

## **Endarkment Again Seeks to Silence the Bible's Message**

“Relegere: Studies in Religion and Reception” (RSRR) is a website exclusively for posting articles written by noted and vetted worldwide academics. The following link gives the full text of a paper posted there by Philip Davies, Emeritus Professor, The University of Sheffield.  
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The paper is titled:

**“The Bible: Utopian, Dystopian, or Neither? Or: Northrop Frye Meets Monty Python”**

[ **Commentary in bold brackets offered by M. J. Greene, Paraclete Press Research Service, Inc. ]**

### **RSRR Abstract of the paper:**

“In *The Great Code* (1982), Northrop Frye rewrites the mediaeval and early modern [ myth ] of human existence as progression from Fall to Judgment from a humanistic and Romantic perspective, recoding the Bible as a series of utopian visions which together constitute a single grand utopian vision. [ **Davies' article**] in turn rewrites Frye's *Code* from a modern Western perspective which eschews both naïve optimism and tragic vision for a dark comic or Pythonesque view of life, recognizing the [ **existential nihilist** ] absurdity of human ambition and pointlessness of human existence, while laughing in the face of it. By splicing Frye's optimistic sequences in a different way, it is possible to produce quite another code, which is neither utopian nor dystopian, yet always disappoints. **The paper thus lays out a myth of disenchantment as a decoding of the biblical narrative, concluding that the human predicament is insoluble, because neither God nor humanity have the power to change**” (emphasis added).

[ **Certainly, God does not change (for which we are thankful) and humans are unchanged except as individuals are transformed by the Holy Spirit, by the washing of the word, born into Christ Jesus, becoming new creatures. (See Christology: “Jesus is God,” Philosophy: “Seeking Truth?”, and Bibliology: “The Bible is Not a Myth” at [www.pprsinc.com](http://www.pprsinc.com).)** The article by Davies is an interesting and well written example of the “endarkment” prophesied (seen elsewhere on this site) that pervades as Christ's return approaches (rather than the false promise of revival). The world was plunged into darkness for about one thousand years from the 5<sup>th</sup> through to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. Satan seeks to cause a repeat of the darkness in New Age religion that holds false light (endarkment). Yet the next thousand years followed by eternity will not be darkened, but will be lit by the physical presence of Christ Jesus Himself. “And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (Rev 21:23). See “Hamartiology” at [www.pprsinc.com](http://www.pprsinc.com) for a partial list of endarkment that manifests in the form of false religion, cults, and false teachings about the Bible. Maranatha!