

Chapter 1 : The Left Hand of God (The Left Hand of God, #1) by Paul Hoffman

Cross The Left Hand Of God is Mr. Wright s third book. Having held a secret clearance at one time exposed the writer to many things seen and unseen. A Vietnam veteran and highly decorated soldier, Mr. Wright pulled duty in the Philippine Islands from

But before attempting to answer this, we need to know what it means to be sitting at the right hand of God. The Hebrew phrase for the right hand of God is "yamin Elohim. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God! It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. For example, when King Solomon was seated on the throne, Bathsheba, his mother, came to meet him. Solomon bowed before her, and then brought a second throne into the palace and set it at his right hand. The right handed position was a place of great honor. Then she said, "I desire one small petition of you; do not refuse me. He will crush kings on the day of his wrath, and judge the nations. The right hand of God is a metaphor for the place of great authority and judgment. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. But we do know this - if the right hand symbolizes the place of righteousness, exaltation, and blessing, the usual metaphor for the left hand can be the opposite, the place of curse and judgment. This was clearly illustrated in Matthew All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You? Remember the mother of James and John. And He said to her, "What do you wish? Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. Always remember the star of David. Instead of asking, "Who sits at the left hand of God?

Chapter 2 : Who Sits At The Left Hand?

The Two Hands of God. Very few Christians are aware of the difference between the right and left hand of God. For the most part we have taught that God is a one armed or one handed individual.

Amesha Spenta An increasing number of experts in anthropology, theology and philosophy, believe that Zoroastrianism contains the earliest distillation of prehistoric belief in angels. They individually inhabit immortal bodies that operate in the physical world to protect, guide, and inspire humanity and the spirit world. The Avesta explains the origin and nature of archangels or Amesha Spentas. Ahura Mazda also distinguished from himself six more Amesha Spentas, who, along with Spenta Mainyu, aided in the creation of the physical universe. Then he oversaw the development of sixteen lands, each imbued with a unique cultural catalyst calculated to encourage the formation of distinct human populations. The Amesha Spentas were charged with protecting these holy lands and through their emanation, also believed to align each respective population in service to God. References to angels are uncommon in Jewish literature except in later works such as the Book of Daniel, though they are mentioned briefly in the stories of Jacob who according to one interpretation wrestled with an angel and Lot who was warned by angels of the impending destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Daniel is the first biblical figure to refer to individual angels by name. There are no explicit references to archangels in the canonical texts of the Hebrew Bible Old Testament. In post-Biblical Judaism, certain angels came to take on a particular significance and developed unique personalities and roles. Though these archangels were believed to have ranked amongst the heavenly host, no systematic hierarchy ever developed. Metatron is considered one of the highest of the angels in Merkavah and Kabbalist mysticism and often serves as a scribe. He is briefly mentioned in the Talmud, [9] and figures prominently in Merkavah mystical texts. Michael, who serves as a warrior and advocate for Israel, [10] is looked upon particularly fondly. Gabriel is mentioned in the Book of Daniel [11] and briefly in the Talmud, [12] as well as many Merkavah mystical texts. The earliest references to archangels are in the literature of the intertestamental periods. The New Testament makes several references to angels, but uses the word "archangel" only twice, at Thessalonians 4: Gabriel Michael Raphael These three are commemorated together liturgically on Sept. Formerly they each had their own feast see individual articles. The last-named of these identifies himself in Tobit Beneath the mandorla of Christ- Immanuel God is with us are representations of Cherubim blue and Seraphim red. Eastern Orthodox Tradition mentions "thousands of archangels"; [16] however, only seven archangels are venerated by name. In addition, every Monday throughout the year is dedicated to the Angels, with special mention being made in the church hymns of Michael and Gabriel. In Orthodox iconography, each angel has a symbolic representation: At the top of the spear, there is a linen ribbon with a red cross. The Archangel Michael is especially considered to be the Guardian of the Orthodox Faith and a fighter against heresies. Gabriel means "God is my strength" or "Might of God". He is the herald of the mysteries of God, especially the Incarnation of God and all other mysteries related to it. He is depicted as follows: In his right hand, he holds a lantern with a lighted taper inside, and in his left hand, a mirror of green jasper. The mirror signifies the wisdom of God as a hidden mystery. Raphael means "It is God who heals" or "God Heals". He is depicted holding a sword against the Persians in his right hand, and a flame in his left. Sealtiel means "Intercessor of God". He is depicted with his face and eyes lowered, holding his hands on his bosom in prayer. Jegudiel means "Glorifier of God". He is depicted bearing a golden wreath in his right hand and a triple-thonged whip in his left hand. Barachiel means "Blessed by God". He is depicted holding a white rose in his hand against his breast. He is venerated as an inspirer and awakener of exalted thoughts that raise a person toward God II Esdras 4: As an eighth, he is sometimes included as an archangel. In the canon of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, 1 Enoch describes Saraqael as one of the angels that watch over "the spirits that sin in the spirit" Within Protestantism, the Anglican and Methodist tradition recognizes four angels as archangels: However, they only signify his role as the chief of angels and have no reference to the nature of Jesus, who is fully divine. Adventists credit nonconformist minister Matthew Henry as supporting this view. They believe Jesus is archangel in the true sense of the word "the highest spiritual creature. Gabriel Jibrail or

