

Satan uses the Churches Of The Day.

"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}

“Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Roman Church. She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant churches are paying her homage in their acceptance of the false sabbath and that *they*” protestants *“are preparing to enforce it by the very means which she herself employed in bygone days.* Those who reject the light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than the papal leaders how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church?” GC 580.1.

The Scriptures declare that upon one occasion, when the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them (Job 1:6), not to bow before the Eternal King, but to further his own malicious designs against the righteous. *With the same object 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.* Like a skillful general *he lays his plans beforehand.* As he sees the messenger of God searching the Scriptures, he takes note of the subject to be presented to the people. *Then he employs all his cunning and shrewdness so to control circumstances that the message may not reach those whom he is deceiving on that very point.* The one who most *needs the warning* will be urged into some business transaction which requires his presence, or will by *some other means be prevented from hearing the words* that might prove to him a savor of life unto life. GC 518.3.

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*** 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}

Note: seeds of Skepticism—conspiracy theories. Spiritualism is paganism/heathenism of the OT. Papists and Protestants are both brought to view here also. Thus we see the 3 fold union of Rev. 13:13-15; 16:13 here addressed as the dragon, beast and false prophet.

Of Spiritualism spiritualist mediums this author states:—

b. The doctrines which they teach are also directly contrary to the Bible. They deny God. They deny Christ. They deny the atonement. They deny the Bible. They deny the existence of sin, and all distinction between right and wrong. They deny the sacredness of the marriage covenant; and, interspersing their utterances with blasphemies against God and his Son, and everything that is lovely, and good, and pure, they give the freest license to every propensity to sin, and to every carnal and fleshly lust. DAR 544.3

Note: Example, It is said the Book of James 2:18 Should not be in the Bible. And since Paul Rom. 2:10,15;Eph. 2:10;6:7;2Thess. 5:10,25;6:18; 2Tim. 3:17; Titus 3:8; says the same his epistles shouldn't be there for the same reason. And since Jesus said Matt. 5:16;16:27;Rev. 22:12,14; Matt. 5:48 “be ye perfect” and 19:17

“keep the Commandments” then the New Testament is gone. John 10:37 If I do not *the works of my Father, believe me not.* 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works:

"The principles contained in this celebrated Protest . . . constitute the *very essence of Protestantism*. Now this Protest opposes *two abuses* of man in *matters of faith*: the first is *the intrusion of the civil magistrate*, and the second the *arbitrary authority of the church*. Instead of these abuses, *Protestantism sets the power of conscience above the magistrate, and the authority of the word of God above the visible church*. In the *first* place, it rejects the *civil power in divine things*, and says with the prophets and apostles, ‘We must obey God rather than man.’ In presence of the crown of Charles the Fifth, it uplifts the crown of Jesus Christ. But it goes *farther*: it lays down the principle *that all human teaching should be subordinate to the oracles of God.*”—Ibid., b. 13, ch. 6. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to utter freely their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere*. The Protest of Spires was a solemn witness against religious intolerance, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC 203.4}

Note: Churches authority above the Bible and Government authority over the conscience. Separation of Church and State. But does this mean the intrusions of the Church on the State to legislate: religion, religious doctrines, Man’s personal duty to worship God—religious principles-laws are acceptable?—No! it works to separate both, the Church from the State and the State from the Church, so that either does not, or will not use the other.—Read on.

The Protest denied the right of civil rulers to legislate in matters between the soul and God, and declared with prophets and apostles, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” It rejected also the *arbitrary power of the church*, and set forth the unerring principle that all human teaching *should be in subjection to the oracles of God*. The protesters had thrown off the yoke of man's supremacy, and had exalted Christ as supreme in the church, and his Word in the pulpit. *The power of conscience was set above the State, and the authority of the Holy Scriptures above the visible church*. The crown of Christ was uplifted above the pope's tiara and the emperor's diadem. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to

freely utter their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the Word of God presents, and ***they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere.*** The Protest of Spires was a solemn witness against religious ***intolerance***, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC88 203.2}

Notes: Everyone believes it, was not their authority. It rejects the “arbitrary authority-power of the church” over the State. Here is the reason for the 1st Amendment.

2Thess. 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come ***a falling away first***, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; . . . 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. Rev. 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is ***fallen***, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is ***fallen, is fallen***, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

The National Reform movement, exercising the power of religious legislation, will, when fully developed, manifest the same intolerance and oppression that have prevailed in past ages. Human councils then assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic power liberty of conscience; and imprisonment, exile, and death followed for those who opposed their dictates. ***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. {5T 712.1}

Flooding the Churches With Error.

The aim of the great rebel has ever been ***to justify himself and to prove*** the divine government responsible for the rebellion. To this end he has bent all the power of his giant intellect. He has worked deliberately and systematically, and with

marvelous success, leading vast multitudes to accept *his version* of the great controversy which has been so long in progress. For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy has palmed off falsehood for truth. But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed. In his last great effort to dethrone Christ, destroy His people, and take possession of the City of God, the archdeceiver has been fully unmasked. Those who have united with him see the total failure of his cause. Christ's followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his *machinations* against the government of God. He is the object of universal abhorrence. GC 670.1

Conspiracy Theories. [Rep. Taylor Greene makes false claims about Biden and fentanyl - YouTube](#).

The great deceiver has many agents ready to present *any and every kind of error* to ensnare souls--*heresies prepared to suit the varied tastes and capacities* of those whom he would ruin. It is his plan to bring into the church insincere, unregenerate elements that will encourage *doubt and unbelief*, and hinder all who desire to see the work of God advance and to advance with it. Many who have no real faith in God or in His word assent to some principles of truth and pass as Christians, and thus they are enabled to introduce their errors as Scriptural doctrines. {GC 520.1}

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*. *From the beginning* the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the word of God. That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth. {GC 520.2}

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. 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 favorite 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. {GC 520.3}

Error requires Faith.

The ***truth*** and the glory of God are inseparable; ***it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light.*** {GC 597.2}

“In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. . . It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. . .” GC 583.1
see LP 324.2

Faith is the medium through which truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind. It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men. {1SM 346.3}