



# Bible Believers' Bulletin

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## Now Nothing Will be Restrained From Them

By Brian Donovan

Within the realm of "science falsely so-called", there has been a great effort to find what physicists refer to as, the "Singularity". It is a place in their fantasies where time, space and matter were once merged into an "infinite heat and density", until from within itself, without God, everything was created. The student is not supposed to ask questions such as: "Where did the space and matter come from if it was nothing?", or "What caused this to happen at a certain time if there was no time?". Stephen Hawking was the main high priest of the singularity religion, which he tried to mask as science. His worship at the altar of his god of singularity was so strong, that a number of years before his death, he realized that he was running out of time to find it, so he took one giant leap of pure faith, and said that it was possible to get something from nothing. The "gravitational singular-

ity" goes back about fourteen billion years, and according to Friar Hawking, thanks to the law of gravity, nothing became everything. He preached this one point sermon in spite of the lack of physics, math, or a single fact to back his faith. The physics, the mathematics, and the demonstrable, factual laws of the natural world all show that the universe cannot create itself. To say otherwise is proof that you are a religious fanatic who is not interested in the facts. Hawking's faith expanded to include the fantasy that human beings are presently living in only one of many universes, and he encouraged the idea of reaching out to those other universes, in an effort to find a more advanced civilization, which of course, would be kind and loving toward us. Only the Bible believer knows what that "other world" consists of, and it is not interested in helping us (Ephesians 6:12). Toward the end of his life, Stephen Hawking's writings became almost impossible to distinguish from Stephen King's, since they were on the same fictional level. Hawking changed his mind and in his last cosmological paper, said that

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By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

**“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (2 Thess. 2:7–9).**

The Bible makes it very clear that in the last days before the Lord Jesus shows up, the Devil is going to show up. I preach a lot on the second coming of Christ, but I don't say much about the second coming of the Devil. The pattern in the Bible is the counterfeit shows up before the real thing (Cain before Abel, Ishmael before Isaac, Esau before Jacob, Saul before David, etc.). So we are going to look at satanism throughout the Bible and some attitudes toward it.

First, it is taken for granted everywhere in the Bible that such things as satanism, devil worship, and spiritism exist. Things like demonism, tarot cards, divination, ouija boards, and witchcraft are nothing new to a Bible believer. It is only the commercial fancy of those promoting the racket that makes them present it as something “new.” For instance, Moses wrote about these things *centuries*—literally—before the modern emphasis on them.

**“They sacrificed unto DEVILS, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not” (Deut. 32:17).**

**“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter,**

**or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer” (Deut. 18:10–11).**

These things are archaic and reactionary. The Bible says, **“there is no new thing under the sun”** (Eccl. 1:9), and all this occult stuff is as old as the Devil. They are not some new novelty to play and toy around with; in God's sight, they are **“abominations”** (Deut. 18:12). In either Testament, you will get the same refrain.

**“But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to DEVILS, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils” (1 Cor. 10:20).**

In both Testaments from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible takes it as a “given” that there are malevolent supernatural powers and unclean spirits. It's no news at all to a Bible believer when some pornographic magazine like *Esquire* has some write-up about a nude woman on an altar in a satanic temple with a frog crushed on her and an upside-down cross carved into her. It's “old stuff” to anyone who reads the Book and believes what he reads. The only people impressed with the occult are those who have *rejected the Bible*.

Before I got saved, I was in that mess up to my neck. I didn't stop with fortune telling or Madame Blavatsky. That's amateur stuff. I went over to the Orient where the whole thing started and got into Zen. You can take the “trip” without the drugs when you're into that. I can say from experience that when I got saved from all of that, that the only people who fool with it are those who turn down the Bible as the final authority for their lives.

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Now starting out with the history of satanism: every man-made religion from Genesis 11 to the present has evolved from the teaching of a male deity and a female deity. When you get the male together with the female, sooner or later “two and two is four.” In the Old Testament, it was Baal, the male god, “hooking up” with Ashtaroth, the female goddess; and their offspring were Baalim, all the little “Baal” born from the two fornicating (Judg. 2:11–13). Those are called “fertility rites” in the ancient pagan religions. The definitive work on that is *The Two Babylons* by a Presbyterian minister named Alexander Hislop, and it was first published in 1853. The book has all the information on which any satanist or occultist in 2008 can get his hands. No satanist should consider himself an educated man if he has not read Hislop. Hislop shows you that the whole godless system started with Nimrod and Semiramis back in Genesis 11, and he lays out all the evidence and documentation for it. *Nimrod was a type of the Antichrist about whom you read in 2 Thessalonians 2*. Satanism! Satanism all the way back in Genesis 10–11!

It goes further back than that. Nimrod was trying to go back to Genesis 6, where “gods” (Psa. 82) came down and had relations with women and produced a race of “supermen” just like you read in Bullfinch’s *Mythology*. And if you want to get really technical, the whole thing goes back to Genesis 3 where the serpent (Satan—Rev. 12:9) tempts Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit so the man and his wife will “**be as gods**” (Gen. 3:5). Something goes on there about which the scriptures

are not explicit. The serpent beguiles Eve (2 Cor. 11:3), and the result is a “**seed**” (Gen. 3:15) who is said to be “**of that wicked one**” (1 John 3:12). So in Leviticus 18:23, relations with beasts (like a serpent, for instance) are forbidden, and in the flood of Genesis 7, God kills the animals right along with the men because “**ALL FLESH had corrupted his way upon the earth**” (Gen. 6:12).

You see, there’s a lot more in that Book than John 3:16 and “**God is love**” and how to live right. That Book has something to say about *everything* with which “modern man” is involved. And when it comes to satanism and the occult, there is nothing in the *Encyclopedia of Demonology and Witchcraft* that wasn’t covered in a Book with the first authors going all the way back to 1800–1500 B.C., writing about things that occurred all the way back to 4004 B.C.

If you are an evolutionist, then the male-female religion is *your religion*, because *that* religion evolved. That is the theme of every dissertation on “religious development.” Primitive man starts out as an animist and then becomes an astrologist (worship of the sun, moon, and stars), then moves on to polytheism, then monotheism, then deism, then atheism, then “cosmic humanism” until you end up with men not only messing with animals, but machines and aliens from outer space—right back at Genesis 6.

Now that is not the case with biblical Christianity. Biblical Christianity is *revealed*. The revelation may be *progressive* (that is, God doesn’t dump everything on you in Genesis 1, but reveals more and more of His plan as

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time goes by), but it doesn't "evolve." The male-female religion is found universally in one stage or another throughout every civilization of man on earth. That is not the case with biblical Christianity; it requires someone to go and preach the special revelation of God to a people before they can know about it or accept it (Rom. 10:14–15). God certainly did reveal His existence and power in nature (Rom. 1:20), and He certainly did reveal the moral condition of man in his conscience (Rom. 2:14–15), but if you want to know how to appease the wrath of a holy, righteous God against your sin, you will have to go to God's special revelation in the Book (1 Pet. 1:23–25).

The fertility rites are always of an immoral nature (fornication). In modern psychology, those wicked practices are said to show that people "reverence life" and "communicate love"; they "banish false modesty" and "overcome the fear of society." All positive; nothing negative—just as the Devil presented the temptation to Eve in the garden (Gen. 3:6). Satan appears as "**an angel of light**" (2 Cor. 11:14). He doesn't show up as something evil; he shows up as something good and desirable.

