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Soak Your Soul Away

ESOTERIC MYSTICISM – HYPNOSIS – SATANIC MUSIC CONTEMPORY PRAYERS

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Soaking prayer ~satanic music: Can refer to: Meditation with Live Music -- Repetitive chanting, breathing in a controlled manner or silent concentration to quiet the thoughts and feelings and commune with God. Infused contemplation, for many writers, the sole sense of the term; acquired contemplation, also known as "Prayer of Simplicity". "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." <u>Jeremiah 8:20</u>

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<u>Christian leaders are developing</u> <u>supernatural powers with hypnotic-</u> <u>enchanting breakthrough mind</u> <u>techniques.</u>

SOAKING PRAYER SATANIC MUSIC

Many Christians and mainline churches are doing this Hindu and New Age Practice. This practice make a person focus on themselves and not on Christ.

"What is soaking prayer?"

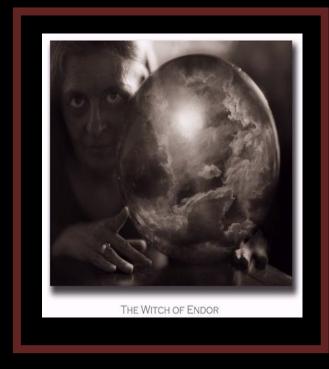
Since the 1990s there has been an increased focus on mysticism within various divisions of Christianity. The esoteric of these mystical experiences expands the division between a "trusting faith" and a "flesh felt faith," and replacing sound biblical teaching with sensational, emotional, motivated response.

Leviticus 19:26 – "Ye shall not eat anything with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times."

KJV

Syncretism

A world view. The combination of different forms of belief and/or practice. See also eclecticism,



and <u>cafeteria religion</u>.

The combining or merging and synthesizing of religions or religious beliefs, practices, and philosophies. This results in new or hybrid religions that are composed of diverse elements of the religions from which they were derived.

Soaking prayer is one of spiritual, mystical movement. It is explained as resting in God's presence. This is accomplished by playing some gentle worship songs, either sitting or lying down, and praying short, simplistic prayers for an extended period of time, but otherwise keeping your mind free of other thoughts. This is the recipe of every hypnotist, first empty your minds and then a demonic presence will fill it.

At the point when you feel God's presence through a of manifestation like tingling skin, a sensation of heat or cold, or even a gentle wind seemingly blowing through your body, then you just soak" in an unidentified presence. Forget the biblical challenge to "Test the spirits."

When soaking prayer is examined accordingly, we find that it comes up wanting for biblical support for inviting God's presence but one can find these techniques in occult activity. Nowhere in the Bible can a model of prayer be found that soaking prayer follows.

Biblical prayer is talking to God with His will in mind (<u>1 John 5:14</u>). A biblically praying believer already understands that God's presence is always with him (<u>Psalm 139:7</u>; <u>Matthew 28:20</u>; <u>1 Corinthians 6:19</u>; <u>1 Thessalonians 4:8</u>; <u>2 Timothy 1:14</u>), and he doesn't need to experience any type of physical sensation to prove it.

"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 Timothy 4:3-4 – "False messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders in order to mislead, if that were possible, the elect" -- Mark 13:22.



Contemplative prayer, also known as "centering prayer," is a meditative practice where the practitioner focuses on a word and repeats that word over and over for the duration of the exercise. Christianity is not a mindless faith. It is a living relationship with Jesus.

While contemplative prayer is done differently in the various groups that practice it, there are similarities. Contemplative prayer involves choosing a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within. Contemplative prayer usually includes sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settling briefly and silently, introducing the sacred word. When а contemplative prayer becomes aware of thoughts, he/she is to return ever so gently to the sacred word. Hinduism would call these

types of words "mantras," usually a name of a Hindu god or goddess.

Jesus warned, Matthew 6:7 — "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" KJV

When Christians join in soaking their flesh, spirits and minds with music forms that have been produced from worldly corporations such as Time Warner, Disney World and others; you'll have a sure formula for satanic possession beyond measure.

TRANSFORMATIONS

Transformations really mean the transformation of cities worldwide to submit to the authority of a global government and one world religion. When one engages in these new spiritual programs, Satan can take over their minds and block their knowledge of Jesus. They become "transformed to the wiles of their flesh and they can be easily lead into new religious pathways.

