

## Gurtih XVII



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## Your Holy Bible

The fundamental text of the Apostolic Guardian Church is the Holy Bible. The Holy Bible being a collection of 66 books divided into 2 sections, the Old and the New Testaments. For Christians within the Apostolic Guardian Church (AGC) the Holy Bible is a powerful book, containing great insight and an abundance of spiritual potency.

Certainly the message of the Holy Bible has transformed hundreds of thousands of lives (and many countries) from one of selfishness and discord to lives of charity and harmony.

It is fair to say that those countries within the world who experience the most problems, are because they do not follow the advice and teachings of the Bible. In fact a key ingredient of making America great, the British Commonwealth great for example was the basic and founding Christian attitudes of our forefathers. The Church in young America and across the British Commonwealth held a prominent position within the community; attended by most and neighbourly to all. A social and spiritual vacuum was filled by the Church; the community strengthened and overall better for it. It is evident today that the many problems we face, such as the increasing brutish behaviour of individuals and governments, or the ongoing lust of 'profit before people' is the direct result of individuals and governments

turning their back on the teachings of the Holy Bible. It is hoped that all Priests within our Church (AGC) will help ensure that their Churches are community based places of worship and where the fundamental principles of the Holy Bible and the Christian message are not forgotten.

As a priest myself, it has become overly evident to me that many people seeking spiritual knowledge negate the basics such as compassion, sharing, kindness etc for a desire to rush into the higher teachings of the inner mysteries of Christ. Because of this problem, many of the *Gurtih* papers within the AGC will cover the basics of the Christian message. For the Holy Bible is a text book, a guide for humanity, one to provide standards, a commonality of goodness and community and a framework into the knowledge of God.

It is only upon having a full and complete relationship with the fundamentals of the Christian message that any of inner teachings and revelations can open up. Whether they are esoteric or mystical Christianity, the Gnostic revelations or the mythos within the Templar and Grail mysteries, none of these solid foods can be properly digested without first knowing and partaking of the milk and true character of the Christ's inner message - that is contained within the four gospels of New Testament of the Holy Bible.

As this *Gurtih* is about the Holy Bible, I have listed the names of the various Books of the Holy Bible. In the *Gurtih 18* you will be provided with a brief outline as to what each book basically covers. After reading *Gurtih 18* you will have a good idea of what the Holy Bible contains. In this *Gurtih*, I have also included a select few other Gnostic works, written a little after the New Testament books - and these have been referred to for sake of completeness in terms of the mysteries; though it must be mentioned that this list is by no means extensive in terms of the Gnostic revelation.

The Apostolic Guardian Church will also be introducing a Bible Study Course for members within a new series called 'In the Holy Bible' for members study use and in this series we will greatly build upon and strengthen our knowledge of the Holy Bible.

## The Old Testament

The Old Testament makes up the following 39 books:

*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.*

### **The New Testament**

The New Testament makes up the following 27 books:

*Gospel of Matthew, Gospel of Mark, Gospel of Luke, Gospel of John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude and the Revelation of John.*

If you are unfamiliar with these names or the structure of the Bible please glaze over them. They tell a story, and they are presented to you in logical progression. Some are names of Prophets, others of Apostles and others of histories. Look at the names, say them aloud, feel them out.