

What is the Image for the Beast?

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I've often wondered what it is going to be like when Satan brings the blossom of everything he's working toward to its full bloom. We know that he's working on three major fronts with many subdivisions within them.

- We know he's working for a *global government*.
- We know he's working for a *global economy*.
- We know he's working toward a *global religion*.

What does it mean to have a global religion and how do the Catholics figure in this? And more specifically—what I want to cover today—what is the image to *the beast*?

I'm not going to cover very much, but just enough so we understand what we're doing. We will talk about *the image*. Lots of times you think that it is an image *of the beast*. Let's read it in the *King James* first—then I will read it as it should be with the English translation from the Greek (the *Interlinear, Greek-English New Testament*), because we're going to find something considerably different.

Revelation 13:13 (KJV)—“And he does great wonders... [there are going to be great miracles and wonders so much so] ...that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceives them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast, saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, that had the wound by a sword and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (vs 13-15).

Verse 12 (*Int*): “...of whom was healed the wound of its death. And it works signs great, that even fire it should cause to come down out of the heaven to the earth before men,. And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, by reason of the signs which it was given to it to work before the beast, saying to those who sell on the earth, **to make an image to the beast...**” vs 12-14)—or for the beast.

It's not an image *of* the beast; it's not the beast's image. We can tell this in the Greek very clearly for this reason: An image, which is 'eikon'—an *icon*—*to the beast* is in the 'dative' case. All of those of you who know a foreign language with the cases, understand that the 'dative' is two or four. If it were an image *of* the beast, or the beast's image, it

would be in the 'genitive' or the possessive case. So this should be translated: 'make an image *for* the beast.'

“...which has the wound of the sword, and lived. And it was given to it to give breath to the image of the beast, that also should speak the image of the beast, and should cause as many as not would do homage to the image of the beast, that they should be killed.” (vs 14-15). In this case then it is in the accusative when it gets to the 'image of.' But first of all you make it *for* the beast.

Let's see something else with a beast and a woman, and let's see how this ties in. Remember, the one who 'rides the beast' is the one who is calling the numbers. In the book *Windswept House* by Malachi Martin I'm going to get some things out of there so when I cover the governmental and economic part of it we will have some really good information. However, most people do not remember or know that when the six original members of the EEC signed their agreement, it was signed in Rome. It was Germany, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Belgium and Holland, the six original ones. After they were done, they went and had a papal audience with Pope Pious XII, and the pope congratulated them on starting this, and then also, as Malachi Martin records, the pope also let them know that they still lacked an awful lot in referring to the cloud of the Catholic Church.

In the first part of the book, he chronologically lays out the different things, which all have to do with the different aspects of the developing world religion and government and economic all come to the feet of the pope. In the *Keys of This Blood*, the book before *Windswept House*, Martin lays out what the struggle was between western economic democracy and eastern communist economic bloc and the power of the pope. He pretty well lays out that the fall of the Soviet Union. By the way, the term 'perestroika' means *conversion*, and remember the Catholics were to pray for the conversion of Russia. Gorbachev and the pope had a very warm, friendly relationship.

Let's read about 'the woman.' Let's see where it came from and where it's headed, Revelation 17:1: “And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke with me, saying to me, 'Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great whore who sits upon many waters; with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.' Then

he carried me away in *the* spirit to a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, full of names of blasphemy” (vs 1-3).

Verse 18: “And the woman whom you saw is the great city that has royal power over the kings of the earth.” Notice: not the inhabitants, but the kings.

Today the Vatican has diplomatic relations with every country in the world, including the United States. Every diplomat that goes to the Vatican—perhaps with the exception of the one from Israel—must be a Catholic! This was done in the United States under our wonderful, friendly, great American, loyal President Ronald Reagan! Now then, some people have said, since it’s a city with seven mountains, where the woman sits. Rome has seven hills, Constantinople has seven hills, Moscow has seven hills and Seattle, Washington, has seven hills. We can eliminate all of the rest of them from ruling over the kings of the world, starting with Seattle.

Verse 4: “And the woman *was* clothed in purple and scarlet, and *was* adorned with gold and pearls and precious stones; *and* she had a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominations and *the* filthiness of her fornication; and across her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (vs 4-5).

When the Protestants started their reformation against the Catholics, they said this was ‘mother Babylon’ and all of her churches. When the Sabbath-keeping people came out of Protestant Reformation to keep the Sabbath, they looked back and said that was the Catholic Church and the Protestant churches. I think today we need to look at it this way: This is the great world ‘religion’ that the Catholic Church is sitting at the top of, including all the world’s ‘religions.’ We’ll include them. You’ll be surprised at some of the things I’m going to read here a little later.

Verse 6: “And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And after seeing her, I wondered with great amazement.”

I don’t think we really fully, fully comprehend what’s going to happen. We read a lot of these Scriptures. We’ve read them before. We say we understand them. But I don’t think that we fully comprehend the impact that it’s going to have.

Revelation 6:9, concerning the fifth seal: “And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the

altar the souls of those who had been slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony that they held; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, Holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ And white robes were given to each of them; and they were told that they should rest a short time yet, until *it* be fulfilled *that* both their fellow servants and their brethren also would be killed, just as they had been” (vs 9-11).

This ties in with Rev. 13, that if you don’t worship the image of the beast or the image for the beast, you’re going to be killed—that this is going to happen? We read that and we say, ‘Yeah, it’s there, it’s going to happen.’ We all hope it’s going to be someone else. We all pull the Protestant ploy that instead of the ‘rapture’ the *place of safety*. But it’s going to happen for someone; it’s going to happen to a lot of them.

- What are the forces that are going to do it?
- What, particularly, are the ‘religious’ forces that are going to do it?

Where it says in Matt. 24, that you are going to be ‘hated of *all* nations’:

- Why are we going to be hated?

Well, I think we need to understand what has been going on in many fronts, in many different ways. Let’s start with one of the oldest books we can deal with: *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop.

