

# APOLOGETICS 28

“PROVE THE SPIRITS”

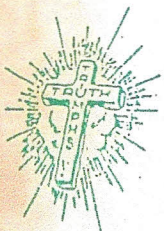
(of men)

*I John 4:1*



“Buy truth” and never sell it,

*Prov. 23:23*



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Refer for some of the Greek words to A Teaching Dictionary, R.H. Mount. This dictionary is always available but continually being expanded.

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# "Prove the spirits" (of men)

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## 1 John 4 CT

vs. 1 Cherished (ones), YOU-be not trusting every spirit, BUT YOU-be-proving the spirits if they are out-of-the God, because many false-prophets have-gone-out-and-still-go-out into the world.

vs. 6 We ourselves are out-of the God; the (one) coming-to-know the God is hearing of-us, (one) who is not out-of the God is not hearing of-us. Out-of this we-are-coming-to-know the Spirit-of-the-truth and the spirit-of-the-leading-astay.

Spirit-of-the-truth and the spirit-of-the-leading-astay."

"The Spirit of the truth" is the Holy Spirit, see John 16:13 CT.

## 2 Tim. 2 CT

vs. 15 You-be-diligent yourself to-stand-along-side approved-to-the-God, (a) workman un-ashamed, cutting-straight the word-of-the-truth.

confuse the meaning of this verse; but Alford says, "... to manage rightly, to treat truthfully without falsifying, seems to approach the nearest to the requirements of the context:" The word "cutting-straight" is ὀρθοτομέω (orthotomeō), it only occurs in the NT this one time.

ὀρθοτομέω.

The meaning of this NT ἄπ. εἶρ. (2 Tim 2<sup>15</sup>: cf. Prov 3<sup>6</sup>, 11<sup>5</sup>) is by no means clear, but on the analogy of the similarly formed καινοτομέω, "make a new or strange assertion," it seems best to lay the main stress on the adj. and to understand by ὀρθοτομέω τὸν λόγον, "teach the word aright." Sophocles (*Lex. s.v.*) renders "expound soundly": cf. the use of ὀρθοτομία = "orthodoxy" in eccles. writers.

Have you heard phrases like these on "Christian Television"?

The speaker says that he or she has "a word of knowledge" concerning someone in the TV audience with a stiff neck, hearing problem, financial need, etc.

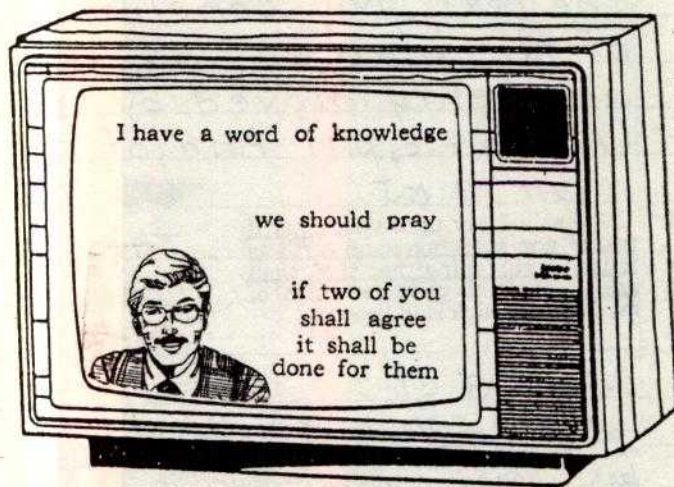
Often the speaker uses phrases like: "God just showed me, or gave me" a word of knowledge. In other words, the speaker has been so chosen of God that he has this special gift; in fact, God "talks" to him and tells him all kinds of things. The speaker may then say: "I want to pray for you." He proceeds to explain that "two must agree," and so "agreeing" with you or someone else he prays for the audience.

## 1 John 4:1

Many false-prophets were already going out into the world even in the days of John the apostle. Men are divided into two groups by two spirits: "the

Note Paul's letter to Timothy. There are some attempts to con-

The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament, Moulton and Milligan.



2. Let us look at these statements in the light of the word of God. "A word of Knowledge" is one of the

1 Cor 12 CT

vs. 8 For on the one hand (one) to whom is being given (a) word of wisdom through the Spirit, on the other hand to another (a) word of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

→ "gifts" of the Spirit. For an explanation of the gifts, see Apologetics

number 17, "Glossolalia", by R.H. Mount. The word "Knowledge" is the translation of the greek word γνῶσις (gnōsis). This word occurs 29 times in the NT; translated 28x in KJ as "Knowledge", and 1x mistranslated "science." Look up this word in, A Teaching Dictionary by R.H. Mount. You will find every scripture listed and you will note that it always refers to "Bible Knowledge." Note the use "science",

1 Tim. 6:20 KJ

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of \*science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. A-men.

1 Tim. 6:20 NKJ

20 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—

21 by professing it, some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

in 1 Tim. 6:20 KJ

and compare to NKJ.

→ Then note the footnote

from the

Rice Bible.

Such footnotes,

The Rice Reference Bible, 1 Tim. 6:20 KJ

6:20 "Scientific theory" or "secular view" might be a more accurate rendering.

from an incorrect English, lose the entire warning of the text. My conclusion at this point is that the "spirits" of the men, saying, "they have a word of knowledge" are being moved by "the spirit of the leading astray." (1 John 4:6, p.1) And, of course, refer to 1 Tim. 6:20 NKJ above.

Matt. 18 KJ

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

→ Now concerning the "two agreeing," This is made to look like a promise from Jesus to anybody; but it is deceitfully taken out of context.

Matt. 18 CT

vs. 18 Amen, I-am-saying to-YOU, as-many-(things)-as if YOU-might-bind on the earth, will-be having-been-bound-and-still-bound in the heaven; and as-many-(things)-as if YOU-might-loose on the earth, will-be having-been-loosed-and-still-loosed in the heaven.

vs. 19 Again I-am-saying to-YOU, that if two of YOU might-agree on the earth concerning every matter of-which they-might-request-for-themselves, it-will-come-to-pass for-them from my Father namely-the-(one) in (the) heavens.

→ These statements are made directly to the disciples, no one else. Note: they were to be so led by the Spirit that whatever they "bound" or "loosed" would be

"having-been-bound" or "loosed" in heaven. Again emphasized "I am say to YOU--if two of YOU", disciples. (vs. 19)

It is very interesting how many statements of Jesus are removed from the context and applied in various ways. The "preachers" on television usually pray for everybody—"the world"—in their audience. Let us notice some of Jesus' statements on prayer.

### Matt. 6 KJ

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

I wonder why there is no emphasis on this passage? The subject of "prayer" is very confused in both the KJ and the NKJ because 4 Greek verbs are all translated "to-pray." (δέομαι, deomai; to-petition: ἐρωτάω, erōtaō; to-interrogate: εὐχόμαι, euchomai; to-wish: προσεύχομαι, proseuchomai; to-pray. See, A Teaching Dictionary, by R.H. Mount.)

Note and compare the following verses from John 17.

### John 17 KJ

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word:

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

### John 17 CT

vs.9 I myself-am-interrogating concerning them; I-am not interrogating concerning the world, BUT concerning whom you-have-given-and-still-give to-me, because they-are thine.

vs.20 But I-am not interrogating concerning these only, BUT also concerning the (ones who) will-trust through their word with-reference-to me;

vs.21 In-order-that they all might-be one. (Unit?), according-as you, Father, (are) in me, and-I in you, in-order-that they themselves also might-be one in us, in-order-that the world might-trust that you yourself dispatched me.

