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Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1 †



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Introduction

Jesus began with a warning that transitioned into a prophecy: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many" (Matthew 24:4-5). Luke records an additional detail of what Jesus said: "Do not go after them" (Luke 21:8).

So, prior to His return, there will be an escalation of false religious teachers. But notice Jesus didn't describe them as being openly atheist, pagan or some other form of religion that is very obviously anti-Christian. His warning was about religious leaders and ideas that appear very much Christian. They come in Jesus' name. They say Jesus is the

They come in Jesus' name. They say Jesus is the Christ.

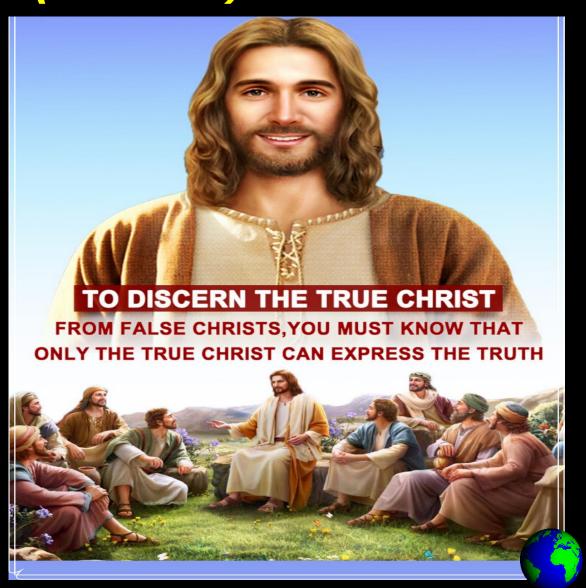
The biggest end-time religious threat will not be presented in the name of Satan or Buddha or Muhammad or Brahma or any strange false god—He said it would be presented in the name of Jesus Christ Himself.



Introduction (cont'd)

In other words, Jesus warned that the most dangerous religion in the end time will be Christianity itself. That is, a Christianity presenting itself under the banner of Jesus—but teaching things contrary to what He taught. Its teachings will be subtle and attractive, because He says they will "deceive many" (Matthew 24:5, 11).

This is a trend that will intensify in the end times, but that had its roots going back to the first century. False versions of Christianity actually began forming in the times of the apostles, coalesced and organized after their deaths, and exist in many forms today. Many Christian churches today teach things that "deceive many". So "Christ vs. Christianity" need to see through these untrue teachings and compare them to what Jesus and the Bible actually taught.



The apostles repeated the warning

Peter: In Peter's second epistle, likely written in the 60s, he dedicated a large amount of his letter to warning Christians of false teachers who could lead them astray. He warned that they would exploit with "deceptive words" (2 Peter 2:3), but would live lives contrary to real Christianity (verses 10-17).

One of his more specific warnings was that many of these false Christian teachers were taking the apostle Paul's writings and twisting them to say things that contradicted what Paul (and Christ Himself) actually taught (2 Peter 3:15-16). It should be no surprise that much of the theology of mainstream Christianity today uses Paul's writings to teach against the laws of God—the same laws Jesus said would never be abolished (Matthew 5:17-18).



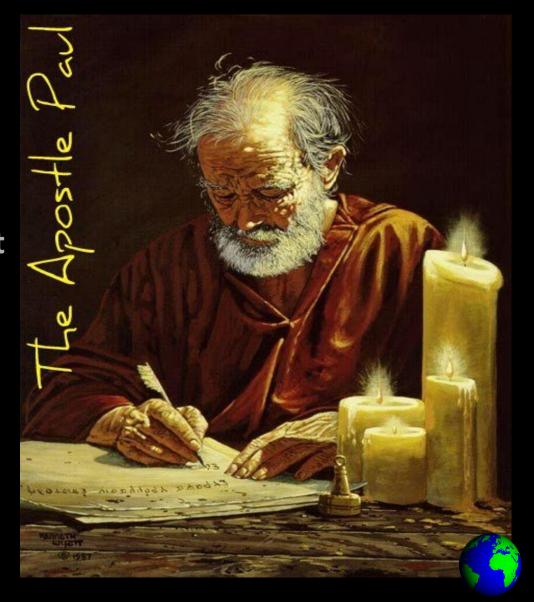


The apostles repeated the warning (cont'd)

Paul: Paul himself also wrote warnings of false teachings arising from both within and outside the congregations of the Church of God he oversaw.

One of his specific warnings is found in Galatians, where he warned that people were turning away from Christ's true gospel to a "different gospel," which was actually a perverted gospel that wasn't in line with the gospel that had been "received" from Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:6-9). As we've covered in a past article, the gospel Jesus taught is sadly ignored by most of Christianity today.

John: In John's first epistle he also warned of the emergence of false Christianity. In John 2 he wrote of "many antichrists" who "went out from us [the Church of God], but they were not of us" (verses 18-19). Many of his warnings centered on heretical beliefs about the Father and Jesus Christ (verses 22-23; 4:1-3; 5:10; 2 John 1:7-11).



Jesus and the Law

A few verses down, Jesus got more specific: "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many" (verse 11).

A little later He added more detail: "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders" (verse 24).

So the end time will be a time that some will consider to be a religious revival. There will be many religious teachers on the scene claiming to represent Jesus Christ—some performing supernatural miracles and some even claiming to be a Christlike figure themselves (see verse 24).

Jesus' prophecy about "many false prophets" (verse 11) rising up is immediately followed by an important description about the consequence of their teachings: "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold" (verse 12).



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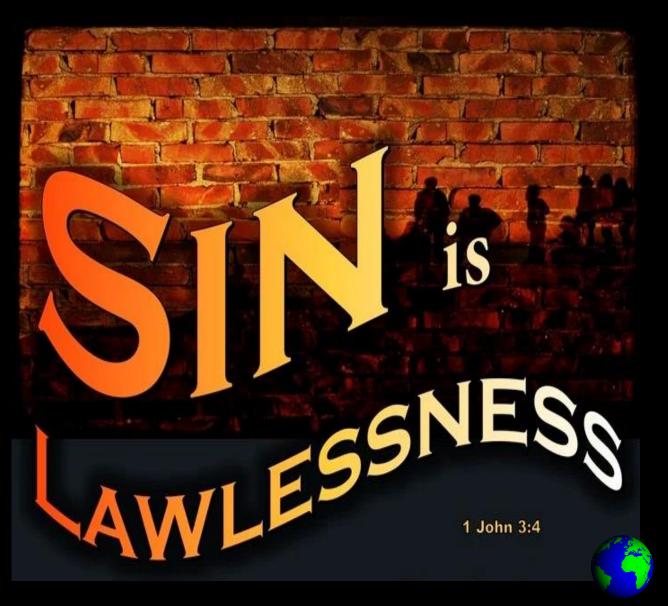
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What is lawlessness?

The Greek word translated "lawlessness" in the King James Version is anomia. The word nomos means "law," and the prefix a- means "without"—so the literal meaning of anomia is "without law."

Jesus wasn't talking about a breakdown of civil laws from national or local governments. The context of His statement was religion (verses 4-5, 11). So it's clear Jesus was talking about the rejection of the law found in the Bible.