The fifth column infiltrators who are leading contemplative prayer, by design, focuses on having a mystical experience with God – not Jesus but God. Mysticism, however, is merely prejudiced and does not rely upon truth or fact. Yet the Word of God has been given to us for the very purpose of basing our faith, and our lives, on Truth. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - "All scripture is given

by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.' KJV

Christians must get back to the basics of the Bible seeking Jesus for the wellbeing of their souls and should seek their knowledge about God based on fact of the scripture; trusting in experiential knowledge over the biblical record takes a person outside of the standard that is the Bible. Contemplative teaches Christians to depend upon feelings and demonic forces.

Contemplative prayer is no different than the meditative exercises used in Eastern religions and New Age cults. Its most vocal supporters embrace an open spirituality among adherents from all religions, promoting the idea that salvation is gained by many paths, even though Christ Himself stated that salvation comes only through Him (John 14:6) – "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." KJV

Contemplative prayer, as practiced in the modern prayer movement, is in opposition to biblical Christianity and should definitely be renounced and avoided. If you have practiced it, you should repent and seek Jesus for deliverance.

For Christians the major emphasis of mysticism concerns a spiritual transformation of the <u>egoic</u> self, the following of a path designed to produce more fully realized human persons, "created in the Image and Likeness of God" and as such, living in harmonious communion with God, the Church, the rest of <u>humanity</u>, and all creation, including oneself. For Christians, this human potential is realized most perfectly in Jesus, precisely because he is both God and human, and is manifested in others through their association with him, whether conscious, as in the case of Christian mystics, or unconscious, with regard to spiritual persons who follow other traditions, such as <u>Gandhi</u>. The <u>Eastern Christian</u> tradition speaks of this transformation in terms of <u>theosis</u> or divinization, perhaps best summed up by an ancient aphorism usually attributed to <u>Athanasius of Alexandria</u>: "God became human so that man might become God."¹

Christianity is supernatural and those who worship Jesus will do so in with their spirit and not their flesh. The Bible shows the believers of Jesus, connected to Him and His throne, Ephesians Chapters one and two and sitting with Him in "Heavenly Places."

Matthew 16:17-19 – "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." KJV

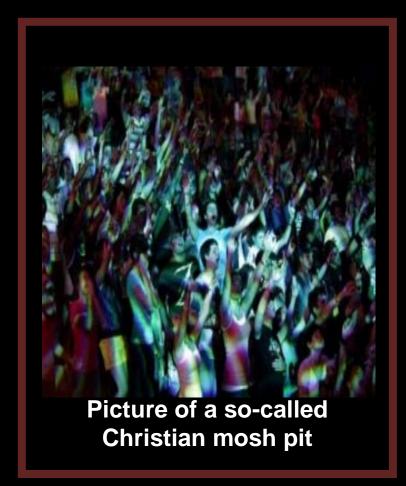
Supernatural knowledge from our Lord does not come by our using enchantments or hypnosis. Christianity is not mindless being lead by demonic forces. The above scripture shows Peter freely mentally engaged with Jesus, yet, he was able to receive spiritual, supernatural information from the Kingdom of God.

^{1 &}lt;u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_mysticism</u>

Using powers of bewitchment has no place in the Kingdom of God; however, engaging these powers of darkness is formidable and can and will steal your soul!

TRANCE DANCING Combine Soaking Prayer with Trance Dancing and you'll have an extremely, mighty, powerful vehicle to transfer devils from their spiritual realms into human bodies. **Stasy**, (or *ekstasis*) from the <u>Ancient Greek</u>, έκ-στασις (*ex-stasis*), "to be or stand outside oneself, a removal to elsewhere (from ex-: out, and stasis: a stand, or a standoff of forces)."²

Terrence McKenna defines ecstasy as a complex emotion containing elements of joy, fear, terror, triumph, surrender and empathy. It derives from the Greek word ekstasis, meaning "displacement, trance, to take flight, to drive out of one's senses."



Patricia King, pastor to Todd Bentley, a woman of questionable Christian spiritual sense describes trance dancing or "Ekstasis" on her website Extreme Prophetic.

