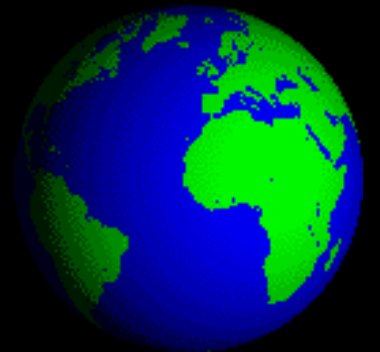


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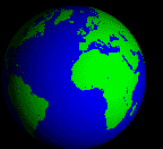
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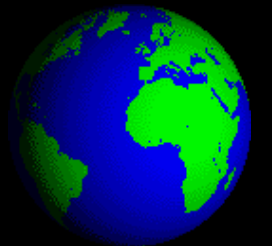
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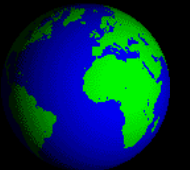


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The Great Controversy between God and
Satan is primarily over

“WORSHIP”

Who will you Choose?



Get into the Ark **Sanctuary**



**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Fennel

Health Benefits of Fennel (Seek Medical Advice)

Foeniculum vulgare, known as fennel, is a flavourful culinary herb and medicinal plant. Fennel plants are green and white, with feathery leaves and yellow flowers. Both the crunchy bulb and the seeds of the fennel plant have a mild, licorice-like flavour.

1 cup (87g) raw fennel bulb & 1 tbl spoon (6g) dried fennel seeds:

	<u>Fresh fennel bulb</u>	<u>Dried fennel seeds</u>
Calories	27	20
Fibre	3 grams	2 grams
Vitamin C	12%	1%
Calcium	3%	5%
Iron	4%	6%
Magnesium	4%	5%
Potassium	8%	2%
Manganese	7%	17%

1. Essential oil of the plant contain 87 powerful plant compounds.
2. Anethole in seeds helps curb appetite and check weight gain.
3. The seeds may benefit heart health in a number of ways.
4. Anethole induced apoptosis, in human breast cancer cells.
5. It may increase milk secretion and blood levels of prolactin.
6. Fennel extract inhibits the growth of harmful bacteria & yeasts.
7. Helps reduce inflammation & levels of inflammatory markers.

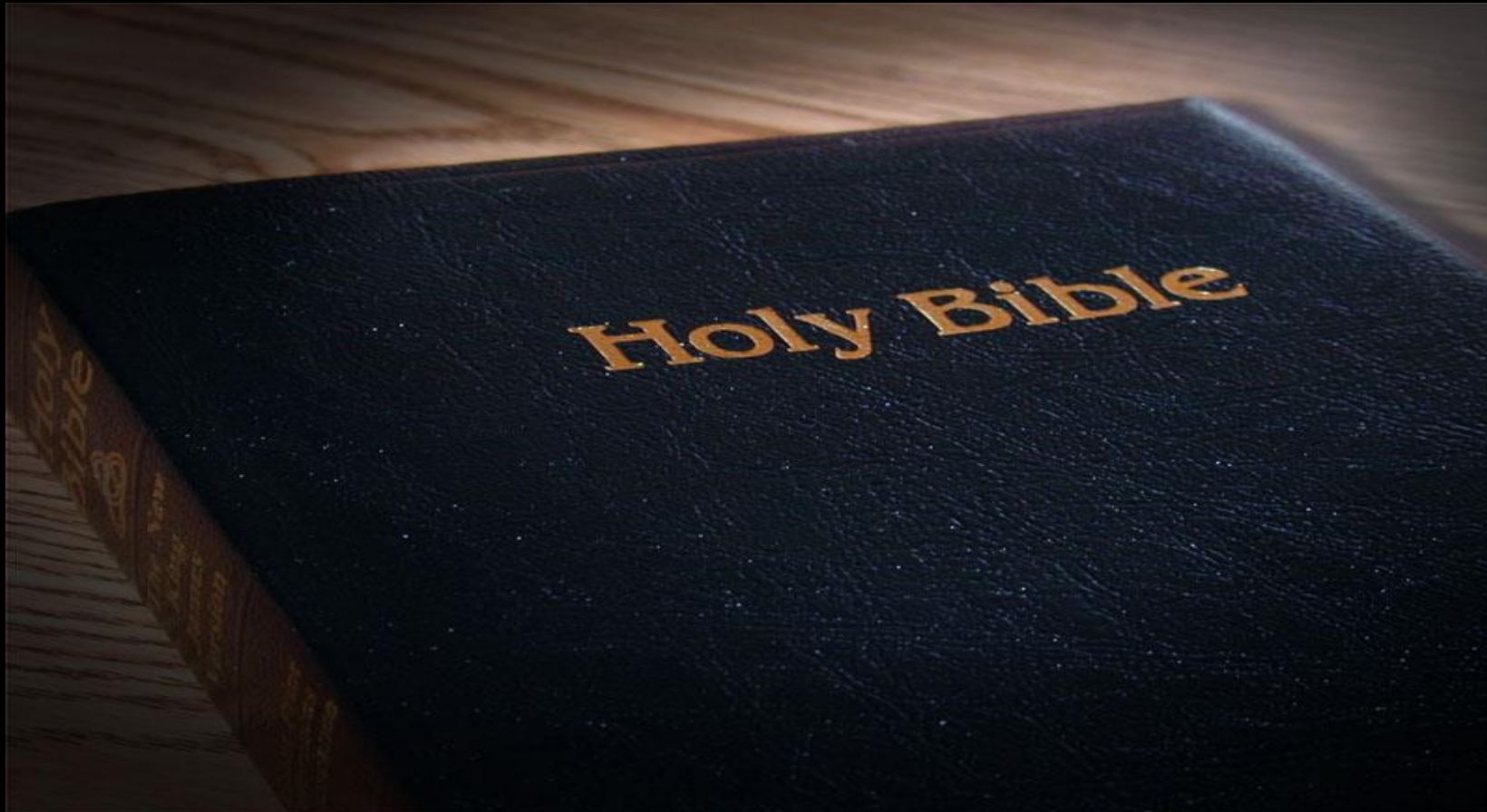
Precaution: high doses of oil have toxic effects on foetal cells.

Health Benefits of **FENNEL**

- * Treats anemia
- * Facilitates digestion
- * Cures diarrhea
- * Relieves renal colic
- * Eliminates bad breath
- * Prevents constipation
- * Lowers LDL cholesterol
- * Protects against cancer
- * Regulates blood pressure
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- * Boosts the immune system
- * Reduces PMS symptoms
- * Promotes eye & respiratory health



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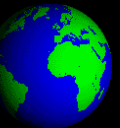


Yes, we Can!



*"Watch therefore, for you
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the hour in which the
Son of Man is coming."*

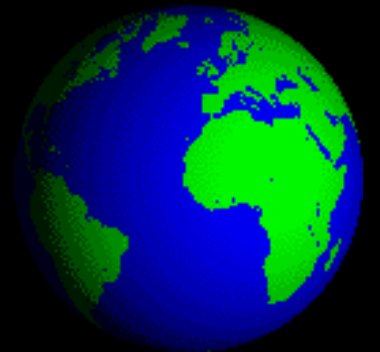
Matthew 25:13



Maranatha: The Lord is Coming! *Part 9*



Past > **Present** > **Future**



Introduction: God will Guide His People

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. [Isaiah 43:2](#).

God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people. [Maranatha 129.1](#)

There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is at the head of the work, and He will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. [Maranatha 129.2](#)



God
will direct
your steps.

PROVERBS 3:6



Introduction: God will Guide His People (cont'd)

Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port.

[Maranatha 129.2](#)

When I voyaged from Portland, Maine, to Boston, many years ago, a storm came upon us, and the great waves dashed us to and fro. The chandeliers fell, and the trunks were rolled from side to side, like balls. The passengers were frightened, and many were screaming, waiting in expectation of death. [Maranatha 129.3](#)

After a while the pilot came on board. The captain stood near the pilot as he took the wheel, and expressed fear about the course in which the ship was directed. [Maranatha 129.4](#)