Let’s understand that with the Babylonian religion there has always been the ‘mother figure’—always!—the ‘mother goddess.’ As I’m talking to you about this, I want you to remember the second sermon that I did on *New Age Bible Versions* when I read from the *Inclusive Version*—father, mother, child. You’re going to see that this goes right back to ancient Babylon. When God tells us back there in Rev. 17 that it’s Babylon the Great, He is telling us what to look for. He is telling us the religious force/the political force that’s going to happen. So that’s why God has made available these books.

(Transcriber’s note: *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop, quotes and page numbers taken from 2009 publication ISBN #978-1-61534-008-8—page numbers vary from original publication):

pg 30—Mother & Child & the Original of the Child: ...the Mother and the Child are the grand objects of worship, [while the] Invisible [God] is almost extinct. Exactly so, in this latter respect, also was it in ancient Babylon. The Babylonians, in their *popular religion*, supremely worshipped a Goddess Mother and a Son, who was represented in pictures and in images as an infant or child in his mother’s arms.

Remember, it said, ‘make an image for the beast.’

pg 31—From Babylon, this worship of the Mother and the Child spread to the ends of the earth.

Every pagan religion in the world has it. And he gives quite a dissertation on where it went and under the different names and so forth. It says, concerning the Ephesian Diana (Acts 19), there was a great confrontation which the Apostle Paul had with all of those of the religion of the goddess Diana of Ephesus, whose other name in the Greek is Artemis.

pg 45—When we look at the Ephesian Diana, we find evidence of the very same effect. In general, Diana was depicted as a virgin, and the patroness of virginity' but the Ephesian Diana was quite different. She was represented with all the attributes of the Mother of the gods, and, *as* the Mother of the gods, she wore a turreted crown, such as no one can contemplate without being forcibly reminded of the tower of Babel.

I'm going to interject some things as we go along. IBM had an ad one time that showed the fallen down Tower of Babel. The advertisement was this: *What they began, we will finish!* I want you to think on that! That's quite an advertisement. That's quite a boast.

Now this tower-bearing Diana is by ancient scholiast expressly identified with Semiramis.

So, we're dealing with Semiramis: mother, father, child. I'll put the mother first for the sake of this particular sermon. I just talked to someone that I loaned one of my *Two Babylons* to and she said, 'this was tough reading.' It is tough reading. And he's got the old-style writing where there are 50, 60, 70, sometimes—I counted 105—words in a sentence all connected back to the first subject/verb which is difficult reading. Here's one that I had absolutely no remembrance of:

pg 61—It is admitted that the secret system of Free Masonry was originally founded on the Mysteries of the Egyptian Isis...

I call to your remembrance again, which gives us a clue as to what we need to look for. It talks about the two witnesses, Revelation 11:8 "And their bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt..."

We're to look to the 'religions' that are going to be Egypt-like and the morays that are going to be homosexual-like. I've been given an article that says, '[Supreme Court Bows to Gay Rights in a 3/6 Decision](#)'. Is this a precursor for same-sex marriage? Brethren, how bad is this going to get? Remember, it's going to be the greatest and worst of

mankind in history. We don't have a clue! I think we've underestimated it! Those of you who have done some study concerning the Masons and Masonry—what it's all about and how it's into" public education, government and everything that there is. Masonry is working with Catholicism. They deny it, but Satan has two ends working against the middle to bring them together.

...But what could have led to the union of a Masonic body with these Mysteries, had they not had particular reference to architecture, and had the god who was worshipped in them not been celebrated for his success in perfecting the arts of fortification and building?

Very, very profound things in here. If you have not read *The Two Babylons* recently, I ask you to do it again.

pg 93—The scheme, thus skillfully formed, took effect. Semiramis gained glory from her dead and deified husband; and in course of time both of them, under the names of Rhea and Nin, or "goddess-Mother and Son," were worshipped with an enthusiasm that was incredible, and their images were everywhere set up and adored.

—which means worship. What did we read in Rev. 13 concerning the image *for the beast*. ***If you don't worship it you're going to be killed.***

I might mention that the book *The Two Babylons* was the very first book that I read when I was being called back in 1960. I immediately went out and got one, and at the same time, *The Plain Truth*, but at that time was going through *Satan's Great Deception* by Dr. C. Paul Meredith and Rod Meredith was writing his series on the *Ten Commandments*.

pg 112—The names of blasphemy bestowed by the Papacy on Mary have not one shadow of foundation in the Bible, but are all to be found in the Babylonian idolatry.... But many other goddesses have the very same epithet applied to them..... [that is of the 'yellow-haired' Ceres. Her name is]: ...Europa, whom Jupiter carried away in the form of a bull, is called "the yellow-haired Europa."

Guess what one of the stamps of the European community is today? *A bull running with a blonde-haired woman sitting on it!* It's going back to old, ancient Babylon.

Something about the Christmas tree:

pg 126—The Christmas tree, now so common among us, was equally common in Pagan Rome and Pagan Egypt.

What was the god that came out of the fire when Moses was on the mountain and Aaron didn't do a thing to it? *The golden calf!* Again, we're going to see the end-time Babylon and Egypt, because the religion of Egypt came from Babylon. Since Babylon was destroyed, now it is Babylon being resurrected again through all this Egyptian thing.

In Egypt that tree was a palm-tree; in Rome it was a fir; the palm-tree denoting the Pagan Messiah, as Baal-Tamar, the fir referring to him as Baal-Berith. The mother of Adonis, the sun-god and great mediatorial divinity, was mystically said to have been changed into a tree, and when in that state to have brought forth her divine son. If the mother was a tree, the son must have been recognized as the "Man the branch."

It's pretty heavy stuff as we go through here! It goes on showing how this goes into India, China, Tibet, Japan and all of that. Then it talks about Easter—we've gone through that: the hot-cross bun, the dyed eggs, etc., and all the things that they were doing there.

Judges 2:10: "And also all that generation were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor even the works which He had done for Israel."

Today, in the Churches of God, we're also seeing a great generational shift. All those who have been in the Church 20, 30, 35, 50 years are being moved aside and they're working on the new generation. What are they bringing? *All this New Age stuff to prepare for the ecumenism for the global church*—and Rod will not be the pope! What happens when that generation is gone? We're also finding something else: The schools today automatically turn the children away from the parents; away from the Church; away from God, and they create a lot of hostility through their social activities and music. So, by time our children grow up to be 18-20 they hate us, they can't stand us, they won't listen to us—they will tolerate nothing! It was not just the improper childrearing practices that we had in the Church, it was a combination of many things. I think the public schools had a great deal to do with it.