Jibril in Arabic. Various hadiths traditions mention his role in delivering messages from "God the Almighty" to the prophets. Michael Mikail in Arabic. Michael is often depicted as the archangel of mercy who is responsible for bringing rain and thunder to Earth. In some Kabbalah-based systems of ceremonial magic , all four of the main archangels Gabriel, Michael, Raphael and Uriel are invoked as guarding the four quarters, or directions, and their corresponding colors are associated with magical properties. Annunciatory Angel, by Fra Angelico , â€” In art, archangels are sometimes depicted with larger wings. Some of the more commonly represented archangels are Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, and Uriel.

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In direct answer to your inquiry, the Bible reveals that currently no one is sitting to the left of God. In 32 A.D., just before Stephen became the first Christian martyr, he was granted a rare vision of the very throne room in heaven.

Question What about the Left Hand of God? Can you speak about the left hand of God? Can you explain Is. Is the darkness mentioned from the left hand? More is said about his right hand. It was an advantage in battle Judges 3: Although the left side was often opposed to the right in such matters as goats on the left and sheep on the right Mt. When a division is made there must be a separation in some direction. Notice that to move to the left side of the judge is a movement to the right by those facing him. The lesson is the division, not the side on which each group placed. The heavenly hosts are on both his right hand and his left 2 Chron. Why, then, does the right hand always come in first and the left hand come in second? Perhaps the simplest reason is that most folks are right handed as a result of which we live in a right-handed world. Thus, when the scripture speaks in terms of a favored hand such as Christ sitting on the right hand of God, it could signal no more than the fact that, as often, God is being described anthropomorphically. This might also account for Eccl. When divisions are made for any reason, understandable descriptions must be used. But also remember that sitting on the left hand is not undesirable. The mother of James and John asked that Jesus seat her two sons one on his right hand and one on his left Matt. In the pseudepigraphical book of 1 Enoch the archangel Gabriel is seated at the left hand of God. Dictionary of the Apostolic Church 2 Vols. There is no Biblical reference that supports either source. To understand the meaning of Isa. Isaiah; Lesson 16, Chap. No such hostile attitude to left-handedness can be found in Scripture; there are stories of left-handed heroes, such as Ehud in Judg. A general disposition to prefer the right hand is nonetheless evident and persists in subsequent tradition. Rabbinic tradition also establishes hell to the left of God, and heaven on his right side Midr. The right hand is often mentioned as a symbol of strength, both for human beings and anthropomorphically for God e. For either thy command or thy permission Lay hands on all: The first puts on with speed and expedition; The other curbs sinnes stealing pace and theft. Another symbolism concerns the place at the right hand of a person or God, i. In patristic writings scriptural distinctions between right and left are often ingeniously allegorized. Milton in Paradise Lost 2. Other literary allusions e. The latter text is the subject of frequent parodic adaptation, as in P. Norris Changes Trains, Mr. Only in this case, Mr. A Dictionary of biblical tradition in English literature. Finally, in the interest of full disclosure I must reveal that a southpaw wrote this answer. It was surely a southpaw who concluded that God must be left-handed because Christ is sitting on his right hand. Of course the truth is that, other than anthropomorphically, God has no hands at all. He is a Spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth John 4: By contrast, there are numerous examples showing that prayer alone does not save. Saul, for example, prayed following his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus Acts 9: Cornelius prayed to God always, and yet there was something else he needed to do to be saved Acts If prayer alone did not save Saul or Cornelius, prayer alone will not save you. You must obey the gospel. Because Jesus is already Lord of your life whether or not you have obeyed his gospel. Indeed, we obey him, not to make him Lord, but because he already is Lord.