Later on, Paul used the same basic word, lawless, to describe the most powerful false religious teacher in the end times (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9). That man is further described as coming from a religious system labelled as "the mystery of lawlessness" (verse 7).



What is lawlessness? (cont'd)

Earlier in His ministry, Jesus warned that those who will ultimately be rejected by God are those "who practice lawlessness" (Matthew 7:23; 13:41).

Jesus' use of the word lawlessness teaches us very important, basic truths that shouldn't be controversial:

Jesus was a proponent of the law of God.

His life was governed by the law. He taught people to obey the law.

But the unfortunate truth is that those three statements are controversial within the realm of mainstream Christianity.

Lawlessness

WHAT THE N.T. SAYS ABOUT LAWLESSNESS

- Lawlessness condemns (Matthew 7:21-23; 13:41-42; 2 Thessalonians 2:7)
- Lawlessness corrupts (Matthew 23:28; 24:12; John 14:15; 1 John 5:3; Romans 6:19)
- Lawlessness is contrary to righteousness (2 Corinthians 6:14; Hebrews 1:9)
- Lawlessness can be covered by God's mercy and grace (Romans 4:7; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 8:12)



Christianity's rejection of law

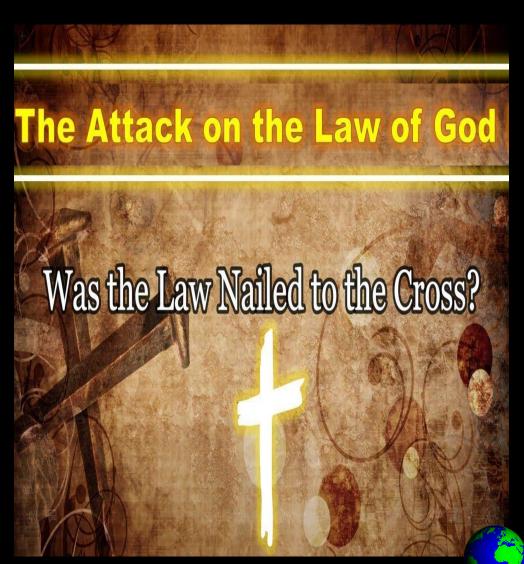
Sadly, when we look at many of the churches and teachers who claim the name of Jesus today, we overwhelmingly find them teaching lawlessness.

How can I say that? Don't all churches support the 10 Commandments?

The answer is no. Not as Jesus did. One of His most complete statements on the subject is found early in the Sermon on the Mount.

Speaking of the law of God, Jesus said, "Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

He went on to emphasize this point even more graphically: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (verse 19).

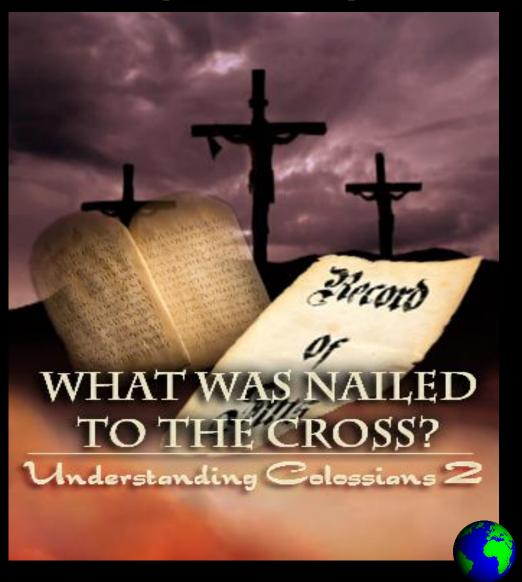


Christianity's rejection of law (cont'd)

This statement clarifies what Jesus meant when He used the word lawlessness in other places. Someone doesn't have to reject each and every one of the 10 Commandments to be anomia (without law). To reject and teach against just one of God's laws puts someone into the category of anomia.

Many years later, Jesus' half-brother James wrote the same truth in slightly different words: "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

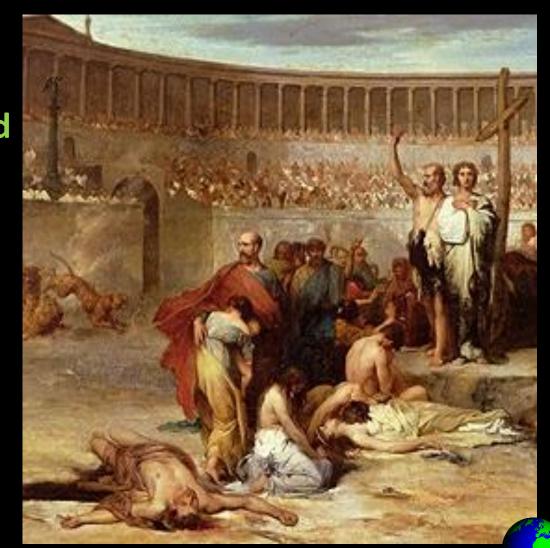
By this standard, almost every mainstream Christian church today would be considered lawless because they almost all universally reject, ignore or modify at least one of the laws of God: the Fourth Commandment that instructs us, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... The seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God" (Exodus 20:8, 10).



Christianity's rejection of law (cont'd)

But that's not the only reason that today's Christianity falls under the category of lawless. Many churches teach that the law was abolished by Jesus on the cross, instead of acknowledging that He actually taught a higher level of obedience, including the spiritual intent of the law. His followers are taught to obey in thoughts and actions (Matthew 5:21-48). The goal is for us to become perfect, like God (verse 48).

But throughout history, individuals who obeyed and taught the entire law of God have been persecuted and labelled with pejorative terms, just as Jesus predicted would happen (Matthew 24:9).



False Prophets and False Revivals

The apostle Paul warns: "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them" (Ephesians 5:6, 7).

The need for this warning increases toward the close of time, "for delusions and deceptions will come in among us and will multiply as we near the end." - The SDA Bible Commentary vol. 7, p. 952.

Therefore it is very important that we examine the spirit of professed religious teachers rather than blindly accept or reject their claims. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). The Lord tells us plainly that false prophets will arise and deceive many, especially in the last days (Matthew 24:11).



False Prophets and False Revivals (cont'd)

But we need not be deceived, for the Bible is the litmus test by which to discern the validity of any and all professed teachers: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

The danger of false prophets has always surrounded the people of God. See Jeremiah 14:14; 2 Peter 2:1. The Lord declares "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings" Jeremiah 23:21, 22).



Miraculous healing

Through miraculous healings, Satan is able to deceive many souls who have little or no background in the truth. See 2 Kings 1:1, 2; Acts 8:9–11.

"The apostles of nearly all forms of Spiritism claim to have power to heal. They attribute this power to electricity, magnetism, the so-called 'sympathetic remedies,' or to latent forces within the mind of man. And there are not a few, even in this Christian age, who go to these healers, instead of trusting in the power of the living God and the skill of well-qualified physicians. The mother, watching by the sickbed of her child, exclaims, 'I can do no more. Is there no physician who has power to restore my child?' She is told of the wonderful cures performed by some clairvoyant or magnetic healer, and she trusts her dear oné to his charge, placing it as verily in the hand of Satan as if he were standing by her side. In many instances the future life of the child is controlled by a satanic power which it seems impossible to break." - Prophets and Kings, p. 211.