Jesus did not "pray"

for the world, but for his disciples and future "believers"; in order that they, the true believers, might all be one.

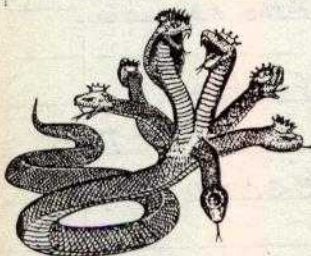
Let us look further concerning "the spirit of the leading astray." (p.1) We will learn more concerning the reason why so many are being led astray.

### Rev. 12 KJ

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

### Rev. 12 CT

vs.9 And the dragon namely-the great (one) was-cast, the serpent namely-the ancient, the (one) being-called Devil and the Satan, the (one) leading- astray the total inhabited-earth, he-was-cast into the earth, and his angels were-cast with him.



A serious student of God's word must accept the fact that the KJ is not a very accurate translation of the Greek NT. In this case KJ has 5 Greek words translated "world" and 6 Greek words translated "deceive." Compare the CT above.

4 Satan is "leading astray the total inhabited-earth." This is a very important difference from KJ "world." The Greek word "inhabited-earth" is οἰκουμένη (oikoumenee) occurring 15x. (See, A Teaching Dictionary) This word is critical to our study. Compare the following.

Luke 2:1 KJ

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be \*taxed.

Luke 2: CT

vs.1 But it-came-to-pass in those days (a) decree went-out from Caesar Augustus, all the inhabited-earth to-be-being-registered;

It should be quite clear that this translation makes the Bible wrong. Caesar had no intention of sending the slaves "home" to register. (See Luke 2:3) Further, Caesar did not send foreign visitors "home" to register. What, then, is the difference between "world" and "inhabited-earth"?

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament Vol. V p. 157-9.

<sup>1</sup> The concept of the οἰκουμένη is first geographical, but then becomes cultural and political. Religion, philosophy and politics (e.g., the concept of dominion in Alexander the Gt.) combine to create the idea of a generally binding human society.

The invasion of Asia, the third continent, by Roman power, seemed to them to be a decisive step on the way to world conquest, and the victory over Antiochus of Syria an epoch in the history of the known world. Under the impress of this event envoys from the East greeted the Romans as lords of the οecumene. Others proclaimed in inspiring visions the dawn of a universal Roman empire replacing Macedonian dominion.

There is within the NT no disputing of the political οἰκουμένη understanding of the Roman Empire, not even in Rev.

Acts 11:28 KJ

28 And there stood up one of them named Ag'a-bus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world; which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 11 CT

vs.28 But one out-of them, Agabus by-name, having-stood-up gave-a-sign through the Spirit (a) great famine to-be-about to-be over the total inhabited-earth; one-which came-to-pass upon Claudius.

Acts 19 KJ

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshipeth.

Acts 19 CT

vs.27 But not only this the part to-us is-being-in-peril to-come into disrepute, BUT also the temple of the great goddess Artemis to-be-figured with-reference-to nothing, and additionally also of her majesty to-be-being-about to-be-being-lowered, whom the total Asia and the inhabited-earth is holding-in-veneration.

Acts 24:5 KJ

5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

Acts 24 CT

vs.5 For having-found the man, this pestilence, also moving strife among-all the Jews, the-(ones) throughout the inhabited-earth and-additionally one-standing-first of the sect of the Nazarenes,

These verses show the importance of the word οἰκουμένη (oikoumenee); closely connected with our words: ecumenical, economic, economy, etc. To translate as "world" is incorrect.

In Acts 11:28 (p.4), the famine was over the total Roman Empire not China, Africa etc. In Acts 19:27 (p.4), Diana or Artemis was "held in veneration" in total Asia (what we call Asia Minor) and the Roman Empire, not in North and South America. In Acts 24:5 (p.4), the Jews were throughout the Roman Empire, not Russia or North America. We will continue this understanding of οἰκουμένη (oikoumenee), "ecumenical" when we get further along; but return to the fact that from John's writing of Revelation, Satan is "leading astray the total inhabited-earth" - the Roman Empire.

Satan is getting a great deal of help in the leading astray. Note how important it is to have the Greek words translated as consistently as possible.

Eph. 4:14 KJ

14 That we henceforth be no more <sup>a</sup>children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the <sup>1</sup>sleight of men, and cunning <sup>2</sup>craftiness, <sup>b</sup>whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph. 4:14 CT

vs.14 In-order that we-might no-longer be infants, being-tossed (by-waves) and being-brought-around by-every (strong) wind of-the-teaching in the dice-playing of-the MEN, in craftiness toward the method of-the leading astray, ---

What is "the method of the leading astray"? The Greek word is μεθοδεία (methodeia), an easy word to translate into English - "method". (See, The Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, Moulton and Milligan, for the evidence for this translation.) This word occurs just once more in the NT.

Eph. 6:11 KJ

11 <sup>a</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the <sup>1</sup>wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:11 CT

vs.11 YOU-clothe-yourself-in the full-armor of-the God toward YOUR-being-able to-stand to the methods of-the devil; ---

The "methods" of Satan in "leading astray" are clear from scripture. In Genesis, Eve was deceived by Satan's changing God's word. (1 Tim. 2:14, Gen. 3:1-7) So "the MEN" in Eph. 4:14 above, follow Satan's pattern of misquoting and otherwise altering the word of God, even in the "translations". I am showing the KJ beside the CT to show how cleverly Satan has covered his trail in a Translation. Notice that this was going on in Paul's day.

2 Cor. 2:17 KJ

17 For we are not as many, which <sup>a</sup>corrupt the word of God; but as <sup>b</sup>of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we <sup>1</sup>in Christ.

2 Cor. 2:17 CT

vs.17 For we are not as the many adulterating the word of-the God for-filthy-lucrr, BUT as out-of sincerity, BUT we are speaking as out-of God completely-in-sight of-God in-Messiah. ---

← the article.

(See page 6)

6 2 Cor. 4:2 KJ

2 But have renounced the hidden things of 'dishonesty, not walking in 'craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by 'manifestation of the truth 'commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Cor. 4:2 CT

vs.2 BUT we-renounced-for-ourselves the hidden-things-of-the-shame, not walking-around-in-craftiness nor adulterating the word-of-the-God, BUT by-the-manifestation-of-the-truth commending-ourselves-to-every-conscience-of-MEN in-sight-of-the-God.

Paul uses two different Greek words in these verses. 2 Cor. 2:17, καπηλεύω (kapeeleuō), "to adulterate-for-filthy-lucres". 2 Cor. 4:2, δολώω (doloō) "to adulterate." See, Synonyms of the New Testament, Trench p.213, The word in 2 Cor. 2:17 is adulterate with the idea of making a gain. (See also M.M.) The word in 2 Cor. 4:2 is simply "adulterate" or simply "falsifying". These words do not occur any other place in scripture.

Satan gets a lot of help from "his ministers" who follow "his method" of attack on the word of God. These are not the "atheists" or "agnostics", but men or women who "are-transfiguring-themselves-as-ministers-of-righteousness". Not "transforming" as KJ, because they are not changed within, but only in their outward appearance and walk; false apostles, if you please.