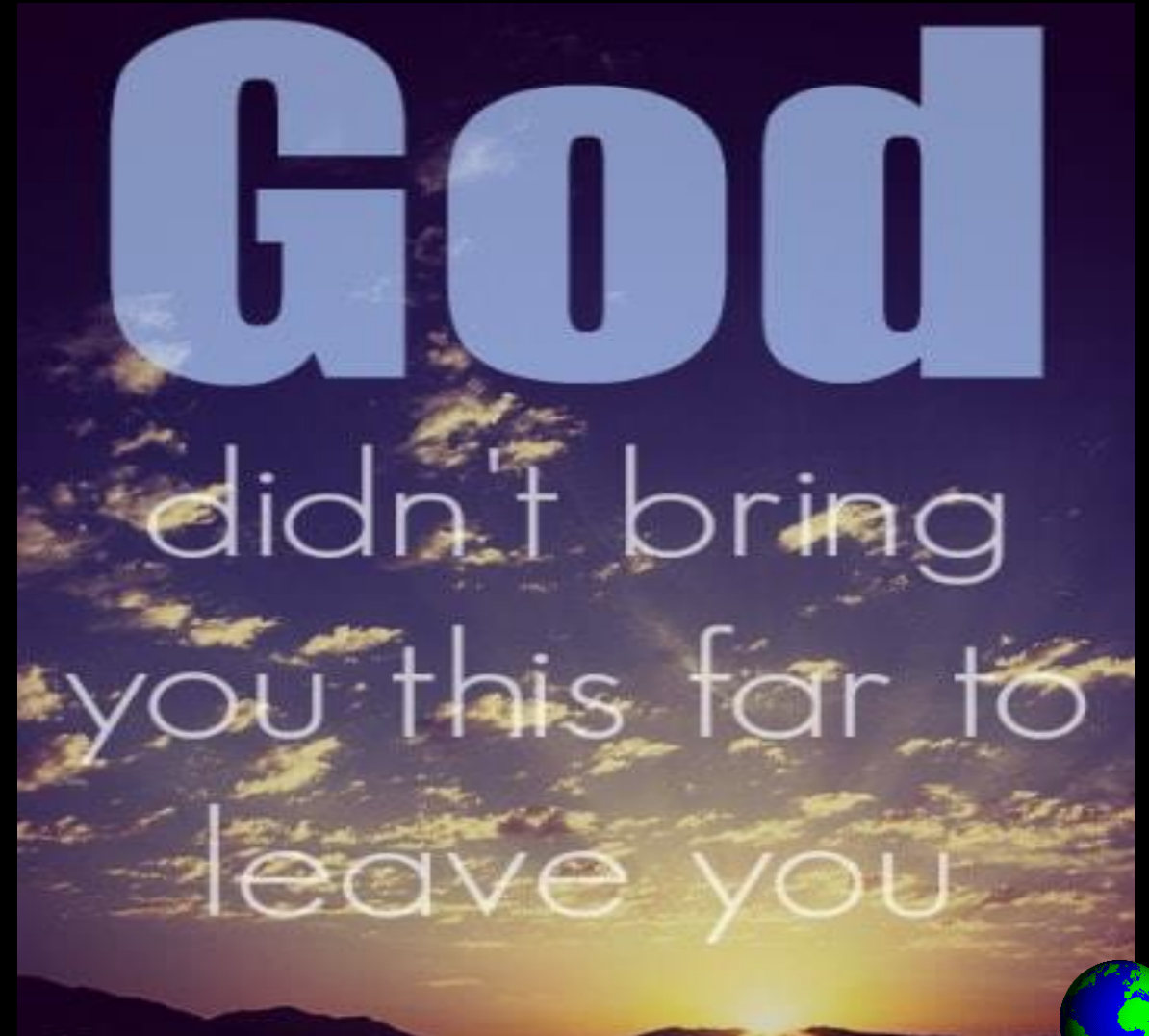


Introduction: God will Guide His People (cont'd)

"Will you take the wheel?" asked the pilot. The captain was not ready to do that, for he knew that he lacked experience. Then some of the passengers grew uneasy, and said they feared the pilot would dash them upon the rocks. "Will you take the wheel?" asked the pilot; but they knew that they could not manage the wheel. [Maranatha 129.4](#)

When you think that the work is in danger, pray, "Lord, stand at the wheel. Carry us through the perplexity. Bring us safely into port." Have we not reason to believe that the Lord will bring us through triumphantly? . . . [Maranatha 129.5](#)

You cannot with your finite minds understand the working of all the providences of God. Let God take care of His own work. [Maranatha 129.6](#)



Satan Redoubles His Efforts

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalms 34:7.

The power and malice of Satan and his host might justly alarm us were it not that we may find shelter and deliverance in the superior power of our Redeemer. We carefully secure our houses with bolts and locks to protect our property and our lives from evil men; but we seldom think of the evil angels who are constantly seeking access to us, and against whose attacks we have, in our own strength, no method of defence.

If permitted, they can distract our minds, disorder and torment our bodies, destroy our possessions and our lives. Their only delight is in misery and destruction.

Maranatha 130.1



“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

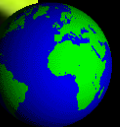
1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)



Satan Redoubles His Efforts (cont'd)

Fearful is the condition of those who resist the divine claims and yield to Satan's temptations, until God gives them up to the control of evil spirits. But those who follow Christ are ever safe under His watch-care. Angels that excel in strength are sent from heaven to protect them. The wicked one cannot break through the guard which God has stationed about His people. [Maranatha 130.1](#)

The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and to fasten souls in his snares. [Maranatha 130.2](#)



Satan Redoubles His Efforts (cont'd)

To hold the people in darkness and impenitence till the Saviour's mediation is ended, and there is no longer a sacrifice for sin, is the object which he seeks to accomplish.

[Maranatha 130.2](#)

When there is no special effort made to resist his power, when indifference prevails in the church and the world, Satan is not concerned; for he is in no danger of losing those whom he is leading captive at his will.

But when the attention is called to eternal things, and souls are inquiring, "What must I do to be saved?" he is on the ground, seeking to match his power against the power of Christ. . . . He is in attendance when men assemble for the worship of God. Though hidden from sight, he is working with all diligence to control the minds of the worshipers. [Maranatha 130.3](#)



Momentous Struggle Before Us

We ought to obey God rather than men. [Acts 5:29](#).

A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. . . . The question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national interest and importance. We well know what the result of this movement will be.

But are we ready for the issue? Have we faithfully discharged the duty which God has committed to us of giving the people warning of the danger before them? . . . [Maranatha 131.1](#)

There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests.

MOMENTOUS
STRUGGLE



Momentous Struggle Before Us (cont'd)

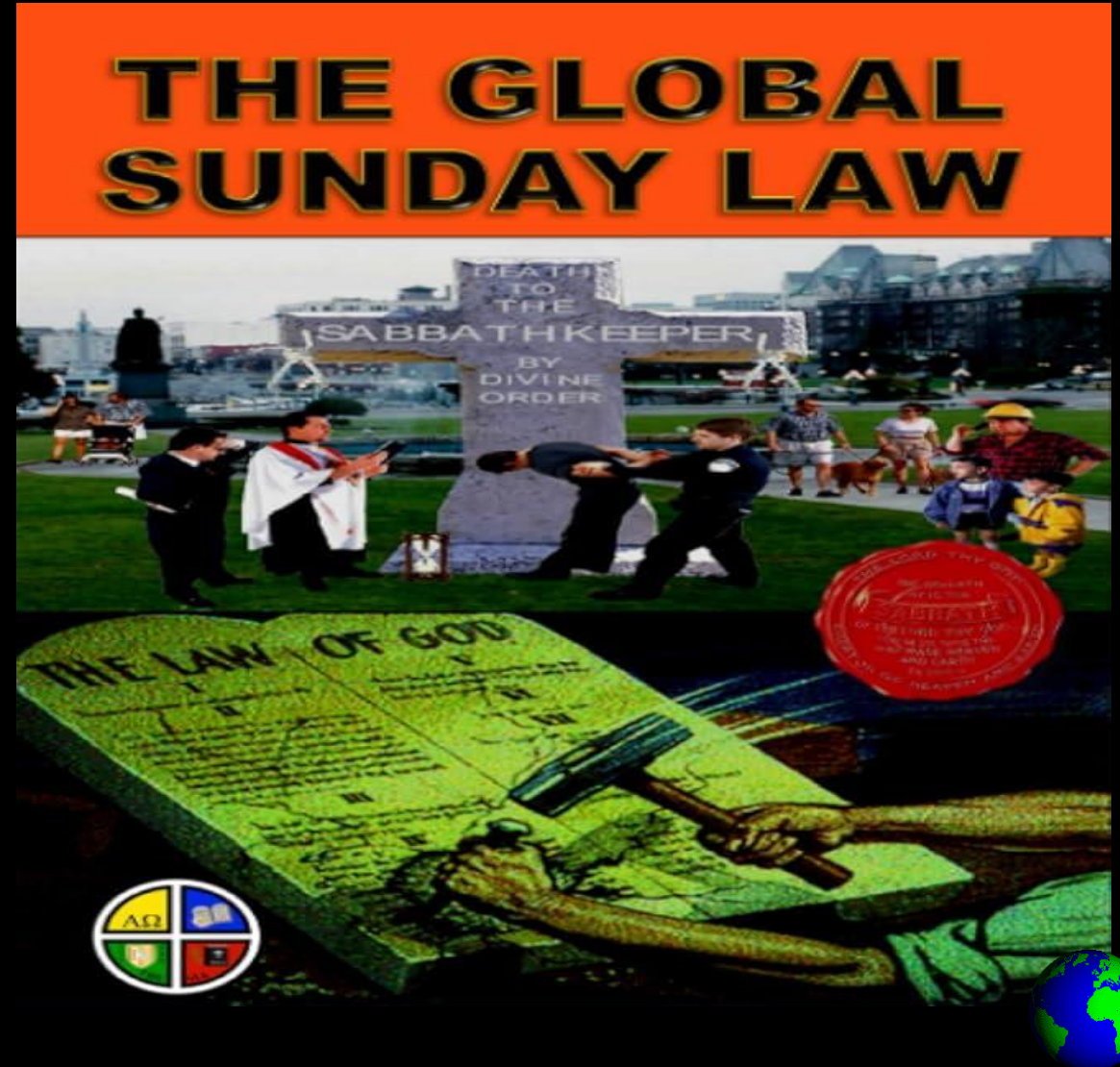
If popery or its principles shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and the truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization. [Maranatha 131.3](#)

When God has given us light showing the dangers before us, how can we stand clear in His sight if we neglect to put forth every effort in our power to bring it before the people? Can we be content to leave them to meet this momentous issue unwarned? . . .

[Maranatha 131.4](#)

When the laws of earthly rulers are brought into opposition to the laws of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, then those who are God's loyal subjects will be true to Him.

[Maranatha 131.5](#)



Wresting the Scriptures

They that are unlearned and unstable wrest. . . the . . . scriptures, unto their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16.