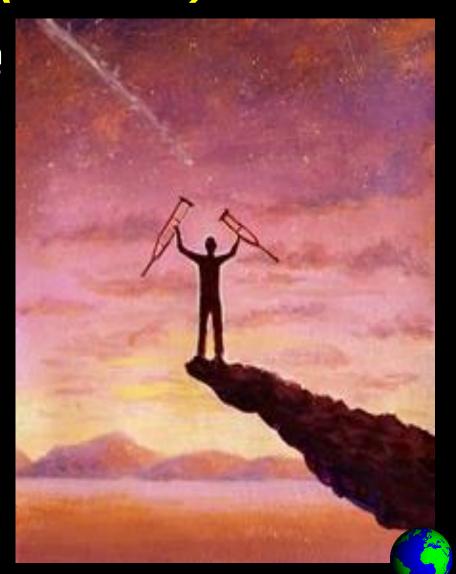


Miraculous healing (cont'd)

Those who are not anchored in Christ will be vulnerable to strong delusion and will readily believe a lie. They may appear to have accepted the truth, but if they do not have a love of the truth, their shallow faith will not stand. 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10.

False prophets presume to bypass the standard of righteousness outlined in Scripture: "That the righteousness of the law may be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. . . . Because the carnal mind is enmity against God" (Romans 8:4, 7).

"Many make great pretensions to holiness and boast of the wonders they perform in healing the sick, when they do not regard this great standard of righteousness. But through whose power are these cures wrought? Are the eyes of either party opened to their transgressions of the law? and do they take their stand as humble, obedient children, ready to obey all of God's requirements?" - The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 5, p. 1099.



Beware of the counterfeit!

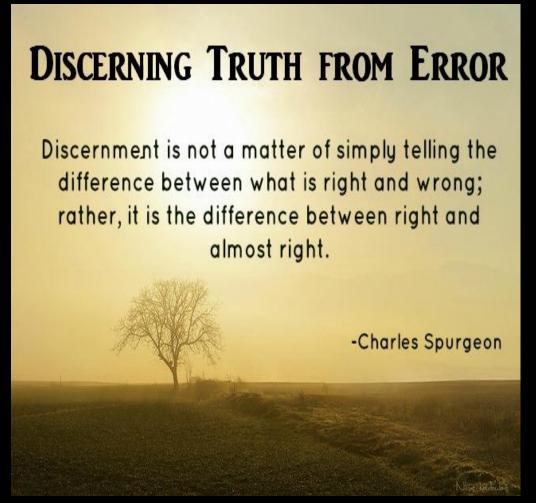
Before the Holy Spirit is poured out in fullness, Satan will try to counterfeit the work of God. He will use false teachers who will eventually claim to Christ: "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" (Matthew 7:22).

"Christ foretold that the going forth of deceivers would be accompanied with more danger to His disciples than would persecution. . . . The effort of seducers has been to undermine confidence in the truth of God and to make it impossible to distinguish truth from error. Wonderfully pleasing, fanciful, scientific problems are introduced and urged upon the attention of the unwary; and unless believers are on their guard, the enemy, disguised as an angel of light, will lead them into false paths."- Evangelism, p. 359.



Discerning between the true and the false

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavour to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvellously for them, when the work is that of another spirit." - The Great Controversy, p. 464.





Discerning between the true and the false (cont'd)

What discernment do we need when faced with the confusion introduced by the enemy of souls? Who shall be able to stand? Only those who have anointed their eyes with the heavenly eyesalve (Revelation 3:18)—"those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

The servant of the Lord explains the way God's work will operate in the last days:

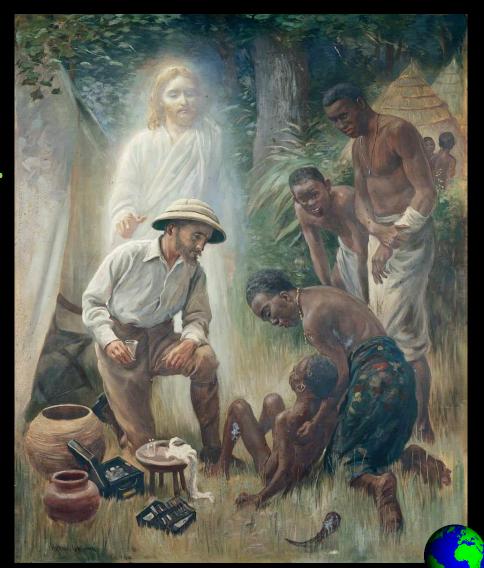
"The way in which Christ worked was to preach the Word, and to relieve suffering by miraculous works of healing. But I am instructed that we cannot now work in this way, for Satan will exercise his power by working miracles. God's servants today could not work by means of miracles, because spurious works of healing, claiming to be divine, will be wrought.



Discerning between the true and the false (cont'd)

"For this reason the Lord has marked out a way in which His people are to carry forward a work of physical healing, combined with the teaching of the Word. Sanitariums are to be established, and with these institutions are to be connected workers who will carry forward genuine medical missionary work. Thus a guarding influence is thrown around those who come to the sanitariums for treatment." - Selected Messages, bk 2, p. 54.

God's remnant people will not be deceived by false revivals and spurious miracles. Our prayers should echo the prayer of the apostle Paul for the believers in his day: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints" (Ephesians 1:17, 18).



Discerning between the true and the false (cont'd)

"In many of the revivals which have occurred during the last half century, the same influences have been at work, to a greater or less degree, that will be manifest in the more extensive movements of the future. There is an emotional excitement, a mingling of the true with the false, that is well adapted to mislead. Yet none need be deceived. In the light of God's word it is not difficult to determine the nature of these movements. Wherever men neglect the testimony of the Bible, turning away from those plain, soul-testing truths which require self-denial and renunciation of the world, there we may be sure that God's blessing is not bestowed."-The Great Controversy, p. 464.

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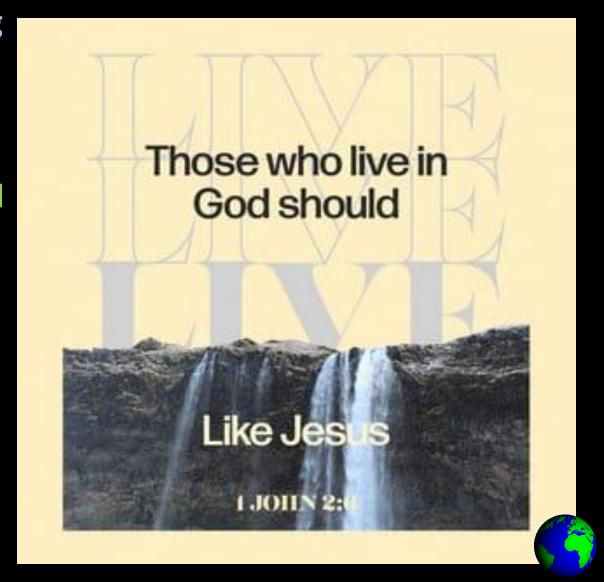
"Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known.