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God seen through suffering and the cross.4 'Evil, Love and the Left Hand of God, of Lutheran scholarship.8 The dissemination of the results and.

For the most part we have taught that God is a one armed or one handed individual. The thought of God having a right hand and a left hand should not be strange to us. In the Scriptures we find the right hand of God mentioned many times, and the left hand of God is mentioned on just a few occasions. A lot has been said as to the meaning of the right hand, but few have any understanding or revelation of the significance of the left hand. First, let us look at the meaning of these two words, right and left. The word for "left" is "smowl" meaning DARK. The Psalmist confirms this when he says in Psalms This is the hand of God so little understood. The distinctive work of these two hands is graphically portrayed in the wonderful parable Jesus told of the sheep and the goats. Jesus said in Mat. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me. There was nothing of faith or a spiritual experience connected with this separation. But the sheep confessed that they had never seen Him, so how could they have done these things to the Lord? He answered, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. This brought them through an entrance into a Kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. This kingdom was not to be some far-off land of ivory palaces, golden streets, beautiful mansions, white night gowns, wings and harps, where there is nothing to do and all eternity to do it in. And because it is a kingdom it denotes ruler ship and advancement of all kinds. It indicates the bringing of a great many people into a higher realm. They received no kingdom. There were no rewards for work done or attainments reached. They entered into the dark side of God where they were put under Kingdom Authority and were placed in a process of fiery judgment to receive correction. There is a lot of revelation truth in these words of Jesus: But it comes from the root "kolazo" which sheds precious light upon the nature of the punishment. To "curtail" means to restrain as a person is restrained in jail or a child is restrained when he is "grounded" for a week because of some disobedience. Aion nowhere means eternal! This fact can be unquestionably and incontrovertibly demonstrated from numerous Testament passages. A noun is a word that tells what you are talking about. A noun is a word that names something, a person, place, thing, quality, etc. Boy, water, tree, age period of time , truth are nouns. An adjective, however, is a word that is used with a noun to describe the noun. It is a word that tells you what kind, what color, etc. If you wanted to tell about the hat a woman was wearing you would describe the hat in some way. You might say that it was a large red hat. Large, red are adjectives, words that describe what kind and what color the hat is. Some words are both nouns and adjectives, that is, the same word can be used both ways. Sometimes the adjective form of the word is identical to the noun form, while at other times the spelling is slightly different. Let me illustrate it this way. If we say, "John is in college," the word college is a noun. But if we say, "John has sixteen college credits," college is an adjective, modifying the word credits - telling what kind of credits. Now we all know what a college is, so we understand what kind of institution John is attending in the first sentence. Since we know the meaning of college, when we come to the second sentence we have no difficulty understanding what kind of credits John has - college credits. College as a noun and college as an adjective cannot have altogether different meanings. They mean the same in both cases! A child of ten should be able to understand that is not so. It tells what kind of punishment and what kind of life Jesus is talking about. Anything that changes in any way is not eternal, for in the change some ind and a new one acquired. In every change something ends and something else begins, at

