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- 1. Revelation chapter one is John's introduction to the Book of Revelation, but it can be divided into two parts which show the following:
  - a. John's personal introduction. (Rev. 1:1-8).
  - b. John's historical introduction giving the incidents that happened leading to the existence of the Book of Revelation. (Rev. 1:9-20).
- 2. In John's personal introduction there are concepts that naturally are against all forms of error. Thoughts are expressed that make up the sum totality of what it means to have a Christian world view, thus making one a true Christian in place of a pagan or serpent worshipper. The world is deceived by Satan, the serpent and many worship him because of hundreds of thought-concepts that are pantheistic or are so derived. All these the whole Book of Revelation is against. (Rev. 12:9; Rev. 13:1-6).
- 3. Since John bare record of the Word of God and all things which he saw, we will examine his personal introduction. (Rev. 1:2).
- 4. Jesus is the unfolding or the revelation of God (not different levels of deities or gods). ("The Revelation of Jesus Christ…") Rev. 1:1; Jn. 1:18; Matt. 11:27).
- 5. Men must all be servants of God receiving from God, (not gods themselves). ("...to show unto His servants things...") Rev. 1:1; Rom. 6:16-18, 22).
- 6. Angels are ministering spirits to human beings, (not different levels of deities who are to be worshipped). ("...he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.") (Rev. 1: 1; Heb. 1:13, 14; Rev. 19:10; Rev. 22:8, 9).
- 7. Men are witnesses of the Word of God (their reason is not the Word of God or God in them). ("Who witnessed of the word of God...") (Rev. 1:2; Isa. 43:10).
- 8. Since Jesus is the unfolding of God, He is the Testimony (thus He alone has the

real Gospel and no one else). ("...the testimony of Jesus Christ...") (Rev. 1:2; Rev. 1:9; 1 Jn. 5:9-12; Jn. 3:31-34).

- 9. Blessing is justification by Faith or the gift of the Spirit (not a magic rite). "Blessed...") (Rev. 1:3; Gal. 3:7-9, 14).
- 10. Man must be responsive if he is to be blessed from sin (not just start to do ethical works on his own). ("...is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things...") (Rev. 1:3; Acts. 3:19; Mk. 1:15).
- 11. Grace means that salvation is by Grace (and not by human initiative works).("Grace be unto you...") (Rev. 1:4; Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 4:4,5; Rom. 3:24; Rom. 4:16).
- 12. Peace is from Christ through Justification (not a self imposed alter state of consciousness by meditation which is a human work). ("...and peace [be unto you...") (Rev. 1:4; Eph. 2:14; Col. 3:15; Rom. 8:6; Rom. 5:1).
- 13. Christ who is God is the only I AM, (there are not many I AM'S). ("...from him who is, and who was...") (Rev. 1:4; Ex. 3:14; Jn. 8:24, 58).
- 14. Jesus is actually coming again in the heavens (not coming to everyone personally in their consciousness when enlightened). ("...and who is coming...") (Rev. 1:4; Rev. 1: 7; Jn. 14:1-3; Acts. 1:9-11).
- 15.Jesus is the Faithful Witness, He spoke the Truth only, because He is the Truth (which is Light, and there is no darkness of error in Him). ("...from Jesus Christ who is the Faithful Witness...") (Rev. 1:5; Jn. 14:6; Jn. 1:4, 9; Jn. 8:12).
- 16. Jesus is the pre-eminent One of all the dead, He is the One that is above all the dead, for all the dead are resurrected because of Him, and (He is not a resurrected person like all the righteous who are to be resurrected). ("...the first born from the dead...") (Rev. 1:5; Col. 1:15-18; 1 Cor. 15:12-23).
- 17. Christ is the only legitimate ruler of the whole globe or earth. He is King of all kings, (not emperors of globalists can claim that right). ("...the prince (arch) of the kings of the earth...") (Rev. 1:5; Rev. 19:11-16; Ps. 2:10-12).
- 18. God is love thus is capable of loving man (He is not an impersonal force). ("...Unto Him that loved us...") (Rev. 1:5; 1 Jn. 4:8, 16).

- 19. We all need to be washed or justified from sin (not just enlightened). ("...and washed us from our sins...") (Rev. 1: 5; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Tit. 3:5-7).
- 20. God's own blood (symbolizing His life) is the gift that saves us, (not human or animal blood). ("...in his own blood.") (Rev. 1:5; Lev. 17:11, 14; Heb. 10:4; Jn. 10:10, 11).
- 21. All believers are kings and priests, because all reign with God and are ministers of His Grace (not a special class of people or special clan of a religion).
  ("...hath made us kings and priests unto God...") (Rev. 1:6; Rev. 5:10; Rev. 20:6; 1 Cor. 3:5).
- 22. Jesus is the only Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end therefore Jesus is a personal God (not the universe in its flux of births and deaths and births). ("I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending saith the Lord...") (Rev. 1:8; Isa. 41:1-5; Isa. 44:6, 7; Isa. 48:12).