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What must we face?

In these last days, there will be an increasing number of people who would tear down God's law of Ten Commandments as they were given to the human race on Sinai. Obedience to the law reveals the depth of our devotion to Christ, who died to pay the penalty of our transgression of the law—and whose sacrifice is able to strengthen us to keep it. "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keép his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whośo keepéth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 John 2:3-5). Such will possess the heavenly gold of faith and love and be spiritually clothed with the white raiment of Christ's pure, holy character (Revelation 3:18; 19:7, 8).



The battle rages between light and darkness

"In these days of delusion, everyone who is established in the truth will have to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Every variety of error will be brought out in the mysterious working of Satan, which would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect and turn them from the truth. There will be human wisdom to meet—the wisdom of learned men, who, as were the Pharisees, are teachers of the law of God but do not obey the law themselves. There will be human ignorance and folly to meet in disconnected theories arrayed in new and fantastic dress-theories that it will be all the more difficult to meet because there is no reason in them.



Battle rages between light & darkness (cont'd)

"There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: [Isaiah 8:20 quoted]. If they belittle the law of God, if they pay no heed to His will as revealed in the testimonies of His Spirit, they are deceivers. They are controlled by impulse and impressions, which they believe to be from the Holy Spirit, and consider more reliable than the Inspired Word. They claim that every thought and feeling is an impression of the Spirit; and when they are reasoned with out of the Scriptures, they declare that they have something more reliable. But while they think that they are led by the Spirit of God, they are in reality following an imagination wrought upon by Satan."- Selected Messages, bk 2, pp. 98, 99.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:5



Counterfeit Revivals

"Popular revivals are too often carried by appeals to the imagination, by exciting the emotions, by gratifying the love for what is new and startling. Converts thus gained have little desire to listen to Bible truth, little interest in the testimony of prophets and apostles. Unless a religious service has something of a sensational character, it has no attractions for them. A message which appeals to unimpassioned reason awakens no response. The plain warnings of God's word, relating directly to their eternal interests, are unheeded." GC 463

"The power of godliness has well-nigh departed from many of the churches. Picnics, church theatricals, church fairs, fine houses, personal display, have banished thoughts of God. Lands and goods and worldly occupations engross the mind, and things of eternal interest receive hardly a passing notice." GC 463, 464





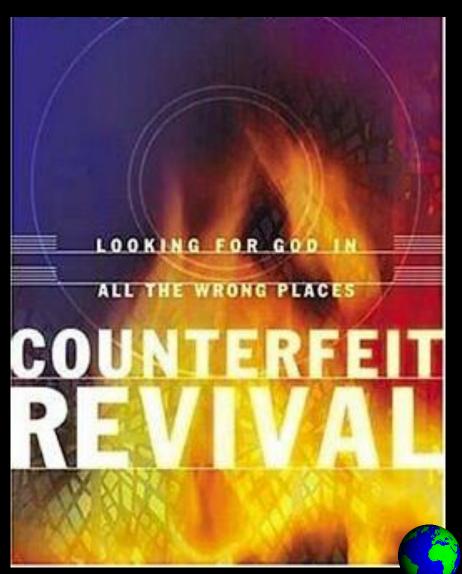
Counterfeit Revivals (cont'd)

No one is immune to the contagion of mass suggestion. Once this epidemic contaminates a movement, it can make black appear white, obscure realities, and enshrine absurdities.

While at first blush the stories of Counterfeit Revival leaders may be amusing, the consequences of their fabrications, fantasies, and frauds are often tragic.

Then, when followers finally catch on to the manipulations of revival leaders, they often become disillusioned and disenchanted. They no longer know what to believe or whom to trust and secretly fear that the untrustworthiness of those who claim to be God's representatives translates into the untrustworthiness of God Himself.

Finally, the consequences of counterfeit miracles based on socio-psychological manipulation are often far reaching. The power of the Spirit can indeed create life and limb, but the power of suggestion creates only a lamentable lie. It is all too easy to make the masses believe the lie. It is often incredibly difficult to undo that work again.



Christian movements

Postmodern Christianity: an understanding of Christianity that has been influenced by continental philosophy.

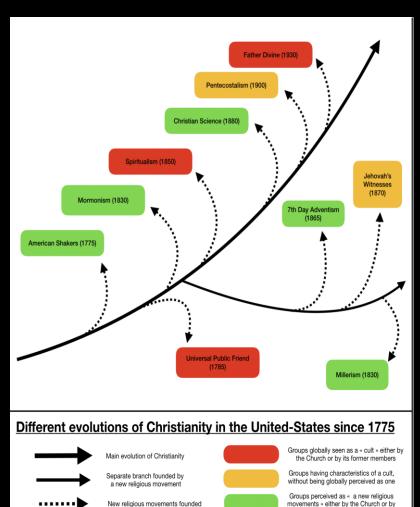
<u>Protestantism</u> - Protestantism originated from certain efforts to reform the Roman Catholic Church.

Religious orders - Many religious orders in the Catholic Church began as reform movements.

Restoration Movement, also known as the "Stone-Campbell movement": a group of religious reform movements that arose during the Second Great Awakening and sought to renew the whole Christian church "after the New Testament pattern", in contrast to divided Christendom, of Catholicism and Protestantism.

Restorationism (Christian primitivism): the belief that a purer form of Christianity should be restored using the early church as a model.

Revival movement - A movement aimed at promoting a work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of large groups to become disciples of Jesus Christ.



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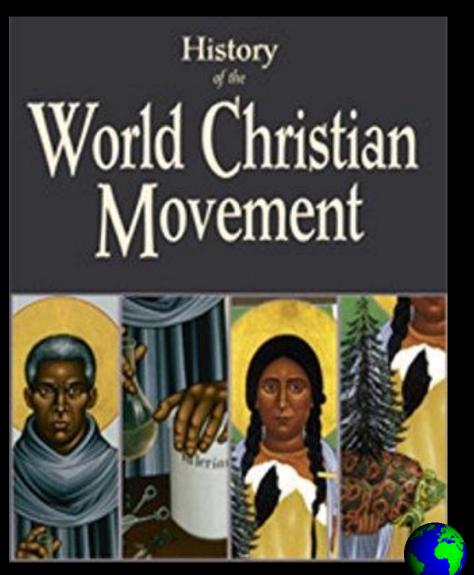
Paleo-Orthodoxy: evaluating later theology in light of the writings of the early Church.

Peace and Truce of God: the first mass peace movement in history, originating in the 10th century as a result of violence against Christian institutions that took place after the fall of the Carolingian dynasty

Pentecostalism: the gifts of the Holy Spirit are a normal part of the "Full Gospel".

<u>Prosperity Theology</u>: (sometimes referred to as the prosperity gospel, the health and wealth gospel, or the gospel of success) is a Christian religious doctrine that financial blessing is the will of God for Christians, and that faith, positive speech, and donations to Christian ministries will always increase one's material wealth.

