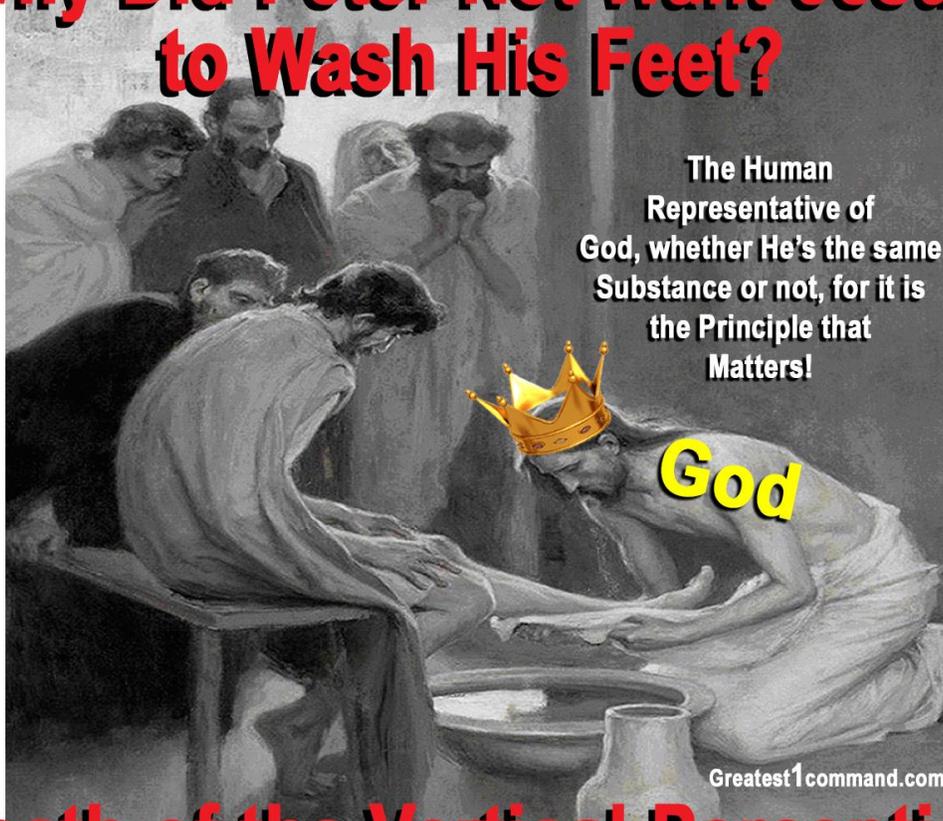
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In answering the question, "Why did Peter not want Jesus to wash his feet?" simply put, whether subconsciously or unconsciously, Peter's *vertical* and *impersonal* perception of God did not coincide with Jesus' *horizontal* act. It would mean that Peter would have to extend that same act to his fellow Apostles and to all of Humanity. Jesus' act *offended* Peter just as it would many today,

because the human nature and its *ego* is a greater foe than the Devil! In fact, just the thought of the Supreme Being on His knees, is equally *offensive* as the offensiveness of the Cross that St. Paul is talking about:

**Galatians 5: 11 NIV**

[...In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.]

Often times Jesus would tell His listeners to *deny* themselves:

**Matthew 16: 24 NIV**

[...*"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*]

This is why Jesus in Revelation told each of the seven churches, *"he that overcomes (oneself, ego)"* will receive a particular reward, such as: *"To the one who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life,..."*. (Rev. CH. 1- 3) *Please see photo below.*

## The Human Ego

**Question:** How did Lucifer become the Devil?

**Answer:** Because he turned *inwards*, became *self centered* and *inconsiderate* towards his *Heavenly Community!*

**Question:** What does Jesus mean by, "He that overcomes..."?

**Answer:** Those who "overcome" their *inwardness*, their *self centeredness* and their *inconsiderateness* towards their *Earthly Heavenly Community* will stop being a *Devil*...and never *Die!* Amen

**Revelation Chapter 2**  
7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

**Revelation Chapter 2: 11**  
churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

**Revelation Chapter 17**  
churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white

**Revelation Chapter 2**  
26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations —

**Revelation Chapter 3**  
thy. 5 He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will

**Revelation Chapter 3**  
take your crown. 12 Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again

**Revelation Chapter 3**  
21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let

**Isaiah Lucifer the Devil Chapter 14**

12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain."