least in form. Change is possible only in that which is limited, imperfect, or not fully developed. The life of God that has been deposited in us, which is His Word, is perfect and will never change. The manifestation of that life, however, is subjected to a process limited by our understanding of His Word. The manifestation of that life is in a limited, imperfect, underdeveloped stage, and in some measure immature. This is why Paul said in Rom And be not conformed to this world: Complete eternal security is known only by the overcomers who have fully and forever conquered every vestige of the world, the flesh, and the devil, having been conformed into the image of the Son. The inference is clear It is life that has come by the quickening of our spirit by His Spirit, giving a new beginning, and the potential to become, in due time, all He is. But I am sure all of us must confess that there is much progress to be made in our lives and much growth and much transformation to be experienced yet before we stand in Him in the fullness of that life that needs no change and no further development. Only faintly now do our eyes behold the splendor of that ETERNAL REALM which lies before us, but if we approach softly with reverence and godly fear, the Lord of glory will meet us and will be a Father unto us and we shall be the Sons of God in whom the Father shall unfold the fullness of His life, mind, will and glory. Paul told Timothy in 1 Tim 6: However, this is not a name it and claim it proposition. The laying hold on eternal life kind of faith is this. We know that as the continual unveiling of His Word to our understanding renews our minds we are being changed into His Image. This is a process that He puts each of us through to purge us from the world. This process cannot be bypassed by Faith. A key to this vital truth is found in the words of David in Ps. It means the quality or state of being true. Thus we see with one hand He is bringing forth truth and with the other hand of His judgment He is moving to bring us into harmony with truth. What beautiful co-ordination in all the works of His hands! Every time God initiates a new phase of His purpose, He then brings forth the measures needed to bring us into alignment with that purpose. But if corrective measures are needed He will stretch forth His left hand and bring negative forces into action to teach us the necessary lesson. John saw the power and love in His mighty right hand in Rev 1: In the one hand is Babylon, a golden cup of fury and judgment, a vessel of wrath. And in the other hand we see seven stars, light bearers, positive ministries, vessels of mercy with a quickening word, through whom He shall reveal His truth and glory to all nations! Did not the Lord say to Pharaoh, that wicked man of rebellion against all that was of God Rom 9: God is in all things, and is responsible for all things, including all the so-called evil things as well as good things. Is it not a fearful thing to say that evil is of God? I would not be surprised if some of the compatriots of the prophet Amos may have thought he was speaking blasphemy when by the Holy Spirit he said in Amos 3: They much prefer to believe, as the harlot system has taught them, that God created good, and the devil created evil! Why, Oh why can men not believe the simple, unvarnished Word of God? I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. God is trying to tell you that He does. There is no other sovereign in all of creation. I have shown to you what God, Himself, said about this. Now, what are you going to do with this information? More than likely, you are going to have to change your understanding of this and admit that God is guilty. No amount of trying to get around this can change what He has said about it. In some five hundred passages it is so used! The fact is that God creates just the right amount and kind of evil in order to bring His will to pass fully and completely in all He does. There is a vast difference. Any living thing that grows up without any opposition is weak and powerless. A plant that grows in the greenhouse sheltered from the winds and rains, pampered day after day, may grow large, but it is inherently weak, and if suddenly exposed to the elements will wither and die. But a plant that is constantly exposed to the fierce winds and pounding rains, burning heat and chilling cold, is strong and not easily destroyed.