I'll tell you something else: he appears different ways to different people. He'll tell a liberal, "I don't even exist." He'll tell a young person, "I exist, but I'm good." He'll say to a psychiatrist, "The occult has evolved through the history of mankind, and Christianity is against it because it is therapeutic."

There is a modern revival of satanism and demonism. There are prominent Hollywood actors and actresses,

politicians, bankers, and businessmen who live "by the stars." They won't make a move without consulting their astrologer. Astrology was employed in World War II by *both sides* (Axis and Allies). Every major newspaper has an astrological horoscope for readers. The self-proclaimed psychic Jeane Dixon was the woman who popularized the horoscope in newspapers. Nixon followed her advice, and Nancy Reagan consulted with her. She was the Roman Catholic woman who claimed a serpent crawled in her bed one night, coiled around her, and looked into her eyes with "all the wisdom and understanding of the ages" (Ezek. 28:2–4, 11–19). The movie "Rosemary's Baby" and the *Satanic Bible* sparked an interest in the occult among high school and college students in the seventies. By the end of the decade, there were 40,000 self-proclaimed witches in the United States alone. Some of them got their training in witchcraft from the *100 universities* that offer courses on the subject. In 1997, a British woman named J. K. Rowling started publishing a series of books on "Harry Potter" that sparked an interest among grade-school kids in witchcraft and sorcery, with pagan groups having to appoint special counselors to deal with all the inquiries from children on how to become a "wizard" (see Isa. 8:19) like Harry Potter. One pastor who got saved out of the occult describes the books as training manuals in necromancy, spiritism, vampirism, human sacrifice, and "channeling" (demon possession). In the book of Revelation, one of the things that marks the last days is "sorceries" (Rev. 9:21, 18:23).

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Human sacrifice is not something relegated to the Dark Ages or to the Aztecs or to Africa or to the Amazon. In 1957, in *Vineland, New Jersey*, Juan Aponte, a practitioner of Santeria (a mixture of witchcraft and Catholicism) killed a thirteen-year-old boy to get his skull to cast a "love spell" on the fifteen-year-old daughter of the farmer for whom he worked. In 1995, in *California*, three teenage boys took a fifteen-year-old girl out into the woods, tied her up, and took turns stabbing her to death in order to sacrifice a virgin to the Devil. These things are taking place in the United States in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. This is "modern man" who has supposedly been "educated" out of his "superstition." He is no better than those pagans to whom Paul preached on Mar's Hill in Athens (see Acts 17:22), and in some cases, they are *far worse*.

As far back as March 21, 1969, *Time* magazine reported that Los Angeles hired its own official county *witch*. You ban the Bible in public schools, you ban prayer, and you ban the Ten Commandments because of "separation of church and state" (although *none* of those things are a "church"); and then you give a practicing witch—a cleric of a *religion* ("Wicca")—*official sanction by the government*. This witch (a Louise Huebner) held a "Spellcast" at the Hollywood Bowl where 11,000 people showed up to take part in a *Sex Spell*. Everyone was supplied with red candles, garlic, and chalk, and instructed to repeat three times: "Light the flame, Bright the fire, Red is the color of desire." There you are right back with Nimrod and

Semiramis with sex as the goal of the worship service.

Modern America is obsessed with horror and obscenity through two things. The first is *television*. Television has performed a great task in acquainting the American people with horror and obscenity, the occult, the vulgar, the filthy, and the vile. The second thing is the Supreme Court rulings which have allowed pornography to run rampant. It is not overstating the matter one bit to say that the "Nine Old Men" have basically ruled that *there is no such thing as pornographic literature*.

The "burden of proof" lies in proving the trash arouses bestial passions. How are you going to prove that with people who have been *jaded by it* and their consciences *defiled and seared* to the point where they can't even blush at the stuff? The fellow who produces it says, "It doesn't bother me." The people who sell it say, "It doesn't bother us." The ones who buy it say, "It doesn't affect us any." As a consequence, there is no way of proving the junk is pornographic, and by the time a Ted Bundy comes along, where pornography aroused him to the point of committing sex murders, it is too late to get rid of the stuff; it is too deeply entrenched in a community.

The German Protestant theologian Kurt Koch documents 178 cases of *Christians* involved with spiritism, seances, telepathy, necromancy, and demonism. Being saved and born again is no guarantee that one won't be involved with this stuff. The more you expose yourself to it through television and movies, the more likely you are to explore it, experiment with it, become obsessed with it, or have it affect you

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in some way.

Now here are the attitudes about the survival of demonism and the occult. Among modern doctors, psychologists, and psychiatrists, the attitude is one of *unbelief*. They reject the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ as an out-and-out *lie*, even if they do belong to some church. The Bible says the Lord Jesus came to heal **“all that were oppressed of the devil”** (Acts 10:38). The Lord Jesus Christ Himself personally called the Apostle Paul to turn sinners **“from the power of Satan unto God”** (Acts 26:18). The disciple who was the closest to Jesus Christ while He was here on this earth wrote, **“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil”** (1 John 3:8). If you have been educated out of your belief in a personal Devil (as my father was), then I know two things about you: 1) You are not a *Bible believer*, even if you are a professing Christian, and 2) you think you are smarter than the only sinless Man who ever lived.

The second attitude is that there are such things as spirits, etc., but they are *positive* and *good* and *helpful*. I read in a book entitled *Witchcraft Ancient and Modern* by a Wiccan high priest named Raymond Buckland: **“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live”** [Exod. 22:18] sternly says the Bible, but what did the Bible actually mean by **“witch”**?

Now watch this guy do what every professor (with very few exceptions) on the Bible faculties at Bob Jones, Tennessee Temple, Liberty, Pacific Coast, Fuller, Dallas, Moody, Louisville, Maranatha, New Orleans, “The

Master’s Seminary” (John MacArthur’s school), etc., did when faced with a reading in the plain, clear English text of the Holy Bible (AV 1611) which they didn’t like or didn’t understand. Every one of them had the same, basic SOP, and every infidel from the Moslems to the witches has picked up the practice from *conservative and fundamental Christian “scholars.”* Whenever there is something in that Book that “rubs them the wrong way” or which they are *too stupid* to grasp, they will all run to the “original Greek” or the “original Hebrew” to *make it say what they want it to say*. Watch this witch high priest do exactly that.

“It has been pointed out by the late Dr. Cast, among others, that the original word was *venefica* [a *Latin* word; not a Hebrew one], meaning ‘poisoner’ rather than ‘witch.’ ‘Thou shalt not suffer a *poisoner* to live’ makes a far better sense.” It would to a *witch*, yes.

“There is no fear of death in witchcraft. It is a time for celebration, for one of the main tenets of the religion is a belief in reincarnation. At death, there is no heaven and no hell. There is just one place for everyone.”

Yeah, and you are going to wind up in that “one place” if you don’t watch out. **“Broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat”** (Matt. 7:13). You will wind up in the same “place” as your god (Matt. 25:41 cf. 2 Cor. 4:4).

