The word *BELIEVE* in Greek or Hebrew or English conveys the idea that one is aware of something and is confident that it is true or real. To clearly understand what it means **to believe** is very important because it determines how self relates to his surroundings, himself, other people, YHWH, or Satan.

The **True Universe** we live in is what it is! The True Universe is independent of any individual's belief concerning any item in the entire universe. Every individual that has ever existed in the world has developed his own model for the True Universe based upon the information, knowledge, he has received over the course of his life time. His model of the True Universe reflects what he believes is true.

The following analysis is applicable to any belief or truth held by anyone about anything.

This analysis is based on concepts that were developed in the books *Self's Destiny and Self* and *In the Image of YHWH*. The concepts were derived from mathematical equations contained in the Holy Bible. Therefore, the following analysis is developed with a focus on what it means to believe in YHWH, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The word *believe* is used 41 times in the Old Testament and 230 times in the New Testament. To believe is very important for anyone claiming to be a follower of YHWH because it is directly connected to their salvation, selection for eternal life by YHWH. This is stated in both the Old and New Testaments.

Exodus 19:9

9 And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and **believe thee forever**. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord.

2 Chronicles 20:20

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the Lord your God**, so shall ye be established; **believe his prophets**, so shall ye prosper.

Isaiah 43:10-11

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and **believe me**, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.

John 3:16-18

- 16 For God so **loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- 18 He that **believeth on him** is not condemned: but he that **believeth not** is condemned already, because he hath **not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. KJV

The following analysis of the term *believe* is performed using Quantitative Theology and is based on the on the following assumptions:

- 1. YHWH is triune with the following perfect functions:
 - a. A BODY (spirit body Son of God /resurrected mortal body Son of man), which
 receives information for the SOUL and transmits information to the True Universe for
 the HOLY SPIRIT.
 - b. A **SOUL** (The Father), which contains YHWH's perfect knowledge of all things.
 - c. A WILL (Holy Spirit), which implements the SOUL's decisions.
- 2. Mankind is in the image of YHWH and thus every individual has a *Body*, *Soul* and *Will*.
 - a. The *Body's* function is to receive knowledge from the True Universe; provide it to the *Soul*; and output the *Will's* responses to the True Universe.
 - b. The *Soul's* function is to store all the items information, knowledge, one has received from the True Universe. Each item has a magnitude of *WILL* associated with it. When the *Soul* decides between various possible items, the item with the maximum *Will* is selected and represents what the individual believes is true.
 - c. The *Will's* function is to implement all the Soul's decisions.
- 3. The person's *Soul* must have **knowledge** of an item to believe in it.
- 4. The person's *Soul* must have <u>love (priority)</u> for an item to believe in it.
- 5. The person's *Soul* must have <u>faith (confidence)</u> in an item to believe in it.
- 6. An individual's *indwelling holy spirit* consists of all the items of information contained in his Soul that are **consistent** with YHWH's WILL.
- 7. An individual's *sin nature* consists of all the items of information contained in his Soul that are **not consistent** with YHWH's WILL, that is they are evil.
- 8. All items of information in one's Soul have an associated magnitude of *Will*, which is also equal to the magnitude of one's *belief* in the item.
- 9. Will(t) = [L(t) * F(t)] * P(t) The magnitude of each parameter lies between the null value equal to 0.0 and the perfect value equal to 1.0.
- 10. Self's ANXIETY(t) = [L(t) F(t)] * P(t) When an individual makes a decision with respect to himself it reflects the magnitude his love and faith he has for himself. However, when dealing with another person the individual's faith, F(t), in that person depends upon the person's compliance with his expectations.

When the following two equations are applied to each item of knowledge in an individual's *Soul* they will determine how the individual will respond to anything that confronts him.

$$Will (t) = [L(t) * F(t)] * P(t)$$

$$Anxiety(t) = [L(t) - F(t)] * P(t)$$

The properties of each parameter in these equations will be addressed separately and then the composite properties will be illustrated.

