

THE CHURCH THAT SATAN'S SLAVES BUILT The Enemies of Jesus' True Church Exposed

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all of you who want to know the truth about the corruption in the "Christian" churches that is robbing them of the power of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great good that could be done for every human being on the face of the earth if these churches would conduct themselves according to God's Holy Word.

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INTRODUCTION

The gemstone for this book is a ruby. The ruby's chemical formula is $CrAl_2O_3$. Corundum is what gives it its red color. It has a Mohr scale hardness of 9, being next to a diamond's hardness of 10. It is known for being used to make lasers (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) for a number of useful purposes, as well as being a precious gemstone. One of these is a laser pointer used to pinpoint things that need to be brought to our attention. This is the reason the ruby gemstone is used for this book. This book is pinpointing the ways Satan's Church has corrupted Jesus' True Church from the very beginning.

The Babylonian Church that is forming the "New World Order" for world dominion has always been running counter to Jesus' True Church. This is the Church Satan's Slaves are building. The plan is to take man's devotion from the True and Living God and place it on the evil trinity of the world, the flesh and the devil.

As Satan's church gains authority, our nation and yours is in grave danger of apostatizing. Unless God intervenes for our nations, we will go the way of the other great nations of the past. We will be tossed on the trash heap of eternal silence. We will not be the great God-fearing nation our Founding Fathers meant us to be and neither will yours reach the height God has for it.

It is so sad to see a great nation like yours and mine die!

Only a small minority in our world wants this to happen. However, our enemies are strong and it is left for the Godfearing people of our nations to be diligent and faithful in their witness for our Lord Jesus Christ to overcome their evil plans for world dominion.

You may ask, why are you so concerned about our nations when you are investigating the takeover of our churches by Satan's evil trinity? It is like this, as Jesus' True Church goes, so goes our nations.

This book shows how "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built" has brought our Christian churches to a near apostate state, as they have conformed to the world's system of "marketing the church" to remove the offense of the Cross of Jesus Christ our Lord in favor of sinful man's approval.

Our problem is very real. Many of our "Christian holiness churches" are in real danger of apostatizing when they depart from their standards of holiness toward God and others to gain the favors of ungodly people rather than God. This renders them powerless to work any real deliverance from the enemy's schemes. Is this too harsh? A conscientious investigation of the facts will prove "beyond any shadow of a doubt" the truth of this critical analysis of our holiness churches as stated above.

Furthermore, you will see how this is not a new development. It has been ongoing since Nimrod rebelled against God, and the establishment of Satan's man-made church on the sands of fickle man's ungodly wickedness.

UT means Updated Text that uses Modern Grammar instead of Old English.

The following Bible verses lay the foundation for our great need to follow the truth found in this book.

There is much emphasis given to the Scripture in this book, because the Word of God is our solid foundation. My words are up for debate as well as any other man's opinions. God's Word stands forever. WE DEBATE GOD'S WORD TO OUR OWN DESTRUCTION!

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they all have one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they left off building the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel: because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from there did the Lord

scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth" (Genesis 11:1-9 UT).

"There is a generation that curses its father and does not bless its mother. There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, and is not washed from its filthiness. There is a generation—oh how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and whose fangs are like knifes, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men" (Proverbs 30:11-14 NKJV).

"Now the Spirit speaks 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: have their conscience seared with a hot iron: forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods, which God has created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth" (1 Timothy 4:1-3 UT).

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sin, led away with divers lusts. Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. ... But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving,

and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:1-8, 13).

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed. the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do vou not remember, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now you know what restrains that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity does already work: only he who now restrains. until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 UT).

I. The Church That Satan's Slaves Built is Dramatized in the Bible!

When we envision a church, we call to mind a group of worshipers. A worshiper, as defined by Webster's dictionary, is a person or group that has "extreme devotion: intense love or admiration of any kind." In this sense, we are referring to people who devote themselves to a way of life that determines their actions and attitudes. Not all worshipers are God-respecting ones. In man's church, man worships himself. He sets his own standards of right and wrong, and determines what is best for him. He constantly disregards God's rightful demands on his life.

Some examples of this total disregard for God and His ways found in the Bible are:

*God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil: they ate the fruit.

*God told the people of Noah's day after the flood, to fill the earth: they congregated in one place.

*By the time you get to the book of Judges, everyone is doing that which is right in his own eyes.

"And also all that generation were gathered to their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of

the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves to them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth" (Judges 2:10-13 UT).

*God told the children of Israel not to have any other gods before Him: they worshiped everything from the stars of heaven to Baal.

You might expect the people who knew nothing about God to follow a way contrary to God's commands, but why would the Israelites want to leave their God to follow another way of life diametrically opposed to the God of their fathers? Could it be they thought God's way was too demanding on them? Could Psalm 2:2-3 ("The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.") be the general attitude of Satan's Slaves' Church? This has been the general attitude of the whole human race down through the generations! It is no different today!