“The spirit, or soul, goes to this place . . . .” The guy hasn’t a clue as to what he is saying. The spirit and the soul *aren’t the same*: they aren’t the same in English; they aren’t the same in Greek; they aren’t the same in Hebrew (see my work *Body, Soul, Spirit*)

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“. . . which is ruled over by THE GOD . . .” Why, there is “the god” of 2 Corinthians 4:4 who has blinded this guy blinder than a bat going backwards through a blizzard. “. . . and there rests and relaxes until growing young once again. It is finally REBORN . . .” Oh, get out of my Bible! This guy is obsessed with a Book he doesn’t even believe: “heaven,” “hell,” “the god,” “reborn,” etc. I wish guys like Raymond Buckland would *leave my Bible alone*. “. . . reborn through the agency of the goddess . . .” There’s the mother goddess—Semiramis, Ashtaroth, Isis, Venus, Gaia, and “Mary, the Queen of Heaven” (Jer. 44).

“There is no need for hell or a final judgment in witchcraft because of their belief in retribution in the present life.” Why that’s the belief of every humanist, evolutionist, and Marxist on the face of this earth: no final heaven, no final hell; only retribution in this life. Out on the street, the sinner will say, “I believe your heaven and hell are *here now*.” I wonder who taught that to them (see 2 Cor. 4:4).

Modern witchcraft makes a *benefactor* out of the witches: it’s called “white witchcraft.” It’s the same old story, though. You have moral sinners and immoral sinners, but they are all *sinners* who have broken God’s law and are headed for the *same place* (see above). People, the Devil doesn’t care whether he gets you to hell from the penthouse, the church pew, or the gutter, as long as he gets you into hell with him (see Pharaoh as a type of the Devil in hell in Ezek. 32:31).

The third attitude toward these things is that *all* mental trouble and *all* mental disturbance are of the Devil.

The Catholics believed this back in the Dark Ages: that all the insane were demon possessed. Today, accepting modern “science” (i.e., evolution, psychology, and psychiatry) over the Bible, they teach that no insane person is demon possessed. Wrong again!

You are commanded in the New Testament to “**comfort the feeble-minded**” (1 Thess. 5:14); it doesn’t say the “**feeble-minded**” are demon possessed. There are some “lunatics” who are what we call “demon possessed” (Matt. 17:15 cf. Mark 9:17–25; Luke 9:38–42), and there are others who *aren’t* (Matt. 4:24). Sometimes God makes a man dumb or deaf (Exod. 4:11), and sometimes the Devil does (Mark 9:25). You can’t blame everything on the Devil; sometimes, trouble is *your own fault*. There are plenty of people in asylums who are there because of *their own sin*. The Devil didn’t drive them crazy; a *violated conscience* did.

The fourth and final attitude is the *biblical* one. The Bible teaches that devils *do exist*, that they operate in the *religious realm*, and that they deal with *prophecy* and *fortune-telling*. In Acts 16:16–17, there is a young girl “**possessed with a spirit of divination**” who shows up as Paul and Silas go “**to prayer**” (a *religious* activity). She is involved in “**soothsaying**” (telling facts or truths revealed to her in a supernatural way by the demon). What she says is *true* (just like that devil in Mark 1:24), but it is said to *disrupt* the ministry of the apostles. Demons like to connect themselves with the preaching of the gospel, but not to give glory to Jesus Christ; they draw atten-

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tion away from it and to themselves.

Listen, people, just because you get a message from the spirit world doesn't mean it is the right message or for the right reason. You are to judge everything *by the Book*.

**“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have FAMILIAR SPIRITS, and unto WIZARDS that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the LAW and to the TESTIMONY: if they speak not according to THIS WORD, it is because there is no light in them”** (Isa. 8:19–20).

One of the things that sets the Christian's religion off from every other on earth is that he has an infallible, absolute authority that's in a Book. And Christian, if you ever lose that absolute, infallible authority, then your religion is no better than that of any other religion in the world. You say, “What about the Koran?” The Koran has no supernatural prophecy given that was fulfilled in history. Mohammed has some stuff about the Last Judgment: that is not a prophecy fulfilled in time. He has a prophecy about a battle which, as any gambler knows, is not a prophecy at all; it is a fifty-fifty chance of being right: the battle will either be won or lost. The Bible doesn't hesitate to make 48 prophecies, anywhere from 2,500–400 years ahead of time, about one man, and have all 48 come through right on the money. The chances of that taking place is not any simple one out of two; it is one out of ten with 157 zeroes after it. If the chances of a thing happening are one out of ten with fifty zeros after it, it will never *naturally* take place.

Mohammed wouldn't even attempt to duplicate the prophetic accuracy of the Bible. Alongside the Bible, the Koran is a “funny book” (a comic book).

Finally, there are *dangers* involved in devil worship, and make no mistake about it, everything in the occult is connected to Satan and his devils.

First, worship of the Devil is always disguised as “higher light” or “hidden wisdom.” It's a story as old as Genesis 3:4–5. The Devil gets you to question what God said, and then he substitutes *his* wisdom for God's (James 3:15).

The second thing that is dangerous about satanism and spiritism is that they always use *Bible terms*. It's *the Book* that has the authority that runs this world, so when the Devil wants authority, he has to borrow from the Book, copy the Book, quote the Book, and counterfeit the Book. That's why Anton LaVey had to call his collection of libertine essays *The Satanic BIBLE*. It intrigued people who had rejected the Holy Bible, but the term *Bible* gave it an air of *authority*. Many of the modern cult leaders and those connected with Satan worship (like Charles Manson) claim to be Jesus Christ or God. Why is it they can't leave my Book alone? Why are they always messing with it? We Bible-believing preachers don't mess with theirs. You can tell a lot about somebody or something by its *enemies*.

The symbols of satanism are always the same, and they are always stolen *from the Bible*. There is always the *bull* (Psa. 22:12). There is always the *goat* (Dan. 8:5). There's always the *crescent moon*, representing the queen of heaven (Jer. 44:17–19, 25

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cf. Rev. 12:1). There's always the *cup* (Matt. 26:27–28 cf. 1 Cor. 10:21). There's always the “*shameful kiss*” (Luke 22:48 cf. Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Pet. 5:14). There is always the *skull with the candle on top of it*. Why? Because Jesus Christ is “**the light of the world**” (John 8:12, 9:5), and He was crucified on “**Golgotha,**” “**a place of a skull**” (Matt. 27:33; Mark 15:22; John 19:17).

Finally, satanism and demonism *always enslaves the addict*. If you get fooling around with a ouija board or the tarot cards or the horoscope, pretty soon those things will have you. The Japanese have a saying: “Man take drink; drink take drink; drink take man.”

If you fool with a ouija board, the Devil will see to it that you get just enough right answers to get you hooked. That's called “progressive entrapment” in spiritism.

Before I was saved, I worked a ouija board. I asked it what Theater of Operations I was headed to on my deployment with the Army. It said, “Japan.” The odd thing about it was, I was sent to Fort Meade, which usually meant a European deployment, but we were rerouted to the West Coast by the higher-ups. Once I asked the ouija board how many coins were in the room. The answer was fifteen. My buddies and I all emptied our pockets, but we only came up with thirteen coins. Then I remembered I had asked how many were in the *room*, not in our *pockets*. We looked around, and sure enough, we found two more coins in that room.

The evil spirit communicating through that board gives you enough

right answers to make you *dependent* on it, just like a drunkard with liquor or a junkie on dope. Pretty soon, you won't be able to make a decision without it, and when that happens, that's when the “*tables are turned,*” as they say. People, the Devil never keeps his promises. He will promise you the moon, but he will never deliver. He'll lead you straight into hell chasing the “*carrot*” he dangles before you. If you are saved, he can't get your soul, but he can destroy your *body* (1 Cor. 5:5).