"DJ Caleb Club Mysterio combines ekstasis worship, beats, electronic musical expressions, dance, prayer and a powerful prophetic flow to create a **Christian rave** experience. Club Mysterio is not a Night Club, it is a Light Club! This new expression of abandoned worship allows you to put feet to your faith as you dance and flow, pressing into the presence of God and experiencing the **deep mysteries** of intimacy with the Lord...the One who is truly worth raving about!"

"The purpose of a trance dance is essentially to bring you to a place in the sacred zone where the spirits can reach you...In trance dance, the rhythms and movements combine with the music to create an altered state of consciousness

that allows entry into the sacred realm...Allowing the body, and parts of the body, to move to and express rhythms it finds engaging in the moment leads to this meditative state of mind and allows entry **into a deeper mythic reality**." ³

Moshing or **slamming** refers to the activity in which audience members at live music performances aggressively push and/or slam into each other. Moshing is frequently accompanied

³ Adapted from *Circle of Shaman*, by Karen Berggren (Inner Traditions, 1998).

² <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecstasy (philosophy)</u>

by <u>stage diving</u>, <u>crowd surfing</u>, mic swinging, <u>instrument smashing</u>, and <u>headbanging</u>. It is most commonly associated with concerts featuring more aggressive genres, such as <u>punk</u> and <u>heavy</u> <u>metal</u>.



<u>Crowdsurfing</u> over a mosh pit.

Moshing primarily takes place at live shows, though it can be done to recorded music.^[11] In the 2000s, many variations of moshing exist, such as "**thrashing**",^[2] and is typically done in an area in front of the stage which is referred to as the **mosh pit** or simply **pit**.

While moshing is seen as a form of positive feedback or reflection of enjoyment from live audiences,^{[1][3]} it has also drawn some controversy over its dangerous nature – injuries are common and deaths have been reported. However, it is generally agreed that moshers are not trying to harm one another^[1] and follow an unwritten "moshing etiquette",^{[2][4][5]} or pit

hospitality, which promotes safety through behaviours such as immediately helping fallen audience members back to their feet to avoid them being trampled. Commonly the circumstances that lead to this act at a concert are only a few people starting it and creating a <u>snowball effect</u> in the crowd.

Some bands also glamorize the act in their songs, with <u>Hatebreed</u> being an example, while others have voiced protests against it, such as <u>The Smashing Pumpkins</u>.^{[6]4}

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Patricia King's Dance club..."Club Mysterio"...It looks soooooo pagan...

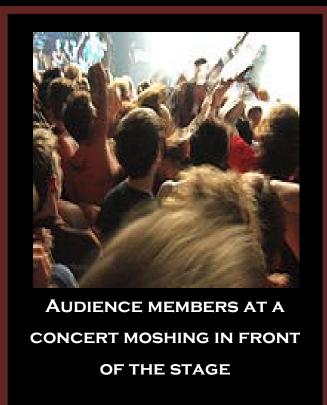
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SECULAR ~ WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moshing

Jesus says in Mark Chapter 7 beginning at verse 21,"For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of



men, come base and wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery; 22). Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous and destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness). 23 All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within and they make the man unclean and render him unhallowed."

Wild Fire....coming to your church

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HOLY GHOST PARTY ~ COME ON EVERYBODY ~ LET'S PAAARRRRTY!

IT IS CALLED THE GREAT FALLING AWAY. IN JACKSONVILLE WE HAVE FIFTEEN "GATEKEEPERS' CHURCHES," THAT HAVE ANNOUNCED A ECSTATIC TRANCE PARTY... LAST MONTH THEY HAD A HOLY GHOST PARTY.... THESE PEOPLE WILL DANCE THEMSELVES INTO HELL.

SERPENTINE POWER

Kundalini (kuṇḍalinī कुण्डलिनी) <u>Sanskrit</u>, literally "coiled". In Indian <u>yoga</u>, a "corporeal energy"^[1] - an unconscious, instinctive or libidinal force or <u>Shakti</u>, envisioned either as a goddess or else as a sleeping serpent coiled at the base of the spine,^{[2][3][4]} hence a number of English renderings of the term such as 'serpent power'.⁵