P(t) is a power factor, which limits the magnitude of both Will(t) and Anxiety(t). Perfect power, P(t) = 1.0, yields power sufficient to move mountains, create planets, stars or anything YHWH decides that He would like to do. YHWH has reserved perfect power for Himself alone! Next, with less power, come the angels and YHWH, with perfect wisdom, has set mankind's P(t) near zero to protect the True Universe from him. The magnitude of P(t) differentiates YHWH from angels and mankind. It does not impact the other characteristics of either Will(t) and Anxiety(t). P(t) can be left out of the equations to simplify analysis. The result is

Will
$$(t) = L(t) * F(t)$$

Anxiety $(t) = L(t) - F(t)$

These equations are associated with each item of knowledge present in an individual's Soul. If an individual is ignorant of something his Soul does not contain any item of knowledge for it and both L(t) and F(t) do not exist for this item.

L(t) is Love or priority. Both of these terms are identical and reflect the magnitude of how important an item is to the individual. L(t) has magnitude, is time dependant, and is associated with all items of knowledge. The magnitude of L(t) lies between the null value equal to 0.0 (no importance) and the perfect value equal to 1.0 (the highest possible value of importance). An individual establishes his own L(t)s for each item of knowledge based on inputs received from the True Universe and from his own input via his self-talk. Each time an input is received, if it is positive L(t) is increased or decreased if it is negative. Thus, L(t) will increase and decrease with the passage of time. When sufficient positive inputs are received with respect to an item of knowledge the magnitude of its L(t) will increase above the *Addiction Threshold*, which is the point where an item becomes very important to the individual but it is still below the perfect value of 1.0. Also the rate of change in the magnitude of L(t) or its gain or acceptance of contrary inputs decreases toward zero as the magnitude of L(t) approaches 1.0. Between the *Addiction Threshold* and perfect value of 1.0 it takes an ever increasing amount of negative inputs to reduce the magnitude of L(t) once again below the *Addiction Threshold*.

F(t) is Faith or confidence. Both of these terms are also identical and reflect the magnitude of how sure an individual is with respect to his expected outcome when an item is addressed. An individual establishes the magnitude of his own F(t) in himself. However, he cannot do this for another person. An individual's magnitude of F(t) in another person can only come from the other person's compliance with his expectations. The magnitude of F(t) lies between the null value equal to 0.0 (no confidence) and the perfect value equal to 1.0 (absolute certainty). An individual establishes his own F(t)s for each item of knowledge based on inputs received from the True Universe and from his own input via his self-talk. Each time a positive input is received F(t) is increased or if negative it is decreased. Thus, F(t) will increase and decrease with the passage of time. When sufficient positive inputs are received with respect to an item of knowledge the magnitude of its F(t) will increase above the *Heresy Threshold*, which is the point where an item becomes certain to the individual but is still below the perfect value of 1.0. Also the rate of change in the magnitude of F(t) or its gain or acceptance of contrary inputs decreases toward zero as the magnitude of F(t) approaches 1.0.

Between the *Heresy Threshold* and perfect value of 1.0 it takes an ever increasing amount of negative inputs to reduce the magnitude of F(t) once again below the *Heresy Threshold*.

Will (t) = L(t) * F(t) is the force or energy associated with any item of knowledge in one's **Soul**. To achieve a high magnitude of **Will(t)** requires that the individual loves, high priority, for the item (high magnitude of L(t)) and has faith, confidence, in the item (high magnitude of F(t)).

When one must make a decision between several alternate items of knowledge, the item with the maximum Will(t) will be selected by the individual. It is the Will(t) that is the energy behind the implementation of the response for the selected item. Thus, with respect to any item in one's **Soul** the maximum Will(t) reflects the magnitude of the individual's **belief** in it or his heart.

Anxiety(t) = L(t) - F(t) is the stress one experiences for an item of knowledge due to the difference between the magnitude of love for it minus his faith in it.

An individual's behavior with regard an item of knowledge is a function of the magnitude of their *Anxiety(t)* associated with it and is characterized in both the Premeditative Process and the Grieving Process.