The only cure for these things is the Jesus Christ of the Book and the Holy Spirit of the Book. I am not talking about some “Jesus Christ” invented by a liberal or by Joel Osteen, or by some “Holy Spirit” preached by Benny Hinn or a crazy charismatic. Those are “**another Jesus**” and “**another spirit**” that preach “**another gospel**” (2 Cor. 11:4), and as a consequence, they are *damned* (Gal. 1:8). They will damn anyone who listens to them and follows them, if they can.

Young people, if you get involved in the occult because you think it is a way of getting away from the Bible, you have “another think” coming. You will *never* get away from that Book. When you enter the realm of Satan, you enter the realm of one who has devoted his life and being to getting rid of the Book, so you run right back into the Book again. You might as well read the Book, believe the Book, and follow the authority of the Book. And when you believe and follow the Book, you will believe and follow the One who is the theme of that Book—Jesus Christ (John 5:39; 1 Pet. 1:10–11). It is the only way to avoid “**the snare of the devil**” (2 Tim. 2:26).

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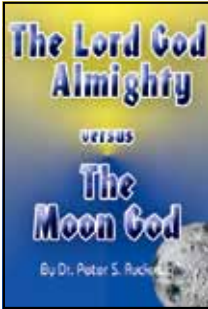
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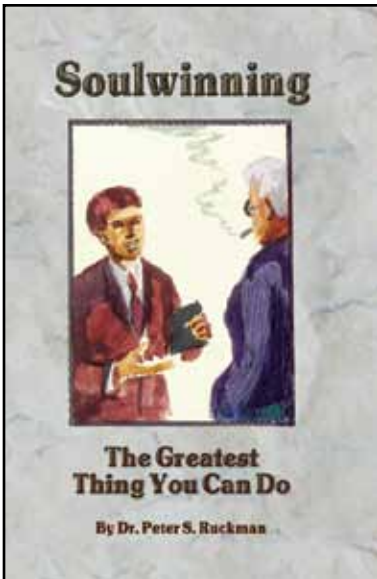
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This is a series of lessons on personal work which were taught to the students of the Pensacola Bible Institute and in Bible Baptist Church. Although originally designed to help young men going into the ministry, they can be profitable to every believer who takes his Saviour's last command seriously (Acts 1:8). Every born-again Christian is called to be an individual, personal witness who attempts to win lost sinners to Jesus Christ: a soulwinner.

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there is only one universe (I guess he finally agreed that's what "uni" means), but that this one universe never had a single moment of creation, and hence, is eternal (once again defying the facts in front of his face).

Over the last few decades, the computer industry has been working hard at replacing the human mind with its own "technological singularity". A Norwegian founder created SIRI (Speech Interpretation and Recognition Interface), with the ability to receive commands and give answers in twenty-one languages. Apple bought the company and kept the name, which in Norwegian actually means, "beautiful woman who leads you to victory", but instead, SIRI is presented as the invented acronym. Amazon's engineers picked the name "Alexa" for their computer woman who has all the answers, a reference to Alexandria, Egypt, which once had a library that supposedly contained all the knowledge of the world in its day. This is the same Alexa which recently gave the "accidental" instructions to her users to "kill your foster parents" (but have no fear, they are looking into correcting the glitch). Google has an "Assistant" that can speak eight languages, and as everyone knows today, when you want information about anything, don't go to the King James Bible, just "google it". These computer interfaces use a female voice (Isaiah 3:12 **"...and women rule over them"**), not accidentally, but with the psychology that the female voice has "a more pleasing and

sympathetic sound", that is, as long as you do not get her angry (Jeremiah 44:17-19).

**"And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."** (Genesis 11:6) **And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**" (Genesis 6:5). On those two statements hang both the future, as well as the past history of mankind. In both cases, it is the Lord who is doing the speaking and giving His evaluation of sinful man, and since His opinion is the only one that matters, we would do well to take heed. In both cases, it was only the intervention of the Lord himself that prevented and stalled man from achieving his purpose. In one case (Genesis 6) it was a worldwide flood, and in the other case (Genesis 11), He brought the confusion of tongues in order to scatter them and prevent their one world setup.

Right now, man is on the threshold of achieving the ability to implant his technology (called Artificial Intelligence) into the human body in a way that of course, is "for your good", so that "diseases and sicknesses can be targeted and defeated". Hawking himself had computer-generated speech through a sensor connected to a muscle in his cheek, which allowed him to type words without using

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his hands, and those words were read verbally by a computer-generated voice. Their next step is to implant this intelligence into the human cell, in order to turn off the aging process and achieve immortality. Scoffers laugh and cry, "Conspiracy theory", as if that is a reason to dismiss it without consideration. Satan uses "conspiracy nuts" who make unfounded, ridiculous claims that can be proven to be false (the Newtown, CT. school shooting was faked to control guns, the Moon landing was staged in a Hollywood studio, the government is purposely giving us cancer through peanut butter, the world is a flat dish with an ice wall holding in the oceans, etc.), so that as soon as anyone even hints that something is being done to control a nation or the world, they are immediately labeled a kook, and the satanic conspiracy (which is real), is ignored. The King James 1611 Bible acknowledges spiritual conspiracies against the truth, especially through positive preaching that lulls souls to sleep until it is too late (see Ezekiel 22:25, Jeremiah 11:9).

By making the "people one", man has the ability to make these things happen ("and now nothing will be restrained from them"), and it will only be heaven's intervention at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ that will bring it to a halt. About the only thing that man cannot achieve is to negate the scripture since, **"the scripture cannot be broken"** (John 10:35), no matter what the technological powers imagine. The

Bible believer is aware that these attempts of the lost world will only fulfill scriptural prophecy. Whether they are making plans with malicious intent, or for the good of mankind, they are being ignorantly influenced by a satanic conspiracy.

Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream pointed out that the future battles which will be played out in human history, will be led by ten kings (represented by the toes of the image), under the leadership of the antichrist. The reader should not overlook the fact that these kings are of **"part of iron, and part of clay"** (Daniel 2:42-43). Notice that in the passage, that **"they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."** As in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37), this attempted mixing of iron with clay produced deformed giants (Genesis 6:4; II Samuel 21:20) with supernatural abilities, so shall it be in the days prior to the coming of Jesus Christ. One of the marks prior to Noah's day was an increase of knowledge and culture (Genesis 4:20-22), and so shall it be in the last days (Daniel 12:4 **"... many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased"**). Of course, it will be the wrong kind of knowledge, along with the wrong kind of wisdom (James 3:15), as the Lord brings a famine for His words (Amos 8:11), while the sons of God create superhumans who think that they are smarter than God. Completely unaware of what they are actually doing, the "technological singularity"

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is fulfilling scripture by trying to mix iron with clay, but it just will not cleave (Daniel 2:43).

“Big Iron” is not only the slang term used for IBM’s and other main-frame supercomputers, but iron is literally used in personal computers, printed circuit boards, keyboards, and car electronics. This technology may also answer the seeming problem of how the antichrist will be able to get Muslims, Jews, Catholics, Protestants, atheists, Buddhists, Hindus, and **“all that dwell upon the earth”** to worship the beast (Revelation 13:8). Men will be walking around with bodies of clay and minds that will be controlled by iron.

