

# PUBLIC SERVICE ESSAY

## Sample Structure of Competing “Religious” Empires

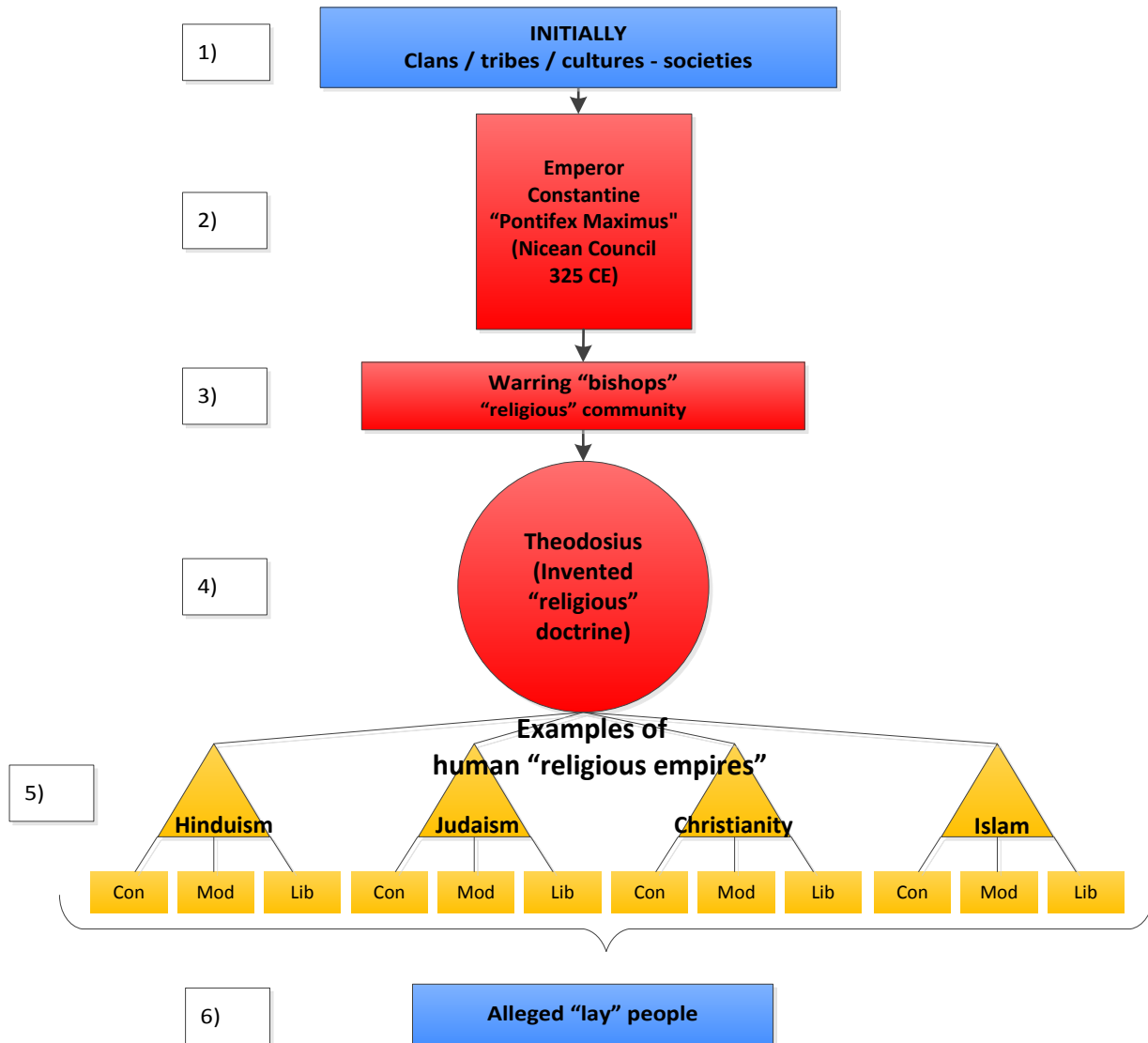
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### INTRODUCTION

For our personal growth, it’s time to learn that the Greco / Roman “religious” empire which was invented in the 4<sup>th</sup> century CE has been imposed on the world for 1,700 years. Cornerstone fact: Any and every superstition or “religion” has a human inventor and is made up of ancient, monoamine, subjective, imaginary, idiosyncratic or self-reported, untestable, unreplicable “supernatural” claims as the below diagram demonstrates.