Chapter 5 : LEFT HAND OF GOD IN THE BIBLE

2 Chronicles | View whole chapter | See verse in context And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

By the 4th century, the sign of the cross involved other parts of the body beyond the forehead. The five open fingers are often said to represent the Five Wounds of Christ. Though this is the most common method of crossing by Western Christians, other forms are sometimes used. The primary use for this is immediately before the reading of The Gospel during the Mass. In the Roman or Latin Rite Church it is customary to make the full Sign of the Cross using holy water when entering a church. The first three fingers of the right hand are dipped into the font containing the holy water and the Sign of the Cross is made on oneself. This gesture has a two-fold purpose: The enforcement of the three-finger sign was one of the reasons for the schism with the Old Believers whose congregations continue to use the two-finger sign of the cross. Motion[edit] The sign of the cross is made by touching the hand sequentially to the forehead, lower chest or stomach, and both shoulders, accompanied by the Trinitarian formula: It also recalls both the Trinity and the Incarnation. Pope Innocent III " explained: This is how it is done: After moving the hand from one shoulder to the other, it may be returned to the top of the stomach. It may also be accompanied by the recitation of a prayer e. Ending the sign of the cross, usually and in the tradition, people make the right open hand upon the other the left open hand , with all the five fingers, like in a prayer, till the height of the face. Also there is a full genuflection , with the right knee totally given down to the level of the earth, and directly in front of the Blessed Sacrament , which for the Catholic Church is the physical presence of Jesus Christ God and the Holy Spirit. Some people use the humorous mnemonic device "spectacles, testicles, wallet and watch" to remember the sequence of motions, although this is frowned upon by some. Sequence[edit] Theodoret " gave the following instruction: This is how to bless someone with your hand and make the sign of the cross over them. Hold three fingers, as equals, together, to represent the Trinity: These are not three gods, but one God in Trinity. The names are separate, but the divinity one. The Father was never incarnate; the Son incarnate, but not created; the Holy Ghost neither incarnate nor created, but issued from the Godhead: Divinity is one force and has one honor. They receive on obeisance from all creation, both angels and people. Thus the decree for these three fingers. You should hold the other two fingers slightly bent, not completely straight. This is because these represent the dual nature of Christ, divine and human. God in His divinity, and human in His incarnation, yet perfect in both. The upper finger represents divinity, and the lower humanity; this way salvation goes from the higher finger to the lower. So is the bending of the fingers interpreted, for the worship of Heaven comes down for our salvation. This is how you must cross yourselves and give a blessing, as the holy fathers have commanded. Peter of Damascus 12th century gave the following instruction: Then we should also marvel how demons and various diseases are dispelled by the sign of the precious and life-giving Cross, which all can make without cost or effort. Who can number the panegyrics composed in its honor? The holy fathers have handed down to us the inner significance of this sign, so that we can refute heretics and unbelievers. The two fingers and single hand with which it is made represent the Lord Jesus Christ crucified, and He is thereby acknowledged to exist in two natures and one hypostasis or person. The use of the right hand betokens His infinite power and the fact that He sits at the right hand of the Father. That the sign begins with a downward movement from above signifies His descent to us from heaven. Again, the movement of the hand from the right side to the left drives away our enemies and declares that by His invincible power the Lord overcame the devil, who is on the left side, dark and lacking strength. Athanasius of Alexandria " A. By the signing of the holy and life-giving cross, devils and various scourges are driven away. For it is without price and without cost and praises him who can say it. The holy fathers have, by their words, transmitted to us, and even to the unbelieving heretics, how the two raised fingers and the single hand reveal Christ our God in His dual nature but single substance. The right hand proclaims His immeasurable strength, His sitting on the right hand of the Father, and His coming down unto us from Heaven. Again, by the movement of the hands to our right the enemies of God will be driven out, as the Lord