Their plan is to eventually create a technology that exceeds human intelligence, implanting the artificial intelligence into the human brain, with the ability to guide and alter human thinking. These are not the thoughts of some conspiracy nuts, but have already been acknowledged publicly by billionaires Elon Musk and Bill Gates, physicist Stephen Hawking, and ex-IBM guru, now with Google, Ray Kurzweil. Kurzweil claims that work is going on right now that will mix human brains with computer intelligence, connect them to the Cloud, and “expand who we are”. He believes the acceleration will be fast enough to have it in place by....2029 (his date, not mine). Vernor Vinge has independently arrived at a target date of ...2030 (his date, not mine). They are referring to this time as the “Post Human Era”. Musk owns a

company (Neuralink) which is working on putting computer chips into the human brain, and this is being done “to save humanity”. Even while Musk is warning folks about the dangers of this technology falling into the wrong hands, he is ignorantly developing a technology that the antichrist will easily control. The company has developed strings of electrodes that can pass through brain tissue that are connected to a chip, also in the brain, which receives instructions from an external source containing all the “apps” for which a loser could hope. Neuralink has a robot that can weave these strands through brain tissue, never harming a single blood vessel.

A vocabulary has already developed that readily accepts the coming transition, referring to the new creature as a “cyborg” (a hypothetical person with superhuman abilities made possible by mechanical elements built into the body, or literally, a cyber organism), or an “android” (a robot that appears human), or an “avatar” (a deity that has come here and dwells in a human body). They can only imagine how much “good” it would create, to expand the human brain to possess all the Google knowledge readily available for instant call up. This is what the Bible predicted would happen in the last days and also referred to it as, **“Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”** (II Timothy 3:7).

The possibilities to enter “altered states” of “virtual reality” become

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great selling points to a generation of people who are already living in a false world of computer-generated egos. Twenty and thirty-year-old “children” are considered heroes and brilliant minds, according to their ability to master and live in an invented world of Fortnite. Living in their parents’ basements, players create their own world and then fight off zombies to save their nonexistent world. The game is played by over 125 million nerds and earns over two billion dollars per year, with the addiction so strong, that many teenagers (millennials, flunkees, duds, failures, flops, etc.), cannot put it down, playing 20,000 to 30,000 times in trying to become a “master”, with some not stopping for as much as twenty-four hours at a time. As foretold in the Bible some two thousand years ago, men will be living lives **“without natural affection... highminded”** and **“having a form of godliness”** (II Timothy 3:3,4). The whole world is being prepped for a race right into the pit of hell, all the while, being trapped and controlled by the technological web, and play-

ing virtual games that convince them that they are actually doing something with their lives. While most everyone can only see the “goodness of man” in the use of this power (thanks in part to all of the positive preachers who refuse to speak the truth), the Bible believer knows from the facts of history given in the scripture (Genesis 6, 11, and Revelation 13), exactly how it will be used. It will be used by the antichrist to dominate the world, and the positive thinkers will lead the way in handing over the world’s population to this mindless control.

When man first began to increase his knowledge (back in 3500 B.C.), he used it to create an advanced civilization, building cities (Genesis 4:17), and becoming masters in the use of metals, specifically **“brass and iron”** (Genesis 4:22). For the past twenty years, Bible-believing preachers have been told that we are fighting a losing battle to preach against the false world of Facebook, Twitter, etc., and that we should “just get with it”, and accept that “this is the way it is”. The modern preachers have set up their own accounts

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and have tweeted the advantages of promoting the church and the gospel on social media (when in reality it is no more than self-promotion), so there is little doubt that they will find a way to justify this next step into the cyborg world as well.

The beliefs of the so-called "New Age Movement", as found in the Unity churches, Metaphysical books, Christian Science, the Hindu and Buddhist religions, and the religion of evolutionary false science, have set them up for this coming spiritual "singularity" in the worship of Satan. The religious beliefs of these positive thinkers are: (1) The earth is a living organism called our Mother. (2) Man is evolving toward a state of godhood. (3) All mankind will be blended into "One", possessing a "World Mind". (4) All who refuse to come along in agreement must be "purified", especially Bible believers.

Elon Musk believes that reality is a computer simulation in which we are now living, and it was created by an extraterrestrial intelligence. He thinks that there is only a one in a billion chance that the life that he is living is reality! Bill Gates believes the future workplace will be assisted by "avatars", and how right he is, but in such a wrong way. In their pride, they think that because they were able to create a false, virtual world for others to fantasize in, then they must also be living in one as well. These men have no problem believing the counterfeit, while scoffing at reality and the truths of the Bible. As

a result, their souls have been set up by the great Deceiver (called Satan), and they will receive the false avatar with open arms to their damnation.

The "spiritual singularity" that this world is headed for, will still be controlled by the Lord God, even as He delegates it temporarily to the devil (Luke 4:5-6), until such time that the "**basest of men**" come to know "**that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will**" (Daniel 4:32). At the end of their work, the ten kings of part iron and part clay, will turn against their "**MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**", and burn her with fire (Revelation 17:5,16), while Mr. Musk, Mr. Gates, Mr. Kurzweil, and company, (if they are able to make it that far through the great tribulation), will hide in the mountains and pray that the rocks would fall on them to hide them from the advancing "**wrath of the Lamb**" (Revelation 6:15-17), whom they rejected, as they attempted to bring in their own kingdom without Him. They will find out too late that they were living a real-life, with a real soul that is eternally damned because they "**received not the love of the truth**" (II Thessalonians 2:10). Then will come the most awful discovery of their lives, when they realize that their computer simulations cannot change the reality of the truth, that their avatars, cyborgs, and androids were false messiahs who cannot deliver from hell, and they finally understand that their "artificial intelligence" was just that.

# A Tale of Two Letters

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

Below are two letters by two Bible believers. The first one is written by a Bible believer to a Bible critic whose authority is no higher than the opinions of men. The second is by a Bible believer writing to another Bible believer who had encouraged him to believe and practice the Book. I thought I would present the two letters in this one article to show the contrast between someone who *professes* to believe the Bible but would not hesitate a minute to correct any word in it with which he didn't agree or couldn't understand and someone who actually believes the Book God placed in his hand.

The first letter is by Herb Evans. He's the man who rang John R. Rice's bell, which you can read in the work available from the Bookstore: *Dear Dr. John: Where is my Bible?* (KJ 1715 @ \$1.95). Here, he is addressing Robert Sumner's right-hand man: Doug Kutilek. "Dug-out Doug" is an amateur Bible critic who doesn't have the sense God gave a brass monkey when dealing with the words of God in the Holy Scripture. The quotes Herb Evans gives by Kutilek come from an article he wrote in Sumner's "rag," *The Biblical Evangelist*.

The first quote by Kutilek, given by Evans, is: "I hasten to add that none of my remarks should be construed as an attack on the KJV, but rather as an attack on the foolish, ill-informed defense of the KJV presented by a man who can only be described as a charlatan, a huckster, and a mountebank." ("Kutey" Kutilek is talking about *me*. That's the kind of person who worries about "Ruckman's" language. Sweet and chari-

table, isn't he?)

Evans responds: "Why change now, Doug? For years you've been attacking the King James Bible. Your reputation for undercutting the King James Bible in *The Biblical Evangelist* . . . and undermining the faith of your young students [i.e., their faith in the King James Bible] while a teacher at Baptist Bible College is a matter of record. We still have correspondence ten years old or more regarding your animosity toward the King James Bible. Perhaps you just found a new bandwagon to get on: a Hymers-Hudson [i.e., R. L. Hymers Jr. and Gary Hudson] bandwagon that covers a mass of the real intentions and purpose of Bible correcting."