2 Cor. 11 KJ

13 For such 'are 'false apostles, 'deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into 'an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed; \* as the ministers of righteousness; 'whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Cor. 11 CT

vs.13 For the (ones) such-as-these (are) false-apostles, treacherous workmen, transfiguring-themselves-into-apostles-of-Messiah.

vs.14 And no marvel, for the Satan is-transfiguring-himself-into-(an) angel of light.

vs.15 Therefore (it-is) not (a) great-thing-if his-ministers-also-are-transfiguring-themselves-as-ministers-of-righteousness; of-whom-the-finish-will-be-according-to-their-works.

Paul in 2 Thes. 2 says: "...the mystery of-the-lawlessness is already operating for itself;" (vs. 7 CT)

2 Thes. 2 CT

2 Thes. 2 KJ

10 And with all 'deceivableness of unrighteousness in 'them that perish; because they received not 'the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And 'for this cause God shall send them strong 'delusion, 'that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be 'damned who believed not the truth, but 'had pleasure in unrighteousness.

vs.10 And in all deceit-of-unrighteousness-to-the-(ones) perishing; instead-of-which-they-received-not-the-charity-of-the-truth-with-reference-to-them-to-be-saved.

vs.11 And because-of-this-the-God-is-sending-to-them-(an) operation-of-leading-astay-with-reference-to-them-to-trust-in-the-lie.

vs.12 In-order-that-all-the-(ones) not-having-trusted-in-the-truth-BUT-having-thought-well-in-the-unrighteousness-might-be-judged.

↪ "God is-sending-to-them (those who received not the charity of the truth) (an) operation of-leading-astay-with-reference-to-them-to-trust-in-the-lie."



God "is-sending" (πέμπει, pempei - ABD'F etc.) rather than "will-send"; because "the mystery of the lawlessness is already operating." 2 Thes. 2:2.

Alford's Greek Testament

11.] And on this account (because they did not receive, &c.) God is sending to them (not, as E. V., following rec., 'shall send': the verb is present, because the mystery of iniquity is already working. πέμπει must not for a moment be understood of permissiveness only on God's part — He is the judicial sender and doer — it is He who hardens the heart which has chosen the evil way. All such distinctions are the merest folly: whatever God permits, He ordains) the working of error (is causing these seducing influences to work among them. The E. V. has weakened, indeed almost stultified the sentence, by rendering ἐνέργ. πλάνης 'a strong delusion,' i. e. the passive state resulting, instead of the active cause), in order that they should believe the falsehood (which the mystery of sin is working among them.

Consider Alford's good note.

\* One more comment before we get too far away from page 6. The word "minister" in 2 Cor. 11:15 (διάκονος, diakonos) is translated "deacon" 3x in KJ.

In a way, Satan is also getting help from God in an operation of leading astray.

There is a danger you may lead yourself astray. Jesus gave one example; remember the 7 brothers that in turn married the same girl?

Matt. 22 KJ

28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Matt. 22 CT

vs. 28 Therefore in the resurrection of which of the seven will she be wife? For all had her.

vs. 29 But having answered the Jesus said to them, YOU-are-leading-yourself- astray, not-knowing- absolutely the scriptures, neither the power of the God.

vs. 30 For in the resurrection they are neither marrying nor being-given-in-marriage, BUT they are as angels of the God in heaven.

You may lead yourself astray, not knowing scripture. Jesus gave a prophecy of the future when many would be led astray. Luke gave the specific reason.

Matt. 24 KJ

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matt. 24 CT

vs. 3 But (as) he (was) sitting on the mountain of the olives, the disciples came-near to-him privately saying: You-say to-us, at-what-time will these-(things) be? And what the sign of-thy presence and the complete-finish of-the age?

vs. 4 And the Jesus having-answered said to-them; YOU-be-looking lest someone might-lead you astray.

vs. 5 For many will-come on my name saying; I myself-am the Messiah; and they-will-lead- astray many.

z "Many will come on my name (not "in", as KJ) saying, I-myself-am the Messiah." Jesus did not say, "Many will come on my name saying, They-themselves-are the Messiah." It is my opinion that these are true believers who confess that Jesus is the Messiah. Note: "many will-come." Something they teach will lead many astray. Do not conclude that those led astray are "lost"-just "led astray."

8 What is it that these "many" believers will say that will lead many astray? Compare Luke 21:7,8.

Luke 21 KJ

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived; for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near; go ye not therefore after them.

Luke 21 CT

vs.7 But they-questioned him saying; Teacher, at-what-time will these-(things) be? And what the sign at-the-time-that these-(things) might-be-being-about-to-be-coming-to-pass?

vs.8 But the-(one) said, YOU-be-looking lest YOU-might-be-led- astray; for many will-come on my name, saying, that I myself-am and the season has-drawn-near-and-is-still-near. Might YOU not therefore proceed behind them.

These "many" will come "on" (not "in," as KJ) my name, saying that Jesus is who he says he is; BUT they will say, "the season has-drawn-near-and-is-still-near."

What "season"? The season of Jesus' presence and the end of the age. (see, Matt. 24:3 CT, p.7) (Apologetics 14)

This was not to take place till the distant future.

Luke 21 CT

vs.9 But at-the-time-that YOU-might-hear-(of) wars and instabilities might YOU not be-terrified; for it-is-essential these-(things) to-come-to-pass first, BUT not immediately the finish.

Consider this next verse; things that are to come to pass "FIRST."

These verses oppose

any idea of "imminence"; an idea which began to be widely taught after about 1830. Jesus said, "Might YOU not therefore proceed behind them." Why? This teaching tends to give believers a false security and leads them away from Bible study. (See, Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, Schaff, 1891 later in this Apologetic.)

Summary 1 - "The spirit of the leading astray." (p.1)

Satan is leading astray, and since John's writing has been leading astray the total Roman Empire. (p.3)

Satan's ministers (p.6) have been leading astray since Paul's writings. (p.5)

Satan's ministers use the same "methods" as Satan, that is, adulterating the word of God. (p.5,6)

God himself is sending "(an) operation of leading astray" to those who do not receive the charity of the truth. (p.6) God's leading astray is "with-reference-to them to-trust in-the lie." (p.6) \*

You may lead yourself astray if you do not "absolutely-know" the scriptures. (p.7)

Many will be led astray by "believers" teaching that Jesus may return "at any moment." (p.7,8)

\* Note the article, "the" lie. The article in Greek acts as a pointer (☛) and should never be omitted. From the summary on page 8, the question should be, what is "the lie"? There are only 3 more references to "the lie" in the NT. Notice that in every case the KJ omits the article. (The NKJ puts the article in-in two places.) "The lie" is really defined in Romans.