II. The Church That Satan's Slaves Built Is Fashioned From Daniel's Fourfold Image of the World's Ungodly Empires!

"You, O king, were watching; and behold a great image! This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. You saw until that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and break them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth" (Daniel 2:31-35 UT).

In this vision of the image, we need to take note that the Emperor had no clothes. To cover his shameful nakedness he must be clothed in impressive garments. To do this he clothed himself with a garment borrowed from Satan's evil trinity of the world (organized rebellion against God), the flesh (the sinful nature of man) and the devil (the god of this sinful world). You may be surprised to see how this was all masterminded and sold in a spiritual vacuum, the same as today when people totally disregard the True and Living God as revealed to us in God's Word, the Holy

Bible. (One of the main articles of faith of man's church is to empty the mind of all rational thought, and then to accept whatever comes rushing in to fill the vacuum as a higher level of consciousness. They call this getting in touch with the universal godhood that is in all of us.) See Daniel 8:1, 2, 15-19.

A. The Babylonian Empire

Daniel 2:36-38; Daniel 7:4

The Babylonian Empire is shown as a *pure gold head*, and also as *a lion with eagle's wings*. It stood on its feet as a man. It was given a man's heart.

Think of this Empire as the mastermind of "Satan's Slaves' Church." This Empire was founded by Nimrod, a son of Cush (Genesis 10:8, 9; 11:1-9), who was used of Satan to assemble a rebellion against God. It roars like a lion (The devil is a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour -1 Peter 5:8, 9). It flew like an eagle. That is, it soars to the heights of the heavenly realm. It stood on its feet as a man with a man's heart. That is, it is grounded in a humanistic philosophy of life. Man would be his own god. This new religion had a counsel, a way and a seat. (See Psalm 1:1). They were building themselves a city (that walks in the counsel of the ungodly), a tower that would reach to heaven (that stands in the way of sinners) and a name (that sits in the seat of the scornful). Nimrod, in his rebellion against God, inspired a human-based social order that would deify man and humanize God. As things developed over time, man left the God of heaven and went on a downward spiral from monotheism (worshiping the one and only eternal Lord God of glory) to polytheism

(worshiping many gods) to pantheism (saving god is all and all is god). Man was the center of all things. He would decide what is right and wrong for himself. Every area of life is drawn into this ungodly frame of reference when a person accepts the roars coming out of the mouths of its lions of illogical sciences, brutal philosophies and false religions. In their sad state of being captivated by reprobate minds, all is good because all is god and god is good. Naturally, this left people without the need for a Savior, seeing everything is thought to be "getting better." In their way of thinking, man is a little god-seeing God and nature is one and the same. As they scattered out into the entire world they took their polytheistic and pantheistic religions with them. These are still the overriding religions of most of the people on earth today. Read Romans 1:18-32 for a Biblical explanation of their sad state of affairs. As we will see later, the "Jewish" and "Christian" Churches have been corrupted by this religion in various forms and degrees throughout the centuries.

B. The Medeo-Persian Empire

Daniel 2:39a; Daniel 7:5; Daniel 8:3, 4, 20

This Empire is pictured as the *breast and arms of the* naked human statue made of silver. It was also pictured as a bear raised on one side with three ribs in its mouth and also as a ram with two horns pushing westward, northward and southward. One horn was higher than the other.

Silver will tarnish when it is left to the elements. It must be polished to keep its luster; likewise, with "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built." It will not hold together if it is not given a good "bill of sale." You must keep polishing it

to make it look good. The main thing this Empire did was keeping "man's church" polished. It gave it a heart and soul. It gave it breath. It pumped the corrupted "life-blood" into the whole body of this young religion. It breathed in the air of the religious atmosphere around it. It nourished itself on the whole naturalistic body of faith of its own creation. In this age of history, "Satan's Church" became more organized. New "prophets" sprung up and started building the superstructure of this worldly church. It had a beastly nature that could be either like a bear or like a ram. The Persian side of the empire was greater than the Medea side. Thus, the bear was raised on one side and one horn of the ram was higher than the other. The three ribs between the bear's teeth showed it had unlimited power to conquer all its foes. Nothing could stand up against it. It pushed outward toward the western, northern and southern frontiers as it gorged itself on its newly conquered territories. It had great success as it devoured everything that tried to stop it.

C. The Greek Empire

Daniel 2:39b; Daniel 7:6; Daniel 8:5-8, 21, 22

This Empire is the *belly and thighs of the naked image*. It is also pictured as *a leopard with four wings of a fowl and four heads*. It is also *a he-goat*, which locked horns with the Medeo-Persian Empire and replaced it.