⁵ <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kundalini</u>



demonic manifestations The found throughout the New Age movement and also in many pagan religions. When Yan Xin, a `Qigong' Chinese spiritual Master, gave a talk to a crowd in San Francisco in 1991, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that many in the crowd began to experience what Yan called "spontaneous movements". He told his audience, "Those who are sensitive might start having some strong physical sensations - or start laughing or crying. Don't worry. This is quite normal." Likewise, the demonic "ministry" of renowned eighteenth-century occulted healer Franz Mesmer, was also known to produce many similar manifestations (falling down. jerking, convulsions. cries. strange grunts and hysterical laughter, etc.⁶

A number of Indian gurus, such as Bagwhan Shree Rajneesh and Ra-makrishna, have had the power to transfer a state of rapturous bliss to their followers merely by touching them. In the case of Ramakrishna, these states were often accompanied by uncontrollable laughter or weeping. Swami Baba Muktananda also had this power, according to a former devotee, and the resulting `Kundalini' manifestations included uncontrollable laughing, roaring, barking, crying, shaking, etc. Some of his followers also became mute or unconscious, while many felt themselves infused with feelings of tremendous joy, peace and love.

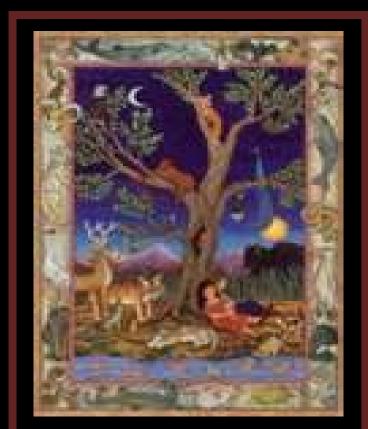
All such experiences have been based on "yielding" oneself to the power working through these gurus. Is it any coincidence that the manifestations associated with

http://crash.ihug.co.nz/~revival/toronto.html

these demonic `Kundalini' cults are almost identical to those of Toronto? Could it be that the same `spirits' are at work?

So there you have it. Trance Dancing is connected to witchcraft and therefore, can Christians clean it up and use it for Jesus? Well, can we use Jeanne Dixon's crystal ball? Could King Saul go to the witch of Endor for her divinations to get answers from her concerning his battle plans? If Ecstasies trance dancing's history is directly traced to the roots of witchcraft, is it safe for young Christians to be led into this occult practice? Since when did Jesus mix His Word with such foul things?

Therefore, if this "new thing," is not being motivated by the Holy Ghost power, whose power is operating? Kundalini power is the power of the serpent.



TREE OF LIFE KUDALINI

The Bible shows holy dance before the Lord.

Ex 15:20-21 "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." KJV

Ps 149:3 "Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp," KJV

Also reveals demonic, suggestive, seductive dances for the devil too.

Matt 14:6-8, "But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. 8 And she, being before instructed of her

mother, said, give me here John Baptist's head in a charger." KJV



Shambhala TranceStage

¹/₂http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCwzOx

(2 Tim 3:1-7), "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, vetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without tural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are od, 4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a rm of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they nich creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers sts. 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

(Eph. 4:14; Eph. 4:15), "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;

[Be no more children] Children, here, are opposed to the perfect man in the preceding verse; and the state of both is well explained by the apostle's allusions. The man is grown up strong and healthy, and has attained such a measure or height as qualifies him for the most respectable place in the ranks of his country.

The child is ignorant, weak, and unsteady, tossed about in the nurse's arms, or whirled round in the giddy sports or mazes of youth; this seems to be the apostle's allusion. Being tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, refers to some kind of ancient play, but what I cannot absolutely determine; probably to something similar to a top, or to our paper kite.

Many Christian ministers are ignorant of spiritual warfare! They have not been taught essential subjects in the seminaries and most of them have never made an effort to learn it on their own. The emphasis is filling their churches with vast numbers of "sinners saved by grac who have never been saved," while the enemy is savaging the sheep left and right. A general would never dream of sending his troops into battle without first giving them minimum of training concerning the tactics of their opponents. One of the most important maneuvers is how to recognize and neutralize the enemy! Yet, many Christians are being sent out to fight the

original "unconventional war" without a real clue as to the stated aims and strategies of Satan and his hosts. I am constantly confronted by an attitude of "ignore him and maybe he will go away!"

The test of God's prophet was not because of the popularity. The majority did not appreciate Jeremiah's prophecies though he spoke God's Words. Jeremiah's condemnation of the sins of the people aroused much hostility, both in his hometown of Anathoth also Jerusalem



(Jeremiah 11:18-23).