A comment was made concerning the NEA book put out years ago, *NEA, the Trojan Horse and Education*: some of this goes back a hundred years. I think if you go through the book *The New Age Bible*

Versions you're over a hundred years ago. You go back to the spiritism, you're over a hundred years ago. You go back to the parliament of the world's religions, a little over a hundred years ago. You go back to the new economic systems beginning with the Federal Reserve coming into America in 1913. So, they've been pushing for all of these things.

Satan does not move instantly! He moves a step at a time and builds. He has his agents, he has his people, and they wait. They wait for the right moment. If you view or hear the SDA videos concerning the *Jesuit Agenda*, it will blow your mind what has happened to the SDAs is exactly what happened to Worldwide. You will see that one of the biggest tools that they use is a hierarchical system. When you see that it will just open your mind.

Verse 11: "And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served Baalim. And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, Who brought them out of the land of Egypt. And they followed other gods, even the gods of the people who were around them, and bowed themselves to them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD and served Baal... [male/female] and Ashtaroth...[male/female]" (vs 11-13).

Can happen! We have a new generation of people who don't know. How many of the young people who came into the Church were baptized? *They never studied, never proved!* They grew up and came into the Church—and now all these things are coming along and they don't have a clue as to how to prove it and how to refute it. Since they know nothing more than what they've always known, and they're told what they've always known really wasn't correct. Now, here's all this new stuff and VOILA! It happened back then and it happened here.

Here's virtually what they're doing, Jeremiah 7:1: "The Word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 'Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this Word, and say, "Hear the Word of the LORD, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD"' (vs 1-2). Jeremiah was a *dissident!*

- Jeremiah was against the hierarchy!
- Jeremiah was against the king!
- Jeremiah was against the priest!
- Jeremiah was against the establishment!

No one liked him. Everyone knew all about him. He was a bad and mean and evil-speaking person. If you're going to speak the Truth, that will come to you.

Verse 3: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Amend your ways and your doings,

and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Do not trust in lying words, saying, “The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD are these”” (vs 3-4).

I do recall I read this when I resigned from Worldwide. It still fits today. Don't say the Church of God. Don't say the organization. ***The most important thing that Satan wants you to do is this:***

- trust the leadership
- do not study
- do not question yourself
- trust what you are told

Does that sound familiar?

- if you study your Bible you may get confused

Yeah, you would, because you'll find out what they're doing—discourage you! That's exactly what they say, and part of it is that they, the ministers themselves, don't know! So they don't want you to find out and ask embarrassing questions, because they can't answer them; same thing here. They're trusting in the wrong thing!

- They should be ***trusting in God***, not the temple!
- They should be ***trusting in the Truth*** and not lies!

Verse 6: “If you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your hurt... [that's what's happening to all of them] ...then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever” (vs 6-7).

Listen, it's so critical to God that things be right and true, that He said He would put His name in Jerusalem forever. Yet, He would scrape the face of the earth to get rid of everything He put there if they sinned. He put His people in the land of inheritance, yet, He would send them into exile when they did the things they shouldn't have done. We need to listen today what's going on!

Verse 48: “Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know; and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations?’” (vs 8-10). I tell you, that's something!

Verse 16: “Therefore, do not pray for this people, nor lift up cry nor prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you.... [Can you imagine how bad things were for God to say that?—when God is ready to forgive, willing to

forgive, instant to forgive. And He told Jeremiah, ‘Don't even pray for them. Don't waste your breath, because I'm not going to hear.‘] ...Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger” (vs 16-18).

What is one of the first things that your drug back into? ***Easter!*** They start out by saying, ‘Well, who is to know?’ Have you heard that? How can you tell? This is what you call an NLP—Neurological, Linguistic Programming. ***That is to undermine your faith*** by saying:

- How do you know?
- Do you think that everyone within our church is converted? ***No!***
- Do you think that people in other churches—in Sunday-keeping churches—that there could not be Christians?

Now you're stuck because not everybody in your Sabbath-keeping church is converted. So you say, ‘I don't know.’ Isn't that what you say? ***Now they've gottcha!*** Then they say if they are worshiping God and they are doing these things to God, should they not be ‘Christians’ and

- it doesn't matter which day that you worship on
- Are we not Holy people?
- Regardless of the day that we worship on, it's Holy—isn't it?

Do you see the slight of hand and the reasoning to take away your faith and reprogram you. It's the same thing with all of this.

In ***The Two Babylons*** it talks about the mystic egg; talks about Hindus in India, Japan, China, the Greeks, the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Assyrians and all of the other nations. It talks about the ‘Feast of the Assumption.’ Do you know what the ‘Feast of the Assumption’ is? Here is part of the names of blaspheme that's on Mary. She was:

- immaculately conceived
- remained a perpetual virgin
- saw no corruption
- was assumed bodily into heaven

That's what they teach.

By the way, let me mention something that you need to know: Behind the scenes running, guiding and directing the Promise Keepers are the Jesuits. When they go up there and take communion or the Mass, that's what they're getting into. They want to have all of them conform with BEM—

Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry. You'll hear that when you listen to those SDA videos: *Jesuit Agenda*.

pgs 204-205—The Sacrifice of the Mass: In regard to the Pagan character of the “unbloody sacrifice” of the mass, we have seen not little already. But there is something yet to be considered, I which the working of the mystery of iniquity will still further appear. There are letters on the wafer that are worth reading. These letters are I. H. S. [which means] What means these mystical letters? To the Christian these letters are represented as signifying, “*Jesus Hominum Salvator*,” [which is] “Jesus, the Savior of men.” But let a Roman worshipper of Isis (for in the age of the emperors there were innumerable worshippers of Isis in Rome) cast his eyes upon them, and how will he read them? He will read them, of course, according to his own well known system of idolatry: “*Isis, Horus, Seb*,” that is, “the Mother, the Child, and the Father of the gods,”—in other words, “The Egyptian Trinity.”