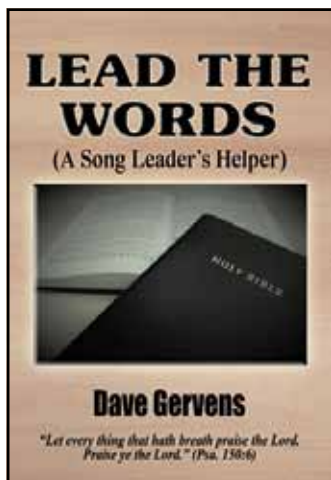
You see, Kutilek spent his lifetime undermining the faith of young men in the word of God. Herb Evans knows it and has it documented. When Kutilek wrote his article for *The Biblical Evangelist*, he lied like a dog. Ditto Stewart Custer, Marshall Neal, Fred Afman, James Price, and 316 more listed in the back of *The Christian Liar's Library*.

Kutilek went on lying: he said the most the King James translators claimed for themselves was that they had carefully and diligently undertaken their task of revising earlier English translations on the basis of the Hebrew and Greek originals. Evans responded with this: "Why make your readers think the original autographs are extant when neither the King James translators nor you ever had them?"

The King James translators never said they had or translated from "the Hebrew and Greek originals." They

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said they “translated out of the original tongues.” But apostates like Kutilek have been lying for so long that they are not even conscious they are doing it. Kutilek was so used to talking about “the original text” and “THE Greek (or Hebrew) text” that he automatically lied about what the King James translators said. There is a big difference between the original *languages* (“tongues”) and the original *text* or the original *manuscripts*. We have texts in the original biblical tongues (languages); no one in the last 1,800 years has seen any “original text” or “original manuscript.” “Hebrew and Greek originals” is an attempt to mislead the reader into believing old “Dug-out Doug” meant what the King James translators said, when everything Herb Evans had on Kutilek over a ten-year period demonstrated that *he didn't*. He lied by misleading his readers.

Kutilek goes on lying with: “If all Hebrew dictionaries agree that a word means one thing, and yet a translation translates it another way, then the translator is indicted as being in error.” The Bible believer answered: “Why not admit to your readers that your final authority is not any Bible at all, but rather the consensus of Greek and Hebrew lexicons and dictionaries which well may have had a succession of parroting each other, with the first one being in error? Why not tell folks that in your notable linguistics view, grammar is still changing as new finds remain? Why not admit that you were forced by your statement to embrace the position of uniform word-for-word translation, which is

an impossibility in any language?”

And that is how it goes for old “Dug-out Doug.” Evans has him up against a wall. Kutilek wouldn't dare admit to those things, even though that is exactly what he believes. If he did, it would destroy the image he has crafted for himself of a “good, godly” fundamentalist; he would be exposed as a *liberal neo-orthodox*. That is the apostate who called Ruckman a “charlatan,” a “huckster,” and a “mountebank.” He was a liar who undermines young men's faith in the King James Bible, and whose authority is a Greek and Hebrew lexicon; not the Holy Bible (*any* version).

Now contrast a fellow like that with this one. Here is a letter from a Bible believer named Rex Harrison, from Riverside, California. It should be a great note of instruction for Doug Kutilek and his cohorts on the faculties and staffs of Baptist Bible College, Bob Jones University, Liberty University, etc. This is a demonstration of how a real Bible believer should conduct himself. He does not profess something he doesn't believe in order to get somebody's money. He never uses a Book because he “prefers” it, and he never uses a Book because it is “useful.”

This young man writes: “Dear Dr. Ruckman, I love you as a brother in Christ, and no one has had a bigger influence on me than you have.” There is someone who doesn't believe “Ruckman” is a “charlatan,” a “huckster,” and a “mountebank.” Evidently he must know something “Kutey” doesn't.

“I've always wanted to come to Pensacola and stand with you in

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your church with a King James Bible, and against everything it is against, but God sent me out to Los Angeles. I drive up and down these highways with my Bible on the dashboard, and people see it. I know they do, because when their eyes see it, they immediately flip their head the other direction. Isaiah 53:3 says, **'we hid as it were our faces from him.'**"

"I never give an inch. I don't wear sunglasses either because **'God is light'** [1 John 1:5]. I work rebar for the iron workers local 416 out of Los Angeles, outside, and I don't need sunglasses. This place is evil, and there is a lot of drugs, music, fleshy rottenness of all kinds; but the King James Bible keeps me clean and my eyes on Jesus Christ."

"I miss all the fellowship you all have because you all love the Book and so do I. It's all I've ever known, and I'm satisfied. I long to be gathered together at the rapture with all of God's people. I'll be going to carry on a one-man patrol of them **'having done all, to stand'** (Eph. 6:13)."

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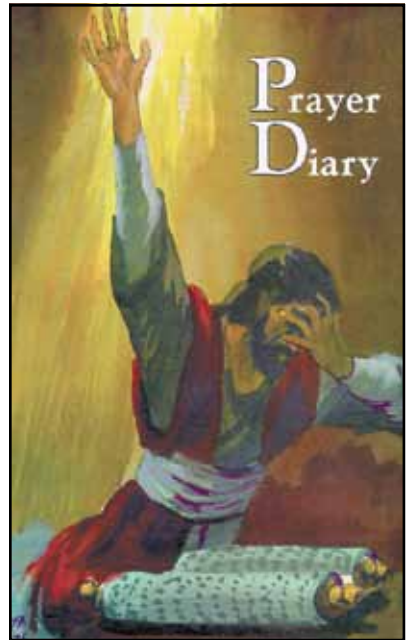
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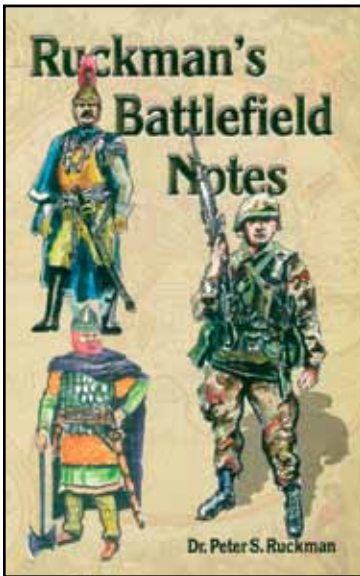
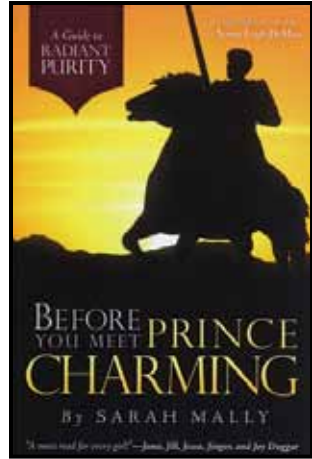
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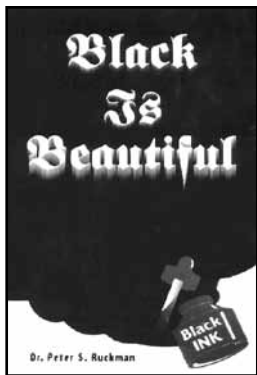
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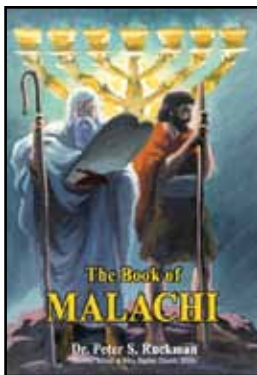
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# The Great Power Struggle

By Robert Militello

Power is the ability to control, and human hearts and minds are targets for both the Holy Spirit and the unholy spirit. **“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other”** (Matt. 6:24).