Positive Christianity: a movement within Nazi Germany which blended ideas of racial purity and Nazi ideology with elements of Christianity.



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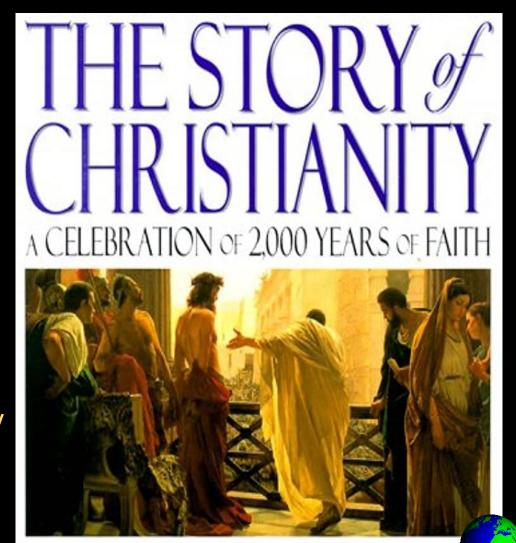
Liberal Christianity (Protestant) or Modernism (Catholicism): school of Christian thought which rose as a direct challenge to more conservative traditional Christian orthodoxy.

Mission movement - A movement working on church growth via cross-cultural missions and evangelism

Missional Movement: A modern movement of Christianity that seeks to emphasize the call of the church towards a mission type of lifestyle focused on themes like social justice and inculturation.

Neo-orthodoxy: emphasis on the transcendence of God, the reality of sin, and an existentialist encounter with the word of God.

New Thought Movement: belief in metaphysical interpretation of the Bible. Phineas Quimby is generally considered the founder of New Thought. His influence on the New Thought movement can be traced through Unity Church, Divine Science, Religious Science, Understanding Principles for Better Living Church and Seicho-No-le.



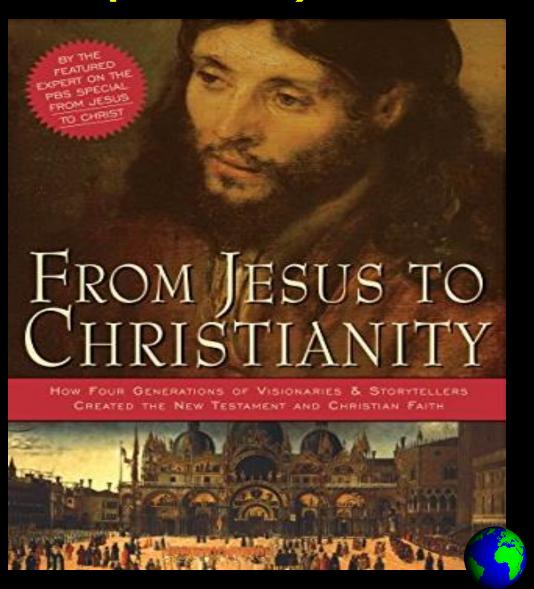
Holiness movement: A Wesleyan movement which originated in the 19th century, it emphasized a personal experience of holiness, and gave rise to Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement.

Hussitism: The dominant faith in what is now the Czech Republic, 1420-1620.

The House Church or Simple Church movement is a worldwide shift of Christian expression in small groups rather than in formal institutionalized buildings.

Jesus movement - The Jesus movement was an Evangelical Christian movement that originated on the West Coast of the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s and primarily spread throughout North America, Europe, and Central America before it subsided in the late 1980s. Members of the movement were called Jesus people or Jesus freaks.

Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement: officially, a British movement which seeks to create a more inclusive church; unofficially, part of a larger number of LGBT-welcoming church programs.



Evangelicalism: A world-wide Protestant movement which maintains the belief that the essence of the gospel consists of the doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ's atonement.

Free Grace Movement: Originally a reaction against the inroads that Reformed soteriology made into Dispensationalism, it has since developed away from some dispensational soteriology, like its understanding of repentance.

<u>Focolare Movement</u>: an international organization that promotes the ideals of unity and universal brotherhood.

Grace Movement: A movement which originated in the 1930s and embraces the Mid-Acts position Dispensational system of Bible interpretation.

Hebrew Roots movement: Emphasizes the Jewish roots of Christianity and the understanding of Jesus and the New Testament in the light of Old Testament observances and Jewish tradition.

Home church movement - A movement which is working on church growth via house churches





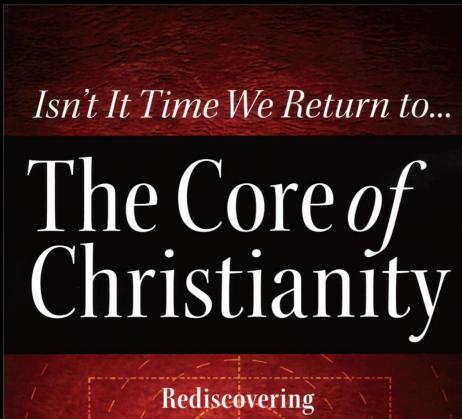
Convergence Movement: a move among evangelical and charismatic churches in the United States which seeks to blend charismatic worship with liturgies from the Book of Common Prayer and other liturgical sources.

<u>Creationism</u>: There are several schools of creationist thought, but all of them adhere to the belief that human beings were divinely created over a short period of time (which distinguishes them from theistic evolutionists).

Eastern Catholicism: A movement on the part of some Eastern churches which seek to enter into visible communion with the Bishop of Rome that originated after the East–West Schism.

Ecumenical movement: A movement that is working towards inter-church cooperation and increased Church unity

Emerging church movement: a trans-denominational movement that seeks to reshape Christian epistemology, doctrines, and practices so they will fit into a postmodern mold.



Rediscovering
Authentic Unity
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Wholeness in Christ

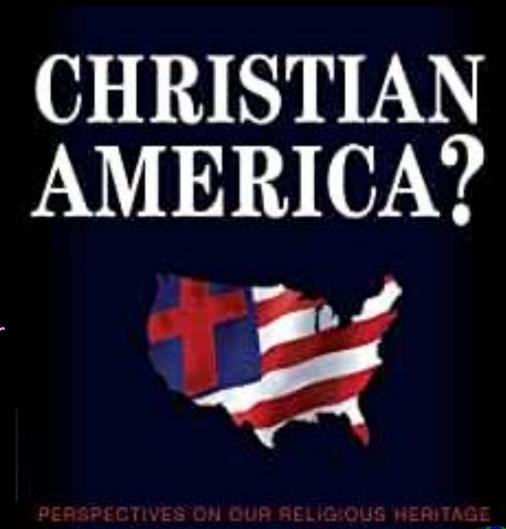
<u>Christian naturism</u>: A movement which believes that God never intended that people should be ashamed of their bodies.

Christian Torah-submission: A movement of Christians whose adherents pursue a lifestyle that is both fully dedicated to Jesus Christ and obedient to God's commandments which are found in the Torah.

Christian Zionism (called "Christian Restorationism" until the mid-twentieth century): The belief that the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the establishment of the State of Israel is in accordance with Biblical prophecy and a necessary precondition for the return of Jesus and his reign on Earth.