Does this not all fit in with this *Inclusive Version*? What is the force and powers behind it? It talks about the ‘two-horned’ beast, which is the one in Rev. 13 that says ‘make an image for the beast.’ That’s the second beast, which appears like a lamb and speaks like a dragon. The ‘two-horned’ beast comes from:

pgs 316-317—“In Egypt, this god was represented with the head and horns of a ram. In Etruria he seems to have been represented in a somewhat similar way; for there we find a divine and miraculous child exhibited wearing the ram’s horns. The name Nebo, the grand distinctive name of this god, signifies “The Prophet.”

Meaning then, we’re told, this is *the false prophet*.

pg 325—The Image of the Beast: There the image of the beast is pronounced to be the Virgin Mother, or the Madonna. This at first sight may appear a very unlikely solution; but when it is brought into comparison with the religious history of Chaldea, the unlikelihood entirely disappears. In the old Babylonian Paganism, there was an *image* of the Beast from the sea; and when it is known what that image was, the question will, I think, be fairly decided. When Dagon was first set up to be worshipped, while he was represented in many different ways, and exhibited in many different characters, the favorite form in which he was worshipped,

as the reader well knows, was that of a child in his mother’s arms. In the natural course of events, the mother came to be worshipped along with the child, yea, to be the favorite subject of worship. To justify this worship, as we have already seen, that mother, of course, must be raised to divinity, and divine powers and prerogatives ascribed to her.

- The common thread in bringing all religions together is going to be goddess worship.
- The common thread that’s going to bring secular people into that is the environmental movement.
- Another common thread to bring that in is the witchcraft and Wicca movement.

All headed in the same direction. When they say all these different religions lead to the same place, they are correct! **Rome! not God!**

pg 326—[She’s also] called the “Virgin, pure and undefiled.” the “Unpolluted god” “Judge of the dead” the “Queen of [heaven] the universe”

Finally, to clench the whole, the name by which she was now known was Semele, which, in the Babylonian language, signifies “THE IMAGE.”

Is that not the image that is everywhere in the Catholic Church: the virgin of this, the virgin of that, the virgin of the other. Do we not know that Pope John Paul II was devoted in his worship to Mary?

All right, let me read you some things from *The Myth of Mary Worship*—another book; a good book to get. This is why, brethren, it’s very important for us to *be well-read*. It’s important, with the Spirit of God, that we understand and *be firmly grounded in the Truth* so we can discern, decide and know the difference between Truth and error, and that we keep our eyes opened to what’s happening in the world.

During the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, in San Francisco they had a world church service, which people and participants from all religions were there. Leaders, including Bishop Tutu from South Africa were there. Bortros Ghali the Secretary General was there. Other great leading dignitaries were there. They had young people from all religions; and guess what the colors were? *The rainbow!* They had a ceremony all worked out. As you watched it—which I did—it got kind of flat. It needed more charisma! It needed more energy, because it was lacking the virgin Mary or ‘the goddess of the earth.’ But they had the choir singing and when they shot up close to show the choir singing, I noticed right on the front of these choir

books that they had: *Hymn for the New Age!* I thought all they need is a miracle-working pope and the image of the goddess to bring fervor and dedication to that. That was something.

So, brethren, really, we are living in tremendous times! We are seeing history unfold—prophetic history unfold right before our eyes!

The Myth of Mary Worship:

pg 161—The Maryian Movement: The birth of the Maryian Movement began a new evolutionary phase for the myth of Mary. Their motto—it's is never enough—was highly successful. In less than a century, Mary was declared to be dogmatically immaculate. It was affirmed that she had ascended to the heavens. She was linked to papal infallibility and finally was named co-redeemer, associating her with the work of salvation, which the Bible attributed exclusively to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In the middle of the 20th Century, it seemed again the myth of Mary had arrived to maximum expression. However, at this point, we will consider the second characteristic of the myth of Mary: the spiritual conflict.

In this whole presentation of the *Jesuit Agenda* by the SDAs apparitions of Mary have appeared and she is angry because people are not keeping Sunday.

Now you know why the nudge to Sunday-keeping.

Did you know that the environmental movement and the pope is also behind this; that they are trying to enforce laws—environmental laws—to pronounce Sunday a day of no work and no business to save the environment; to save the economy.

So instead of coming in and saying 'we want all of you good people to become Catholics.' *No, we won't do that!* 'We want all of you good people to consider.'

(go to the next track)

Preferably Sunday and take it off and give the earth a rest, give the environment a rest, give yourself a rest—give yourself a break today, you deserve it!

Through the centuries the evolution of the myth of Mary has been more than just a topic of historical and archeological studies. It is represented as a very real battlefield between the Christ-centered view Bible and the pagan system centered around that great goddess. In the evolution of this myth Mary has ceased a thousand

years ago from being a person spoken of in the Gospels and the book of Acts—the only documents that contain the historical facts about her—she is no longer the mother of Jesus and His brothers, nor is she a sinner who trusted in God for her salvation and who believed in her Son to have attained it. On the contrary, like the coo-coo that kicks the illegitimate owners out of their nest, the myth of Mary has attempted to deprive Jesus of all that the New Testament attributes to Him.

He is no longer the only sinless person, Mary is too. He is no longer the only one to ascend to heaven, so has Mary. He is no longer the only Mediator, Mary intercedes as well. She is called *the Mediatrix*. He is no longer the only Savior, Mary is the *co-redeemer*. He is no longer the only Lord, Mary is *the Lady*. He is no longer the only King, Mary is the *queen*. He is no longer the only One Who holds the keys of death and hades, Mary has them also.

From the historical evidence, we see a process of imitation, which robs Christ of His most important characteristics and fixes them in Mary. It is the historical evolution of plunder and mythologicalization. It removes Jesus from His central place in Scripture and replaces Him with a Mary entirely different from the Biblical figure. To do this they have resorted sometimes without any shame to the absorption of demonic myths of paganism. Mary is the 'mother goddess' often presented as a subordinate but many times opposed to an 'angry God.'

In other words, she is there to stem the 'angry Father.'