Premeditative Process

The Premeditative Process is the process for adding an item of knowledge to one's *Soul* that one was ignorant of or revising the *Will(t)* associated with an existing item of knowledge as time passes. The Premeditative Process consists of the following five stages:

I. **Appreciation:** This phase is the only stable state where one's Anxiety(t) = L(t) - F(t) is low because L(t) and F(t) are nearly the same magnitude while varying magnitude as a function of time. In this state there is **no hate**. When L(t) exceeds the $Addiction\ Threshold$ and F(t) exceeds the $Heresy\ Threshold$ the individual is a dedicated **believer** in the item whatever it is. For example a happily married couple both believe in each other.

The remaining premeditative states become progressively unstable as the magnitude of $\boldsymbol{L}(t)$ and $\boldsymbol{F}(t)$ diverge.

- II. **Coveting:** This is the beginning of trouble and it occurs when the individual increases his L(t) for an item without an associated increase in F(t) results in an increase in Anxiety(t) or low level hate. YHWH warns in the Tenth Commandment do not covet.
- III. **Lusting:** Continued increase of L(t) for an item without a associated increase in F(t) results in an continued increase in Anxiety(t). In this state the individual has a intense desire for the item.
- IV. **Obsessive:** Continued increase of L(t) for an item without an associated increase in F(t) results in a continued increase in Anxiety(t). In this state the individual is completely focused on this specific item.
- V. **Reconciliation:** When L(t) exceeds the *Addiction Threshold* and F(t) approaches zero the individual has reached a <u>high level of hate</u>, Anxiety(t), that is unbearable. The individual is in a panic and will do anything to resolve the Anxiety(t) from theft, murder or any other possible response.

Grieving Process

The Grieving Process is the process for lowering the *Will(t)* for an existing item of knowledge in one's *Soul* and it consists of the following five stages:

- I. **Denial:** Prior to entry into the denial state the individual is in the stable Premeditative— Appreciation state for the specific item of knowledge. Maximum grieving will occur when L(t) exceeds the *Addiction Threshold* and F(t) exceeds the *Heresy Threshold*. For example a happily married couple who both believe in each other have a tragic event such as death of a spouse. Then the remaining spouse enters the unstable Denial state. The denial state continues until a sufficient number of negative inputs are received and F(t) begins to drop toward zero.
- II. **Anger:** In this phase the individual is very unstable with the magnitude of L(t) still remaining very high but the magnitude of F(t) is nearly zero. This high state of Anxiety(t) is an extremely emotional condition. For example the remaining spouse may have a <u>high level of hate</u> toward their dead spouse for leaving them alone.
- III. **Guilt:** As the magnitude of L(t) for the item continues to decrease with the magnitude of F(t) remaining near zero, the individual's Anxiety(t) continues to decrease proportional to the decrease in the magnitude of L(t) for the item. In this state the individual has a the tendency to blame himself for the death of their spouse.
- IV. **Rationalization:** As the magnitude of L(t) for the item continues to decrease with the magnitude of F(t) remaining near zero, the individual's Anxiety(t) continues to decrease proportional to the decrease in the magnitude of L(t) for the item. In this state the individual begins to understand their actual circumstances.
- V. Acceptance: Acceptance is the return to a stable state where the magnitude of one's Anxiety(t) = L(t) F(t) is low because L(t) and F(t) are nearly the same magnitude and there is no hate. In this state the individual understands and accepts his spouse has died.

We have examined the lifecycle for an item of knowledge introduced into one's **Soul**. Anytime the **Soul** receives a new item of knowledge the Premeditative Process is applied in either a stable or unstable manner. The Grieving Process is the reduction of one's appreciation for an item that was established via the Premeditative Process. In both the Premeditative Process and the Grieving Process there is a unique condition called **hate**, which is shown above using bold red underlined text.