triumphs over the Devil with His unconquerable power, rendering him dismal and weak. Historian Herbert Thurston interprets this as indicating that at one time both Eastern and Western Christians moved the hand from the right shoulder to the left, although the point is not entirely clear. German theologian, Valentin Thalsofer, thought writings quoted in support of this, such as that of Innocent III, refer to the small cross made upon the forehead or external objects, in which the hand moves naturally from right to left, and not the big cross made from shoulder to shoulder. Eastern Catholics and Orthodox Christians use the right-to-left movement. The proper sequence of tracing the sign of the cross is taught to converts from Christian denominations that are either nontrinitarian or not using the gesture and non-Christian religions. Use[edit] The sign of the cross may be made by individuals upon themselves as a form of prayer and by clergy upon others or objects as an act of blessing. The gesture of blessing is certainly related to the sign of the cross, but the two gestures developed independently after some point. In Eastern Christianity , the two gestures differ significantly. Priests and deacons are allowed to bless using the right hand, while bishops may bless simultaneously with both, the left mirroring the right. While individuals may make it at any time, clergy must make it at specific times as in liturgies , and it is customary to make it on other occasions. Although the sign of the cross dates to ante-Nicene Christianity, it was rejected by some of the Reformers and is absent from some forms of Protestantism , although some other reformed Christian traditions, such as Anglicanism , Lutheranism , Presbyterianism , and Methodism sometimes use it. The prescribed use of the sign in Book of Common Prayer and the defence of the sign of the cross were established in Anglican canon law in . Some Christians make the sign of the cross in response to perceived blasphemy. In Hispanic countries , people often sign themselves in public, such as athletes who cross themselves before entering the field or while concentrating for competition. Catholicism[edit] The sign of the cross is a prayer , a blessing , and a sacramental. As a sacramental, it prepares an individual to receive grace and disposes one to cooperate with it. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Liturgical[edit] Roman Catholicism draws a distinction between liturgical and non-liturgical use of the sign of the cross. The sign of the cross is required at certain points of the Mass: In the ordinary form of the Roman Rite the priest signs bread and wine once before the consecration. In the Tridentine Mass the priest signs the bread and wine 25 times during the Canon of the Mass , ten times before and fifteen times after they have been consecrated. The priest also uses the sign of the cross when blessing a deacon before the deacon reads the Gospel, when sending an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to take the Eucharist to the sick after Communion, but before the end of the Mass , and when blessing the congregation at the conclusion of the Mass. Ordained bishops, priests and deacons have more empowerment to bless objects and other people. While lay people may preside at certain blessings, the more a blessing is concerned with ecclesial or sacramental matters, the more it is reserved to clergy. At this point in the liturgy, their specific function is to assist the clergy in the distribution of holy Communion. In the Catholic organization the Legion of Mary , members doing door-to-door parish surveys bless the homes of those not home by tracing the sign of the cross on the door. In the Eastern traditions, both celebrant and congregation make the sign of the cross quite frequently. It is customary in some Eastern traditions to cross oneself at each petition in a litany and to closely associate oneself with a particular intention being prayed for or with a saint being named. The sign of the cross is also made upon entering or leaving a church building, at the start and end of personal prayer, when passing the main altar which represents Christ , whenever all three persons of the Trinity are addressed, and when approaching an icon. When an Eastern Orthodox or Eastern Catholic bishop or priest blesses with the sign of the cross, he holds the fingers of his right hand in such a way that they form the Greek abbreviation for Jesus Christ " IC XC ". The index finger is extended to make the "I"; the middle finger signify letter "C"; the thumb touches the lowered third finger to signify the "X" and the little finger also signifies the letter "C". A bishop blesses with both hands unless he is holding some sacred object such as a cross, chalice , Gospel Book , icon , etc. The blessing of both priests and bishops consists of three movements, in honour of the Holy Trinity. Lutheranism[edit] Among Lutherans the practice was widely retained. Lutheranism never abandoned the practice of making the sign of the cross in principle and it was commonly retained in worship at least until the early 19th century. During the 19th and early 20th centuries it was largely in disuse until the liturgical renewal movement of the s and s. The sign of the cross is now

customary in the Divine Service. Devotional use of the sign of the cross among Lutherans also includes after receiving the Host and Chalice in the Eucharist, following Holy Absolution ; similarly, they may dip their hands in the baptismal font and make the sign of the cross upon entering the church. And this is made by some clergy during the Great Thanksgiving , Confession of Sin and Pardon , and benediction. The sign of the cross in some instances is used during Communion and during the Confession of Sin and the Creeds. In instances during a Benediction , when the minister concludes the service using the Trinitarian blessing, a hand is extended and a sign of the cross is made out toward the congregation. Armenian Apostolic[edit] It is common practice in the Armenian Apostolic Church to make the sign of the cross when entering or passing a church, during the start of service and at many times during Divine Liturgy. Another sacrament unique to the church is the Holy Leaven.