14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

15 But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.



**P.S.** Forget church tradition about the Devil made me do it. Why do you listen to Dead theologians anyway? Why else are they Dead...Do you get the picture?

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But most important, Jesus said:

**Matthew 12: 32 NIV**

[Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.]

One can speak bad against Jesus the person and be forgiven, but, not accepting this symbolism of a *horizontal* God that Jesus displays (because of *self-centeredness* and ones *ego*) really means, that one does not want to accept ones' fellowman *horizontally*; and for that, one will never, ever, be forgiven. It is the love, the humbleness and the selflessness that one must believe in, and not the actual person, Jesus. How can you love **Jesus**, whom you've never seen, if you don't love people, which you see everyday?

### **1<sup>st</sup> John 4; 20 NIV**

[If anyone says, "I love God [or **Jesus**]," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God [or **Jesus**], whom he has not seen.]

And because *all* religions have not "**overcome**" the *vertical* and replaced it with *horizontal* perception of God (and until then) God has and will continue to remove every generation, for the wages of this [sin] rejection, is *death*:

### **Romans 6: 23 NIV**

[For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.]

Evermore, at first glance Jesus' submissive act seemed to be even *lower* than horizontal. Did not Jesus say that He (which really means God, for Jesus came to reveal God, and not the other way around) did not come to be served, but to serve?:

### **Matthew 20:28 NIV**

[...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."]

St. Paul said this too, about serving God, or simply, worshipping God in the old *vertical* and *impersonal* way:

### **Acts 17: 24 & 25 NIV**

[24] The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. 25] And *he is not served* by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.]

Jesus gives God a *human* face, which makes it easier to relate to Him. Jesus also said, "**I and the Father are one.**" (St. John 10: 30) And, Jesus said that what he was doing, the Father of the Universe was doing the same thing simultaneously with Him, or vice versa:

### **St. John 5: 19 NIV**

[Jesus gave them this answer: "**I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.**"]

Basically, when Jesus washed the feet of Peter, God the Father was doing it allegorically through Jesus' body. In addition, when Jesus refused recognition for doing the miracles, he threw it towards, or rightly said, gave the *glory* to the Holy Father, who in turn, would give *glory* to the **Holy Spirit**;

Ultimate *selflessness* in action, by the symbolical Trinity:

**St. John 14: 28 NIV**

[...If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.]

**Genesis 1: 2 NIV**

[Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the waters.]

**Romans 15: 13 NIV**

[May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.]

Symbolically, one could say, that when Jesus would walk up a mountain, the Father was doing it too, and, when Jesus walked the roads or sat down, so did God the Father, and, the **Holy Spirit**. When the Apostles asked Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus told them that when they see Him, you are seeing the Father; and once again, He and the Father were *one* in unity.

**St. John 14: 9 NIV**

[Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen *me* has seen the *Father*. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?]

**The 3 Dimensions of God**



Then again, when the *Horizontal Perception of God* becomes a universal understanding and worldview among mankind, then that will constitute as God among us and Heaven on Earth, whether we have Jesus or the Father walking among us. We're not saying Jesus won't be with us at some point, but if he leaves again at the Second Coming, will we neglect that understanding and revert again (like we did at the first Coming) to a *Vertical Perception God* just because we don't see

Jesus? When we come to this point in our understanding and reach that level of maturity...once again...it will be Heaven on Earth. Amen This concept of God is a metaphor or an analogy.

Consequently, what John the Revelator saw in Heaven was an *analogue* to the First Coming, in Jesus' day:

### **Revelation 21:3 & 22:4 NIV**

[..."Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God *himself* will *be* with them and be their God. [4] They will see his *face*, and his name will be on their foreheads.]

And Matthew adds:

### **Matthew 1:23 NIV**

["The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").]