The struggle for power is the dynamic that determines the flow of history and ultimately affects where every soul will go at death. There will be a winner and a loser in the struggle for men's souls. Good versus evil is the real drama of life. In a very real way, both the Lord and Satan are “control freaks.” They seek to control every facet of our lives whether we are aware of it or not. With your own free will you decide what spiritual power will get the right to control you. God's will for us is unmistakably clear: **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation”** (1 Pet. 1:15).

This power to make one holy begins with a sinner trusting the Lord Jesus Christ to save his/her soul from hell. The sanctification of a saved soul is the work of God upon a heart and mind now willing to follow that which is good and abhor that which is evil. This work goes on until the last minute of life on earth. The power to make one holy is a threat to those who are counting on their own righteousness to put their souls in heaven. Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:5 about the proliferation of this attitude in the very last days of the church on earth: **“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof . . .”** There is a fear of that

power that makes one holy. That fear comes from compromising with sin. Saved people can have that fear. It keeps them from reading God's word, prayer, and hearing negative preaching.

The peace that **“passeth all understanding”** (Phil. 4:7) is something all believers know about, but rarely experience. Why? Opening the door to the unholy power into your thought life is arming the Devil to war against the Holy Spirit who is in you. Carnal believers have a real problem understanding this.

**“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU?”** (1 Cor. 3:16).

Who is going to control you, and how thorough will that control be? Soon, the Lord will give this present evil world over to a diabolical control freak who will institute a reign of terror unimaginable in its brutality and horror. Rejection of God's word has consequences, and the full manifestation of those consequences is yet to be seen. What is coming after the church leaves is an international police state where anyone desiring to buy and sell will be numbered and controlled. Nations will submit to this control for the sake of **“Peace and safety”** (1 Thess. 5:3). The pope's prayer will appear to have been answered. But **“what saith the scripture”** (Rom. 4:3; Gal. 4:30)?

**“There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked”** (Isa. 48:22).

All power is in the hands of Jesus Christ, and that power can be used for good or evil, depending upon the

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counsel of God. Satan's power is real and is employed by the Lord for purposes that go far beyond human comprehension.

**"I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things"** (Isa. 45:7).

How's this: **"and I have created the waster to destroy"** (Isa. 54:16)? Can **"the waster"** do anything without the Lord's permission? You know he can't, so memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:18 when you question God's dealings with you.

For sure, **"God is love"** (1 John 4:8), and that love allowed the Nazis to put to death about six million children of Jacob. That love that saved our souls at Calvary raised up a mediocre Austrian painter to take control over some seventy million Germans and Austrians. Power to unleash horror the world had not yet known was given to a man that sang as a boy in the choir of the Catholic Church he attended in Austria. The hand that gave power to Adolf Hitler and to Pontius Pilate gave power to frightened men chosen to tell the world that Jesus Christ was the Messiah of Israel and **"Saviour of the world"** (John 4:42; 1 John 4:14). **"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"** (Acts 1:8).

Our Lord chose men who would sell out to Him and allow themselves to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. In our time, the love of self has so satu-

rated the minds of men that even the children of God tenaciously cling to their understanding of how best to live their lives. Singing, "I surrender all" at service must be a really tough sell for this "selfie" generation.

Every newly saved believer ought to spend time in Romans chapters 6, 7, and 8. Paul lays out, in these chapters, the warfare that the child of God has now entered into. This intense power struggle raging in the heart of a child of God is a surprise to new converts. The corruptions of the heart and the deceitfulness of human nature now rise up in a determined effort to stop the Holy Spirit from gaining control of the thought life of the baby Christian. Our free will, a gift of God, yet marred by sin, will be pulled and stretched like a rubber band with no more play in it. A break will eventually happen and the believer will yield.

**"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"** (Rom. 6:16).

Your life as a Christian will always involve you making choices. God's love drives you to take a stand regardless of how you may try to avoid the issue. **"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him"** (1 Kings 18:21).

If you don't often feel pressure to yield yourself to holiness, your spiritual life has lost its moisture. You are dry, brittle, and locked up in a POW

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(Prisoner Of War) camp run by the Devil. Few are able to escape because the modern Bible versions are polluted and most preachers fear their congregants more than God. For Laodicean Christians, the war against the world, the flesh, and the Devil ended abruptly when the Holy Spirit began to point out things in their lives that were to be taken to the nearest junkyard.

Not long ago, I was asked by a dear brother to speak to his wife. I married this couple some years earlier. They were both serious Christians. Something went wrong and she left him. After talking at length with her, it was apparent that she had no biblical reason to abandon him, and she admitted as such. She justified herself by calling her husband a control freak and said she was unhappy. In a gentle way (which surprised even me), I told her that her beef was with God and not with the man she married. Generally, women that have an authority problem, but believe themselves to be spiritual, are willfully blind to the hidden rebellion of their hearts. This is a growing problem in the churches today, and sad to say, many pastors prefer to retreat to a neutral corner when asked for counsel. In the "God loves you" churches we have today, don't hold your breath waiting to hear a sermon on Esther chapter one. Some things are just too hot to handle. Read Esther 1 and note how the Lord is able to flush out rebellion in the heart against God's appointed authority.

Paul made clear in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 that the last days of the church on

earth would be characterized by an alarming rise in evil doing around the world. Before the flood of Noah's day, the world was awash in wickedness. Today, modern devices have made it possible for those who have no fear of God to spread their evil ways to the millions and billions who connect themselves to the worldwide web. Unholiness in all its perverse forms has come out of the closet. God's people are exposed to filth and devilment unlike anything experienced by previous generations. Never has there been such a need for preachers to speak plainly and directly about sin that hides in the hearts of God's own people. When drain and waste pipes clog, you call a Roto-Rooter man, someone who works with unpleasant smells. Today's "God loves you" pastors prefer to work in an environment where men's cologne and ladies' perfume mask the stench of filth and rebellion in hearts unwilling to yield to the power that makes one holy. Christians who live victoriously are scarce in Laodicea. Somehow, the Devil has convinced millions of carnal babies that the blessings of material comforts mean you are enjoying God's favor. Oh, what delusions God permits to dwell in the minds of those who give lip service to holiness, but zealously promote their worship services where offending someone with the truth is seen as unchristlike. If you have the sweet spirit of Christ, whatever that is, you want your brothers and sisters to enjoy the "worship experience," and feel encouraged and comforted.

There is power in negative preaching. Holiness takes root in hearts that

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are cut open by the word, and the horror of sin moves the child of God to godly and not worldly repentance. **“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins”** (Isa. 58:1).

John the Baptist read the prophets and knew what the Jews of his day needed to hear and not what they wanted to hear. If he were here today visiting various churches across our nation, he would have to take with him an ample supply of airsickness bags. What he would be hearing coming out of most pulpits would cause his diet of locusts and wild honey to repeat on him violently. Laodicean preaching causes the Lord to gag in Revelation 3:16. So those possessed with the “sweet spirit of Christ” dine with pleasure every Sunday on nice little sermonettes that you find on “religious” greeting cards. The idea is to make everyone go home happy and tell others how warm and friendly their church is. One can't help but feel intensely sorry for those Christians that have sat for years in dead, powerless churches, afraid to leave because of family ties or other restraints put upon them by the Devil. All of this will come out in God's time.