He spoke out fearlessly and drew upon himself the anger of the court by predicting the capture ultimate destruction and of Jerusalem. He was forced into hiding during the reign of the tyrannical Jehoiakim who showed their contempt not only for him but for the word of the Lord by cutting up and burning the roll of Jeremiah's prophecies. They chose the things they wanted to hear and became enraged with Jeremiah, even putting him into a The ear-tickling false pit. prophets of Jeremiah's day have

passed away into obscurity while everyone remembers God's prophet, Jeremiah.

He was vindicated when his prophecies came true! "The way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps," (Jeremiah 10:23). Jeremiah's statement is just as valid today as it was when he wrote it. Unfortunately people looking for material success in this world do not necessarily understand spiritual success in the spirit world. Jesus must be the dominant part of us, so that we become known in the world as men and women of God. As we learn obedience and dependence upon the teaching of the Holy Spirit, we are able to see the works of Satan and detect the true works of God. Heresies exist but The Holy Spirit exposes them in His word ... that they which are approved may be made manifest among you," (1 Corinthians 11:19). You supposed to discern the difference between God's true servants and the false servants.

GOSPEL MERCHANDISERS

There are many who camouflage themselves as Christians and use God's hurting people as merchandise to enhance their so-called ministries. The Church must begin to see the real from the false and cleanse itself.

The merchandisers of God's people are sitting upon financial empires that will topple by the hand of God. God's true anointed ministers have nothing to fear because the Lord will back them with great power to perform his work.

The seducers are on the move but the Church must bring to remembrance the warning of the Apostle Paul when he wrote: "There were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be false teachers among you, who shall be bring in damnable heresies . 2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

KJV (2 Peter 2: 1-3).

DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

The apostle Paul speaks of two dreadful events that will occur just prior to Jesus' return. First, Paul reveals the Church in this last day that there will be a falling away from the faith. Second, that an evil spirit of the Antichrist will overtake many turning them to doctrines of devils.

It has infiltrated every aspect of our lives and has been a secret operation until just the last few years, (Psalms 2:3), says, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

(1 Thessalonians 5:6-7), "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night."

(Romans 13:11), "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

(1 Corinthians 15:34), "Awake to righteousness and sin not . . ."

(Ephesians 5:14), "Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead

(Romans 12:11), "Not slothful in business"

People who are spiritually asleep generally have certain features about them. Some of them are as follows: They are -

...secure, careless, and unconcerned about their souls . . . negligent of their duties like prayer, Bible Study, fellowship with other believers, and witnessing

... regardless of their spiritual enemies or the warfare in which they are engaged.

... given to a carnal security and sinful indulgences.

...stupefied and blinded by besetting sins.



...living as though there is no tomorrow or an eternity awaiting them when they leave this world

...willingly ignorant of God's Word and His Will for their lives.

...unteachable and avoid any serious means of instruction.

...generally intemperate and excessive.

...corrupt in their morals.

...insensible to spiritual things.

...lukewarm in their love for the Lord and His kingdom work.

...given over to the lusts of their own flesh such as "chambering," "strife and envying,"

"surfeiting".

... unresolved in their convictions and unstable and unsteady in their purposes

...constantly in a warfare in their souls as to whom they should serve - God or the world, ` their own Selve

They have a divided heart between God and this world ... fear God - yet have hearts that are filled with the idols of this world ... Like Ephraim, they have mixed with the people of this world, learned their works, lost their spiritual identity by becoming conformed to this world and its ways, and adhered to the counsel of the ungodly rather than the Word of God ... have "itching ears" which are constantly looking for teaching and preaching that will gratify the lusts of their own flesh and satiate their endless curiosity or desire for variety ... avoid any kind of teaching or preaching that calls for holiness of living or the crucifixion of their flesh ... and have turned away their ears from the plain and solid Truth.

The Apostle Paul loudly and clearly sound out the alarm to the Body of Christ today -

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(Rom. 13:11), says - "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Some believe when Jesus said, "I am the Way," that He lied. They believe there are many roads to God. Unfortunately, man's channel of supernaturalism is Satan's counterfeit religion. The host of darkness has converged upon the world and churches are offering counterfeit faith and counterfeit gifts. The Word of God implies that these spirits are legion. 'Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?" (1 Corinthians ' 10:21).