Rom. 1 KJ

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

\* 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom. 1 CT

vs. 18 For wrath of God is being-uncovered from heaven on all impiety and unrighteousness of MEN, the (ones) holding-fast the truth in unrighteousness,

vs. 19 For-the-reason-that the-thing known of-the God is manifest among them; for the God manifested (it) to-them.

vs. 20 For the invisible-things of-him from creation of (a) world being-understood by-the things-made (are)-being-seen-clearly, both his constant power and divinity, with-reference-to their being without-defense,

vs. 21 For-the-reason-that having-come-to-know the God they-glorified (him) not as God or gave-thanks, BUT they-were-aimless in their deliberations, and their heart without-understanding was-made-dark.

vs. 22 Alleging to-be wise (ones) they-were-made-stupid,

vs. 23 And they-changed the glory-of-the imperishable God with (a) similitude of-(an)-image of-perishable MAN and of flying-things and of four-footed-things and of-reptiles;

vs. 24 On-this-account the God gave them over with the desires-of-their hearts with-reference-to uncleanness, their bodies to-be-being-dishonored among them,

\* vs. 25 They-who exchanged the truth-of-the God with the lie and they-venerated and they-served the creation beside the (one) having-created, who is blessed with-reference-to the ages; amen.

vs. 26 Because-of this the God gave them over with-reference-to passions-of-dishonor; for both their females exchanged the natural use with-reference-to the (one) beside nature,

vs. 27 And-additionally likewise also the males having-let-go the natural use-of-the female were-burned-out in their relish with-reference-to one-another, males with males working-out the indecency and taking-back in themselves the recompense which was-essential-of-their going-astray.

vs. 28 And according-as they-proved not to-be-having the God in thorough-knowledge, the God gave them over with-reference-to (an) unapproved mind, to-be-doing the-things not being-appropriate,

↪ This passage is very important, for here we have the definition of "the lie." Stated simply; "the lie" is idolatry. Idolatry has always been Satan's lie.

It is worth noting verse 27 especially. Homosexuals are "taking-back in themselves the recompense which was essential of-their going-astray." "Aids" may not be as new as we might think. God totally destroyed Sodom.

10 Gen. 19 KJ

24 \*Then the LORD rained upon <sup>a</sup>Sodom and upon Go-mor-rah brimstone and <sup>b</sup>fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and <sup>a</sup>that which grew upon the ground.

God's destruction of Sodom is for-

ever to be remembered; even by our everyday English.

Webster's Dictionary (7<sup>th</sup> Collegiate)

Sod·om \ 'sād-əm \ n [Sodom, city of ancient Palestine destroyed by God for its wickedness (Gen 18:20, 21; 19:24-28)]: a place notorious for vice or corruption  
sod·om·ite \ 'sād-ə-mīt \ n: one who practices sodomy  
sod·omy \ 'sād-ə-mē \ n [ME, fr. OF sodomie, fr. LL Sodoma Sodom; fr. the homosexual proclivities of the men of the city (Gen 19:1-11)]

Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia

For more than 1500 years Pompeii lay undisturbed beneath heaps of ashes and cinders, and not until 1748 were excavations undertaken; these operations, begun by the Neapolitan government, have been continued to the present time. The remains found are in a remarkably good state of preservation, because the city was destroyed not by lava but by showers of wet ashes and cinders, which found their way into every nook and, when they dried, hermetically sealed the town.

John 8:44 KJ

44 Ye are of your father <sup>a</sup>the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and <sup>a</sup>abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he <sup>a</sup>speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a <sup>a</sup>liar, and the father of it.

This may have God's way of stopping the spread of "aids". This is a copy of a future disaster.

2 Pet. 2 CT

vs 6 And he condemned cities of Sodom and Gomorra by (an) overturn having-reduced (them) to-ashes, having-placed-and-still-placed (a) copy of-future (things) to (ones) acting impiously.

vs 7 And he-delivered just Lot being-exhausted by the conduct of-the unruly in wantonness;

Pompeii, an ancient city of Italy, was very immoral and was destroyed in almost the

same way in 79 A.D;

2000 people died.

Return to "the lie". Jesus used the article in a very complex discourse in John 8. I believe this discourse is really a kind of "parable" which I cannot discuss here. I think Jesus refers to Israel's idolatry.

John 8:44 CT

vs 44 YOU yourselves-are out-of the father namely-the devil, and the desires of-YOUR father YOU-are-willing to-be-doing. That (one) was MAN-killer from (the) beginning, and he-has not stood-and-is (not) standing in the truth, because truth is not in him. At-the-time-that he-might-be-speaking the lie, he-is-speaking out-of (his) own-(things); because he-is (a) liar and the father of-it.

The final use of "the lie" is in Ephesians, and Paul exhorts the Ephesians to put off "the former conduct".

Now the Ephesians were all idolaters, worshiping "the great goddess Artemis" (Diana). (See, Acts 19)

The Ephesians "former conduct" was "the lie" - idolatry.

Eph. 4 KJ

22 That ye <sup>a</sup>put off concerning the former <sup>a</sup>conversation the <sup>a</sup>old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And <sup>a</sup>be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye <sup>a</sup>put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and <sup>a</sup>true holiness.

25 Wherefore putting away lying, <sup>a</sup>speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

Eph. 4 CT

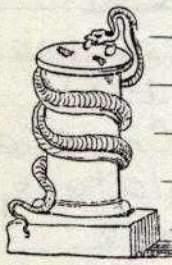
vs 22 YOU place-off according-to the former conduct the old MAN-namely-the (one) being-corrupted according-to the desires of-the-deceit,

vs 23 But to-be-being-made-young-again in-the spirit of-YOUR mind

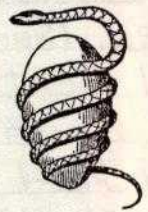
vs 24 And to-clothe-yourself-in the new (quality) MAN namely-the (one) having-been-created according-to God in justice and hallowedness of-the truth.

vs 25 On-this-account having-placed-off the lie \* YOU-be-speaking truth each (one) with his neighbor, because we-are members (of)-one-another,

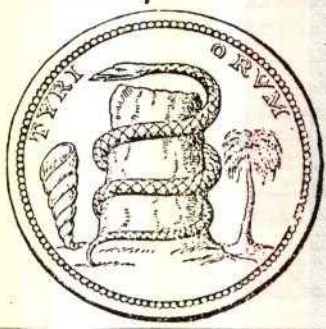
The idolatry of the whole world is interconnected. I would like you to note two important facts of mythology from the following pictures. First, "In mythology of the primitive world, the serpent is universally the symbol of the sun." (The Two Babylons, Hislop, p.227.) The "mother and child" is the worldwide center of Satan's system; this fact is probably the most important. Pictures from The Two Babylons, Hislop, are marked ●, those from Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, William Smith, are marked ☆. See, Apologetics 6, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, and various courses; Mysteries etc. Remember, Satan is leading astray the Roman Empire. Satan is leading astray other people as well, but we will soon see why the emphasis is on the Roman world.



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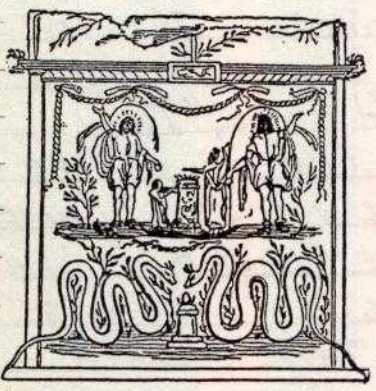
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Athena, goddess of wisdom - Notice the serpents. →



☆ p.20

Roman Catholic



● p.19



OSTENSORIUM



● p.162

→ From Egypt

Myitta and Tammuz from Babylon

"(they) worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator," Rom. 1:25 KJ p.9



● p. 238

Christna, the  
black god,  
from India



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Mary and  
child,



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Isti and  
Iswara  
from India



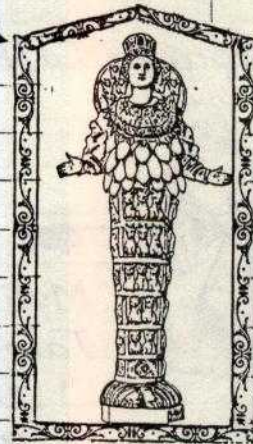
Diana of Ephesus.

