

## *The Image is not the Beast!*

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Little by little, at first in stealth and silence, and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, "the mystery of iniquity" carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. *Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found their way into the Christian church.* The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism. But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings, she laid aside the humble simplicity of Christ and His apostles *for the pomp and pride of pagan priests* and rulers; and in place of the requirements of God, she substituted *human theories* and traditions. The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century, caused great rejoicing; and the world, cloaked with a form of righteousness, walked into the church. Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. Her spirit controlled the church. *Her doctrines*, ceremonies, and superstitions were incorporated into the faith and worship of the *professed* followers of Christ. {GC 49.2}

*This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of "the man of sin"* foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. {GC 50.1}

The “mystery of godliness” was God manifested here as a man; the “mystery of iniquity” was a man pretending to be God. This was the great apostasy, the mongrel *produced by the union of heathenism and Christianity.* {D&R 517.1}

"The beast" mentioned in this message, whose worship is enforced by the two-horned beast, is the first, or leopardlike beast of Revelation 13—the papacy. *The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas.* The "mark of the beast" still remains to be defined. {GC 445.2}

"The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy *will be repeated.* In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that "shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." Verses 31-36, quoted. {13MR 394.1}

*Scenes similar* to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: Daniel 12:1-4, quoted. {13MR 394.2} 1904.

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Matters are *moving here similar to the way* they moved in the formation of the Papal beast. In A. D., 321, laws were passed prohibiting labor in cities and towns; but in 538, when the Pope was made supreme head of all the churches, this law was made universal. We claim that then commenced the union of church and State. Here we already have several stringent State statutes, and in most of our incorporated cities laws as rigid. Read the following concerning the law of Texas."

Charles Beecher, in a sermon in the year 1846, declared that the ministry of "the *evangelical Protestant denominations*" is "not only formed all the way up under a tremendous pressure of merely human fear, but they live, and move, and breathe in a state of things radically corrupt, and appealing every hour to every baser element of their nature to hush up the truth, and bow the knee to the power of apostasy. *Was not this the way things went with Rome? Are we not living her life over again?* And what do we see just ahead? Another general council! A world's convention! *Evangelical alliance*, and universal creed!"--Sermon on "The Bible a Sufficient Creed," delivered at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Feb. 22, 1846. When this shall be gained, then, in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force. {GC 444.3} {GC88 444.2} See "WhoFormsTheImage."

Note: As the the beast rose to seat of government by a theological war for supremacy so the Image is also. Arianism was vanquished again by Protestants WWII so will protestants the same to Islam, by an idealogical war. Turning to Religion to save the state.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/jeb-bush-focus-on-christian-syrian-refugees/>

"The king of Persia despised the obscure Saracen, and derided the message of the pretended prophet of Mecca. Even the overthrow of the Roman empire would not have opened a door for Mohammedanism, or for the progress of the Saracenic armed propagators of an imposture, though the monarch of the Persians and chagan of the Avars (the successor of Attila) had divided between them the remains of the kingdoms of the Caesars. Chosroes himself fell. The Persian and Roman monarchies exhausted each other's strength. And before a sword was put into the hands of the false prophet, it was smitten from the hands of those who would have checked his career and crushed his power. {1897 UrS, DAR 496.3}

# Power and Exerciseth.

Rev. 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and *he spake as a dragon*.

*(Not "as" the first beast or "for" the "first beast," or "from" the first beast but "as a dragon!")*

13:12 And *he exerciseth* (i.e. *uses*, exerts, performs all authority) *all the power* (i.e., *dominion*, authority, jurisdiction, *privilege*, *force*, *capacity*, *influence*) of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13:13 And *he doeth* great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

13:14 And *deceiveth* them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which *he had power* to do in the sight of the beast; *saying* to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

13:15 And *he had power* to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

13:16 And *he causeth all*, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

**Power.** 1849. *ἔξουσία*, *ex-oo-see'-ah*; from 1832 (in the sense of ability); *privilege*, i.e., (subj.) *force*, *capacity*, *competency*, *freedom*, or (obj.) *mastery*, (concr. *magistrate*, *superhuman*, *potentate*, *token*, *of control*), *delegated influence*: —authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

**Pow'ēr**, n. 6. Command; the right of government or actual government; dominion; rule; sway; authority; as, the United States has power over the Phillipines.