For close to a millennium and a half, the myth of Mary has experienced an astounding growth in the Roman Catholic Church as well as in the eastern churches. Each time the evolution appears to have peaked, additional pagan characteristics were assimilated further magnifying the myth. We can only conclude that it will continue to stray further from the Bible and closer to the description of pagan religions. In the coming years, the myth of Mary may develop in four areas. The first two linked to redemption and sacraments are derived from the biological fact that the blood of Jesus that Jesus received in Mary's womb was the blood of His own mother. It is not farfetched to speculate that this could develop into dogmatic

teachings. Some works dedicated to exalting Mary already affirm that the blood shed on the cross and received in the Eucharist is also Mary's blood.

The rise of the myth of Mary has progressively eclipsed Jesus and the Roman Catholic and Orthodox theology in regards to meditation, salvation and lordship; plus the bringing in eastern meditation, yogism and all of this. It is entirely possible that in the future, the myth of Mary will demand credit in the areas of sacrament and redemption.

That's how to get all the women back in. Have women priestess' who say, 'This is the body of Mary.' I can see it, brethren! It is coming! You can get all the 'mother earth' worshipers, all of the witches, all of the women-feminists in there and they will go nuts over that! They really will.

Thirdly, it is probable that in the future the myth of Mary may well absorb the beliefs related to other pagan goddesses that has yet have not been linked to her. If during the lower empire in the Middle Ages, she became the twin sister of Isis and Artemis, it is not impossible that in the following decades she will also go on to be the kali or saraswati—that is connecting with the Hindu gods and the Buddha gods.

In recent decades the Catholic Church has been careful to hide a curious phenomena. While Mary was appearing in Yugoslavia and Spain, the Hindu and Malitan goddess made similar showings in India and Ceylon. Their external appearance and their messages are both the same. Because of this, it's not surprising that it never coincides with the message of the Gospel of salvation that appears in the New Testament. Something similar may also happen in relationship to the worship of Geha, the mother goddess link to the New Age movement. The possibility that these lines of spirituality be integrated in the Catholic system, through the figure of Mary, is much greater than what may appear at first glance.

Finally, Mary may be presented in the ensuing years as the beacon in the midst of chaos, a refuge in the midst of tribulation. But replacing God with the myth of Mary began long ago. The Mary of the poor—liberation theology. Just the other side of the coin of Mary, which conquered Russia, the Mary of Fatima and of John Paul II. As always, the struggle is between the only

God of Scripture and the concept of divinity whose origin is linked historically to various forms of paganism: The Mother Goddess or Babylon the Great.

If that doesn't make you hair stand on end! Think about this: Think how Walt Disney has gotten all of this going.

- *Snow White*/seven dwarfs
- *The Sleeping Beauty*
- *Swan Lake*
- *Puff*—the 'friendly' dragon
- *Witch Mountain*

All of this! You do this: You get up some Sabbath morning—it's going to *ruin* your Sabbath morning, so you can pray about it before and afterward—and you turn on the kid's cartoons and you watch: satanism, demonism, witchcraft, wizardry, magic—the whole thing! It will be there! Then watch some of these 'new' cartoons, which are really movies. You will see images for the beast, demonism, one-worldism, mark of the beast on the right hand and the forehead. Watch *Star Trek*. I just flip by it, but I watch it just enough to understand that *Star Trek* has the same thing! Watch *Babylon Five*! What do they have? *Right hand and forehead!* *A little triangle!* All of this is mental programming to get everybody ready. There's a movie out called *The Dragon Heart*. There's also the *Solar Man*. It's all in the regular movies, too, from outer-space and flying saucers and all of this sort of thing.

Under the Spell of Mother Earth.

Is Earth our mother? To mark Earth Day...

Earth Day is getting more and more every year!

...four women and two men stood on a hilltop outside Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, literally praying to the earth: "Sacred earth power, bring healing to the planet" intoned the barefooted Celina Fox, priestess of the Circle Sanctuary. Similar nature worship was part of Earth Day festivals from Boston to Berkley. The ceremonies were part of a growing U.S. spiritual movement—goddess worship, the effort to create a feminine-centered focus for spiritual expression. In the late 20th Century there is a growing awareness that we are doomed as species on a planet unless we have a radical change of consciousness. The reemergence of the goddess is becoming the symbol and metaphor for this transformation and has led to a new earth-based spirituality. And this is from the once and forever goddess.

I have a book that I did a sermon on, *When God was a Woman*. Goes back and shows that it all goes back to Geha.

Religion returns to the classrooms. The ban on religion in public schools failed to block the promotion of pagan beliefs. Spiritual buzz words such as: *reverence*, suggesting a response reserved for the Creator Himself; *connectiveness*, referring to pantheistic oneness, rather than biological interdependence, flow through environmental teachings and songs persuading our children to love ‘mother earth’ instead of God our Father.

They have meditation and things like that straight from yogism in the schools today.

Calling the spirit of Geha: To call is to serve the well being of the living planet Geha, to enter into a holistic consciousness. The more you contact the voice of the living earth and evaluate what it says, the easier it will become for you to contact it and to trust in what it provides. (Serria Club source book *Well Body, Well Earth*).

The practice of visualization or direct imagination is part of all forms of occultism—ancient as well as modern. The ability to form clear, detailed mental images is the key to unlocking occult power and visualization is the basis for invoking any deity or spiritual being.

Which is teaching kids through cartoons in schools. If you have a problem ask your ‘helper.’ Where is it? *Just call on it, it is right there!* I mean, we are into occultism big time! “Seeking the spirit of Geha!” it says here. Ego education! Self-esteem! Yes!

Earth-based Spirituality

It runs a comparison between spirituality and earth-based spirituality.

Christianity: God is our loving Father, all powerful King, the only God, far greater than His creation. Earth-based spirituality: God is the earth. Geha the goddess: a living feminine force, divine source of power and wisdom in all pantheism. And one with all monoism. That’s what it’s taught with the one God everywhere, omniscient, omnipresent, everywhere.

That is this right here—Satan the devil! This is the power spawning all of this. This is something! This is really something!

Ephesians 2:2: “In which you walked in times past according to the course of this world...”

If we get back to the beginning we’re going to end up with a pagan society just like they were in Ephesus. Didn’t they have the goddess Diana and all that went with it? *Yes!*

“...according to the **prince of the power** of the air, **the spirit that is now working within** the children of disobedience...” (v 2). That means *his spirit is working within!* That’s where all of this spiritism and demonism is coming from.