The position that it is of no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel. . . . [Maranatha 132.1](#)

The vague and fanciful interpretations of Scripture, and the many conflicting theories concerning religious faith, that are found in the Christian world are the work of our great adversary to confuse minds so that they shall not discern the truth. [Maranatha 132.2](#)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness for they will
be filled.

Matthew 5:6



Wresting the Scriptures (cont'd)

And the discord and division which exist among the churches of Christendom are in a great measure due to the prevailing custom of wresting the Scriptures to support a favourite theory. Instead of carefully studying God's word with humility of heart to obtain a knowledge of His will, many seek only to discover something odd or original.

[Maranatha 132.2](#)

In order to sustain erroneous doctrines or unchristian practices, some will seize upon passages of Scripture separated from the context, perhaps quoting half of a single verse as proving their point, when the remaining portion would show the meaning to be quite the opposite. With the cunning of the serpent they entrench themselves behind disconnected utterances construed to suit their carnal desires. [Maranatha 132.3](#)

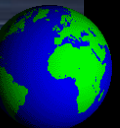
For we wrestle not against flesh and blood

but against principalities, against powers, against

the rulers of the darkness of this world

against spiritual wickedness in high places

Ephesians 6:12



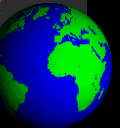
Wresting the Scriptures (cont'd)

Thus do many wilfully pervert the word of God. Others, who have an active imagination, seize upon the figures and symbols of Holy Writ, interpret them to suit their fancy, with little regard to the testimony of Scripture as its own interpreter, and then they present their vagaries as the teachings of the Bible. [Maranatha 132.3](#)

Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning. . . . The Word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. "*Light is sown for the righteous.*" [Psalm 97:11](#).

And no church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure. [Maranatha 132.4](#)

**DO NOT
WREST OR
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SCRIPTURES**

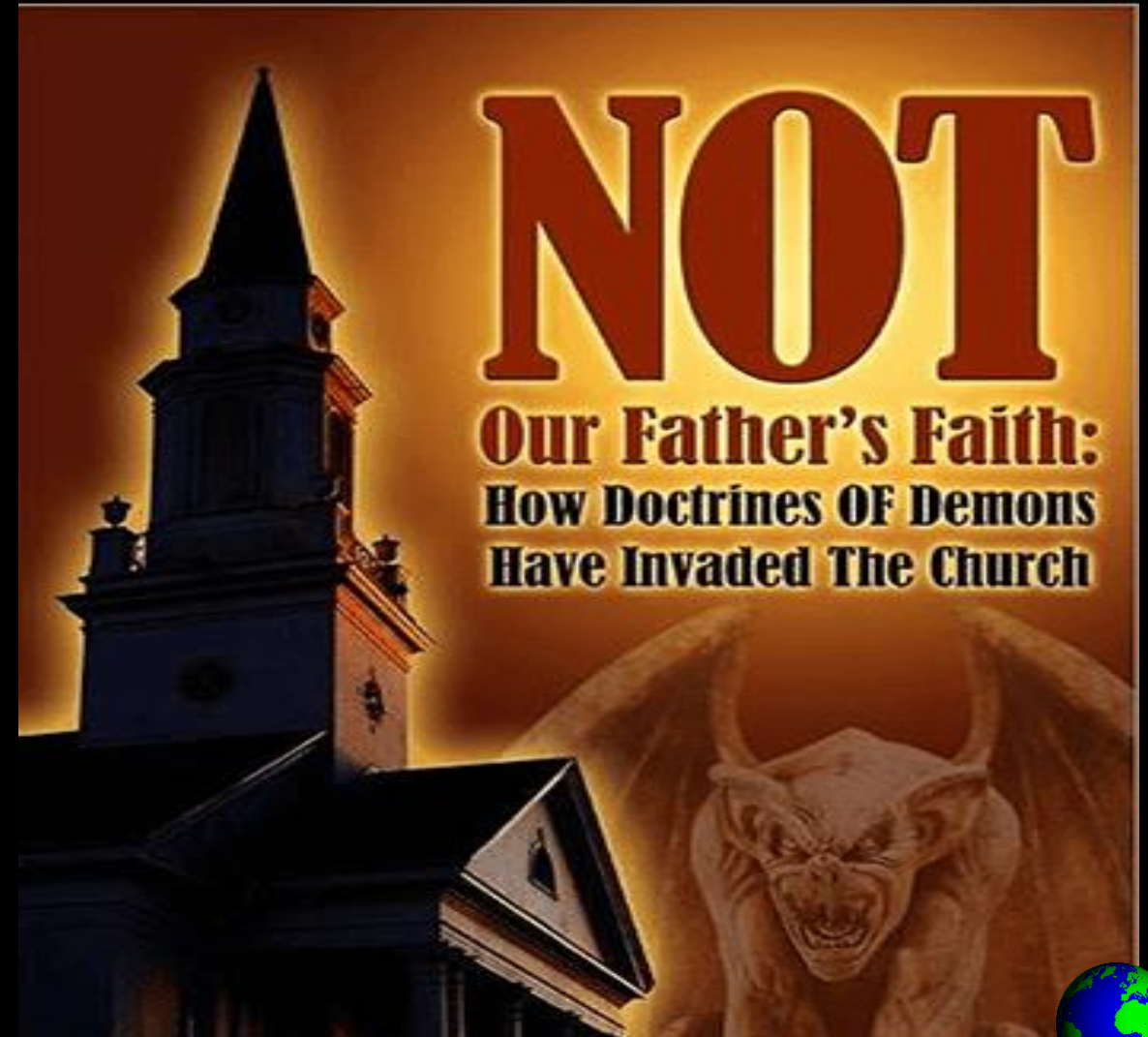


False Theories About God

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. [Romans 1:21](#).

The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature, is one of Satan's most subtle devices. It misrepresents God, and is a dishonour to His greatness and majesty. [Maranatha 133.1](#)

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the Word of God. The light of His truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart, and give license to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them. . . . [Maranatha 133.2](#)



False Theories About God (cont'd)

There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God in Jesus Christ. Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature.

This power the spiritualistic theories concerning God make of no effect. If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him. [Maranatha 133.3](#)

These theories, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They do away with the necessity for the atonement, and make man his own savior.

**"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron"
1 Timothy 4:1-2**



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False Theories About God (cont'd)

These theories regarding God make His Word of no effect, and those who accept them are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction. They may regard virtue as better than vice; but God being removed from His position of sovereignty, they place their dependence upon human power, which, without God, is worthless.

The unaided human will has no real power to resist and overcome evil. The defences of the soul are broken down. Man has no barrier against sin. When once the restraints of God's Word and His Spirit are rejected, we know not to what depths one may sink. [Maranatha 133.4](#)

Those who continue to hold these spiritualistic theories will surely spoil their Christian experience, sever their connection with God, and lose eternal life. [Maranatha 133.5](#)

**AVOID THESE
ETERNALLY DAMNABLE**

**Doctrines Of
DEMONS**



The Perils of False Science

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. [1 Timothy 6:20](#).

In New Hampshire there were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their ideas, some of which led to free-loveism. I was shown that these men were seducing souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God. . . . [Maranatha 134.1](#)

Among other views, they held that those once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were working great harm to themselves and to others.

3 PASSAGES THAT DESTROY
ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED

**A true Christian
DESIRES TO BE
FREE FROM SIN,
NOT TO SIN FREELY.**

Romans 7:22-25



The Perils of False Science (cont'd)

They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evils had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. The result of this belief was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and practice. [Maranatha 134.2](#)

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal god diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh. [Maranatha 134.3](#)

In the future, truth will be counterfeited by the precepts of men.



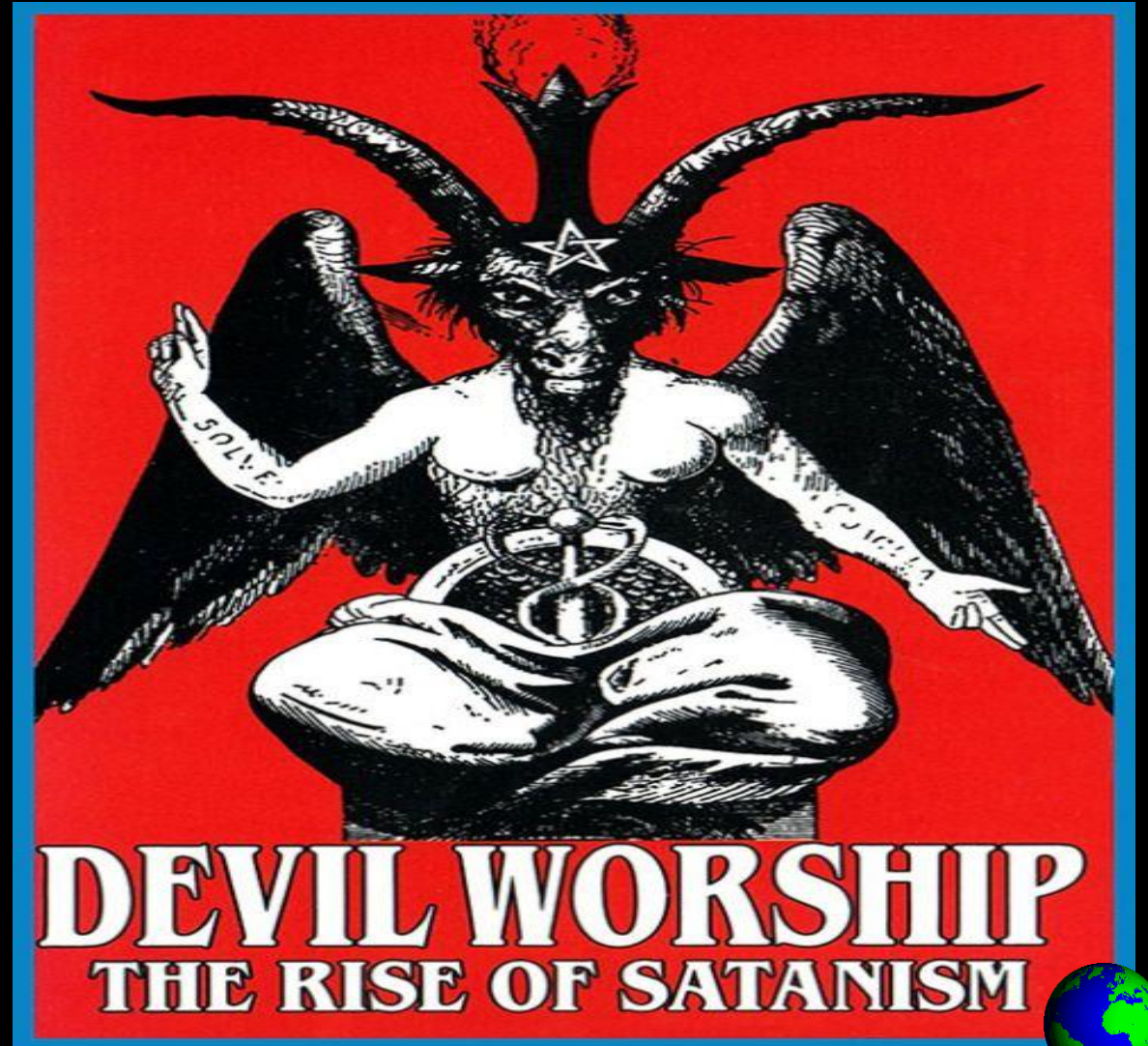
The Perils of False Science (cont'd)