**Syn.**—Faculty, capacity, efficacy, energy, capability, potentiality, force, might, ability, strength, susceptibility, influence, dominion, sway, command, government, agency, authority, rule, jurisdiction, effectiveness, caliber, cause.

Dan. 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall *take away* his *dominion*, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

**Exerciseth.** 4160. *pöiěō, pay-eh'o, to make or do.*

**ex'ēr-cīse**, *v.t.*; exercised, *pt., pp.*; exercising; *ppr.* 1. To employ actively; to exert, to cause to act in any manner; as, to *exercise* the body or the hands; to *exercise* the mind or judgement.

2. *To use; to exert; to perform the duties of; as, to exercise authority or an office.*

Notice: In Rev. 12 crowns are on heads(papal being 7th). Are moved to Horns in 13 signifying a change of civil power from papacy to nations!

\* But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamb-like horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and "exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him." The spirit of persecution manifested by *paganism and the papacy* is again to be revealed. Prophecy declares that this power will say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast." [Revelation 13:14.] The *image* is made to the *first or leopard-like beast*, which is the one brought to view in the *third* angel's message. By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power, having authority to punish all dissenters. The image to the beast represents *another religious body clothed with similar power.* The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. *Here* is to be found an *image* of the papacy. *When* the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, *then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution,* as were God's ancient people. Almost every century furnishes examples of what bigotry and malice can do under a plea of serving God by protecting the rights of Church and State. *Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience.* In the seventeenth century thousands of non-conformist ministers suffered under the rule of the Church of England. *Persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments.* {4SP 277.2}{4Sp 503.3}{GC 445.1}{GC88 445.1}{D&R 546.3; 518.2-519.3}

\* *At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution,* John beheld a *new power* coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. *This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God,* is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which

it symbolized--the United States. {ST, February 8, 1910 par. 5} "1798"

\* "I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon's mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. *Then I saw the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints.* I saw that as the mother has been *declining*, in power, the daughters had been *growing*, and soon *they will exercise* the power once exercised by the mother." {SpM 1.4}

\* The vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, people, and tongues. *The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.* To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon. . . . {TM 117.4}

The iniquity and spiritual darkness that prevailed under the supremacy of Rome were the inevitable result of her suppression of the Scriptures; *but where is to be found* the cause of the widespread infidelity, the rejection of the law of God, and the consequent corruption, *under the full blaze* of gospel light *in an age* of religious freedom? *Now that Satan can no longer* keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to *other means* to accomplish the same object. To destroy *faith in the Bible serves* his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself. By introducing the belief that God's law is not binding, he as effectually leads men to transgress as if they were wholly ignorant of its precepts. *And now, as in former ages, he has worked through the church to further his designs. The religious organizations of the day* (GC 390.2, 389.2; TM 61.3; 7BC 979; PP 124.1) have refused to listen to *unpopular truths* plainly brought to view in the Scriptures, and in combating them *they have adopted interpretations and taken positions* which have sown broadcast the seeds of skepticism. Clinging to the papal error of natural immortality and man's consciousness in death, they have rejected the only defense against the delusions of spiritualism. The doctrine of eternal torment has led many to disbelieve the Bible. And as the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the people, it is found that the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is enjoined; and as the only way to free themselves from a duty which they are unwilling to perform, *many popular teachers declare that the law of God is no longer binding. Thus they cast away the law and the Sabbath together.* As the work of Sabbath reform extends, this rejection of the divine law to avoid the claims of the fourth commandment will become well-nigh universal. *The teachings of religious leaders* have opened the door to infidelity, to spiritualism, and to contempt for God's holy law; and *upon these leaders rests a fearful responsibility for the iniquity that exists in the Christian world.* {GC 586.2}{GC 281.3}{GC 603.2}—{TM 16.1}{4SP 318.2,3}{TM 64.3}{3T 257.1}{RH Extra, Dec. 23, 1890.}. Parentheses and contents added.