Verse 3: “Among whom also we all once had our conduct in the lusts of our flesh, doing the things willed by the flesh and by the mind...” That’s lust; it’s desires. Whatever they tell you to do. Whatever you think is fine. Whatever your desire is good. Don’t restrain yourself from anything. He’s the one who’s doing it.

Christianity—Breastplate of Righteousness: We are God’s creation, children, ambassadors, friend, naturally selfish, righteous when we receive the life of Jesus Christ by faith, led by God.

Earth-based Spirituality: We are part of Geha, **connected to all her other parts**.

The Catholics say *the whole human race is one community!* And the community sets the standard for the individual. Guess what’s coming?

...connected to all of her other parts. Naturally good, sacred, perfect when in harmony with nature and in control of ourselves.

Christianity: Walking in Peace: Therefore, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Peace, and to share with Christ.

Earth-based Spirituality: We have harmony with the earth, her rhythms through transcendental meditation, visualization, guided-imagery and to teach others.

Neuro-Linguistic Programming is designed to control your imagination. That’s how Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of Jesuitism trained his students; controlled their imaginations! Then controlled their thoughts and brought about cadaveral obedience to the hierarchy. Now cadaveral obedience is this: It means you give up your will; you have none. The only will there is is the will of your superior. If your superior says black is white, it’s white. If he says white is black, it’s black. Whatever they say! Does that sound familiar? ‘Trust your leaders! We’ll interpret for you!’ Whereas, the Bible says, ‘Prove all things! Trust no man!’

The Shield of Faith: Faith means choosing to trust God and you have to choose.

That's why you've heard me say—and you will hear me probably say a whole lot more—**God does not want you to be without will.** He does not want you to give up your will **nor surrender it!** He wants you to **choose to make His will your will by loving Him and by faith and devotion to Him.** That's where the leverage comes that they get everyone. They get you to give part of that faith to a man; and then still another part of it to an organization; and then still another part of it to the community or the group, who shall all stand for you in the judgment. **NO!** You're going to stand and give an account for yourself!

We are to count the Truth, the facts, what we already have in Christ and follow His Word.

Earth-based Spirituality: Faith means choosing to grow in consciousness.

That means yielding more and more to demons.

Trust natural thoughts, spirits, dreams, images; follow dreams and desires.

Helmet of Salvation: We triumphant; we are saved by Christ's life in us, counting on His promises today and for eternity.

Earth-based Spirituality: We triumphant by connecting with the earth, empowering ourselves for today—rebirth and reincarnation and karma.

How many of those things do you hear? What was one of the TV programs to 'easternize' western thought? *Kung-fu!* They have someone who is half-oriental do it! We have quite a few people who live over in Santa Cruz. You can go down to the local Safe-Way and on the bulletin board you have announcements for witchcraft meetings, announcements for séances, announcements for contacting the dead, come and be a witch, announcements for wife-swappers, husband-swappers, multiple sex—it's all on there! Nice language, of course, so the kids won't be offended. But it's all right there on the Safe-Way bulletin board. It's unreal!

When we first came to Monterey in 1975 we looked in that area for housing and it was so wild and hippy, yippy and yappy and all this long hair, beads and bare feet and raggly, smelling clothes hanging down. I'm sure they were on drugs and 'pot' and right at that time there was a serial killer and eight murders, and we decided to go down to one of the schools and it was strange. What you're saying about the schools, they had it back then.

The final thing here on comparing Christianity and earth-based spirituality:

The Sword of the Spirit, which is God's Word, we speak God's Word through Christianity.

Earth-based spirituality: We speak and project mental images and do magic.

All in the environmental movement.

I'm going to read some things that are very important.

All Roads Lead to Rome? by Michael DeSamlyen

pg 20—The aim of the ecumenical movement is to achieve **one-world communion.**

You need to get this book and read it, because it tells you what they've done to Protestantism in England. Pope John Paul II went to Germany to speak to the Lutherans, to bring them back into the fold. If you get the Protestants, the Anglicans in England back into the Catholic fold, and you get the Lutherans back into the Catholic fold, the only country left to conquer is the United States and we're going to be a great pain and thorn in their side, because there are more independent groups here; there are more people of God in this country than in any country in the world. Brethren, if it weren't for the United States, the Gospel would not be preached anywhere in this world! Trust me!

The goal is to bring all churches and denominations and ultimately all religions together. The head of the Anglican Church said he saw no difference between the quest for church unity and the quest for the unity of all mankind. Cardinal Hume, in October 1990, said, "We have concentrate on what unites us. It's so simple and yet so profound."

But, once you agree to common ground—what is common ground? *It's like Americans and Soviets talking about democracy.* To a Soviet it's one thing. To a person in America it's another thing. In the Soviet Union it is the right to vote. In the United States it's the right to do almost anything including voting. So, common ground with the Catholics is a trap!

We have to concentrate on our common humanity. Cardinal Augustin Bea, Jesuit confessor to Pope Pius XII, key figure behind aging Pope John XXIII, and destined to do more for the ecumenical movement and interfaith synthesis than perhaps anyone else, pointed the way ahead. The church must first strive to

revitalize its inner life so that it can be manifested to our separated brethren in an ever clearer image of Christianity according to the Gospel.

The heretics of Protestantism are now separated 'brethren.' Isn't that lovely? Whenever the Catholics are in minority, they are friendly, they are warm, they are open. Whenever they are in the majority, they're intolerant, hateful, killers! What do you think the Inquisition was all about? You read what some of the Protestant churches have to go through in South American countries and you'll understand what I'm talking about.

Rome claims that the mass is a sacrifice. It is to be one and the same sacrifice with that of the cross in as much as Christ Who offered Himself a bleeding victim on the cross to His heavenly Father, continues to offer Himself in an unbloody manner on the altar through the ministry of His priests. The Catholic Encyclopedia defines the change of the Eucharist, and it is known as *transubstantiation*—which is this: In the sacrament of the Eucharist the substance of the bread and the wine do not remain, but the entire substance of the bread is changed into the body of Christ... [and as we read, Mary] ...and the entire substance of the wine is changed into His blood. The species are an outward semblance of the bread and wine alone remaining. The dogma of the totality of the real presence means that in each individual species or host, the whole of Christ—flesh and blood, body and soul, divinity and humanity—is represented.