Deceptive theories will be presented as safe doctrines. False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him today. . . .

[Maranatha 134.4](#)

I beseech those who are labouring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. We have a whole Bible full of the most precious truth. We have no need for supposition or false excitement.

In the golden censer of truth, as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present in the simplicity of Christ the truths that He came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not present theories or tests that have no foundation in the Bible. [Maranatha 134.5](#)



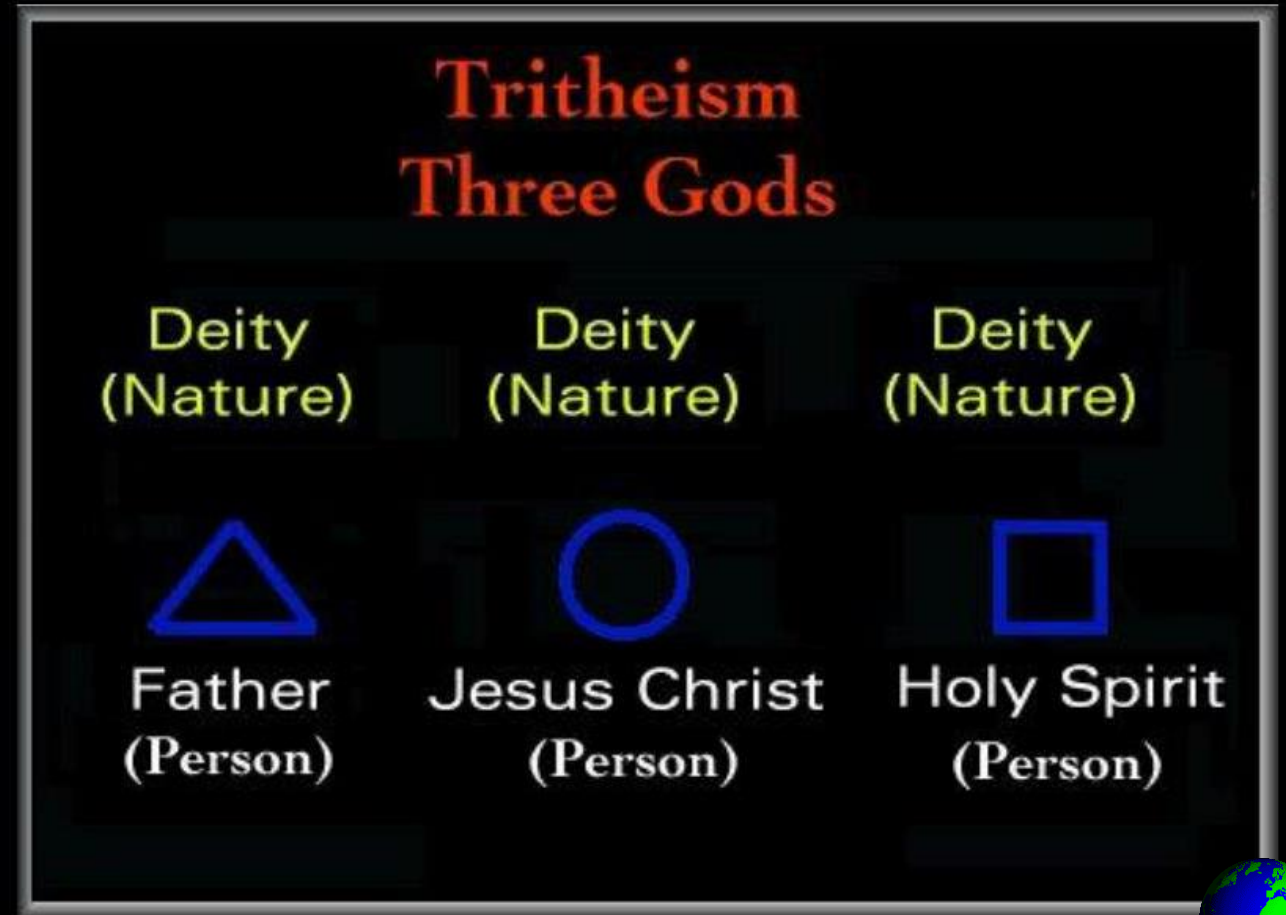
A Masterpiece of Satan's Deceptions

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law. [Deuteronomy 29:29](#).

Human knowledge of both material and spiritual things is partial and imperfect; therefore many are unable to harmonize their views of science with Scripture statements. Many accept mere theories and speculations as scientific facts, and they think that God's word is to be tested by the teachings of "science falsely so called." [1 Timothy 6:20](#).

The Creator and His works are beyond their comprehension; and because they cannot explain these by natural laws, Bible history is regarded as unreliable.

False Doctrine



A Masterpiece of Satan's Deceptions (cont'd)

Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments too often go a step further and doubt the existence of God and attribute infinite power to nature. Having let go their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity. [Maranatha 135.1](#)

Thus many err from the faith and are seduced by the devil. . . . Human philosophy has attempted to search out and explain mysteries which will never be revealed through the eternal ages.

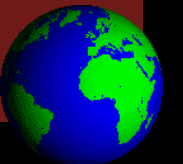
If men would but search and understand what God has made known of Himself and His purposes, they would obtain such a view of the glory, majesty, and power of Jehovah that they would realize their own littleness and would be content with that which has been revealed. . . .

[Maranatha 135.2](#)



*Satan's Strategy
to Defeat Us*

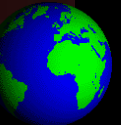
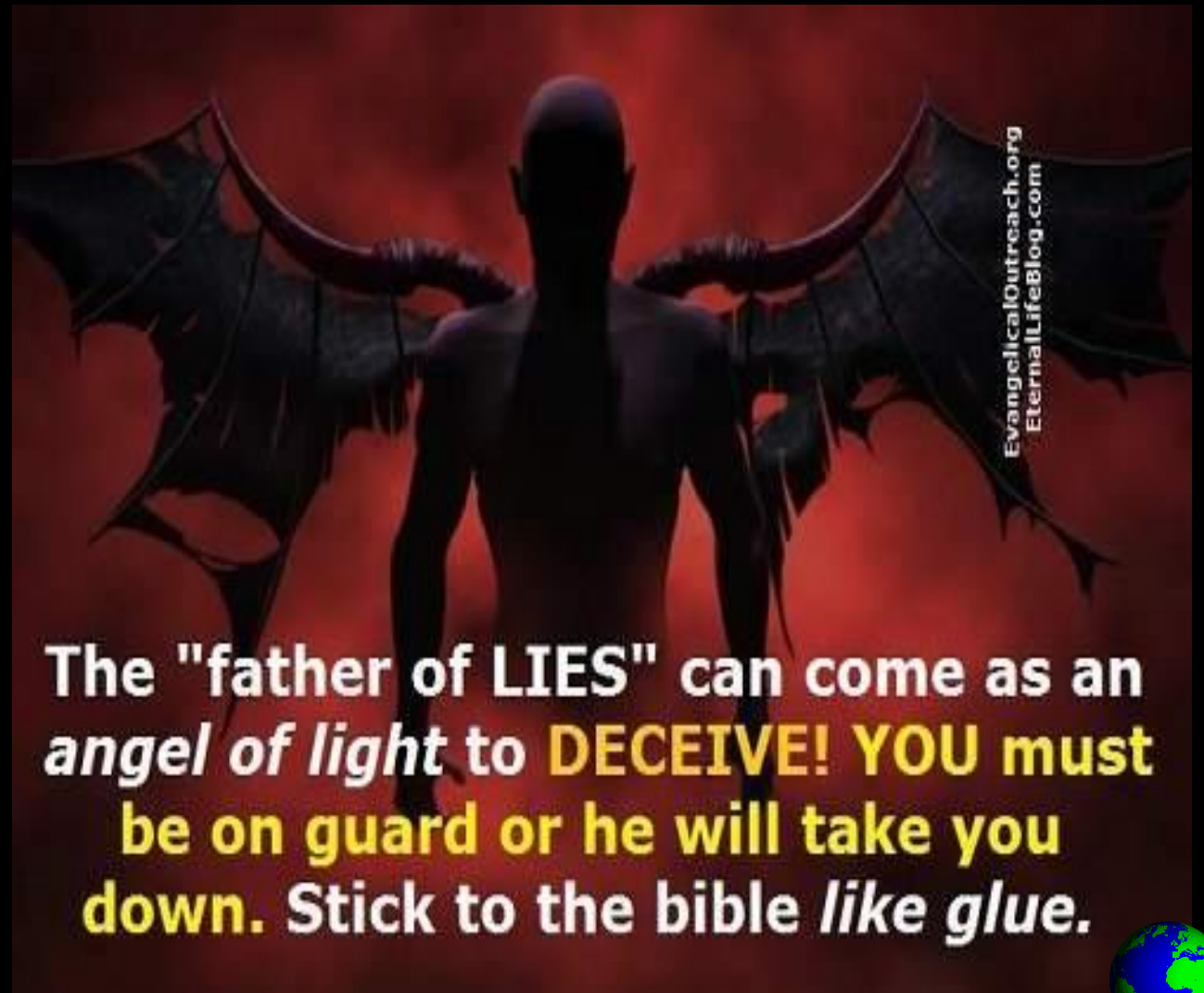
**Our mind is a
battlefield.
And we're
battling against
the Enemy
every single day.**