Hate

Hate is the magnitude of Anxiety(t) = L(t) - F(t), which is related to an item of knowledge that one has a high magnitude of L(t), love, for but has little or no F(t), faith, that they can possess or control it. The concept of hate is important with various forms of the word hate occurring 117 times in the Old Testament and 29 times in the New Testament. Hate has several unique properties that occur, which are associated with an individual's decision between various items of knowledge. The decision will be made based on the item with the maximum Will(t) = L(t) * F(t). Associated with every decision there is hate related to the items involved, which had to be rejected.

Premeditative–Hate: Premeditative–Hate, anxiety, occurs when one increases the magnitude of his L(t) without a corresponding increase in his F(t). This type of hate begins with coveting and if L(t) and F(t) continue to diverge hate becomes self destructive ending in the Premeditative–Reconciliation state. This type of hate caused Cain to murder Able. Also Premeditative–Hate is potentially so dangerous to an individual that YHWH warns in the Tenth Commandment–do not covet.

Grieving–Hate: Grieving–Hate is associated items of knowledge that begin in the Premeditative–Appreciation state. Then Grieving–Hate occurs as the consequence of an individual decision or an event encountered. The following are several Biblical examples hate.

Luke 14:26

26 If any man come to me, and <u>hate</u> not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, <u>he cannot be my disciple</u>.

If an individual decides to follow Jesus the Messiah he will have to experience Grieving-Hate due to the loss of being with his family, friends, and he must commit his own life to serving Jesus the Messiah.

Matthew 5:43-44

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt <u>love</u> thy neighbour, and <u>hate</u> thine enemy.
44 But I [YHWH] say unto you, <u>Love</u> your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that <u>hate</u> you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

What is the difference between loving and hating an enemy? To love an enemy is identical to having high priority on him. The purpose of priority on an enemy is to know what issues he has with you so that you can deal with them. To hate your enemy is to experience Anxiety(t) because you love (high priority) on something he is or has control of and you have little faith that you can control or possess it. Likewise, if someone hates you they are experiencing the same type of Anxiety(t). One must clearly understand the issue(s) to deal with any enemy and to pray for him.

Matthew 6:24

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

When an individual must decide between two masters he will select the master, which possess the greatest magnitude of Will(t). After the decision is made, the individual will experience Grieving—Hate toward the rejected master because his F(t) associated with serving him decreases causing the hate, Anxiety(t), to increase. The magnitude of hate will not decrease until his L(t), priority, for the rejected master also decreases.

Romans 9:13-16

- 13 As it is written, Jacob have I [YHWH] loved, but Esau have I [YHWH] hated.
- 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
- 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
- 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. KJV

This passage is interesting because it shows that YHWH experiences both $\mathbf{WILL}(t) = \mathbf{L}(t) * \mathbf{F}(t)$ and $\mathbf{ANXIETY}(t) = \mathbf{L}(t) - \mathbf{F}(t)$. YHWH is making a decision where Jacob has the maximum value of $\mathbf{WILL}(t)$ and is selected to be blessed more than Esau. YHWH's decision is perfect or His:

$$\begin{split} WILL_{Jacob}(t) &= L_{Jacob}(t) * F_{Jacob}(t) = 1 * 1 = 1 \\ ANXIETY_{Jacob}(t) &= L_{Jacob}(t) - F_{Jacob}(t) = 1 - 1 = 0 \quad \text{is Perfect peace} \end{split}$$

YHWH's **L(t)**, love (priority), is perfect for all people including Esau. However, YHWH in His mercy accepts the anxiety associated with not blessing Esau by experiencing Grieving—Hate for him.

$$\begin{aligned} WILL_{Esau}(t) &= L_{Esau}(t) * F_{Esau}(t) = 1 * f & \text{where f is less than 1} \\ ANXIETY_{Esau}(t) &= L_{Esau}(t) - F_{Esau}(t) = 1 - f > 0 & \text{is Grieving-Hate} \end{aligned}$$

The Premeditative Process–Appreciation is the stable state where one develops everything that an individual believes. When an individual believes in an item his Anxiety(t) = L(t) - F(t) is low because L(t) and F(t) are nearly the same magnitude while varying magnitude as a function of time. When L(t) exceeds the $Addiction\ Threshold\$ and F(t) exceeds the $Heresy\ Threshold\$ the individual is a dedicated believer in the item whatever it is. Thus, with respect to any item in one's $Soul\$ the maximum Will(t) reflects the magnitude of the individual's belief in it.