<u>Confessing Movement</u>: a neo-Evangelical movement within several mainline Protestant churches which seeks to return those churches to what its members see is greater theological orthodoxy.

Conservative Evangelicalism: a division of evangelicalism which is characterised by reformed theology.



Charismatic movement or "Neo-Pentecostalism":

Pentecostal beliefs and practices spread to churches outside the Holiness tradition.

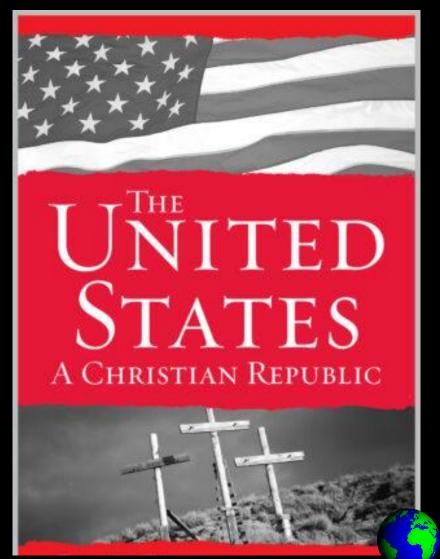
<u>Charismatic Restorationism</u>: Pentecostalism beliefs and practices together with restorationist elements that reject denominationalism. Closely related to Latter Rain Movement.

<u>Christian ecumenism</u>: The promotion of unity or cooperation between distinct religious groups or denominations of the Christian religion.

<u>Christian Family Movement</u>: a U.S. movement of parish and small groups of families that meet to reinforce Christian values.

<u>Christian fundamentalism</u>: sought to assert a minimal set of traditional Christian beliefs against the influences of Modernist Christianity; became a movement of separation from the "mainline" Protestant churches.

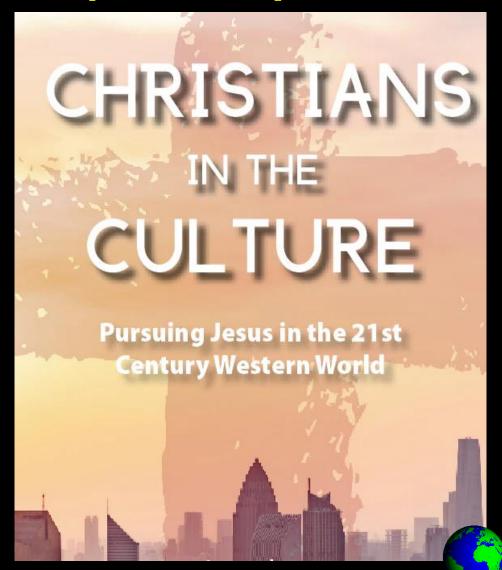
<u>Christian Identity</u>: A label which is applied to a wide variety of loosely affiliated groups and churches with white supremacist beliefs.



The modern 24-7 Prayer Movement: a movement spanning denominations focusing on the pursuit of God as the focus of one's life. The International House of Prayer in Kansas City, MO is a visible example of this concept.

Anti-Judaism: The Quartodeciman controversy erupted in the 2nd century, and the anti-quartodeciman position became catholic doctrine at First Council of Nicea which forever severed Easter from Passover, both thematically and calendrically. Christians thereafter, including all major protestant churches, have felt justified in considering themselves as having replaced the Jews, believing that the new covenant has superseding and abrogating the original one.

British Israelism or "Anglo-Israelism": The Christian belief that many modern people of British and European heritage are descended from the Ten Lost Tribes or directly descended from the Tribe of Judah and thereby the heirs of the covenants with Abraham Isaac and Jacob. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Christian movements



Modern Christianity

Religion today is not transforming people; rather it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society, it is descending to society's own level, and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smiling accepting its surrender. - A. W. Tozer

Hundreds of millions living in First World Nations today practice one of many forms of Christianity. Most acknowledge Jesus as the only begotten Son of God. A percentage of these are willing to adjust portions of their lives to adhere to some of the Bible's teachings.

Tragically, fewer and fewer invest the time studying Scripture to the point of understanding the nature of God's requirements of those who call themselves Christians. Rather than being alarmed by such a trend, much of the modern Church is watering down the Scripture and the true faith, gradually transforming Christianity into a worldly hybrid that might be called Churchianity.

MODERN CHRISTIANITY doesn't want to know the PRINCE OF PEACE,

they just want to sin in peace.

David Alan Campbell



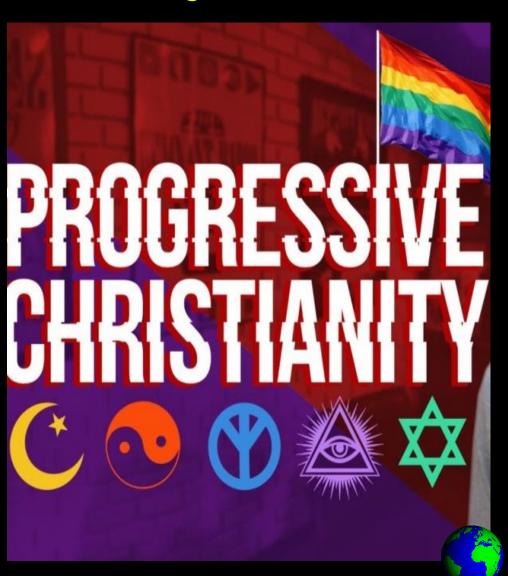
Progressive Christianity

Is a recent movement that has been growing in popularity, but what does being modern and progressive in one's Christian beliefs actually mean?

Some of these beliefs include:

- Welcoming all to be involved regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, tradition, etc.;
- Recognizing that others follow their own paths to God;
- Striving to protect and restore the integrity of the Earth;
- Aiming for peace and justice among all people;
- Affirming that the teachings of Jesus offer one of many ways to experience the sacredness of life.

Their mission is to equip emerging leaders to cultivate modern faith communities that concentrate on justice and the common good.

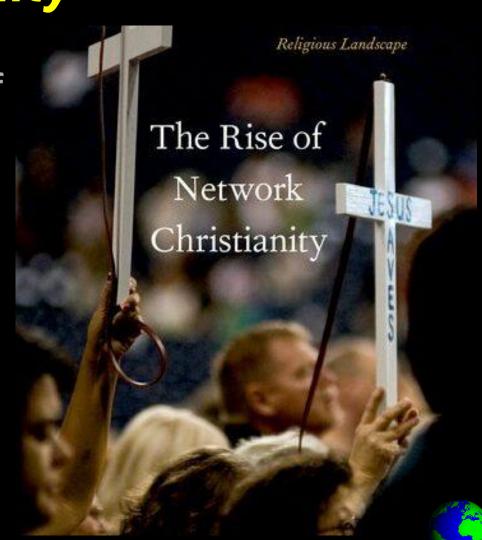


"Independent Network Charismatic" or INC, Christianity

INC Christianity is the fastest-growing Christian group in America and possibly around the world. Over the 40 years from 1970 to 2010, the number of regular attenders of Protestant churches as a whole shrunk by an average of .05 percent per year, while independent neo-charismatic congregations (a category in which INC groups reside) grew by an average of 3.24 percent per year.