A Masterpiece of Satan's Deceptions (cont'd)

It is a masterpiece of Satan's deceptions to keep the minds of men searching and conjecturing in regard to that which God has not made known and which He does not intend that we shall understand. It was thus that Lucifer lost his place in heaven. He became dissatisfied because all the secrets of God's purposes were not confided to him, and he entirely disregarded that which was revealed concerning his own work in the lofty position assigned him.

By arousing the same discontent in the angels under his command, he caused their fall. Now he seeks to imbue the minds of men with the same spirit and to lead them also to disregard the direct commands of God. [Maranatha 135.3](#)



The Times and Seasons

He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
[Acts 1:7.](#)

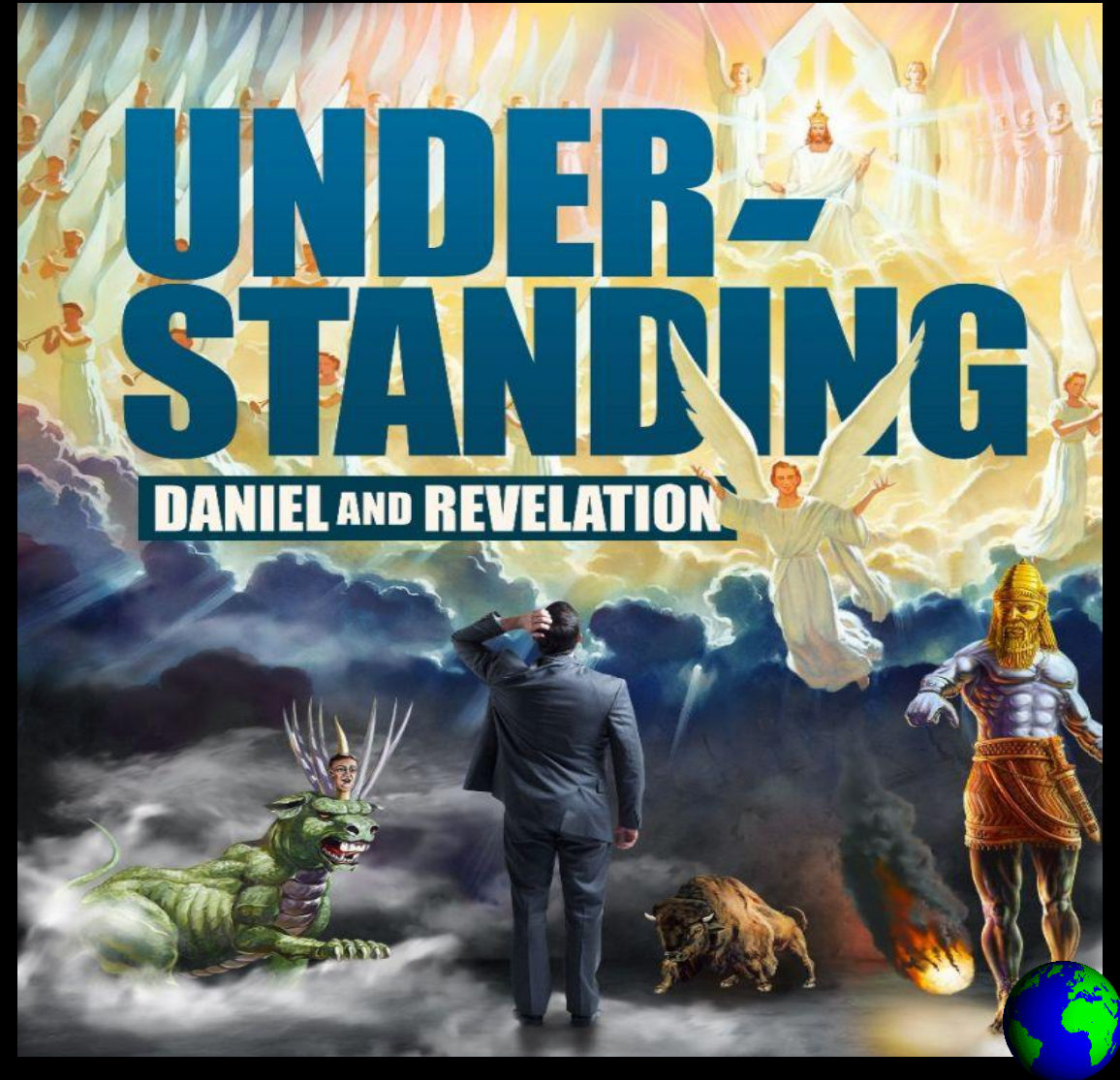
The times and seasons God has put in His own power. And why has not God given us this knowledge?--Because we would not make a right use of it if He did. A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly retard the work of God in preparing a people to stand in the great day that is to come. . . . Jesus has told His disciples to "watch," but not for definite time. [Maranatha 136.1](#)



The Times and Seasons (cont'd)

His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray, and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but no one will be able to predict just when that time will come; for "of that day and hour knoweth no man."

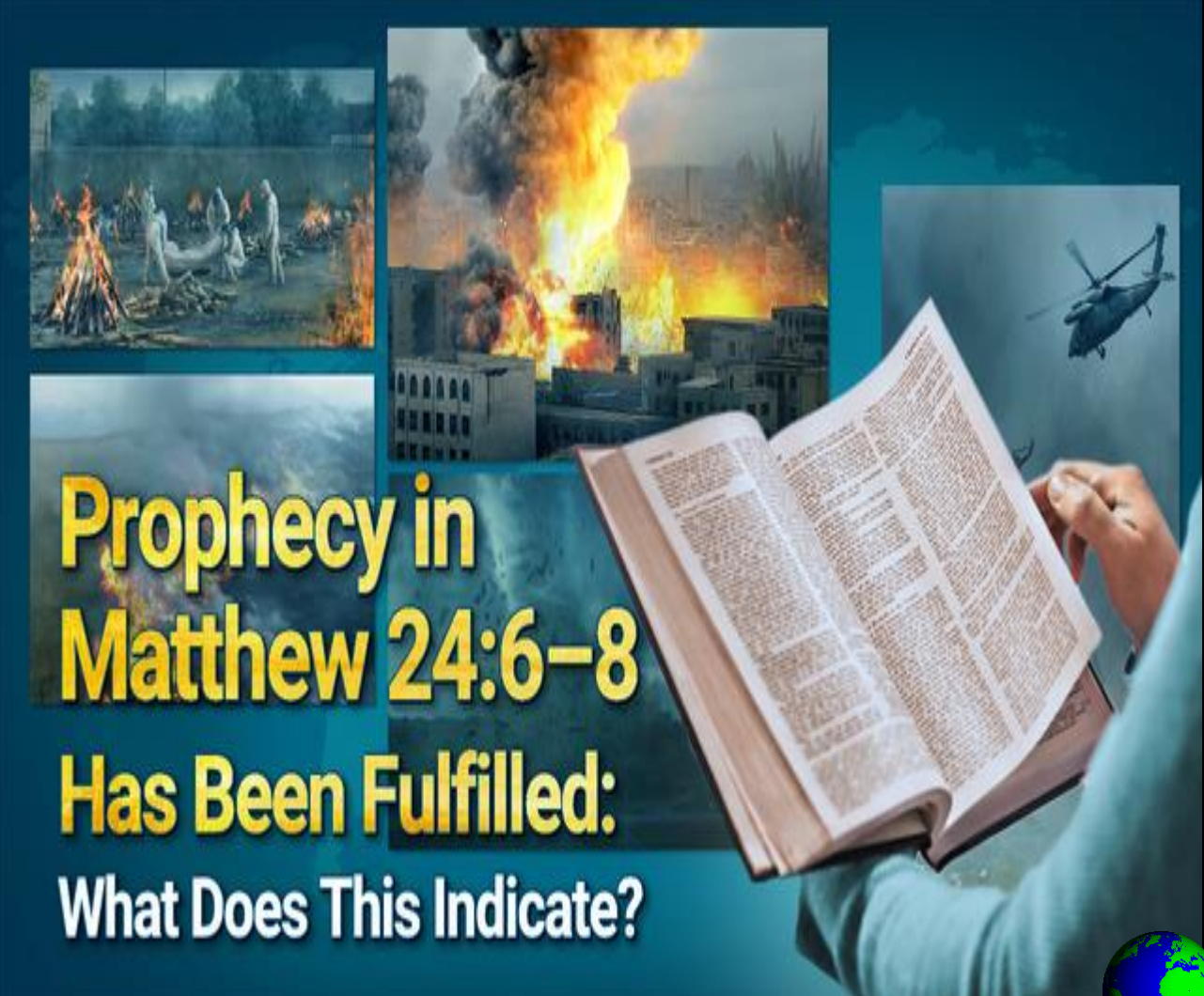
You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years. . . . We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ. [Maranatha 136.1](#)



The Times and Seasons (cont'd)

I was pointed to some who are in the great error of believing that it is their duty to go to Old Jerusalem, and think they have a work to do there before the Lord comes. Such a view is calculated to take the mind and interest from the present work of the Lord, under the message of the third angel; for those who think that they are yet to go to Jerusalem will have their minds there, and their means will be withheld from the cause of present truth to get themselves and others there.