This is the Greek Empire. This part of the image is **brass**. Brass has the color of gold, but tarnishes like silver. Internal corruption of this Empire turned out to be its downfall. The he-goat's great horn was Alexander the Great. When he died of natural causes, four of his generals

took his kingdom to the four corners of the Earth. Most everyone knows about the Greek philosophers. Furthermore, the Greek mythologies are common knowledge. This is the "guts" of "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built." Now it is beginning to take shape. Before now, this image had no feet. It was somewhat confined. This would be overcome in the next Empire. If you are interested in finding out more about the Greek Empire, you can explore the Internet for more information.

D. The Roman Empire

Daniel 2:40-43; Daniel 7:7, 19, 23

We now go to the *legs and feet* of the naked image. It is also exhibited as *a dreadful, terrible beast that has ten horns with nails of brass and teeth of iron*. The feet are part iron and part potter's clay.

Man's church has the appearance of being human, but in reality, it is a beast. It seeks to destroy everything that gets in its way. The Roman Empire is now the finished product of the Devil's masterpiece. It is a dreadful beast that will devour its enemy without showing any mercy. The Romans had some of the most terrible ways of executing criminals known to man. Crucifixion is well known. Other ways were cutting off a person's head or tying a victim's dead body on its murderer until the dead flesh decomposed him. The Emperor was worshiped as God. A well-organized socialism did not allow for any exceptions to its established laws in any way. Anyone who broke out of its mold was considered a collaborator against the state. Many Christians died for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at this time. The Roman Catholic Church replaced the Roman Empire after

the secular Roman Empire fell by way of internal corruption.

E. The Antichrist Comes out of the Roman Empire.

Daniel 7:8, 20, 24, 25; Daniel 8:9-12, 23-25

At the time of the re-establishment of the secular Roman Empire, the Antichrist will arise. *Three of its ten horns will fall to this little horn*.

Read Matthew 7:13-27 to see what the outcome is to those who attend "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built" versus those who attend "The Church That Jesus Built."

F. God's Eternal Kingdom Is the Church That Jesus Built!

Daniel 2:44, 45; Daniel 7:18, 21-22, 26-27; Daniel 8:13, 26, 27

The *little stone made without hands* that becomes a great mountain and fills the earth is "The Church That Jesus Built." Let me remind you "every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." What will it be? Shall we bow our knees to Him and thank Him or will we face His judgment unprepared? For a comprehensive look at "The Church That Jesus Built," see "Fourteen Facets of Jesus' True Church" in the series "God's Treasure Chest of Biblical Truth."

III. What Has the Church That Satan's Slaves Built Been Doing After Jesus Came Into the World to Save Sinners?

At this stage of Church history we see Jesus' True Church being persecuted by "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built" to keep them from progressing toward a more perfect and fuller life for all of mankind. This same thing is happening today in many parts of the world.

If you are in such a place, I assure you Jesus' True Church is holding you up in prayer before your Lord Jesus Christ. Take courage! God is still on His throne.

A. Jewish Religious Leaders

The first group, which ran counter to the "Church That Jesus Built," was the Jewish religious leaders who called for Jesus' Roman style crucifixion.

Note: This is no excuse to mistreat or condemn the Jewish people in any way. They are God's chosen people and are under His protection. To mistreat these people is to call the wrath of God on you.

The truth is all people who do not accept Jesus as their personal Savior are crucifying Him. For example, the Roman Catholic Church sacrifices Jesus on their altars every time they celebrate the Mass or Eucharist. To profess to be a Christian and to live like the devil is also crucifying Jesus.

B. The Next Group Was the Roman Empire.

In his book, "*A History of the Christian Church*," Lars P. Qualben gives "at least sixteen points of difference" between the Graeco-Roman State and the followers of Jesus, which inflamed them to wage war against the Christian faith. They are as follows:

1. "In the Graeco-Roman world the State was conceived of as the Highest Good. The State included all the possible good that could come to man, even religion, which was subordinated to the State. Hence, supreme lovalty to the State was the great Roman ideal. Service to the State was the purpose of life. But the Christians were citizens of a kingdom that was not of this world.^{139 - John 18:36} Thev recognized an authority that was higher than the State, and if the law of the Empire came in conflict with the law of God, they would obey God rather than man. $^{140 - Acts 5:29}$ It was this supreme lovalty to a law outside the Roman law that irritated and worried the Roman authorities more than all other accusations against Christianity combined. Christianity struck at the very root of ancient Romanism by opposing this one-sided, all-subjecting political element. The Christians were rightly accused of inducing the Romans to renounce the existing State religion, and to believe in the only true religion, Christianity. The Romans concluded that Christianity was antinational and hostile to the State and disloval to the Emperor. Hence the Christians had no right to exist. They were accused of high treason, and punished accordingly.