The new world religion is here. You can follow any religion that you want and the Devil will answer. You can worship any false god, including yourself and it will be fine as long as you don't say Jesus Christ is the only way back to God.

Christians should be looking for the return of Jesus Christ. They must be willing to meet him as sold out Believers. While seducing spirits are unleashed by Satan to draw the world to his Antichrist he is also working diligently to deceive Church people. In (1 Cor. 10:20-21) we read, "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. Ye cannot drink the 'cup of the Lord' (Communion cup) and the 'cup of devils'; ye cannot be partakers of the 'Lord's table' and of the tables of devils (Demons)."

We must avoid the proclamation of the "**doctrines of devils**" (I Timothy 4:1), and the teaching of "**Damnable Heresies**" (2 Peter 2:1). The worldwide false revival of "Christian idols or Christian stars, are being guided by demons and one of the "**Signs of the Times.**" It should be a warning to every true child of God of the approaching end of the Age.

The Lord Jesus told us in (Matt. 10:22), "And ye shall be hated of all men for. My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." And then in (Matt. 6:33), He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"

BATTLEGROUND

The Church has the answers through the deliverance ministry and the teaching of Christian character. However, the Church of Jesus Christ must have spiritual eyes to discern the demons involved in a person's life. Ministers must ask the Lord to them see which spirit is operating. Is it a devil? Is the human spirit controlling the person's flesh? Is it an emotional spirit controlling the nervous system? Is it a mental spirit in control? Is the Spirit of the Holy Spirit in control or is it a religious spirit of the Devil?

THE NAME OF JESUS

The name "Jesus" is the legal right of absolute authority. His power is "**Far above all rule** and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come," (Ephesians 1: 21). His power is above all power. (Mk. 16:17-18) "And these signs shall follow they that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

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PERILOUS TIMES

We are living in perilous times. Nevertheless, it is also a time for great light to shine into the darkness. Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God," (Jn. 3:19-21). Christian witnessing can be especially powerful because of the tremendous darkness that has spread across the world. The Christian Church is surrounded by the enemy and infiltrated by New Age doctrines camouflaged in Biblical language. To be successful, we must be a vigilant, but Word enlightened church.

The Church of Jesus Christ has been purchased with the precious blood of the Eternal Son of God, therefore, like Him is eternal. Jesus said, "**upon this rock**" (Petra) "**I will build my church.**" The Church is not built upon Peter, but it is built upon Christ. There is a divine person living in the church. Each member of the church is indwelt by the Spirit of God. The Christian has a unique relationship with Jesus. Jesus is shown as the Head of the church and the members are called His Body. He has given his believers a power of attorney to act against the power of Satan.

The Apostle Paul reports, that Jesus rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. He writes in the beautiful poetic language of Jesus in (Col. 1:13), describing Christ's sovereignty. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins . . ." (Colossians 1:13-14). Look at a passage that celebrates Christ as creator and sustains the universe, and He is shown supreme over every living creature. He is the head of His body, the church, and the first to conquer death. Although in Christ "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell." Paul asserts, it was ultimately only through his human suffering-through "the blood of His cross," (Colossians 1:19, 20), "That he was able to reconcile all things to God and make peace."

Paul describes the power of Jesus. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers," (Colossians 1: 15-16). Jesus Christ is Lord and we worship Him in the Spirit of truth according to (Johns. 8:32). Jesus must be at the center of our sermons and our lives that the world can truly see that the Father sent Him.

[Who is the image of the invisible God] *eikoon tou Theou tou aoratou*. The objects, here, as it is in the parallel place in (Ephesians 1:20-23), is to give a just view of the exaltation of the Redeemer. It is probable that, in both cases, the design is to meet some erroneous opinion on this subject that prevailed in those churches or among those that claimed to be teachers there. See the Introduction to this Epistle, and compare the notes at (Ephesians 1:20-23). For the meaning of the phrase occurring here, "**the image of the invisible God**," (See the notes at (Hebrews 1:3, and 2 Corinthians 4:4).