That's what they are aiming for. That's what all of these 'Promise-Keepers' are going to be sucked into, and you wait and see, Catholics are going to join them. Then all of those people out there who take the communion are going to kneel and take the *Eucharist of the Mass*. It's coming, without a doubt!

Ministers of Worldwide Church of God who went to the 'Promise-Keepers' took the communion. That's the first step. Satan is clever enough that he knows that he can't get you to go from good to evil all at once. So, he must do it step-by-step, a bit at a time, and manipulate, move and change, bring confusion and replace.

John Paul II and Mary

pg. 50—John Paul II has his personal model which is *totus tuus*—totally yours. But it applies to Mary, not Jesus. Indeed, in his enthronement he proclaimed 'all that I have is yours my queen and my mother.' One year after the assassination attempt,

while he was shot, he softly murmured 'Madonna, Madonna' in Polish. One year after his assassination attempt, he went to the Mary enshrined at Fatima in Portugal to thank Mary for saving his life. In April 1987, the pope launched the 'Marian Year.' This is the opportunity to start a Marian walk toward the year 2000. We must walk with Mary. May Mary be the model to which people of God can look in order to live out our missionary commitment. Let us ask her with trust to intercede with her Son, to obtain for the church a new pentecostal, a new missionary advent for the jubilee year 2000 and for the beginning of the third millennium of the Christian faith.

You see in Worldwide Church of God literature the third millennium of Christianity over and over again. That is an ecumenical movement statement. We are right into the middle of it.

Mary, as mediatrix, co-redemption treks are already falling into a new tradition of this century, as no man goes to the Father except by the Son, so no man goes to the Son except by his mother.

Vatican II declared Mary the mother of the church.

John Paul II believes in his own special destiny as directed by our Lady of Fatima. He said if he would retire... [remember this he since declined to retire, but he said if he did] ...he would devote his remaining years in the worship of Mary.

You have to understand that the Jesuits promulgate the sacred heart of Jesus and the sacred heart of Mary. It's all wrapped up together.

And St. Ignatius of Loyola is devotedly a Marian worshiper.

All of them. That's their secret doctrine, devoted to her.

He is convinced that he will be called in the 1990s to be a moral and spiritual leader of a world government. He is also sure that our Lady of Fatima who spared his life from assassination attempt on May 13, 1981, for it was as if he bent over to inspect our Lady of Fatima medal worn by a little girl. He says the thing that spared him from being shot in the head is that he bent over to look at this medal and that's why he wasn't hit in the head with the bullets.

It was on the anniversary of the first Fatima appearance that the two shots specifically aimed at his head passed over

him. While he was recovering from his assassination attempt, which had taken place at the official feast day of the Lady of Our Fatima in Rome, he had a vision of things to come. In the vision which came from prayer and his total trust in our Lady of Fatima, it was on the exact repetition of what had taken place of the 13th of October 1917, the virgin mother told him that there would be a repeat of the Fatima miracle. She will intervene in the 1990s with signs and wonders again involving the Son, which will authenticate John Paul's reign over the world for a short space of time and prosperity before the return of Christ.

The five world faiths that signed the Declaration of ECSEE:

ECSEE in 1988 had a special meeting praying for world peace for all religions of the world, even the Animists. John Paul II says in his own book that the Animists, in praying for their relatives are perhaps very close to Christianity because they believe in praying to the saints. They had the Buddhists, every religion in the world, Animists and everything there, and the five major religions. That was something.

The current pope is the leader of a worldwide ecumenism. As such, he presents and altogether different picture from the inflexible dogmatist determined to convert the world to Catholicism that most people imagine a pope to personify.

I heard Samuele Bacchiocchi, and Samuele Bacchiocchi may not be a sworn Jesuit, but he's certainly a tool of them, and you'll understand that that is true when you see these SDA videos, and what he has done to Andrews University and others. He praised the pope for his righteousness.

John Paul II has taken the imitative in contacting world leaders of different religions, excepts them in working toward the same goal of social justice, ecological wholeness and world peace; suggests that their prayers are as effective as those of Catholics and has not attempted to convert any of them.

I think he knows miracles are coming and that's when the mass conversions are going to take place. But you get them all used to it. You get them all headed toward it. You get them all doing it. In other words, *all roads lead to Rome!*

In the magazine, May/June 1990, *The Catholic World*—article about Buddhism says:

The Buddha reverb is a Christian saint and glowing biography of 'his holiness' the

Dalai Lama. The Tibetan Buddhist was described as having frequent contact with Catholic leaders including his old friend John Paul II whom he's met at least five times, and Paul VI with whom he had two meetings. The present pope has indorsed him as "a great spiritual leader."

It's something the way that all of this is going. The way it is headed.

The Sacred Saints.

Dear---: The power I hold for you is beyond compare. It is a supernatural force... [may the force be with you—Star Wars. Did that not go a long way in preparing young minds.] ...unlike anything else on earth. It is a power, which can change the world in which you live in any way you desire.

Tell me something, would you feel uncomfortable and in distress if a voodoo priest were to personally curse you? I am sure that you would say yes, and that shows good sense, because voodoo is powerful, very powerful.

Now I'm going to tell you about the 'good' voodoo. Santeria, which is an official recognized religion in Haiti and also in south Florida, where they sacrifice chickens. Here's a picture of her, just like the virgin Mary—amazing!

Santeria is without a doubt the most powerful spiritual force in the world. Santeria, which literally means the worship of saints is Christian voodoo. That may sound like a contradiction in terms, but it's not so. Santeria is a mixture of magical rites of Africa and a traditional faith of Christianity. Jesus, Mary and the saints are of the utmost importance because, through them, the Santeria practitioner can make conscience contact with God. Santeria is composed of a myriad of powerful magical rituals. Because of fear of persecution, these have been kept secret for centuries.

And now we can let you know them!

This mystical force is summoned by the Talisman faith and invocation when used. Their assume powers are literally and visually and materially seen.