Its impact, however, is much greater than can be measured in church attendance. This is because INC Christianity is not centrally concerned with building congregations, but spreading beliefs and practices. INC Christianity is significantly changing the religious landscape in America – and its politics.

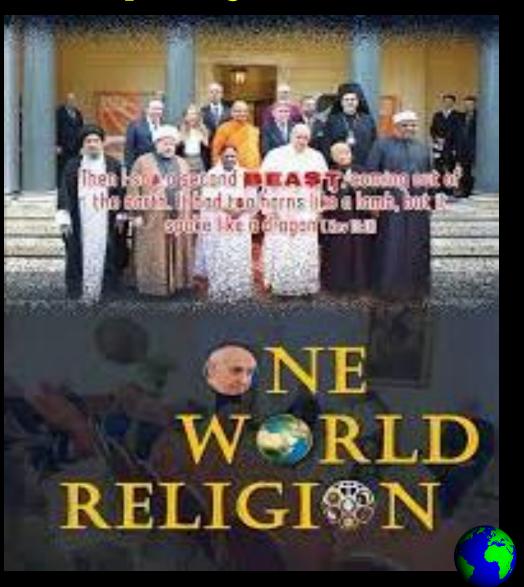
It is not so much about proselytizing to unbelievers as it is about transforming society through placing Christian believers in powerful positions in all sectors of society.



Ecumenism under Papacy

Ecumenism, from the Greek word "oikoumene", meaning "the whole inhabited world" (cf. Acts 17.6; Matthew 24.14; Hebrews 2.5), is the promotion of cooperation and unity among Christians. The Union of Christendom is a traditional Catholic view of ecumenism; the view is that every non-Catholic Christian ecclesial community is destined to return to the unity of the Catholic Church, from which it has broken. As the original Church founded by Jesus Christ according to Catholic doctrine, the Church sees itself as "the one true church". This means that according to such teaching, Christian unity is already a reality, present in the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church's commitment to ecumenism was based on the conviction that a divided Christianity "openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature.



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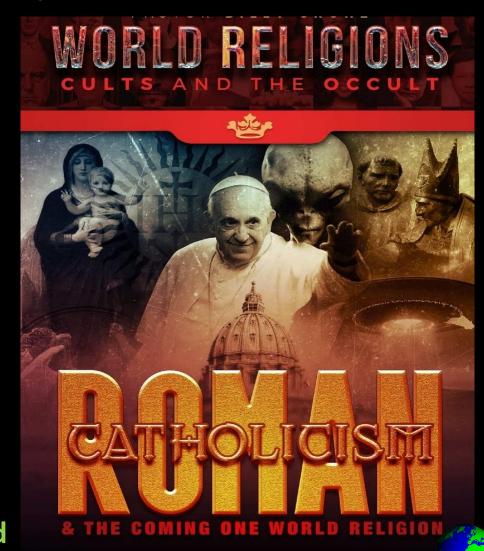
In May 2013, Francis said all who do good can be redeemed through Jesus, including atheists.

In September 2013, Francis wrote a letter to Italian journalist Eugenio Scalfari, saying non-believers would be forgiven by God if they followed their consciences.

In October 2013, during an interview with Eugenio Scalfari, Francis said: "I believe in God, not in a Catholic God, there is no Catholic God". In another interview with La Stampa, Pope Francis emphasized his commitment to ecumenism, stating: "For me, ecumenism is a priority.

Pope Francis: Today, dear brothers and sisters, we are living an 'ecumenism of blood'. This must encourage us to do what we are doing today: to pray, to dialogue together, to shorten the distance between us, to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood.

During the 2016 Octave of Christian Unity, Pope Francis "asked forgiveness for the way Catholics had treated other Christian believers over the years, and also invited Catholics to pardon those who had persecuted them.



Ecumenism - "Chrislam"

Chrislam was endorsed and formalized at the 7th Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions of the Human Fraternity document created by Pope Francis of the Vatican and funded and supported by Mohamed bin Zayed from the UAE... (from the world press September 30, 2022)

Constructed on Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, the project is closely followed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayeb of al-Azhar, who endorsed the design, the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF) said.

The Abrahamic Family House derives its name from the Old Testament biblical figure, Abraham, who is recognized and greatly revered by Jews, Christians and Muslims.



Abu Dhabi's multi-faith complex

The United Arab Emirates on Wednesday 1st March 2023 opened the "Abrahamic Family House," an interfaith complex housing a mosque, a church, and the Gulf Arab state's first ever purpose-built synagogue.

The Imam Al-Tayeb Mosque: which is named after the Grand Imam of Al Azhar, the leading authority on Sunni Islam, is oriented towards Mecca.

His Holiness Francis Church: is dedicated to the 13th century monk St. Francis of Assisi, after whom the current Catholic pope is named. It is oriented towards the rising sun in the east.

The Moses Ben Maimon Synagogue: honours the 12th century Jewish philosopher known as Rabbi Maimonides.



The most deceptive counterfeit of all

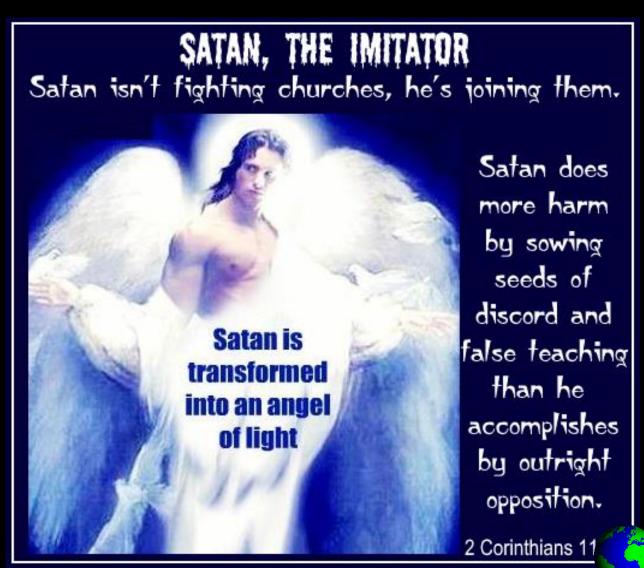
The strongest delusion comes when Satan impersonates Christ. "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not" (Matthew 24:23). False apostles presume to transform themselves into the apostles of Christ "and no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14).

"The conflict is not yet ended; and as we draw near the close of time, the battle waxes more intense. As the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near, satanic agencies are moved from beneath. Satan will not only appear as a human being, but he will personate Jesus Christ; and the world that has rejected the truth will receive him as the Lord of lords and King of kings. He will exercise his power and work upon the human imagination."- The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 5, pp. 1105, 1106.