Isa. 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will

ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: *I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation*, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” 2Thess. 2:3. . . and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who *opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God*, or that *is worshipped*; so that he as God *sitteth in the temple* of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

# IMAGE

1504. **Εἰκὼν** *ĕikōn*, *i-kone'*; from 1503: a *likeness*, i.e. (lit.) *statue, profile*, or (fig) *representation, resemblance*:—image.

1503. **ἔϊκῶ**, *i'-ko*; appar. a prime verb [perh. akin to 1502 through the idea of *faintness* as a copy]; to *resemble*:—be like.

IMAGE, n. [L. imago.]

1. A representation or similitude of any person or thing, formed of a material substance; as an image wrought out of stone, wood or wax.

Whose is this image and superscription? Matthew 22:20.

2. A statue.

3. An idol; the representation of any person or thing, that is an object of worship. The second commandment forbids the worship of images.

4. The likeness of any thing on canvas; a picture; a resemblance painted.

**5. Any copy, representation or likeness.**

The child is the image of its mother.

**6. Semblance; show; appearance.**

The face of things a frightful image bears.

7. An idea; a representation of any thing to the mind; a conception; a picture drawn by fancy.

Can we conceive

Image of aught delightful, soft or great?

8. In rhetoric, a lively description of any thing in discourse, which presents a kind of picture to the mind.

9. In optics, the figure of any object, made by rays of light proceeding from the several points of it. Thus a mirror reflects the image of a person standing before it, as does water in a vessel or stream, when undisturbed.

IMAGE, v.t. To imagine; to copy by the imagination; to form a likeness in the

mind by the fancy or recollection.

And image charms he must behold no more.

Heb. 1:1 **God**, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by his Son, whom he hath appointed** heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**,

6754 a *representative* figure. Gen. 1:26. 6816 of an angel. 2Chron. 3:10. 8544 embodiment, image, likeness similitude. Job.4:16. 1504 **representation**, image Matt. 22:20; Rev. **13:15;14:9,11;15:2;20:4** 5481 an exact copy *representation*.

Note: These definitions, and throughout the Bible of image are not the primary figure but another entity of resemblance by its features or characteristics, proven in the following. This can be seen in other symbols: Babylon, Jezebel, Horn, Woman, etc.

Rev. 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had **gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name**, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

If the image is the beast then no need for the language to be so expressed in redundancy. More emphatic in this separation is:—

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, **neither his image**, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Rev. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him,

Here the separation between the two symbols is so clear that the image is referred to by another title, as is seen in Matt. 24, the 7 Churches, Rev. 12-14; 17-19, and even in 16 the 1st 4 plagues fall on protestants and 5th on the Papacy, in Rev. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him,

That this is the two horned beast is proven by the miracles it performs in Rev. 13:11-17.

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\* 10. **This beast** not only compels the earth and its inhabitants to worship the first beast, as above noticed, but **it causes them that dwell upon the earth to make an image** to the first beast. This can be done only by a union of church and state, or by so **subordinating the civil to the**

ecclesiastical power that the state will be compelled to enforce the tenets and requirements of the church. *A religious amendment to the constitution of the united states would speedily insure this result.* {4Sp 503.3}

\* The Protestant churches, having received doctrines that the Word of God condemns, *will bring these to the front and force them upon the consciences of the people, just as the papal authorities urged their dogmas upon the advocates of truth in Luther's time.* The same battle is again to be fought, and every soul will be called upon to decide upon which side of the controversy he or she will be found. {CTr 323.5}