**“Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known”** (Matt. 10:26).

Paul told Timothy (2 Tim. 1:7) that we have been given the spirit of power. So where is it?

A student of history notes how often small groups of men have over-

thrown established powers. The Bolsheviks overthrew the Czar and ended centuries of imperial rule. The Nazis and Fascists started out as minority political parties, but took power and overthrew well-financed, majority powers who greatly underestimated their opponents. Castro's revolution in Cuba began with a few dozen men sick of the corruption in Havana. It turned out that they were no better. A property-owning band of American colonists rose up to overthrow the power of King George III. We all read what Patrick Henry said: “Give me liberty, or give me death.” How noble, but if he really understood what real liberty is, according to the word of God, he would have known that only God's truth has power to make men free. Did Mr. Henry ever lead a soul to Jesus Christ? When the Lord takes us home, look around and see how many of our great patriots and Founding Fathers made it to glory.

How was it that power was taken from the powerful by small groups of men? When there is complete dedication to a cause or a personage and a willingness to sacrifice your life if need be for the success of your enterprise, power will be the fruit of your yieldedness. Paul said, **“when I am weak, then am I strong”** (2 Cor. 12:10). In abandoning all your other ambitions and surrendering yourself to whatever the Lord has for you, power begins to rest upon you. It is not the power with which this world can identify with. The power to live holy is far from the mind of any dedicated, political revolutionary. Holy Spirit power doesn't need a musket

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or a cannon to overthrow an adversary. God's power in a believer can cause a lost soul to see the emptiness in his or her own heart and lots of other stuff besides.

Think of the thousands of entertainment-minded Romans who packed the Colosseum to see Christians get eaten by wild beasts. Opened in A.D. 80 by Titus, who burned God's temple in Jerusalem just ten years earlier, the Colosseum was a must visit for those who thought Christians were enemies of Rome. Live-action viewing of death by violence and terror is far superior to watching a movie with paid actors. When boxing was big, the hottest thing in New York was a ringside seat at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. Spilling the blood of another human being will never go out of fashion. It will take God Almighty ruling from a throne in Jerusalem to bring that practice to an end. Before He gets to sit on His throne, He will have spilled enough blood in and around Israel to fill up scores of coliseums. The blood of Christian martyrs has never stopped crying out from the ground it fell on. God will destroy Rome and Vatican City with all its treasures of art and all the statues that give glory to the work of men's hands. Vengeance is sweet and not bitter to those who rejoice to see the Lord get the glory due Him.

Well, how many of Rome's emperor-loving citizens watched in total amazement the Christians going to their death singing with eyes looking to heaven? Seeing such peace in the faces of those being torn apart, or set on fire, must have shook up

those pagans who believed in many gods, but really embraced only one—PLEASURE. How a man or a woman dies tells you a lot about whether that soul found the peace that passeth all understanding. Probably, many of the spectators returned to their dwellings wondering about what made the Christians fearless. This was a power unknown to them. Is it safe to assume the Lord used that experience at the Colosseum to bring many to Christ? Our life and our death should bring glory to God. It will if we access the power of holiness. He loves holiness, and we should pursue it and love it because we are going to a holy city where not one unholy thought found a way of getting in. Something to look forward to—amen?

**“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God”** (2 Cor. 7:1).

So how does a believer get cleansed?

**“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word”** (Psa. 119:9).

Folks who are mindful of the stink of their bodies shower and bathe often, and that's good. Believers who do not regularly bathe in God's word remain filthy of flesh and spirit. There was a lost Catholic woman invited to a Bible church, but she declined. She said she was OK with God, and all who knew her said she was a devoted wife and mother and a caring neighbor. So she had what we call

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 a good testimony, at least outwardly. The soulwinner told her that all her admirable qualities would not get her to heaven. Her resistance to the truth was demonstrable. Nevertheless, God's messenger decided to play one last card to knock her off the perch of self-righteousness. He asked her if she would be comfortable with God putting on a giant screen for all to see her secret thoughts and actions.

She was temporarily speechless, but recovered quickly enough to say the church was full of hypocrites. He said, "Come anyway; one more won't make a difference."

**"Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit"** (Prov. 26:5).

In a society loaded with fools such as we have today, your speech may not be always polite, but don't worry.

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## THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT

1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong, what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.
4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word "*Christian*" originated (Acts 11:26).
6. So God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).
7. So there are two streams of Bibles. The most accurate—though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error; it is a matter of "preference"—are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are "almost the originals," although not quite.
8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzendorf, Spener, et al.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.
9. But we can "tolerate" these if those who believe in them will "tolerate" US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of "PREFERENCE." You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer. Let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

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Our Saviour had no trouble wounding those who thought too highly of themselves. Hang around Jews a lot and prepare to get offended if you think the world is a better place for you being in it. There is power in a child of God to shake up a lost soul if we put the holy fear of God above the fear of man. Also, there is a power in the Authorized Version that believers reading modern Bibles know nothing of. **“Where the word of a king is, there is power”** (Eccl. 8:4). Power to live a holy life is given us if we apply it. You start your car and remain where you are unless you depress the accelerator pedal and access the engine’s power.

My experience with saints living defeated lives because of addictions and other issues has taught me that unless you hate the chains of sin, you will remain in the Devil’s snare. Sadly, many saints will stay where they are spiritually because they like where they are and will not step on the gas to move away. For example, I dealt with a man saved for more than fifteen years. He had a destructive habit. I told him that scripture says **“greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”** (1 John 4:4). “Are you certain of your salvation and of the Holy Spirit abiding in you?” I asked. He said that he was. “Would the Lord tell you to do what you could not do? Scripture says, **‘Resist the devil, and he will flee from you’** (James 4:7).” Again, I asked, “Do you really want to quit?” “Yes,” he said. “Then why don’t you?” He said, “Pray for me; I’m trying.” When someone tells me “I’m trying,” and has the power to change a terrible situation

but doesn’t, he is not really willing to change, not at that moment.

In sports you would often hear the admonition to be a good loser and handle defeat with grace. Red Auerbach, the coach of the Boston Celtics basketball team in the fifties (he was a streetwise Jew), said, “Show me a good loser, and I’ll show you a loser.” Think about that a while. General Douglas MacArthur told President Truman that the U.S. would not defeat the communists in Korea (1950–1953) unless we committed to all-out war. MacArthur wanted the sanctuaries in Red China to be bombed. President Truman refused and then fired MacArthur. The war ended in a stalemate. Almost 34,000 American men were killed far from home in a war we “tried” to win. In MacArthur’s farewell speech to Congress after being called back from Korea, he stated boldly as you would expect a real soldier to say: “There is no substitute for victory!”

Would to God every soul that is blessed to have the Holy Spirit in him/her would fight on to victory. Our Commander-in-Chief won the mother of all battles in Gethsemane. He surrendered to His Father’s will.

**“I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity: even so NOW YIELD YOUR MEMBERS SERVANTS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO HOLINESS”** (Rom. 6:19).

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## CORRECTION

September *Bulletin*, page 28, next to last line: the word “pets” should have read “poets.”



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