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Threshing the Cosmic Chaff: The Reckoning of a Degenerate World

Gabriel North

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Three Stars (out of Five)

“Whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge his floor and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” —Matthew 3:12 King James Holy Bible

In order to thoroughly comprehend the contents of Gabriel North’s book *Threshing the Cosmic Chaff* it is imperative that readers understand the significance of the book’s title. In the Old Testament of the Holy Bible Psalm 1:4 states “The ungodly are not so. They are like chaff that the wind blows away.” The above quote from the book of Matthew illustrates a type of threshing of the chaff that occurs with fire. Threshing is an agricultural technique of separating the chaff-scaly hardened waste product-from the wheat rice or other edible plant material. Threshing cosmic chaff is a metaphor that illustrates the separation of those individuals who are deemed worthy from those who are not in the eyes of a Judeo/Christian God in accordance to laws that are set forth in the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

A thousand years ago humanity thought the earth was the center of the universe. Science and time have proven that the earth isn’t even the center of its own galaxy. North attempts to show the reader that Christians can no longer think of God’s laws and divine plan as being limited to only this planet. He writes “I think there is a direct correlation between our physical location within the galaxy and our ‘spiritual rank’ as beings....Did God in his infinite wisdom place us in direct proportion to our spiritual worth a specific distance from the center of the galaxy knowing the mathematical balance between our scientific evolution and our spiritual growth?” Some questions and answers proposed by *Threshing the Cosmic Chaff* seem equivalent to the inane question of how many angels can dance on the head or point of a pin (a theological puzzle that scholars often mistakenly associate with the works of Aquinas). Other segments read like Kierkegaard explaining Plato and the Socratic Method and still other parts

are like a Barbian journey through Dante's Inferno that encompasses the whole universe.

The intellect behind the prose is irrefutable as is the author's strength in the belief that we are living in an "end of times." An eternal war between good and evil is coming to a head—a battle over all of creation. Humanity is stuck in the middle. Dark forces have been conniving and convincing us to question and rationalize the very idea of God supposedly whispering in our ears to disbelieve. Whether we believe it or not billions of souls must exercise their free will and choose sides. North writes "All this has been a deliberation of the otherworldly monsters permeating our dimension in order to confuse and deceive us. That's right...The Devil and his angels...Our souls are being harvested by predators."

Readers who understand that there are semantic limitations of language in describing the immensity and incomprehensibility of an all-powerful all-knowing all-loving God will find this a fascinating read. North even admits the problem of our inability to understand the minutest inkling of a "divine plan" but at the same time becomes caught up in the banality of conjecture. In chapter five disturbingly titled "Extinction or Extermination: Ethnic Cleansing of the Galaxy" he writes "Most of what I'm about to expound on in the pages of this chapter are hypothetical..." Wanting the best of both worlds the Judeo/Christian God is not enough for the author and he combs elements of Buddhism and quantum physics and inserts a smidgen of extraterrestrial existence and astral travel. He writes "Perhaps the galaxy exists inside of each and every one of us. We are eternal since we are offspring of our eternal God. We owe our very life-force to God; therefore we are God possessed. We live and breathe only through the maintenance of the force of God in us..."

Like any religion any metaphysical belief any idea at all that cannot be confirmed by the scientific method *Threshing the Cosmic Chaff's* value and validity to the reader comes down to faith—and faith only.