

The Divination of Man in Ancient Paganism and Evangelical Theology

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1. It was Satan who made the first lie to Eve about the divination of man (Gen 3:4-6).
2. Today's Evangelical theology makes man naturally have immortality even though he is in sin and unchanged. This is the divination of man. **Wordsworth N. Caesar, Bloodwashed or Brainwashed, Which, p. 41**
3. But the Scriptures show God alone to have immortality (1Tim 6:15, 16).
4. We are to seek immortality just as we seek eternal life (Rom 2:7).
5. Immortality and life are revealed through the Gospel (2Tim 1:9, 10).
6. But in ancient paganism Immortality was natural to man. Something in him was presented as naturally immortal. This is the divination of man. **S. Radhakrishnan, The Principal Upanishads, p. 256,327-328,736,854,868-869,876-877.**
7. This immortal soul in man, which came into Christianity from paganism, was immortal because it was from God who is immortal and thus it was divine. This is the divination of man. **Alvin Boyd Kuhn, Sex as Symbol, p. 33-34, 61-62, 63, 80, 89,123,124,126-127,130,131-132,135,137,147,156-157,282-283,284.**
8. One could now see the paganism of Evangelicals' "immortal soul" doctrine. **Wordsworth N. Caesar, Bloodwashed or Brainwashed, Which? p. 24, 28-29, 37, 41.**
9. But according to the Bible man has no part in him, that is immortal (Ecc 9:5,6,10; Ps 146:3,4; Ps 115:17; Isa 38:18; Jb 7:9,10; Jb 14:10-14,21).
10. The "spirit" in man (sometimes translated soul in Jb 14:22) is his experience (1Cor 2:11; 1Cor 6:20; Jb 32:8).
11. The Catholic Church too has the divination of man in another way apart from the "immortal soul" doctrine. **James M Kittelson, Luther the Reformer, p. 79, 80, 90-91.**
12. Another way in which man is divinized is to construct a Plan of Salvation where man implicatively receives the glory due to God. You can do this when you say "justification by Faith" from the Bible (Rom 4:3, 5) and by "Faith" you mean "believing or trust". This way you make man's work of believing to be the source of his justification, even in the false "forensic" idea of justification. **Saul Leacock, The 1888 Message p. 2, 3, 5, 8-9, 10, 12.**
13. But if you hold faith as "divine Faith" you escape that trap of sin. (Rom 3:22; Gal 2:16; Phil 3:9). **James M Kittelson, Luther the Reformer, p. 94.**