During Jesus' three tenure his human *image* was highly regarded as impeccable. But when the Apostles saw the blood, that *image* became tarnished. No longer would they see Jesus as the comic book Superman, but more like them, Human. Ironically, this is like in a Star Trek (episode 52, "Who Watches the Watchers") where Captain Picard was viewed as a God, and the primitive natives wanted to sacrifice his counselor in honor of him. Fortunately, one sole did not believe in him and shot an arrow and caused him to bleed. The blood changed their perception of the captain, and in a sense, God died for them. Similarly, for the Apostles the *vertical* perception of the Old Testament God died; and a new *Truly Human* God Resurrected! Therefore, after the resurrection the Apostles' eyes were opened and they could see who Jesus really was: The *horizontal* Human Representative of God on earth, whether He's the *same* substance [consubstantial, homoousious] or not:

### **John 21:12 NIV**

[...None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ]

This is why in the Epistles the Apostles never wrote the Commandment from Deuteronomy 6: 5: "To love God with all ones mind and heart."; because it is inconclusive, intangible and *non-human*. (We elaborate more on this below on page 8, in our essay entitled, "*Loving God in a Personal Way*".)

Furthermore, what Luke says figurative about lowering mountains and filling valleys [in reference to Jesus] would make the earth horizontal:

### **Luke 3: 5 New Living Translation**

[The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth.]

Moreover, the early church fathers ridiculously made Jesus' love act (feet washing) into another sacrament. They misunderstood the deeper meaning, which we would like to state in allegorical form:

The perception of the impersonal Mr. *vertical* status-quo, has come down to earth to be the human Mr. *horizontal*, with no-status-quo.

In addition, before Jesus, we believe because of the *distant* and *impersonal* construct, our *fear* of God is another aspect that we have to overcome. One would fear more a stronger entity, rather

than a weaker one, meaning, we fear God (even though many say they do not) more than we fear the devil. This fear is not the Godly fear the Bible teaches. (Rom. 3: 18 & 2 Cor. 5: 11) No, we are talking about the fear that comes from not knowing the true *character* of God. Likewise, in the biblical understanding, the Devil can possess you, can corrupt you and have you killed, but, can the Devil send you to Eternal damnation?:

### **Matthew 10: 28 NIV**

[Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.]

Furthermore, early man feared that God would retaliate, if He, did not receive sufficient homage and reverent honor. Sort of speaking, the problem of the world is not the devil, but God, or at least ones misunderstanding of Him. But thank God (literally) that St. Paul understood God's *true* character better than his predecessors. Once again, as St. Paul demonstrated, serving God is *not* God's first priority:

### **Acts 17:24-25 NIV**

["The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. [25] And he is *not served by human hands*, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.]

In the letter to Romans, St. Paul stated that the Law "arouses" the sinful nature, which means it creates more sin:

### **Romans 7: 5 NIV**

[For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions *aroused* by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.]

In its historical context St. Paul is referring to the Jewish religious system, which in St. Paul's own words, "locked, imprisoned the children of Isreal, *until*, Christ"— similar to a playpen. (Gal. 3: 23) Correspondingly, the human psyche, since as a toddler, has a rebellious penchant against commands and rules. So if the Mosaic laws are perceived as a reflection of God's character, would not that reflection give humanity a *perception* of God which would also affect the human psyche, or simply, the human nature by "locking-up", "imprisoning", and "arousing" one to rebellious sins? We are not saying that God motivates one to sin, but, unless we are *freed* from our wrong perception of God, we will not be *freed* from our own selves, primarily our *ego* of wanting to be number ONE, just like we think God is. We agree with the heading to Robert D. Brinsmead's Verdict Publication, which was renamed **QUEST**, it states:

### **Verdict Publications**

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Therefore, our *perception* of God affects our worldview and our behavior, for one is the *root* and the other is the *fruit*:

[God is a reflection of one's self. If one sees God as human, humble, and literally down to earth, that person will learn to be humane to others. But if one's God is not seen as human, that individual will tend to be just as inhuman, as his God seems to be. (Doc. #13-Quotes and Excerpts, CD2 2004; [http://greatest1command.com/cd2\\_quotes\\_and\\_excerpts.pdf](http://greatest1command.com/cd2_quotes_and_excerpts.pdf)) ]