There are three primary groups of individuals those who are:

- 1. Dedicated to serve YHWH.
- 2. Dedicated to self only.
- 3. Dedicated to overthrow YHWH.

How does an individual develop a belief in YHWH, or self, or Satan?

To Believe in YHWH

For an individual to believe in a YHWH the following 7-steps will occur:

- I. "HEAR" The individual's *Soul* must have items of knowledge about YHWH. An individual is ignorant of YHWH until the existing cultural education system or someone tells him about YHWH. YHWH's Great Commission is to tell all other people in the world about YHWH, Jesus the Messiah.
- II. "SEEK" Once ignorance is overcome how does an individual increase his composite *L(t)*s for YHWH? If the individual believes in himself or Satan he must REPENT, change his ways and seek to know YHWH. To seek YHWH he needs to learn what YHWH expects of him. YHWH leaves no doubt in the Ten Commandments about how an individual is to develop his composite *L(t)*s, love (priority), for all items in his *Soul*. How does an individual increase the number of items and the magnitude of *L(t)*s associated with them?
 - i. Seeks more knowledge relating to YHWH. Today this means talking to other people concerning Him; studying the Holy Bible; attending church; or any situation that is promoting YHWH.
 - ii. Self-talk about who YHWH is.
 - iii. Pray to YHWH about the what self is seeking.

- III. "BELIEVE" The Premeditative Process—Appreciation is applied to all items of knowledge received about YHWH. To believe in YHWH requires the composite *L(t)*s for YHWH to exceed the *Addiction Threshold* and the composite *F(t)*s must exceeds the *Heresy Threshold*. Here again note *F(t)* is unique because an individual has an expected result when he asks YHWH to do something. Only YHWH's response will affect the individual's faith (confidence) in YHWH. Thus, the magnitude of an individual's faith (confidence) is a direct measure of the individual's acceptance of what YHWH has provided him. Also this is the reason why faith comes from YHWH and why YHWH justifies a believer by magnitude of his faith or acceptance of Him.
- IV. "BAPTISM" Once an individual believes in YHWH, he will declare his allegiance to YHWH publically and tell others about YHWH.
- V. "FOLLOW" The goal of a follower of YHWH is to continue to seek to increase his composite Will(t) in YHWH? The Premeditative Process–Appreciation state yields a true believer in YHWH with a high magnitude composite $Will_{YHWH}(t) = L_{YHWH}(t) * F_{YHWH}(t)$. An individual's activities or "works" directly reflect the individual's $Will_{YHWH}(t)$. Thus the source of a true believer's actions or "works" are his love (priority) and faith (confidence) in YHWH. This is the type of "works" that will result in continued seeking, more praying, increased love, increased faith, and entry into YHWH's Kingdom and eternal life. Unproductive "works" include working to buy one's salvation from a church, or working for self, or working for Satan. A true believer or follower of YHWH will experience some degree of Anxiety(t) = L(t) F(t) for any item he becomes aware that he is not being obedient to YHWH's expectations.
- VI. "**DEATH**" The <u>imminent return of YHWH</u> for any individual is the day he dies! After death no individual can change the magnitude of their composite *Will*_{YHWH}(*t*). Moreover, the next step is YHWH's judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

27 And as **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but **after this** the judgment: KJV

VII. "JUDGEMENT" YHWH judges each individual based upon the magnitude of his *indwelling* holy spirit, which is the magnitude of his composite $Will_{YHWH}(t) = L_{YHWH}(t) * F_{YHWH}(t)$. Where his composite $Will_{YHWH}(t)$ must have a magnitude greater that the *Repentance Threshold* = 0.5, which means one must place YHWH before self.