I saw that such a mission would accomplish no real good, that it would take a long while to make a very few of the Jews believe even in the first advent of Christ, much more to believe in His second advent. [Maranatha 136.2](#)



**Prophecy in
Matthew 24:6-8
Has Been Fulfilled:
What Does This Indicate?**

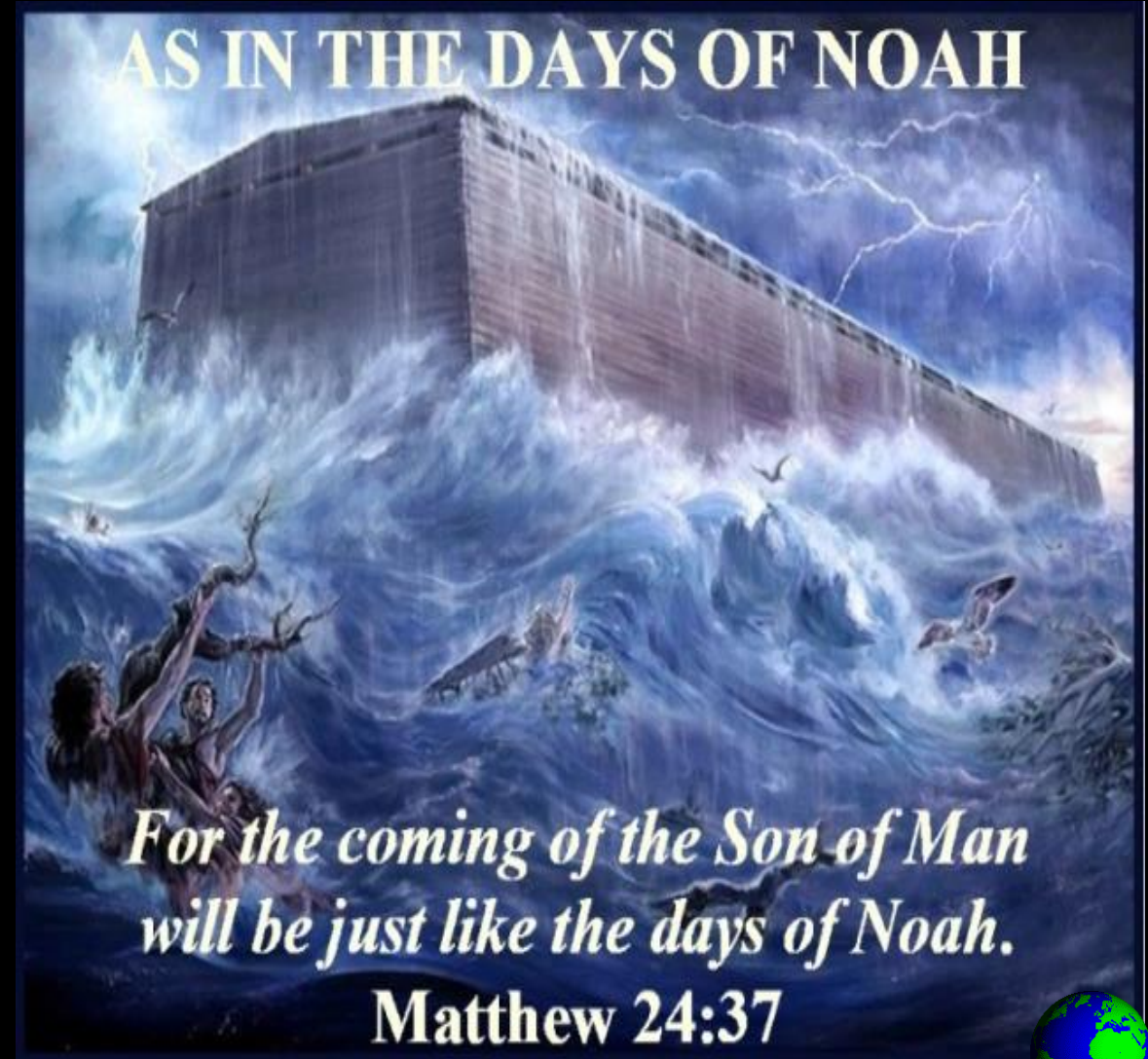
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"As it was in the Days of Noe"

As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. [Luke 17:26](#).

I was shown that a terrible condition of things exists in our world. The angel of mercy is folding her wings, ready to depart. . . . The law of God is made void. We see and hear of confusion and perplexity, want and famine, earthquakes and floods; terrible outrages will be committed by men; passion, not reason, bears sway.

The wrath of God is upon the inhabitants of the world, who are fast becoming as corrupt as were the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. Already fire and flood are destroying thousands of lives and the property that has been selfishly accumulated by the oppression of the poor. [Maranatha](#)
[137.1](#)



"As it was in the Days of Noe" (cont'd)

The Lord is soon to cut short His work and put an end to sin. Oh, that the scenes which have come before me of the iniquities practiced in these last days, might make a deep impression on the minds of God's professing people. [Maranatha 137.1](#)

As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of man shall be revealed. The Lord is removing His restrictions from the earth, and soon there will be death and destruction, increasing crime, and cruel, evil working against the rich who have exalted themselves against the poor.

Those who are without God's protection will find no safety in any place or position. Human agents are being trained and are using their inventive power to put in operation the most powerful machinery to wound and to kill. . . . [Maranatha 137.2](#)



**People were WARNED
in NOAH'S DAY but
refused to listen
until it was too late.
The BIBLE clearly says,
As the days of Noah were,
So shall also the Coming of
the SON of MAN be.
(Matthew 24:37-39)**



"As it was in the Days of Noe" (cont'd)

My brethren and sisters . . . , I make my appeal to you. . . . The lives of many are too delicate and dainty. . . . They think themselves Christians, but they do not know what practical Christian life signifies.

What does it mean to be a Christian? It means to be Christlike. . . . Co-operate with God by working in harmony with Him.

Expel from the soul-temple everything that assumes the form of an idol. Now is God's time, and His time is your time.

Fight the good fight of faith, refusing to think or to talk unbelief. The world is to hear the last warning message. [Maranatha 137.3](#)

DON'T KNOW The TIME OF CHRIST'S COMING?

YOU WILL BE DESTROYED!

➤ **THEY DID NOT KNOW** until the **FLOOD CAME** and **TOOK THEM ALL AWAY**. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man. **MAT 24:39-44 MKJV**

41-42 ... **IF YOU HAD KNOWN**...even at least in this Day of yours, the things for your peace! But **NOW THEY ARE HIDDEN FROM YOUR EYES**.

43-44 For the Days will come on you that **your ENEMIES...will TEAR YOU DOWN**, and **your Children** within you, and will not leave a stone on a stone because **YOU DID NOT KNOW** the **TIME** of your **VISITATION**. **LUKE 19:41-44**

➤ For then shall be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as was not since the Beginning of the World to this Time, no, nor ever shall be. **MAT 24:21 KJV**

➤ **HYPOCRITES!** You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but **YOU CAN'T DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES!**

MAT 16:3 HNV



Global Flood at the Time of Noah.



Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, 70 AD. By Francesco



A Great Terror Soon to Come

We are put on view to the world, and to angels, and to men. 1 Corinthians 4:9.

The world is a theatre; the actors, its inhabitants, are preparing to act their part in the last great drama. With the great masses of mankind there is no unity, except as men confederate to accomplish their selfish purposes. God is looking on. His purposes in regard to His rebellious subjects will be fulfilled.

The world has not been given into the hands of men, though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season. A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama--Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies.



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A Great Terror Soon to Come (cont'd)

Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect. [Maranatha 138.1](#)

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Are we as a people asleep? Oh, if the young men and young women in our institutions who are now unready for the Lord's appearing, unfitted to become members of the Lord's family, could only discern the signs of the times, what a change would be seen in them!



CORONAVIRUS

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A Great Terror Soon to Come (cont'd)

The Lord Jesus is calling for self-denying workers to follow in His footsteps, to walk and work for Him, to lift the cross, and to follow where He leads the way.

[Maranatha 138.3](#)

Many are readily satisfied with offering the Lord trifling acts of service. Their Christianity is feeble. Christ gave Himself for sinners. With what anxiety for the salvation of souls we should be filled as we see human beings perishing in sin!

These souls have been bought at an infinite price. The death of the Son of God on Calvary's cross is the measure of their value. Day by day they are deciding whether they will have eternal life or eternal death. [Maranatha 138.4](#)



The word came to Noah, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me." Noah obeyed and was saved.

The message came to Lot, "Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city" ([Genesis 7:1; 19:14](#)). Lot placed himself under the guardianship of the heavenly messengers and was saved.