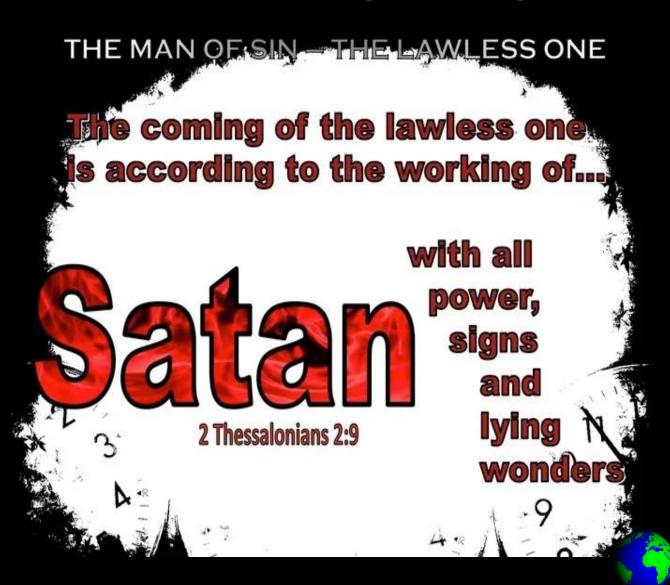
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The apostle James reveals our only safety in the hour of peril: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:21-25).

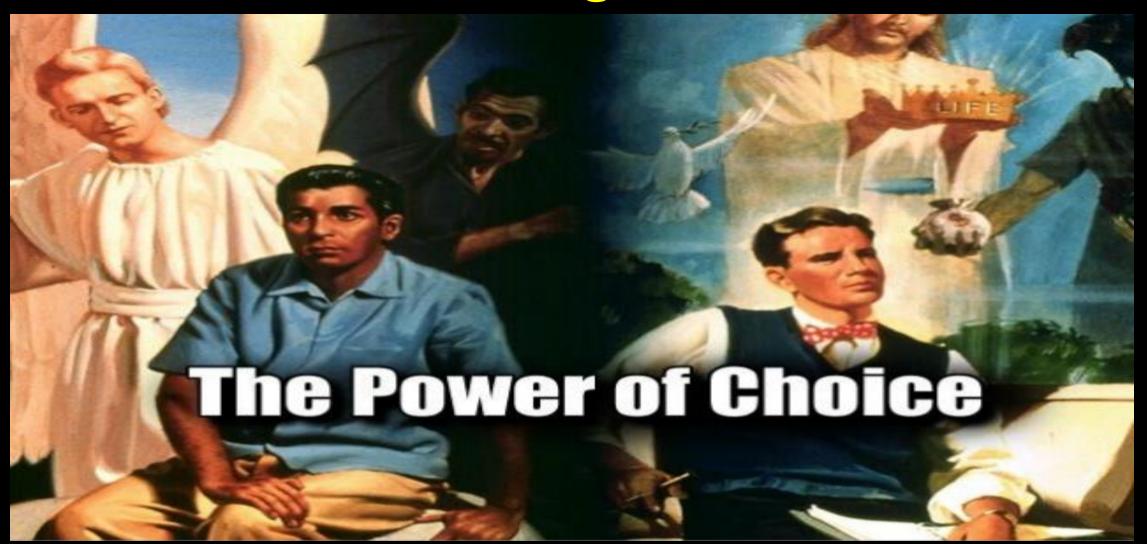


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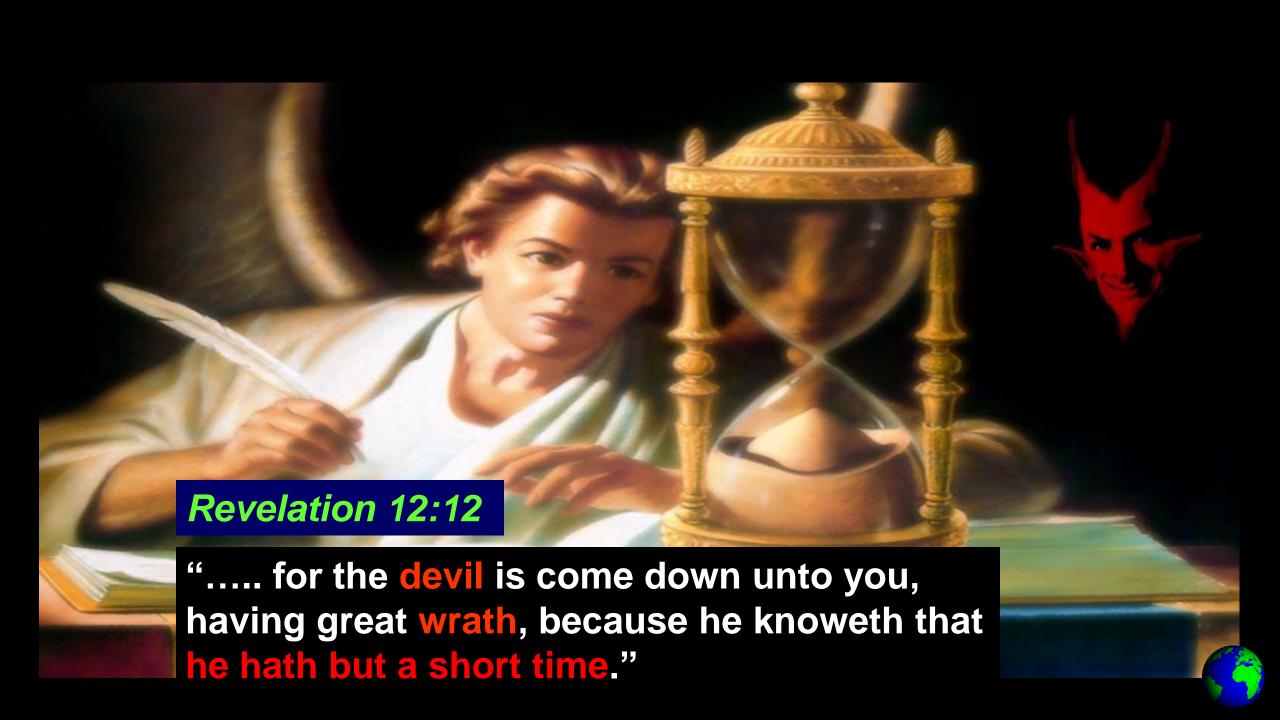
"At every revival of God's work the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvellous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested."- The Great Controversy, p. 593.



God has given all:







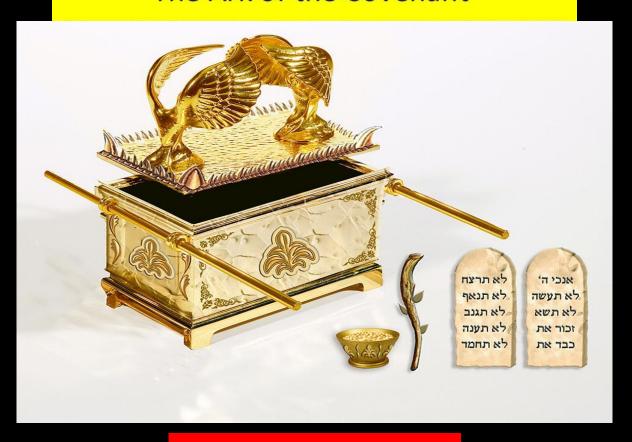
Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