● p. 29

→ "The name of  
Jesus was being mag-  
nified." (See vs. 1-16)

All Gentile Christians  
had been idolaters,  
and had books  
on magic in con-  
nection with the  
worship of Diana.  
They burned these.  
Alford says, "They  
were copies of the  
mystic words engraved  
on the image of the  
Ephesian Artemis."

vs. 24 The silver-  
smiths made shrines  
with an image of  
Diana; →  
her  
Roman  
name.



### Diana or Artemis of the Ephesians

Acts 19 CT  
vs. 17 But this became known to all both Jews and  
Greeks the (ones) residing (in) the Ephesus, and  
fear fell upon them over all, and the name of  
the Lord Jesus was being magnified;  
vs. 18 And additionally many of the (ones) having  
trusted and still trusting were coming acknowl-  
edging and telling their practises.  
vs. 19 But (a) considerable (number) of the (ones)  
having practised the things worked around  
having brought together the books they were  
burning (them) up in sight of all, and they  
counted up together the prices of them and they  
found five myriads of silver coins.  
vs. 20 Thus the word was growing and was being  
strong according to (the) might of the Lord.

vs. 23 But there came to pass according to that  
season not (a) little bit commotion concerning the way.  
vs. 24 For (a) certain Demetrius by name, (a) silver-  
smith, making silver sanctuaries of Artemis he is  
himself holding beside for the craftsmen no  
little bit business,  
vs. 25 Whom having collected together also the  
workmen around the (things) such as these he said:  
Men YOU are comprehending that out of this  
business the wealth is to us,  
vs. 26 And YOU are observing and YOU are hearing  
that this Paul having persuaded he shifted (a)  
considerable crowd not only of Ephesus BUT  
nearly of all of the Asia, saying that the (ones)  
coming to pass through hands are not gods.  
vs. 27 But not only this the part to us is being  
in peril to come into disrepute, BUT also the  
temple of the great goddess Artemis to be figured  
with reference to nothing, and additionally  
also of her majesty to be being about to be being  
lowered, whom the total Asia and the inhabited  
earth is holding in veneration.  
vs. 28 But having heard and having become full  
of anger they were crying saying: Great (is)  
the Artemis of Ephesians.

Diana was the moon goddess and twin  
sister of Apollo. Christians got rid of  
all connections with idolatry. The "church"  
was purified during the Smyrna period  
of persecution.

For further details on the "periods" of church history see Revelation I, Translation and Commentary and Apologetics 24 and 25, R.H. Mount.

An Introduction to the History of Western Europe, J. H. Robinson

Every one was required to join in the worship of the emperor because he stood for the majesty of the Roman dominion. The inhabitants of each province might revere their particular gods, undisturbed by the government, but all were obliged as good citizens to join in the official sacrifices to the deified head of the state. The early Christians were persecuted, not only because their religion was different from that of their fellows, but because they refused to offer homage to the image of the emperor and openly prophesied the downfall of the Roman state. Their religion was incompatible with what was then deemed good citizenship, inasmuch as it forbade them to express the required veneration for the government.

p. 19

The new religion, as it spread from Palestine among the Gentiles, was much modified by the religious ideas of those who accepted it. A group of Christian philosophers, who are known as the early fathers, strove to show that the Gospel was in accord with the aspirations of the best of the pagans. In certain ceremonies the former modes of worship were accepted by the new religion. From simple beginnings the church developed a distinct priesthood and an elaborate service. In this way Christianity and the higher forms of paganism tended to come nearer and nearer to each other as time went on.

p. 20

A famous little book, *The Unity of the Church*, by Bishop Cyprian (d. 258) gives us a pretty good idea of the Church a few decades before the Christian religion was legalized by Constantine. This and other sources indicate that the followers of Christ had already come to believe in a "Catholic" — i.e., a universal — Church which embraced all the communities of true believers wherever they might be. To this one universal Church all must belong who hoped to be saved.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Whoever separates himself from the Church, writes Cyprian, is separated from the promises of the Church. "He is an alien, he is profane, he is an enemy, he can no longer have God for his father who has not the Church for his mother. If anyone could escape who was outside the Ark of Noah, so also may he escape who shall be outside the bounds of the Church." See *Readings in European History*, Chapter II.

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In 311 the emperor Galerius issued a decree placing the Christian religion upon the same legal footing as paganism. Constantine, the first Christian emperor, carefully enforced this edict. In 325 the first general council of Christendom was called together under his auspices at Nicæa. It is clear from the decrees of this famous assembly that the Catholic Church had already assumed the form that it was to retain down to the present moment, except that there is no explicit recognition of the Bishop of Rome as the head of the whole church.

↗ The Christians were persecuted, even to death, during the Smyrna ("myr" for burial spice) period.

All this was reversed in the Pergamos period. (Pergamos - thoroughly-married.) Christianity became "thoroughly-married" to paganism.

↖ \* On pages 11 and 12 notice how close the Roman Catholic images come to paganism. The issue during the Pergamos period was idolatry.

Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge, Schaff, Funk + Wagnalls Co., 1891, p. 1057.

ειδωλολατρεία - (eidōlōlatreia) "idolatry."

The word ειδωλολατρεία is of Christian origin, and occurs for the first time in the writings of the New Testament (1 Cor. x. 14; Gal. v. 20; 1 Pet. iv. 3; Col. iii. 5). As at the time of Christ the Jews had ceased long ago to use any bodily representation of God in their service, while all the Pagan religions found within the boundaries of the Roman Empire worshipped their gods under some kind of bodily representation, it was quite natural that the apostolic writers, and after them the Fathers, should apply the word in a general way as meaning simply the worship of false gods. But in course of time, when the worship of false gods had been stamped out (a law of 392 declared sacrifice and divination treason, and punishable with death), it was discovered that idolatry might be found also in the worship of the true God, as it really means the worship of any bodily representation of any deity.

This all developed into the "Iconoclastic controversy."

14 The "Iconoclastic controversy" was at the beginning of the Thyatira period which began about 750 AD.

Funk & Wagnalls  
Standard Reference  
Encyclopedia  
p. 4788, p. 4816

**ICONOCLASM** (Gr. *eikon*, "image"; *klain*, "to break"), name given to any movement against the religious use of images, but especially to that which disturbed the Eastern Church in the 8th and 9th centuries. In 726 the Byzantine emperor Leo III, known as the Isaurian, issued an edict forbidding his people to venerate sacred images, and shortly thereafter issued another edict ordering the destruction of the images. The pope and the patriarch of Constantinople declared the veneration of images to be in conformance with the doctrines and practices of the church, and excommunicated the emperor. The controversy raged with great bitterness until the Empress Irene accepted the condemnation of the Iconoclasts by the Council at Nicaea in 787. The controversy was revived under Nicephorus, Irene's successor, and was finally settled under the Empress Theodora in 842, when the veneration of images was restored.