... So now we are given warning of Christ's second coming and of the destruction to fall upon the world.

Those who heed the WARNING will be saved.

[The Desire of Ages, 634 \(1898\).](#)



Youth and the Drug Syndrome

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. [Ecclesiastes 11:9](#).

Satan was the first rebel in the universe, and ever since his expulsion from heaven he has been seeking to make every member of the human family an apostate from God, even as he is himself.

He laid his plans to ruin man, and through the unlawful indulgence of appetite, led him to transgress the commandments of God. He tempted Adam and Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit, and so accomplished their fall, and their expulsion from Eden.

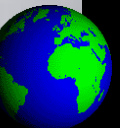


Youth and the Drug Syndrome (cont'd)

How many say, "If I had been in Adam's place, I would never have transgressed on so simple a test." But you who make this boast have a grand opportunity of showing your strength of purpose, your fidelity to principle under trial. . . . Does God see no sin in your life? . . . [Maranatha 139.1](#)

On every side, Satan seeks to entice the youth into the path of perdition; and if he can once get their feet set in the way, he hurries them on in their downward course, leading them from one dissipation to another, until his victims lose their tenderness of conscience, and have no more the fear of God before their eyes.

They exercise less and less self-restraint. They become addicted to the use of wine and alcohol, tobacco and opium, and go from one stage of debasement to another. [Maranatha 139.2](#)



Youth and the Drug Syndrome (cont'd)

They are slaves to appetite. Counsel which they once respected, they learn to despise.

They put on swaggering airs, and boast of liberty when they are the servants of corruption. They mean by liberty that they are slaves to selfishness, debased appetite, and licentiousness. . . . [Maranatha 139.2](#)

Satan is determined to have the human race as his subjects, but Christ has paid an infinite price that man may be redeemed from the enemy, and that the moral image of God may be restored to the fallen race. . . . Fallen men may through Christ find access to the Father, may have grace to enable them to be overcomers through the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour. [Maranatha 139.3](#)



External Parade of Heathen Power

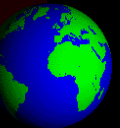
The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. [2 Timothy 4:3](#).

Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen, restlessly waiting and watching the movements of their leaders. There are those who are watching and waiting and working for our Lord's appearing; while the other party are rapidly falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate.

They look for a God in humanity, and Satan personifies the one they seek. Multitudes will be so deluded through their rejection of truth, that they will accept the counterfeit. Humanity is hailed as God. [Maranatha](#)

[140.1](#)

THE
HEATHEN
PARADE



External Parade of Heathen Power (cont'd)

As we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen deities will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world; and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled.

By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of God's people. All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history.

... In the very time in which we live, the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. [Maranatha 140.2](#)

MODERN HEATHENISM



Understand The Modern
Nordic-Germanic Paganism



External Parade of Heathen Power (cont'd)

He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honour Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation. . . . [Maranatha 140.2](#)

The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed be left untouched.

If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose; God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. [Maranatha 140.3](#)



Turmoil in the Cities

Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13.

It was not God's purpose that His people should be crowded into cities, huddled together in terraces and tenements. In the beginning He placed our first parents in a garden amidst the beautiful sights and attractive sounds of nature, and these sights and sounds He desires men to rejoice in today. [Maranatha 141.1](#)

Light has been given me that the cities will be filled with confusion, violence, and crime, and that these things will increase till the end of this earth's history. [Maranatha 141.2](#)



Turmoil in the Cities (cont'd)

It is time for our people to take their families from the cities into more retired localities, else many of the youth, and many also of those older in years, will be ensnared and taken by the enemy. [Maranatha 141.3](#)

"Out of the cities; out of the cities!"--this is the message the Lord has been giving me. [Maranatha 141.4](#)

The turmoil and confusion that fill these cities, the conditions brought about by the labour unions and the strikes, would prove a great hindrance to our work. Men are seeking to bring those engaged in the different trades under bondage to certain unions. This is not God's planning, but the planning of a power that we should in no wise acknowledge. God's word is fulfilling; the wicked are binding themselves up in bundles ready to be burned. [Maranatha 141.5](#)



Turmoil in the Cities (cont'd)

We are now to use all our entrusted capabilities in giving the last warning message to the world. In this work we are to preserve our individuality. We are not to unite with secret societies or with trade-unions. We are to stand free in God, looking constantly to Christ. [Maranatha 141.6](#)

The ungodly cities of our world are to be swept away by the besom of destruction. In the calamities that are now befalling immense buildings and large portions of cities God is showing us what will come upon the whole earth.

He has told us: "*Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it [the coming of the Son of man] is near, even at the doors.*" [Matthew 24:32, 33.](#)
[Maranatha 141.7](#)



Prejudice on the Increase

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. [1 John 3:13](#).

He who is closely connected with Christ is lifted above the prejudice of colour or caste. His faith takes hold of eternal realities. The divine Author of truth is to be uplifted. Our hearts are to be filled with the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The work of the good Samaritan is the example that we are to follow. [Maranatha 142.1](#)

It will be impossible to adjust all matters regarding the colour question in accordance with the Lord's order until those who believe the truth are so closely united with Christ that they are one with Him.



Prejudice on the Increase (cont'd)

Both the white and the coloured members of our churches need to be converted. There are some of both classes who are unreasonable, and when the colour question is agitated, they manifest unsanctified, unconverted traits of character. Quarrelsome elements are easily aroused in those who, because they have never learned to wear the yoke of Christ, are opinionated and obstinate. In such, self clamours with an unsanctified determination for the supremacy. [Maranatha 142.2](#)

As time advances, and race prejudices increase, it will become almost impossible, in many places, for white workers to labour for the coloured people. Sometimes the white people who are not in sympathy with our work will unite with coloured people to oppose it, claiming that our teaching is an effort to break up churches and bring in trouble over the Sabbath question. [Maranatha 142.3](#)



Prejudice on the Increase (cont'd)

White ministers and coloured ministers will make false statements, arousing in the minds of the people such a feeling of antagonism that they will be ready to destroy and to kill. [Maranatha 142.3](#)

The powers of hell are working with all their ingenuity to prevent the proclamation of the last message of mercy among the coloured people. Satan is working to make it most difficult for the gospel minister and teacher to ignore the prejudice that exists between the white and the coloured people. [Maranatha 142.4](#)

Let us follow the course of wisdom. Let us do nothing that will unnecessarily arouse opposition--nothing that will hinder the proclamation of the gospel message.

[Maranatha 142.5](#)



Ageism in the workplace.

YOUR
DICTION



Conclusion: The Lust for Nakedness

Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. [Matthew 5:28](#).

Many of the young are eager for books. They read everything they can obtain. Exciting love stories and impure pictures have a corrupting influence. Novels are eagerly perused by many, and, as the result, their imagination becomes defiled. In the cars, photographs of females in a state of nudity are frequently circulated for sale. These disgusting pictures are . . . hung upon the walls of those who deal in engravings. This is an age when corruption is teeming everywhere.

The lust of the eye and corrupt passions are aroused by beholding and by reading. [Maranathe 143.1](#)



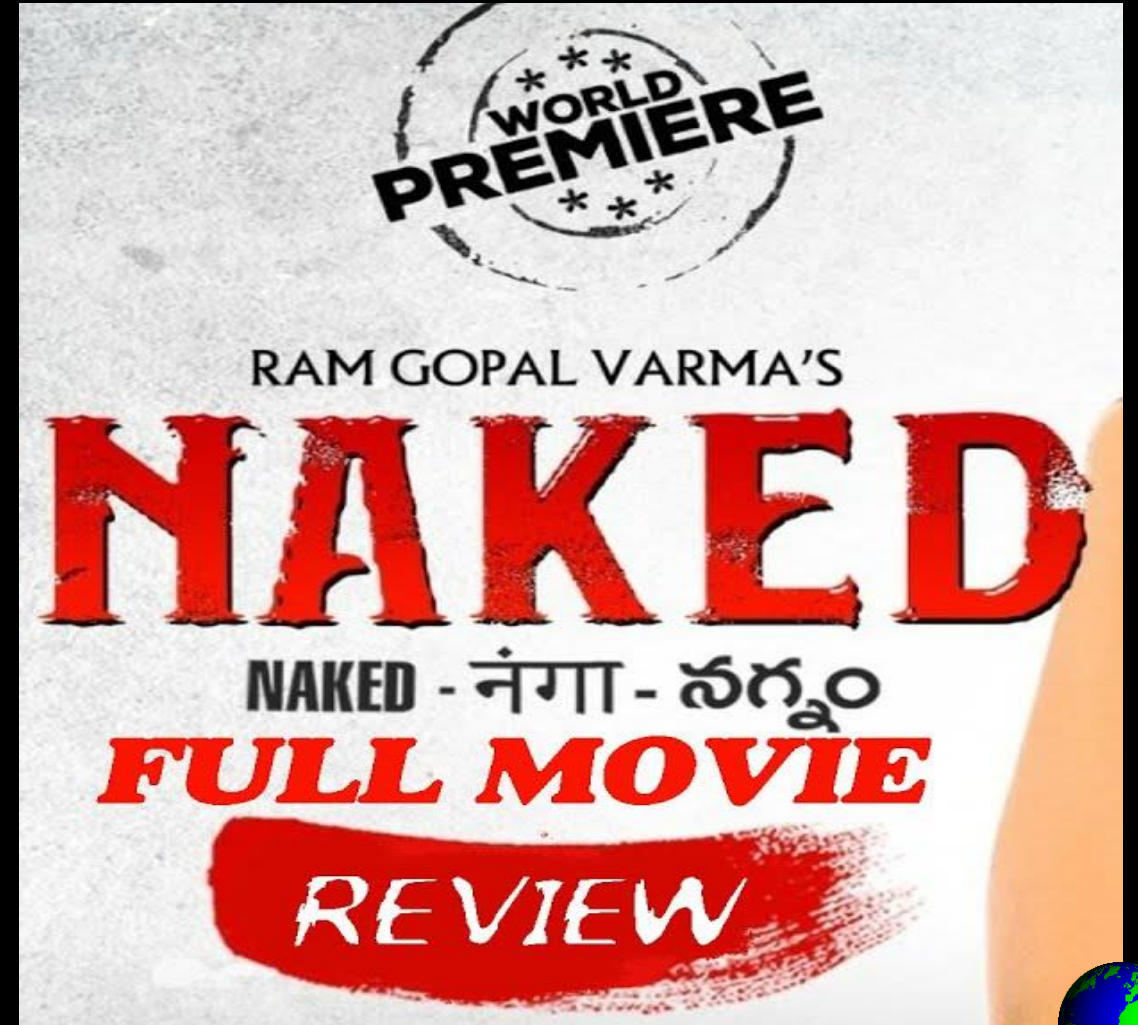
Conclusion: The Lust for Nakedness (cont'd)

The heart is corrupted through the imagination. The mind takes pleasure in contemplating scenes which awaken the lower and baser passions. These vile images, seen through defiled imagination, corrupt the morals and prepare the deluded, infatuated beings to give loose rein to lustful passions.