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One evening, a few years ago, I was mopping up a few free radicals and other products of the changes and chances of this fleeting world with the aid of a Speyside Single Malt, when the answer suddenly hit me. The following day, by one of those mind-blowing coincidences that brighten our lives from time to time, I happened to be leading for the first time a book by my favourite theological writer, the American Episcopalian Father Robert Capon. The book was "Parables of the Kingdom" Zondervan Books Michigan, and there - surprise, surprise! On the whole, we are so immersed in a right-handed world that we fail to notice the left-handedness of it. We assume that right is superior to left, for after all it gives us the word for.. But that just gloriously misses the point. Right-handed power is direct, no-nonsense, straight-line, no argument style. Just what you would expect from a God who is omnipotent, and certainly what the Israelites of old expected from Yahweh in their dealing with their his? He is the Great Fixer, so he fixes their enemies with well-judged, right-handed punches. Robert Capon reminds us that it is the sort of power wielded by a mother crossing a busy street with a four-year-old. At that point there has to be a turn-around, a totally different power game, one in which, paradoxically the power-wielder has to be the one who is willing to be defeated, which is why Martin Luther somewhere referred to the Cross as the Left-Handed Power of God. In passing, it is interesting that the present debates about moral values, law and order and so on, are showing signs that many people would vote for a God of right-handed power, a no-nonsense God of right and might and no tares in his field, and there are cries of woe that the Church has failed to deliver this sort of God. Yet even in the Old Testament this style of divine power takes a left-handed turn here and there. That would have been the simple, right-handed solution, the logical, straight-line way, but instead he saves us through the water. And then he sets his bow in the clouds as a sign that he will never, ever even contemplate such a right-handed move. When we come to the New Testament it is hardly possible to make any sense of it in a right-handed, logical way. Omnipotent God incarnate in a helpless baby? The right-handed power-wielder in that scene is King Herod. Later on it is the devil who urges such power,- "Turn these stones into bread, superman! Jump off the roof of the temple, step down from the cross. The centurion with the sick servant recognises right-handed power because he uses it himself, "I tell this man to go and he goes", but Jesus will not use that method, even for a slave. In the Parable of the Forgiving Father and his Two Sons which we insist on calling the Parable of the Prodigal Son as though he were the only character, the elder son is the symbol of rightness, even to the point of slavery "All these years I slaved -douleo - for you", but it is the rebellious younger son, who not only gets the party treatment dressed in the best robe, but ends up more of a son than he was before. It is not right; it is grossly unfair. Such a father, such a God is downright crooked. And yet is it not something that we half-expected all along from our experience with our own children and their growth to maturity? It is interesting that in the human brain the left brain controls the right hand and speech and some thought, but not all; just the logical, direct, rational, black-and-white sort of thinking. But left-handed, right-brained, thought is more indirect, intuitive, paradoxical, allusive and often just mysterious. It is the thought of art and poetry, music and symbol and word-pictures, all of which came more naturally to the bible writers of old than they do to us today, for we are products of a logic-dominated thought-process, and we need deliberately to cultivate, think our way into that left-handed power world. He is the Messiah who turns all our cherished right-handed ideas upside down and says that children are the top of the pile, not at the bottom of it. He is the one who rebukes the strong right-handed Boanerges brothers who would knock out those difficult Samaritans with a divine thunderbolt. He is the God who will not slay his enemies with his strong right arm but who says instead "if there is any killing to be done it will be done to me, not by me". And he is the one who teaches about his Father, but in curved, parabolic, left-handed stories that are always more elusive to get hold of than right-handed thought can manage; but that would take a book to explore. Left-handed people need not feel put

down; on the contrary, the Left-handed Kingdom is theirs, the Kingdom of left-handed power where the King stands before Pilate and Herod, the right-handed powerful ones, able to command release or death, they thought, for the real King is dressed in the garb of the feeble-minded and wears a crown of thorns. Give thanks for the Mystery of Christ, the Mystery of Left-handed power. The right is only a motor hand, it holds the hammer. The left hand, the thinking hand, must be relaxed, sensitive. The rhythms of thought pass through the fingers and grip of this left hand and into the stone. It is also a listening hand. It listens for basic weaknesses of flaws in the stone, for the possibility or imminence of fractures. The original version of this article, since rewritten, was first published in in "Crucible", the Quarterly Journal of the Board for Social Responsibility.