To Believe in self

For an individual to believe in himself the following steps will occur:

- I. The individual's Soul will tend to focus on items of knowledge that will promote himself in the existing cultural education system or among any associates.
- II. The Premeditative Process–Appreciation must be applied to the new items of knowledge just received. To believe in self requires the composite L(t)s for self to exceed the *Addiction Threshold* and the composite F(t)s must exceed the *Heresy Threshold*.

- III. How does an individual increase his composite L(t)s for himself. First he must establish what he expects of himself. How does an individual increase the number of items and the magnitude of L(t)s associated with his desires?
 - i. Seeks more knowledge relating to his desires. This means seeking other people's support; seek needed items for goals; attending any organization that will help him achieve his goals; or any situation that will promote himself.
 - ii. Self-talk about how good he is.
- IV. How does an individual increase his composite F(t)s in himself? The simple answer is he must promote himself or tell himself how good he is. The individual has an expected result when he asks himself to do something. Only self's response will affect his faith (confidence) in himself. Thus, the magnitude of an individual's faith (confidence) is a direct measure of self's acceptance of himself.
- V. The result of the Premeditative Process–Appreciation state yields a true believer in self who has a high magnitude composite $Will_{self}(t) = L_{self}(t) * F_{self}(t)$. An individual's activities or "works" directly reflect the individual's $Will_{self}(t)$. The true believer in self will experience some degree of Anxiety(t) = L(t) F(t) for any item that he fails to meet his own expectation. The source of a true believer's actions or "works" are his love (priority) and faith (confidence) in himself. These types of "works" will result in self promoting self, taking advantage other people for self's benefit, and supporting or being active in organizations or situations that increases his love and faith in himself. A true believer in self believes he is god. As god He will do anything that is to his personal benefit. An example of true believers in self includes the biblical Cain, dominating individuals, communists, dictators, or mob leaders.

From YHWH's perspective, without **REPENTANCE** true believers in self will not receive the gift of eternal life and will experience the second death.

To Believe in Satan

For an individual to believe in a Satan the following steps will occur:

- I. The individual's *Soul* must have items of knowledge about Satan. An individual is ignorant of Satan until some follower tells the individual about Satan or he is indoctrinated via the culture's education system.
- II. The Premeditative Process–Appreciation must be applied to the new items of knowledge just received about Satan. To believe in Satan requires the composite L(t)s for Satan to exceed the *Addiction Threshold* and the composite F(t)s must exceed the *Heresy Threshold*.
- III. How does an individual increase his composite L(t)s for Satan. First he must know what Satan expects of him. Satan's goal is to replace YHWH by any means. Satan completely opposes the Ten Commandments and requires followers to do anything that will violate them. What must a follower of Satan do to increase the number of items of knowledge and the magnitude of L(t)s for them in his *Soul*?

- i. Seeks more knowledge relating to Satan. Today this means talking to other people concerning him; studying the Koran, occult literature; attending organizations that support Satan; or any situation that is promoting Satan.
- ii. Pray to Satan about what self can do to support him.
- IV. How does an individual increase his composite F(t)s in Satan? The simple answer is he cannot. The individual has an expected result when he asks Satan to do something. Only Satan's response will affect the individual's faith (confidence) in Satan. Thus, the magnitude of an individual's faith (confidence) is a direct measure of the individual's acceptance of what Satan has provided him.
- V. The result of the Premeditative Process–Appreciation state yields a true believer in Satan with a high magnitude composite $Will_{Satan}(t) = L_{Satan}(t) * F_{Satan}(t)$. An individual's activities or works directly reflect the individual's $Will_{Satan}(t)$. An individual true believer in Satan will experience some degree of Anxiety(t) = L(t) F(t) for any item he becomes aware that he is not being obedient to Satan's expectations. The source of a true believer's actions or works are his love (priority) and faith (confidence) in Satan. The type of works Satan and his followers perform include violation of all YHWH's Ten Commandments including murder of anyone who disagrees with them. Satan and his followers will do anything to overthrow YHWH and His followers.

From YHWH's perspective, without **REPENTANCE** true believers in Satan will not receive the gift of eternal life, but will experience the second death.

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