### METHODOLOGICAL DIAGRAM No. 1



### SUMMARIZING EXPLANATION

1) Due to the absence of science, but in light of human beings inherent neurological learning reflex for making paired associative observations, “deities” of “supernatural” worlds were invented. Consequently, from the beginning of human civilization -- clans, tribes, cultures – societies had a competing “religious” free for all, and superstitions, mystery “religions”, “Judaism”, mysticism and “Christianity” were invented. The “church fathers” who invented the Christian superstition, i.e., the cynics, “Paul” and the mystics, the Gnostics, followed by the inventor(s) of the “Mark” fable, and later Iraneaus, Tertullian, Eusebius, Augustine, et. al., and the translations and revisions of the superstitions, myths, fables, and finite legendary personifications they invented and propagated, are only remembered today because they were militarily imposed by the Roman Empire at the point of a sword, and countless children and less educated were conquered, coerced and indoctrinated.

**2)** In 312 CE, the Roman Emperor Constantine titled “Pontifex Maximus” had allegedly seen a “vision” of the Greek symbol Chi-ro, inscribed with the words “By this conquer”. He later imagined the invented “Jesus” character, the so called “prince of peace”, telling him to “use it’s likeness in engagements with his enemies”, i.e., “divine providence”. Fed up with warring “religious” clans, tribes, and cults, Constantine, both believing and then claiming he was “divinely inspired”, demanded one “god” or Emperor, himself, one Empire, and one “religion” with one “bible”. To this end, in 325 CE, he formulated, held, and chaired a council at Nicaea.

**3)** Constantine found the superstitions or “religions” in the public domain, especially the Christian community to be fanatically, riotously divided. The council of Nicaea began with “bishops” piling the Emperor's lap with petitions against other “bishops” accusing them of heresy or political intrigue. Aggravated, Constantine had the petitions burned and had a “religious creed” formulated, drawn up and then voted on. The bishops could either sign the “creed” and stay as his invited guests for his twentieth anniversary celebrations, or refuse to sign and be exiled from the Empire as criminals by decree by “Pontifex Maximus” himself.

**4)** In 380 CE, the Roman Emperor Theodosius declared it illegal to practice anything but Christianity or Rome's new “universal religion”, i.e., “Catholicism”. Over the next fifteen hundred years, the doctrines of the Christian superstition continued to be invented, customized, tailored, refined, and revised to make it the aggrandizing, authoritarian, subjugating machine, the “religious” empire which it is today. It was militarily imposed by colonizing crusades, torture, legalizing the destruction of the “enemies” of Christianity, and the indoctrination of billions of defenseless children, poverty stricken and the less educated people. Any competing doctrines, as well as science, were wiped out.

**5)** Now, all “religious” empires are made up of self-anointed clerics who declare “divine inspiration” and endlessly argue and bicker over the origin, doctrine / dogma of their invented, literalized superstitions, myths, fables, and finite legendary personifications, with their idiosyncratic rules, rights, and rituals, each claiming the allegedly “correct” interpretation of their endlessly contradicting invented “bibles”. Their radicals, liberals, moderates, conservatives, and reactionaries have invented thousands of different brands or denominations, each with their own “invented unique take” on what their invented “god-man” was “really” trying to say, and what their imagined god “really” wants, as the grammar of the facial language is irrational, contradictory, cruel, and barbaric. Clerics have to perpetually revise, reinterpret, and retranslate because the allegedly “divinely inspired” original monoamine “oral traditions” are invented.

**6)** At the bottom of the totem pole, under the superstructure of all “religious” empires are the alleged “ignorant”, inferior “lay” people, maliciously and ceaselessly slandered by an aggrandizing allegedly superior “clergy” to be “sinful”, depraved, shamed and criminally terrorized into extortion by the threat of alleged “eternal damnation” or being “doomed” for non-compliance with the cleric’s superstition or doctrine. In order to succeed, clerics require and demand a less educated, but indoctrinated populace, who are extorted by shame and guilt into financing their “religious” empire.

## **CONCLUSION**

The above verifiable history demonstrates that thousands of years ago, some very delusional, grandiose, ambulatory, mentally ill, self-appointed, self-serving clerics started organizing, and militarily imposing and merchandising lies, i.e., imposing human invented superstitions, myths and fables literally, coercing and assaulting the susceptible poor, young and less educated, and conquering or destroying anyone who opposed them. As evident, people didn’t believe the superstitions or “religious” doctrine because it was empirically true, rational, or was reality. They believed because they had to submit to the “religious empire” or they risked losing their possessions, loved ones, and very lives. As this methodological diagram demonstrates, “religion” is, always has been, and always will be about a power struggle for control, and is completely devoid of wisdom. Consequently the facts of the above verifiable history asks the question, why wouldn’t any “god”, if there is any “god”, have the wisdom to communicate information and knowledge replicably, verifiably, and timelessly, i.e., from the very beginning of human civilization, without gender, race, geography, or nationality preference, in a universal language and in a non-militarized manner? The above verifiable history clearly shows that all religions are the product of the invented fantasies of the subjective, idiosyncratic or self-reported hysterical imaginations of self-appointed clerics. As is also evident, clerics are self-titled, self-serving human beings that invent superstitions or “religions” of “supernatural” worlds, i.e., untestable, uncross-validated idiosyncratic claims.