Chapter 7 : Archangel - Wikipedia

The cross between the head line and the heart line at the palm center is called inspiration line or mystic cross or sixth sense line. If you have the cross or sign, you will have a good sixth sense of predication and the scenes in your dream will always come true.

Judaism[edit] Jewish rabbis interpreted the "man in linen" as Gabriel in the Book of Daniel and the Book of Ezekiel. In the Book of Ezekiel, Gabriel is understood to be the angel that was sent to destroy Jerusalem. According to the Jewish Encyclopedia, Gabriel takes the form of a man, and stands at the left hand of God. Gabriel is not to be prayed to because only God can answer prayers and sends Gabriel as his agent. Gabriel reaches into the treasury and takes out the first soul that comes into his hand. Then Lailah , the Angel of Conception, watches over the embryo until it is born. The names and ranks of angels and devils were greatly expanded, and each had particular duties and status before God. In 1 Enoch 9: After completing his week [15] of ministry, Zacharias returned to his house in Hebron [16] and his wife Elizabeth conceived. After she completed "five months" Luke 1: And the angel departed from her. In the first passage the angel identified himself as Gabriel, but in the second it is Luke who identified him as Gabriel. Gabriel is not called an archangel in the Bible. Believers are expressly warned not to worship angels in Colossians 2: However, though the Bible mentions a trumpet blast preceding the resurrection of the dead, it never specifies Gabriel as the trumpeter. Different passages state different things: In Judaism, trumpets are prominent, and they seem to be blown by God himself, or sometimes Michael. In Zoroastrianism , there is no trumpeter at the last judgement. The Christian Church Fathers do not mention Gabriel as the trumpeter; early English literature similarly does not. Icon of Gabriel, Byzantine , ca. Writer Elizabeth Drayson mentions the feast being celebrated in March 18 the year of in her book: Drayson, Elizabeth January 13, The Lead Books of Granada. Palgrave Macmillan - edition. One of the oldest out of print sources pronouncing the feast for March 18th, was first published in and has the name "Flos sanctorum: In the day was officially transferred to September 29 for celebration in conjunction with the feast of St. The Eastern Orthodox Church and those Eastern Catholic Churches which follow the Byzantine Rite celebrate his feast day on November 8 for those churches that follow the traditional Julian Calendar , November 8 currently falls on November 21 of the modern Gregorian Calendar , a difference of 13 days. Eastern Orthodox commemorate him, not only on his November feast, but also on two other days: March 26 is the " Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel" and celebrates his role in the Annunciation. July 13 is also known as the "Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel", and celebrates all the appearances and miracles attributed to Gabriel throughout history. The feast was first established on Mount Athos when, in the 9th century, during the reign of Emperor Basil II and the Empress Constantina Porphyrogenitus and while Nicholas Chrysoverges was Patriarch of Constantinople , the Archangel appeared in a cell [28] near Karyes , where he wrote with his finger on a stone tablet the hymn to the Theotokos , " It is truly meet The two are regarded as the same individual; Noah being his mortal name and Gabriel being his heavenly name.

Chapter 8 : Sign of Cross on Palm, Mystic Cross, Letter X - Palmistry Markings

Title: The Left Hand of God () You recognize some of the arguments from "The End of the Affair" where God also played some part, but here he does not.

Chapter 9 : blog.quintoapp.com: the left hand of god

The Left Hand of God is a drama film made by 20th Century Fox. It was directed by Edward Dmytryk and produced by Buddy Adler, from a screenplay by Alfred Hayes, based on the novel The Left Hand of God, by William Edmund Barrett.