"It is our individual duty to walk humbly with God. We are not to seek any strange, new message. We are not to think that the chosen ones of God who are trying to walk in the light compose Babylon. *The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines,* such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day. These and kindred errors are presented to the world *by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, 'For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'* It is a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies which exalt the false sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial. {TM 61.3} See also GC 586. and PP 124,

\* *The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the Papacy.* Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved. Of this time John the Revelator declares: {1MR 296.5} MATTHEW 24:45-25:13

It is time for God's people to work as never before, because of the increase of wickedness. The God-fearing, commandment-keeping people should be diligent, not only in prayer, but in action; and this will bring the truth before those who have never heard it. The world is overborne with falsehood and iniquity, and those whom God has made the depositaries of his law, and of the pure religion of Jesus, must be determined to let their light shine. If they do nothing to disabuse the minds of the people, and through ignorance of the truth our legislatures should abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance and support to the Roman fallacy, the spurious sabbath, *God will hold* his people who have had great light, *responsible* for their lack of diligence and faithfulness. *But if the subject of religious legislation is judiciously and intelligently laid before the people, and they see that through Sunday enforcement the Roman apostasy would be re-enacted by the Christian world, and that the tyranny of past ages would be repeated, then whatever comes, we shall have done our duty.* {RH, December 24, 1889 par. 4} {RH, March 9, 1911 par. 17}

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the

latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The *Protestants* of the United States *will be foremost* in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of *spiritualism*; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the *Roman* power; and *under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience*. {GC 588.1} WHY? {4SP 425.1}

Questions: Who's under this influence? This Country. Then who USES these to influence this country? Protestants!

Rev. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him *the false prophet that wrought miracles* before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. *These both* were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

*WHY? Spiritualism provides miracles (see MS U. Smith. 137.2; 140.1,2; 144.1-146; ; GC 590.2) in a church destitute of the power of the Holy Spirit. And Papist's provide Help-Aid-Support, (see NSL A.T. Jones. 19.3), for it vindicates and justifies 1260 years of tyranny.*

“Those who have accepted the truth of the third angel's message are to hold it fast by faith, and **it will hold them from drifting into superstitions and theories that would separate them from one another and from God**. Our reception of the truth we hold as Seventh-day Adventists was not a chance experience. **It was reached by earnest prayer and careful research of the Inspired Word**. The Lord would have us walk and work in perfect unity. His name, Christ Jesus, is to be our watchword, His example our badge of distinction, the principles of His Word the foundation of our piety. **In unity of spirit and action will be our strength.**” {HP 349.4}

*As the storm approaches, a **large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By **uniting** with the world and partaking of *its spirit*, they have come to **view matters in nearly the same light (DA 635.1)**; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, **employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls**. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}*

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Rev. 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world **wondered** after the beast.

## WONDER

2296. **θαυμάζω** *thaumanzō*, *thōu-mad'-zo*; from 2295; *to wonder*; by impl. to *admire*:—admire, have in admiration, marvel, wonder.

2295. **thauma**, *thǒu'-mah*; appar. from a form of 2300; *wonder* (prop. concr.; but by impl. abstr.):—admiration.

2300 **thěaǒmai**, *theh-ah'-om-ahee*; a prol. form of a primary verb; to look closely at, i.e. (by impl.) *perceive* (lit. or fig.); by extens. to *visit*:—behold, look (upon), see. Comp. 3700.

**wǒn'děr**, *v.t.*, 1. To be curious about; to wish to know. 2. To surprise; to amaze.

1. desire or be curious to know something:

To Study or examine.

Rev. 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, *I wondered with great admiration*.

### ***Did John obey the Papacy?***

As the controversy extends into new fields, and the minds of the people are called to God's down-trodden law, Satan is astir. *The power attending the message only maddens those who oppose it. The clergy put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light, lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists are solicited to come to the help of Protestants.* The movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided. *The law is invoked against commandment-keepers.* They are threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some are offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is, "Show us from the word of God our error,"--the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light is brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths. {4SP 425.1}{GC 573.1}