In other words, if one believes God wants to be viewed and treated as number ONE and *above all else*, than one's conscience would allow one to believe that being number ONE and *above all peoples* is not against God, for if God is not a bad person when He does it, why should anyone else be considered bad. Putting it bluntly, if one views their God as a jerk, then they more than likely will be a jerk, just like Him. Lol. Evidently, if ones' God wants worship and praise, that individual would inclined to at least, seek praised and honored from others too. But some will say, "But He's God, He can do whatever He wants." But this proves our point in the whole of this essay, for it sounds like God is an egocentric, self-centered individual who thrives on being number ONE. Take note, in the Hebrew, God-Elohim is plural. Yes, there is only ONE Supreme being, but God is more of a corporate God, than as an individual one, for as we stated already, Jesus said, "**I and the Father are one.**" (St. John 10: 30)

Consequently, now here is a theory that one can ponder: At the beginning of the creation, which needs Space, or at the beginning of Time when there really was no Time, God—was— number one, (a singularity) but He stepped back to be incognito, so that, the creation can *equally* share His Space, until He runs out of Time and Space, which will never happened, if He wants! Also, like the singing group Three Dog Night's song "One is the Loneliest Number"; maybe, God was so lonely being by Himself, that he went so berserk, lol, and exploded out into all directions, which is what the univerese is doing now. And to keep God accompanied, some of the created (to be suitable) had to be in his likeness, on the same level.

Evermore, it's much easier to worship and praise a vertical God, which really pertains to the Father above. But, Jesus showed God the Father as more *selfless* than people can imagine. Nevertheless, we see many people posting to the Father *long* and elaborate prayers on social media, which reminds us of Jesus when He stated, "**...do not keep on babbling like the pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.**"; these people think God the Father hears them better. (Matt. 6: 7) But we believe, if you really want to talk to the Father, talk to PEOPLE, or reach the Father through people, for He reaches us through people; or else your just talking into the air. For Jesus said, "**if you feed, cloth, and visit the sick, you've done it unto Me.**"; and unto Me, in the final analysis, really means unto God the Father. (Matt. 25: 35- 40) Consequently, many people use prayer to clean their consciences for a good night sleep, because of their lack of responsibility towards the community, AKA the collective, basically, Heaven on Earth. Without a doubt, Christianity, while continuing with its vertical perception of God, is denying the First Coming of Christ! Thus, the evil secular status-quo is *rooted* in the religious status-quo, which has God at the top, below Him are the Angels, underneath them is the Earth with the Clergy above the Laity. And in the *final* product, you have no equality, because of the hills and the valleys.

In Conclusion, Jesus' act goes beyond just washing feet:

### **1 Peter 2: 21 New Living Translation**

[For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.]

Our treatment of our fellow man is a *reflection* of our understanding of what is permissible and what is not. That understanding must come from the *highest* standard or paradigm accessible to our senses—way beyond the stars. Therefore, *not* accepting that highest standard and *horizontal* God that Jesus represented, in whatever act he displayed, is *not* accepting God, and, *not* accepting your fellow man equally; this is the *root* cause of our world's social *inequality*! We agree with Robert D. Brinsmead statements from his sub-article entitled, "*The Tyranny of the Vertical Dimension*":

[By this daring, preposterous step Jesus was offering humanity freedom not only by abolishing religion, but by abolishing the *vertical* dimension. Thus, he seemed to place man on the level of God and God on the level of man (see John 10:33-36). Abolishing the vertical dimension means that we must join Jesus in his "blasphemy" if we dare to be free. While abolishing the "God" of the vertical dimension may be called the ultimate blasphemy, it is the only road to ultimate freedom.]

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Duly noted, the embodiment of a *horizontal* of God in Jesus, is the *death* of the *vertical* perception.

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## **Loving God in a Personal Way**

God, through Jesus, has uniquely expressed a *personal* aspect of himself. Even though Buddha, Confucius, and even Mohamed had good insights about God, it is not the same. Also, before Christ, apart from humanity's *vertical* and *impersonal* perception of God, many cultures had a *polytheistic* view of him.