**IMAGE WORSHIP or VENERATION OF IMAGES**, the use in worship of representations of sacred persons or things and the exhibition of reverence toward them. For the first four centuries of the history of the Christian Church, the fear of introducing the pagan practice of idolatry (q.v.) deterred the use of images in churches. Their use became popular, however, in the next three centuries, and abuses arose which evoked condemnation by the bishops of the Western Church and gave rise to the controversy over Iconoclasm (q.v.) in the Eastern Church. At the second Council of Nicaea in 787, the doctrine of the Church concerning the veneration of images was carefully defined. This doctrine, still held by the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, declared that veneration, not adoration, might be shown toward sacred images, but only in a relative manner, that is, addressed not to the image itself, but, through it, to the original person or object it represented.

At the Reformation, the Protestants generally rejected the use of images in worship, and stigmatized the practice as idolatrous.

Instructions for non-catholics, by priests.  
Note verses 4-6 in Exodus 20 are omitted.

During the Pergamos period images had been brought in to the "church" as the "church" was "thoroughly-married" with paganism. During Thyatira period Satan moved in permanently. Leo III, Eastern Roman Emperor, tried to get rid of the images, but the pope won out.

It seems to me the word of God is plain in regards to images.

Exodus 20 ASV

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, 6 and showing lovingkindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

2 Pet. 2:3 CT

vs. 3 And in covetousness with-fabricated words! they-will-merchandise YOU.

2 Cor. 2:17 CT

vs. 17 For we are not as the many adulterating the word of-the God for-filthy-lucres,

LEARN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain
3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods



Satan has many "methods" to lead astray. His primary "method" is to destroy the confidence in God's word. This leads to a second "method": Satan hates Israel. Satan has continually tried to lead the Jews away from God and to cause the Gentiles to hate the Jews. A third "method" is accommodation. Satan has "ministers" within the "church", colleges, writing Sunday school lessons; all of whom have transfigured-themselves as ministers of righteousness. (2 Cor. 11: 15 CT, p. 6)

Satan "is leading astray the total inhabited-earth." (Rev. 12: 9 CT, p. 3) The "inhabited-earth" was the Roman Empire and is now The Roman Universal (Ecumenical) Assembly. (Apologetics 25) Babylon, R. H. Mount, p. 55 Compare Rev. 17 KJ below, with the medal from The Two Babylons, Hislop.

→ The Encyclopedia, BRITANNICA, 1964, Vol. 17, under the article, "Papacy", says: "The papacy is the only institution that has existed continuously from the early Roman empire---Local yet world-wide, ---it has remained uncompromisingly monarchical." And again, "The dating of papal documents according to imperial years, as enjoined by the constitution, was abandoned. The popes began to strike their own coins. These and other significant changes permit of one conclusion only, namely that the papacy had in fact extricated itself from the imperial domination and had assumed the status of an independent power".

Compare Rev. 17 KJ below, with the medal from The Two Babylons, Hislop.  
Rev. 17 KJ

- 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

The Two Babylons, Hislop, p. 9 The Apocalyptic emblem of the Harlot woman with the cup in her hand was even embodied in the symbols of idolatry derived from ancient Babylon, as they were exhibited in Greece; for thus was the Greek Venus originally represented,\* and it is singular that in our own day, and so far as appears for the first time, the Roman Church has actually taken this very symbol as her own chosen emblem. In 1825, on the occasion of the jubilee, Pope Leo XII. struck a medal, bearing on the one side his own image, and on the other, that of the Church of Rome symbolised as a "Woman," holding in her left hand a cross, and in her right a CUP, with the legend around her, "Sedet super universum," "The whole world is her seat."



Editor's Note

But it is deplorable to think that, notwithstanding all the revelations made from time to time of the true character and origin of Popery, Ritualism still makes progress in the Churches, and that men of the highest influence in the State are so infatuated as to seek to strengthen their political position by giving countenance to a system of idolatry.

We in 1987, are living in a day when Satan is making rapid progress in bringing all Christendom under his dominion. Satan and his ministers, by misusing, misquoting, adulterating, twisting, and fabricating new meanings for words are bringing the "inhabited-earth" under Satan's authority. In reality they are preaching "another" Jesus. (2 Cor. 11: 4)

16 The clearest warning any one could ask is in 2 Cor. 6. Note "Beliar", a name of the devil. (TDNT vol. 1)

2 Cor. 6 KJ

2 Cor. 6 CT

14 Be ye not "unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye "separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

vs. 14 YOU-be not becoming being-differently-yoked to-unbelieving-(ones); for what sharing by-justice and by-lawlessness, or what participation by-light toward darkness?

vs. 15 But what agreement of-Messiah toward Beliar, or what portion by-(one)-trusting with an unbelieving-(one)?

vs. 16 But what placing-down-together by-(a)-sanctuary of-God with idols? For YOU yourselves-are (a) sanctuary of-(a)-living God; according-as the God said that I-shall-in-dwell in them and I-shall-walk-around-among (them), and I-shall-be their God, and they themselves-shall-be my people.

vs. 17 On-this-account YOU-come-out out-of (the) midst-of-them and YOU-be-severed, Jehovah is-saying, and YOU-handle not of-(an)-unclean-thing;

vs. 18 And-I myself-shall-receive YOU in, and I-shall-be to-YOU with-reference-to (a) father, and YOU yourselves-shall-be to-me with-reference-to sons and daughters, Jehovah Almighty is-saying.

2 Cor. 6:14 is often taught as referring to marriage, with which there is not the slightest connection. The warning is against "being-differently-yoked" to unbelievers who are idolaters. Note the comparisons.

Believers	Unbelievers	Lawlessness, darkness, Beliar, one-unbelieving, idols and idolatry
justice	→ lawlessness	God warns to "come-out out-of (the) midst of them and YOU-be-severed."
light	→ darkness	
Messiah	→ Beliar	
one-trusting	→ one-unbelieving	
sanctuary of-God	→ idols	

Lev. 20 KJ

26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

ἀφορίζω (LXX) (aphoridzō)

The charismatic movement says, "join them."

God "severed" Israel from other people; the Gentile Christians are also to be "severed." (Webster: "sever" implies a forcible and complete separation, as by cutting off a part from a whole.)

I believe the whole charismatic program is part of Satan's leading astray. Consider what charismatics

**N**EW ORLEANS — The largest, most diverse group of Christians in a decade met here last weekend — 35,000 charismatics attending the North American Congress of the Holy Spirit & World Evangelization.

Although half were Protestant, they gave at least a half dozen standing ovations to Father Tom Forrest, a frail priest from the Vatican!

say and compare with the scripture.

← Michael McManus in the Ocala Star Banner, Aug. 1, 1987

All charismatics do not agree and non-charismatics agree with charismatics on many issues. The present "theology" goes something like this: the various denominations cannot agree on much of scripture, as to how scripture is to be understood. Therefore, we all must unite on the major issues. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world." With TV this can now be done. The emphasis must be on "Jesus." The real mission of the "church" is to preach the gospel so millions will be "saved." This is the last great "harvest" before Jesus comes. We must show compassion to a "hurting" world and minister to the poor, the sick, the hungry and thus show the world that Jesus loves them. Let us start with this much. In no "Greek" passage are people commanded to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel."

