General Characteristics of the Divine Dynasphere: (6) Point of Reference: the Love of God, (7) Authority: the Word of God, (8) Result: Personal Sense of Destiny, & (9) an Enemy: *Cosmos Diabolicus* 

- (6) A point of reference: the love of God. The attribute that the believer must consult for guidance in his spiritual life is the love *of* God. Divine love is a part of divine integrity that also includes righteousness and justice. The love *of* God motivates our reciprocal love *for* God.
- (7) <u>An Authority</u>: the Word of God. Scripture reveals the essence of God to man. God's authority is expressed through His sovereignty, the source of the long-established code of protocol. Sovereign decisions established righteous standards which are enforced and protected by justice.
- (8) <u>A result</u>: good decisions from a position of strength broaden future options enabling the believer to gain control of his life and pursue a personal sense of destiny. His modus operandi is no longer to live and learn from bad decisions that limit his future options, but rather to learn and live.
- (9) <u>An enemy</u>: cosmos diabolicus, "the devil's world," governed and administered by הֵילֵל בֶּן־שָׁתֵר (Helel ben Shachar): Lucifer, son of the morning. His power systems include: Cosmic 1: the Arrogance Complex, where a person is preoccupied with himself and as a result cannot be grace oriented, and Cosmic 2: the Hatred Complex in which a person is antagonistic toward God and His plan and as a result relies on human viewpoint rather than divine viewpoint.<sup>1</sup>
- 11. Our Lord was assigned the task of functioning within the prototype system with regard to His true humanity. By definition, the protocol system must be executed by a human being. The source of the long-established code is deity and the humanity of Jesus was a bondslave to that code.
- 12. Consequently, the necessity for the humiliation of the Lord under the principle of *kenōsis*. Not only did the plan for our salvation require Him to take on the form of humanity, it restricted His independent use of the attributes of His divine essence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adapted from: R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Christian Integrity*, 3d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2002), 14–15.