Mail order. Get a list. Send it to the people. Going everywhere in the world.

Revelation 18 tells the final judgment of the 'great whore.' It's going to happen. It's going to take place. I've only scratched the surface in these books, brethren. I'm just reading some very pertinent quotes that we have here.

Revelation 18:1: “And after these things I saw an angel descending from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried out mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen...’” (vs 1-2). It’s going to be a great worldwide thing. All human kind is going to get caught up in this. At the end-time we’re going to have the great battle of all of human kind and the demons against God, the returning Christ and the saints and the angels. Going to be something! Babylon is going to fall!

But, as the prophecy in Isa. 57 said, that all of these things will come on you in their perfection. In other words, when it reaches its greatest, most glorious, most powerful movement and form in the world, and everyone is following it, then they’re going to have to come after us and kill us. This is going to be something! I don’t think, brethren, we quite understand how great and how fantastic this is going to be.

- Rev. 6 shows what man does to man
- Rev. 8 shows what the angels do to the earth and mankind
- Rev. 9 shows mankind combined with demon technology

—technology and demons combined, I believe, is going to be the next thing on the horizon.

Bill Gates is already working on a program to determine mood and thoughts. The only way that can be done is with a device on the head. Maybe somewhat with intonation and voice, but that’s an amazing thing! There are various research programs going on ‘through control’ in sending out waves from various places in the earth. That’s entirely a possibility. But one thing is for sure, brethren, there has to be a reason why God is scattering and separating His Church and re-gathering those that believe.

- We *must believe* in Christ with all our heart, mind, soul and being!
- We *must know* why we believe.
- We *must know* the Scriptures.
- We *must understand* what we are doing.
- We *must have it a part* of our very being.

As I read in Psa. 40 where it says, ‘Behold I come to do Your Word, O Lord. It’s written in the volume of the book of me, and Your law is in my heart.’ That’s of Christ. So it must be with us. We’re going to have to stand up against this system, however it may be. I don’t know what the future holds, but it’s going to be something!

Verse 3: “Because all nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her

[political], and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her luxury.’.... [So, we have religious, political, economic!] ...And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, My people, so that you do not take part in her sins, and that you do not receive of her plagues, for her sins have reached as far as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her as she has rendered to you; and give to her double, even according to her works. In the cup that she mixed, give her back double. To the degree that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, give to her as much torment and sorrow. For she says in her heart, “I sit a queen enthroned, and am not a widow; and in no way shall I experience sorrow.” For this very reason, her plagues shall come in one day—death and sorrow and famine; and she shall be burned with fire; for *the* Lord God, Who executes judgment upon her, *is* powerful. Then the kings of the earth who have committed fornication with her and have lived luxuriously, will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning. They will stand far off for fear of her torment, saying, “Woe, woe, the great city Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come”’” (vs 3-10).

Verse 20: “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you Holy apostles and prophets; for God has executed judgment upon her for your sakes.’.... [this shows that this is going to take place while standing on the Sea of Glass] ...Then one strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast *it* into the sea, saying, ‘In this same way shall the great city Babylon be thrown down with violence, and shall never again be found’” (vs 20-21).

Now, I want to read you from the conclusion by Alexander Hislop in *The Two Babylons*:

pgs 354-356—The same Jesuitism and the worship of the Virgin exalted above almost every throne on the Continent. When we look over the history of the last 4000 years, what a meaning in the words of inspiration that “the coming of the Man of Sin” is with the energy, “the mighty power of Satan.” Now, is this the system that, year by year, as been rising into power in our own half-hearted Protestants can make any head against such a system? No; the time is come when Gideon’s proclamation must be made throughout the camp of the Lord: “Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead.” Of the old martyrs it is said, “They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.” The same self-denying, the same determined

spirit, is needed now as much as ever it was.

Are there none who are prepared to stand up, and in that very spirit to gird themselves for the great conflict that *must* come, before Satan shall be bound and cast into his prison-house. Can anyone believe that such an event can take place without a tremendous struggle—that “the god of this world” shall quickly consent to resign the power that for thousands of years he has wielded, without stirring up all of his wrath, and putting forth all his energy and skill to prevent such a catastrophe.

Who then is on the Lord’s side? If there be those, who, within the last few years, have been revived and quickened—stirred up, not by mere human excitement, but by the Almighty grace of God’s Spirit, what is the gracious design of this? Is it merely that they themselves may be delivered from the wrath to come? No; it is that, zealous for the glory of their Lord, delivered to the saints, and maintain the honor of Christ in opposition to him who blasphemously usurps his prerogatives. If the servants of antichrist are faithful to their master, and unwearied in promoting his cause, shall it be said that the servants of Christ are less faithful to theirs?

If none else will bestir themselves, surely to the generous hearts of the young and rising ministry of Christ, in the kindness of their youth, and the love of their espousals, the appeal shall not be made in vain, when the appeal is made in the name of Him whom their souls love, that in this grand crisis of the Church and of the world, they should “come to the help of the Lord—the help of the Lord against the mighty,” that they should do what in them lies to strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of those who are seeking to stem the tide of apostasy, and to resist the efforts of the men who are laboring with such zeal, and with so much of infatuated patronage on the part of “the powers that be,” to bring this land back again under the power of the Man of Sin. To take such a part, and steadily and perseveringly to pursue it, amid so much growing lukewarmness, it is indispensable that the servants of Christ set their faces as a flint.

But if they have grace so to do, they shall not do so without a rich reward at last; and in time they have the firm and faithful promise that “as their day is, so shall their

strength be.” For all who wish truly to perform their part as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, there is the strongest and richest encouragement.

With the blood of Christ on the conscience, with the Spirit of Christ warm and working in the heart, with our Father’s name on our forehead, and our life, as well as our lips, consistently bearing “testimony” for God, we shall be prepared for every event. But it is not common grace that will do for uncommon times. If there is indeed such prospects before us, as I have endeavored to prove there are, then we must live, and feel, and act as if we heard every day resounding in our ears the words of the great Captain of our Salvation, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

Remember that this was published in 1916, and just think what it is today! ***May we have eyes to see and ears to hear!***

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