Matt. 28 KJ

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but <sup>d</sup>some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 <sup>1</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, <sup>s</sup>baptizing them <sup>n</sup>in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the <sup>h</sup>Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things <sup>w</sup>whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am <sup>w</sup>with you always, even unto the <sup>e</sup>end of the world. Amen.

Matt. 28 CT

vs. 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded into the Galilee, into the mountain the-place-where the Jesus assigned for them,

vs. 17 And having-seen him they-worshipped him but the (ones) hesitated

vs. 18 And having-come-near the Jesus spoke to-them saying: All authority was-given to-me in heaven and on earth.

vs. 19 Therefore having-proceeded YOU-disciple all the Gentiles baptizing them with-reference-to the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

vs. 20 Teaching them to-be-keeping all-(things) as-many-as I-commanded to-YOU; and behold I-myself-am-with-YOU all the days till the complete-finish-of-the-age. Amen.

This so-called "great commission" is given to the 11 disciples. The verb in vs. 19 is not "go ye," but rather, "having-proceeded." (The KJ has 21 Greek verbs translated "to-go". Young's Concordance) Consider the next verbs: vs. 19 "YOU-disciple", vs. 20 "teaching them." A disciple is a learner, a pupil. If you apply this "commission" to everyone, as is often done, you must admit, every one must be a teacher.

2 Tim. 2 KJ

24 And <sup>a</sup>the servant of the Lord must not <sup>s</sup>strive: but be gentle unto all men, <sup>b</sup>apt to teach, <sup>c</sup>patient,

2 Tim. 2 CT

vs. 24 But it-is-essential (a) slave of-Jehovah to-be-not-fighting BUT to-be-gentle toward all, apt-at-teaching, tolerating-bad,

Very few are able to teach at all, why? They have been told their job is to win souls. The "churches" seldom teach; they only "make-believe."

18 Why did God the son give apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors-Teachers? All these officers are to teach the "body." Compare KJ and CT.

Eph. 4 KJ

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the 'perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come 'in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto <sup>ba</sup> <sup>3</sup>perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the <sup>a</sup>head, even Christ:

Eph. 4 CT

vs. 11 And he himself gave on-the-one-hand the apostles, on-the-other-hand the prophets, on-the-other-hand the bringers-of-good-news, on-the-other-hand the shepherds and teachers,

vs. 12 Toward the thorough-fitting of the holy-ones with-reference-to (a) work of-ministry, with-reference-to building-of-the body-of-the Messiah,

vs. 13 As-far-as we-might [the] all arrive with-reference-to the unity-of-the trust and of-the thorough-knowledge-of-the Son-of-the God, with-reference-to (a) perfect man with-reference-to (a) measure of-age of-the fullness-of-the Messiah,

vs. 14 In-order that we-might no-longer be infants, being-tossed (by-waves) and being-brought-around by-every (strong) wind-of-the-teaching in the displaying-of-the MEN, in craftiness toward the method-of-the leading- astray,

vs. 15 But speaking-the-truth in charity, we might-grow with-reference-to him (in) the all (things), who is the head, Messiah,

The purpose is to "edify" or "build" the "body" of the Messiah, so that there is "unity of the trust" and "thorough-knowledge of the Son of the God." This is extremely important to help guard against Satan's MEN, appearing outwardly as "ministers of righteousness," using Satan's method of the leading- astray (vs. 14 above, also pp. 5 and 6)

It is a "leading- astray" to say you can forget doctrine and concentrate on praising Jesus. The teaching of doctrine establishes who Jesus is. I believe we have arrived at the "season" prophesied through Paul's letter to Timothy.

2 Tim. 4 KJ

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; <sup>s</sup>reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 'And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Tim. 4 CT

vs. 2 You-preach the word, you-stand-by seasonably, unseasonably, you-reprove, you-rebuke, you-entreat, in all patience and doctrine

vs. 3 For (a) season will-be when they-will not tolerate the healthy teaching, BUT accord-ing-to their-own desires they-will-heap-on to-themselves teachers having-themselves the hearing itching,

vs. 4 And on-the-one-hand they-will-turn-back the hearing from the truth, on-the-other-hand they-will-be-diverted upon the legends.

By far the largest part of Christendom "will not tolerate the healthy teaching" (CT) or "endure sound doctrine." (KJ) This is the Laodicean period.

Its name\* designates it as the Church of mob rule, the democratic Church, in which everything is swayed and decided by popular opinion, clamour and voting; and hence a self-righteous and self-sufficient Church.

← The Apocalypse, J.A. Seiss, 1884, p. 72

If we do not need teaching of doctrine, what do these statements by Jesus mean? In the first passage, Jesus is answering the devil.

Matt. 4 KJ

<sup>3</sup> THEN was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matt. 4 CT

vs.1 Then the Jesus was-led-up into the wilderness by the Spirit, to-be-tried by the devil,

vs.2 And having-fasted forty days and forty nights, he later hungered.

vs.3 And the (one) trying having-come-near to-him said, If you-are son-of-the God, you-say in-order-that these stones might-become loaves.

vs.4 But the (one) having-answered said, It-has-been-and-is-still-written, Not upon bread only will MAN live, BUT upon every saying proceeding-out through (the) mouth-of-God.

← This takes a lot of doctrine.

The next passage opposes the idea that "signs", even the raising of the dead, will lead people to salvation. Jesus tells a parable.

Luke 16 KJ

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets: let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16 CT

vs.29 Abraham is-saying to-him, They-are-having Moses and the prophets, let-them-be-hearing of-them.

vs.30 But he-said, NO, father Abraham, BUT if some-(one) might-proceed from dead-(ones) to them they-will-~~repent~~.

vs.31 But he-said to-him, IF they-are not hearing of-Moses and of-the prophets, neither will-they-be-persuaded if some-(one) might-stand-again out-of dead-(ones).

To understand Moses and the prophets takes teaching. Satan can work "all power and signs and wonders of-a-lie", and he did, in bringing in the presence of "the lawless (one)" - the pope. (Apologetics 23)

2 Thes. 2 KJ

8 And then shall <sup>that</sup> <sup>Wicked</sup> be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy <sup>with</sup> the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of "Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2 Thes. 2 CT

vs.8 And then the (one) lawless will-be-uncovered, whom the Lord Jesus will-carry-off by-the spirit-of-his mouth and will-render-inactive by-the clear-appearing of-his presence,

vs.9 Of-whom the presence is according-to (an) operation of-the Satan in all power and signs and wonders of-a-lie

What about a person who says, "God told me this is the last great harvest before Jesus comes"? It may be added, "Millions are being saved and will be caught up in the rapture." When Jesus returns he will have received the Kingdom from the Father. (Luke 19: 15)

Luke 18 KJ

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find <sup>faith</sup> on the earth?

Luke 18 CT

vs.8 I-am-saying to-You, that he-will-do the avenging of-them with speed. Further, the son of-the MAN having-come will-he really find the trust upon the earth?

↳ Note "really"

20 The Greek word translated "really" in the CT is ἀρα (ara), it is not translated in the KJ. This word occurs only 3x in the NT, Luke 18:8, Acts 8:30, and Gal. 2:17.

It always indicates a negative answer is required.

"Will he really find the trust in the earth?" No!