Then follow sins and crimes which drag beings formed in the image of God down to a level with the beasts, sinking them at last in perdition.

Avoid reading and seeing things which will suggest impure thoughts. Cultivate the moral and intellectual powers. Let not these noble powers become enfeebled and perverted by much reading of even storybooks. . . .

[Maranatha 143.1](#)

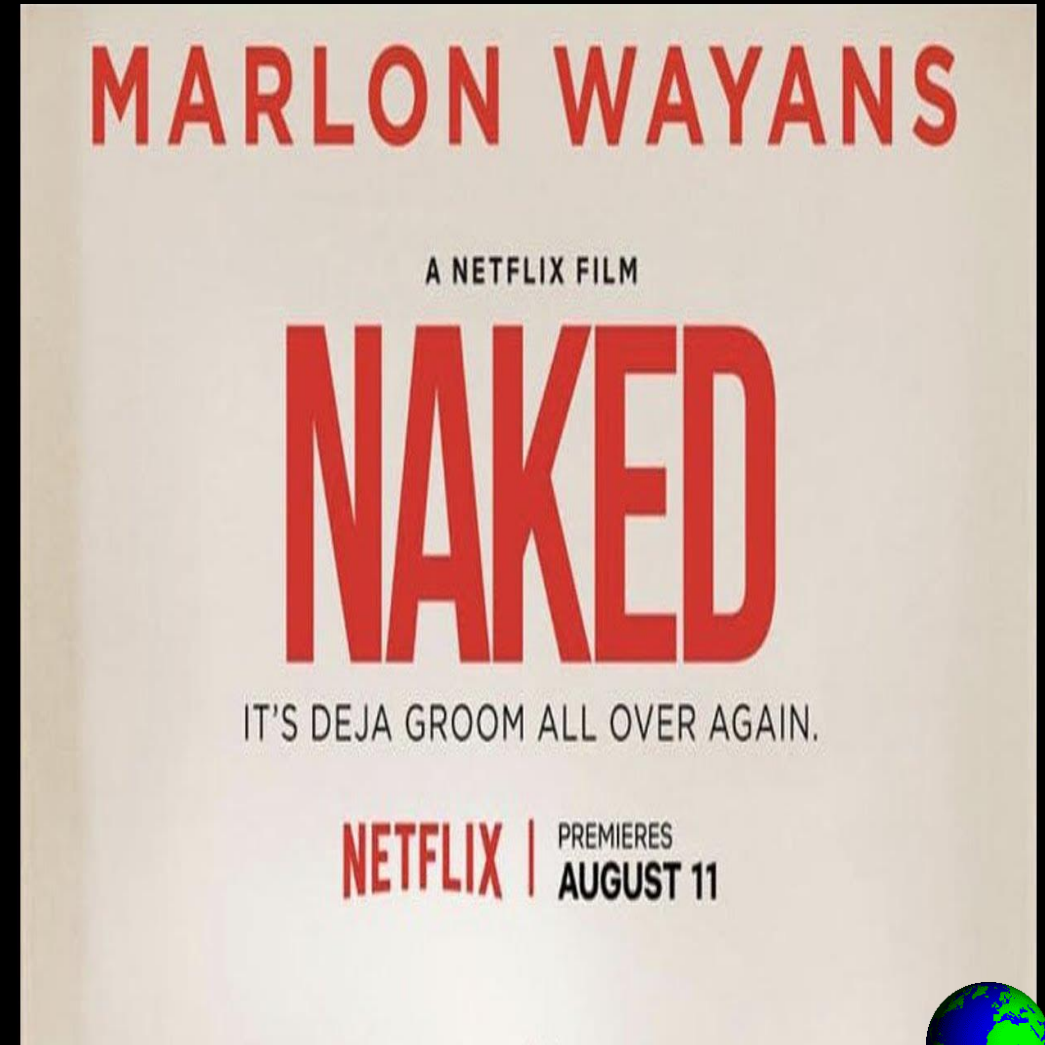


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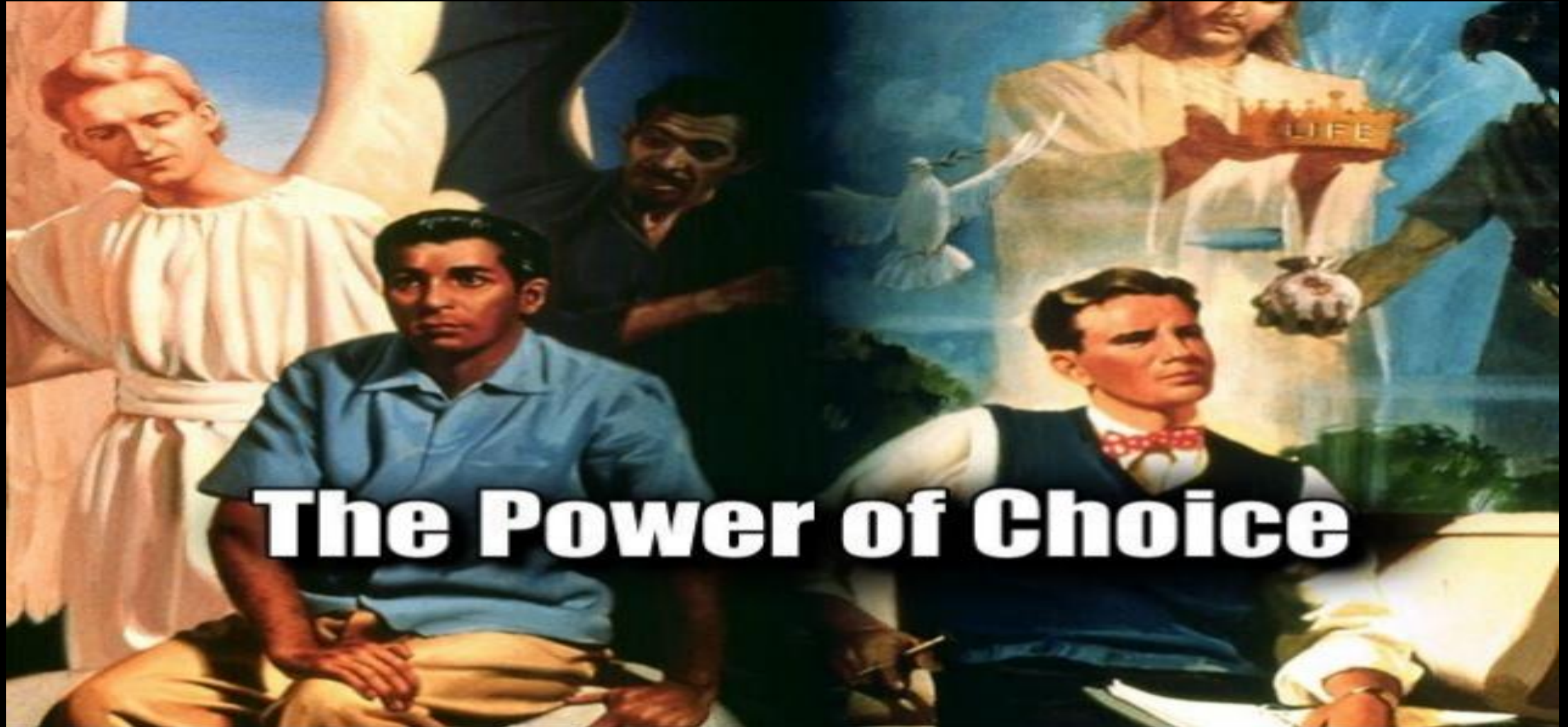
It is impossible for the youth to possess a healthy tone of mind and correct religious principles unless they enjoy the perusal of the word of God. This book contains the most interesting history, points out the way of salvation through Christ, and is their guide to a higher and better life.

They would all pronounce it the most interesting book they ever perused, if their imagination had not become perverted by exciting stories of a fictitious character. You who are looking for your Lord to come the second time to change your mortal bodies, and to fashion them like unto His most glorious body, must come up upon a higher plane of action.

You must work from a higher standpoint than you have hitherto done, or you will not be of that number who will receive the finishing touch of immortality. [Maranatha 143.2](#)



God has given all:



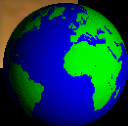
The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

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

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

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





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?