The meaning is that he represents to mankind the perfections of God, as an image, figure, or drawing does the object which it is made to resemble. See the word "image " - *eikoon* - explained in the notes at (Hebrews 10:1). It properly denotes that which is a copy or delineation of a thing; which accurately and fully represents it, in contra distinction from a rough sketch, or outline; compare (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 11:7; 15:49).

The purpose noted in this passage is that the being and perfections of God are accurately and fully represented by Christ. In what respects particularly he was thus a representative of God, the apostle proceeds to state in the following verses, to wit, in his creative power, in his eternal existence, in his heir ship over the universe, in the fullness that dwelt in him. This cannot refer to him merely as incarnate, for some of the things affirmed of him pertained to him before his incarnation. The idea is that in all things Christ fairly represents to us the divine nature and perfections. God is manifest to us through him; (1 Timothy 3:16). We see God in him as we see an object in that which is in all respects an exact copy of it. God is invisible. No eye has seen him, or can see him; but in what Christ is, and has done in the works of creation and redemption, we have a fair and full representation of what God is ...

SEAT OF POWER

Jesus has been raised and seated at the right hand of Father God. He is ruling in power and distributing His power to the ones who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-23), "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

He has been raised by the Father and is sitting in His position of divine power and has put every power under His feet. He is giving His power to usward who believe. This means that we can walk in his powerful anointing and accomplish the very same results that He and His disciples did. Each one of us is accountable to God to make certain Jesus Christ is residing in us, creating his life through us, and that we have the witness of the Holy Spirit within us. (Romans 8:16). "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves," (2 Corinthians 13:5). "Every Christian emerges either trusting in people, or trusting fully in God, that is, either cursed or blessed."Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited," (Jeremiah 17:5 - 60).

Desires All Men To Be Saved

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 16:31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16"30-31).

JESUS IS OUR WEAPON AGAINST SATAN

Isaiah says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise in judgment against thee thou shalt condemn" (Isaiah 54:17). Its defense, Isaiah says, shall be immaterial. "We have a strong city; salvation shall God appoint for walls and bulwarks" (Isaiah 26:1); "thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise" Isaiah 60:18). By a different figure it is said, "I will encamp about mine house because of the army" (Zechariah 9:8). As Isaiah says, "The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Isaiah 60:19); and of Christ, "In that day shall the Branch of the Lord be Beauty and Glory-to the escaped of Israel" (Isaiah 4:2).

Matthew 4:1-11

Although Jesus was both the Son of God and the Son of man, Satan's notion that he could reach his humanity, he dealt with Him qs a human made of flesh and bone, but not as God in the flesh (Col 2:9). However the Holy Ghost came at His baptism to supernaturally empower Him for His life's work. Also Jesus was without doubt "The Word . . . made flesh" (John 1:14) that He did not hesitate to have an encounter with Satan.

We as believers, however, are not so led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Rather, Satan is an adversary whom Peter compares to "a roaring lion, [who] walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Therefore, Jesus teaches us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13).

Satan's pride was the basic cause of his downfall from heaven (Luke 10:18). He was not created as a devil but as an angel. He then rebelled against the supremacy of God (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:13-17; 1 Timothy 3:6).

Satan's activity in the world as "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2) is restricted (Job 1:12; Revelation 12:7-12). In each conflict with Jesus he was defeated (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 11:14-22). Twice Satan said to Jesus, "If thou be the Son of God," (Matthews 4:3, 6); knowing Jesus was the Son of God because he saw Jesus in heaven before his fall.

Satan endeavored to tempt Jesus through His human nature, Perhaps he could reach Him through his flesh, physical comforts or desires. Then convince Christ to use His Godly supernatural power to change stones into bread after his forty-day fast.

Jesus came to show us how to live and survive the attacks of Satan. Isaiah 58:6, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" KJV

However, Jesus would not prove His Godhood. He came to save "That which is lost" human beings — not Satan. Satan's second temptation also involved a miraculous flaunting of supernatural power.

Lastly, Satan offered Him instantaneous rule over all the kingdoms of the world. Satan does have power over the kingdoms of the world given to him by evil men. He even tried to convince Jesus to avoid the cross as the means of our salvation (Matt 16:21-23). Jesus called Peter "Satan" when he suggested such a thing, knowing that "without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Heb 9:22). We likewise must reject Satan's wiles and receive Jesus as our Lord, Savior and Protector.

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