The fields were ready for harvest in Jesus' day. ↷

John 4:35 KJ

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:35 CT

vs.35 Are You yourselves not saying, It is still four-months and the harvest is coming? Behold, I am saying to You, YOU-elevate YOUR eyes and You-behold the cultivated-fields, because they are white to harvest already. ↶

Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, Schaff, 1891 ↶ Note

PLYMOUTH BRETHREN, so designated in the British Empire and America, upon the European Continent generally named "Darbyites" (see App., DANNY), are by themselves styled "Brethren." The characteristic of this school is an endeavor in view of divided Christendom to keep the unity of the Spirit. "That which characterized their testimony at the outset was the coming of the Lord as the present hope of the church, and the presence of the Holy Ghost as that which brought into unity, and animated and directed, the children of God. . . . The heavenly character of the church was much insisted upon" (Darby's Collected Writings, vol. xx. p. 19).

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Their theology began the "two comings."

Eschatology. - Distinction between the coming of Christ to gather his saints, the "rapture" (initial παρουσία), and his appearing for judgment (ἐπιφάνεια); "the day of the Lord," generic. No true Christians will pass through the "tribulation."

At about the same time, the gift of "tongues" seemed to be restored.

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CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH, or IRVINGITES. The man to give the strongest, if not the first, impulse to this religious movement, was Edward Irving (1792-1834, see title), although he is little mentioned by the writers of this Church, who regard him merely as a forerunner, and not as the founder of their community. The historic occasion for the Apostolic Church was the manifestations which occurred in the spring of 1830, on the shores of the Clyde, among some pious Presbyterian men and women, who believed that their organs of speech were used by the Holy Spirit for the utterance of his thoughts and intentions. The fame of these phenomena spread: in April, 1831, the same took place in London.

1 Cor. 13:8 CT

vs.8 The charity never is-falling; but whether prophecies, they-will-be-rendered-inactive; or languages, they-will- cease-of-themselves; or knowledge, it-will-be-rendered-inactive.

↷ "Tongues" did cease, and I know of no scripture that says "tongues" are to be restored, at least not before Elijah comes.

The Jesuits, Malachi Martin, 1987

This central quality of the Jesuit character derived directly from the personal spirituality and teaching of Ignatius. ↶ 1528 AD

Each Jesuit joined the Society under the conviction that he personally had been called by Jesus to become one of Jesus's associates; literally, to become one of the companions of Jesus. Hence, the Company of Jesus. And hence the strictly individualistic Jesuit note: The call was to me personally, and my response was to this person, Jesus. I said yes to Jesus. On the strength of that yes, I was admitted to his company and to the company of those already closely associated with him in his time-bound, space-bound campaign as savior. Those close associates were principally the Virgin Mary, the angels, the saints, and after them, my companions in the Society.

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IRVING, Edward, In 1834 he went to Scotland, in obedience to a prophecy which predicted that he would labor there as a great prophet, and convert the masses; but he almost immediately fell a victim to consumption in Glasgow at the age of forty-two [fully convinced of the truth of his views, and confiding in the prophecy that God had a great work for him to do in Scotland, and repeating as his last words, "In life and in death I am the Lord's." ↷

What "God prophesied?" was never fulfilled? ↷

Watch "the leading astray" of those who say "God told me." Let only God's word tell you, not mythology. ↷

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The same General Congregation, or meeting of Jesuit leaders, that elected Janssens in 1946 also formally consecrated the Society to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—a devotion that sprang up as a parallel to the central Catholic devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. That Congregation also affirmed its adherence to the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, as Pope Pius XII was to define it four years later. Mary, in Catholic belief, died, but her body never underwent the corruption of the grave. Instead, it was "assumed," taken up into the transforming glory of her divine son.

Satan is leading astray the total Roman Ecumenical Assembly. In Apologetics 6 I showed Satan's first step was to destroy the reliability of God's word by faulty translations. In this Apologetics 28 I have shown that even the King James is not totally reliable. Romanism is not Christianity but idolatry. (pp. 11-14) By a twisting of words the Roman Catholic Church has long been adapting Christians to accept "images." Note a few quotes from U.S. News & World Report, May 2, 1977.

Church authorities estimate that there are more than 100 million Christians among the 330 million black Africans.

One reason behind the surge of Christianity: growing "Africanization" of the clergy and of traditional liturgies in ways that would shock white missionaries who opened the continent to the church in the nineteenth century.

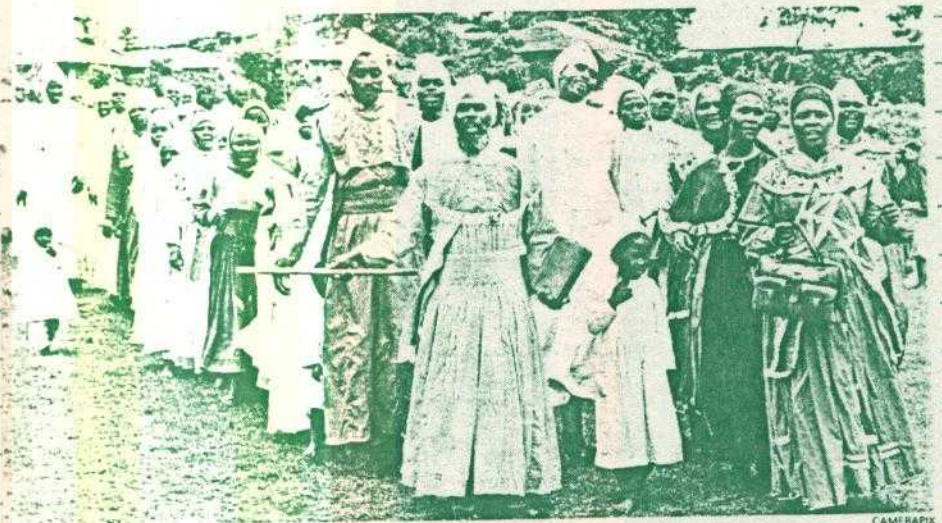
Even the conservative Anglican and Roman Catholic churches are compromising with African drum beating and tribal dancing at religious services.

New forms of doctrine are appearing with the proliferation of breakaway, independent churches using rites once labeled as "pagan."

One of many breakaway churches—there are an estimated 4,000 in South Africa alone—is the Holy Spirit Church of Zion with nearly 100,000 members throughout East Africa. They believe that Jesus was a black man, and beating drums and singing, they march to church in long robes and turbans—symbols of purity. Following beliefs partly based on old creeds, they abstain from eating meat on Fridays, as did Roman Catholics, and refuse at any time meat cooked on a Friday. Like Moslems, they practice polygamy. Celibacy is forbidden to their holy men.

Alice Lenshina's followers in Zambia believe Christ was a black African who was "stolen" by whites and converted into a white prophet. This belief is common among independent churches. Through faith healing, prophesy and adapting elements of African culture in their liturgy, they satisfy a need to worship God in a typically African manner.

The program of the leading astray is progressing at an ever faster pace. Satan's idolatry will increase until Jesus returns.



Members of the Holy Spirit Church of Zion attend services in flowing robes and turbans. Breakaway African churches practice doctrines and rites once labeled as "pagan."

➡ All this was 10 years ago. These are not Christians, they are pagans. They do not know Jesus is the Messiah. The following Season Holiday Greeting card explains Satan's purpose better than 1000 words.