Consequently, God in his quest to finally disclose his personal expression, first disclosed himself as being separate from and not contained within objects on earth or in the sky-*pantheism/panentheism* (Deut. 6: 4). Simultaneously, he disclosed himself as *vertical* through the commandment found in Deuteronomy 6: 5. For this very reason, the commandment to love God with all ones heart, soul and strength was given to serve its function in promoting the fact that God is One and above all. Deuteronomy 6: 5 was a great commandment, for it guided humanity's steps towards God's next and final expression. (Rom. 7: 12) (Gal. 3: 19, 23- 25 & 4: 4, 5)

However, loving God, as prescribed by Moses through this *inconclusive* commandment from Deut: 6: 5, has lead to too many impersonal behaviors between peoples. For example, the status-quo between the clergy and laity (whom the clergy are the major roots and *nurturers* of society's psyche) has produce fruits similar to the *unfair* status-quo of the secular world. It makes people

think they are better vertically than others; and it is hard for one who is above or below another to relate equally, which also includes God. Also, promulgating Deuteronomy 6: 5 as the highest objective for Humanity, has produced lack of communication and Love. People have no time left for engaging personally with their community, because they are so preoccupied with pleasing Yahweh/God/Allah through their vertical and impersonal forms of religion.

In contrast, Jesus was so busy with his community personally, that the New Testament authors never bothered to write much on his vertical associations with God; except for his times with God in the morning, and that was by himself. (Matt. 6: 6 & 14: 23) Furthermore, Jesus' behavior was shaped by the horizontal and personal concept of God and his horizontal vision of heaven on earth (Matt. 6: 9-11), which he stated as (and this is our interpretation in modernized terms): **"Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven/Community and its Righteousness/Love, and the healthy community will seek and take care of you; and you'll receive twice as much of cars, homes, land, children and educations in this life, which will conclude with eternal life."** (Matt. 6: 33 & 19: 29) (Mark 10: 29, 30) (Luke 18: 29, 30)

In addition, God through Jesus expresses his true character as being *horizontal, approachable* and not as *egotistical* as mankind has perceived him to be in the past, and as some still do today. (Heb. 4: 16) Expressing God to be horizontal as a person, may sound disrespectful, but in fact it discloses God to be more glorious and loving than disclosing him by the vertical approach. It may also appear to place God second and hard for some to accept, but in actuality, it places God first. When Jesus stated, **"But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first (Matt. 19: 30)"** he was also applying it to himself and to God the Father! In a great example, Jesus did place God second and last when he washed the Apostle's feet; but in this way, God is seen as a greater first and a Glorious King/God, who knows that in order to conform his creation to his ways, he must deny himself (through Jesus) as a servant and last by treating humanity as being first, in a compelling example! (St. John 5: 19 & 13:1-17) (2 Cor. 5: 14) Also, notice the continuous eternal spin between Matt. 19: 30 and Matt. 20: 16. Jesus reversed Matt. 19: 30 and stated it differently in Matt. 20: 16: **"So the last will be first, and the first will be last"**. (St. Luke. 9: 23 & 14: 7- 11)

Moreover, in God's plan to provide humanity with a complete *final* perception of God, he descended and expressed himself as a humble person (Matt. 1: 23), with a **"new"** command. Deuteronomy 6: 5 becomes a personal command and conclusive when transformed into **"love each other as I have loved you."** (St. John 13: 34) This ends the *vertical* and *impersonal* perception. (Rom. 10: 4) (Col. 2: 14) And, any one who has and will see Christ, will also see the father. (St. John 14: 9, 10, 20) (Col. 1: 19 & 2: 9) This is how God relates to man now, or else he would continue to communicate vertically and impersonally through a bright light, earth quakes, or a loud voice and heavenly rumblings. (Ex. 19: 16) (Heb. 12: 18, 19)

In conclusion, God wants us to reach him through people, for he is a person. (Luke 19: 8, 9) To affect God in Heaven or on Earth (Rev. 21: 3), one must fulfill Jesus' statement, **"whatever you do for one of the least of them; you have done it unto me"**. (Matt. 25: 40) And, this will fulfill the commandment to love God/Deut. 6: 5; for one must *love* God through *all* persons in a personal way! (1 John 4: 21)

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