2. "Christianity appeared in the Graeco-Roman world as a new religion, not permitted. The guiding principle of Rome against new religions was, 'Whoever introduced new religions, the tendency and character of which were unknown, whereby the minds of men might be disturbed, should, if belonging to the higher rank, be banished; if to the lower, punished with death.' Another Roman law against secret meetings was turned against the Christians during the reign of Trajan. The Christian congregations were looked upon as secret associations, as unlawful corporations.

3. "The Christians refused to live like other people. The Roman world advocated pleasure, happiness, and the satisfaction of the senses as personal ends. The Christians preached and practiced selfdenial, and emphasized the joy of a future life. They would not decorate their houses for a pagan festival; they would not make advantageous marriages into heathen families: they would not accept government offices which included the performance of heathen religious rites. To use the words of Caecilius, 'You in the meantime, in suspense and anxiety, are abstaining from respectable enjoyments. You do not visit the shows; you are not present in the solemn processions; you do not appear at public banquets; you abhor the sacred contests, and the meats and drinks a portion of which has been offered and poured out upon the altars. You do not wreathe your heads with flowers; you do not honor your bodies with odors; you reserve unguents for funeral rites, you even refuse garlands to your sepulchers—pale, trembling beings, worthy of pity, even the pity of our gods. Thus, wretched ones, you neither rise again, nor meanwhile do you live.' The heathen populace, and the government, came to look upon the Christians as a race that was averse to all that is great, fair, and noble in humanity. The Christians were accused of being hostile to humanity-haters of mankind.

4. "The Roman religion was purely external; consequently it was very impressive. The Romans could not conceive of religious services without temples and images, altars and sacrifices. The early Christians had no impressive temples or images. They had no sacrifices and no altars. They prayed to an unseen God. The Romans could not understand such worship. They reasoned that the Christians had no God and that they therefore were atheists. But atheism was a very serious offence in the Roman Empire. Hence, away with the atheists! Charges of atheism and superstition were common during the reign of Domitian, A.D. 81-96.

5. "The Christians consistently refused to worship the Emperor because such worship would involve a denial of their Lord. The government considered such refusal as an act of high treason and punished the offenders accordingly. They were also looked upon as anarchists.

6. "Society, built on a basis of slavery, was filled with social

classes. Christianity proclaimed the equality of all men before God, and thereby struck at the very root of slavery. The Apostolic Church was not in position, however, to take active measures against this evil. Consequently, this view did not invite active persecution.

7. "Family life was very corrupt. Infidelity and divorce were common. Infanticide was a prevailing practice. Christianity proclaimed the sacredness of marriage and the family life, and condemned exposure of infants as murder.

8. "There was a union of the State and religion, with religion subordinate to the State. Christianity favored a separation of Church and State.

9. "The Romans worshipped many gods and tolerated the officially recognized religions. The Christians excluded all other religions, and worshipped one God only.

10. "Christianity honored all useful labor, and exhorted all in every class to work. 'If any will not work, neither let him eat.' ^{141 - 2 Thess. 3:10} This was completely against contemporary thought.

11. "The miracles of healing, and the cures of demoniacs attributed to the Christians brought upon them the suspicion of practicing magic; of being in possession of magical books, the Scriptures; and of being in league with the powers of darkness. The practice of magic was a serious offence.

12. "Paul and Silas^{142 – Acts 16:21} were accused of introducing customs which the Romans could not lawfully receive or observe. Christians were later frequently accused of destroying the good old customs, on which the Empire and civilization rested. Public calamities, such as droughts, earthquakes, famine, pestilence, floods, were looked upon as revenge of the gods because the people tolerated the Christians in their midst.

13. "Those who lived by pagan worship, men like the Ephesian silversmiths,¹⁴³ - Acts 19:23 the people who sold cattle for pagan sacrifices, the procurers, the poisoners, the fortune-tellers, etc., accused the Christians of injuring their trade.

14. "Some persecution arose from family dissensions, as foretold by the Lord. $^{\rm 144-Matth.\ 10:34\ ff}$

15. "The secrecy of the Christian meetings in times of persecutions gave rise to widely circulated—and generally believed—rumors that

the Christians were guilty of abominable immorality (incest and cannibalism).

16. "As none but Christians would be present, they surrounded the Lord's Supper with some secrecy. Since the non-believers heard that the Christians on such occasions were eating "body" and drinking "blood," they spread stories that the Christians ate human flesh, drank human blood, and killed little children. As they credulously listened to such tales the populace stirred to blind rage, becoming a savage mob against the Christians." (pages 57-60)

The Roman Empire became a force against the real Christians. There was some relief from time to time, but for the most part, many people died for their faith in Jesus Christ under the Roman persecutions. The "Church That Satan's Slaves Built" would allow no one to stand against it.

IV. If You Cannot Exterminate, You Infiltrate!

Next comes a period of the "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built" infiltrating and corrupting "The Church That Jesus Built." When the devil realized he was getting nowhere by trying to kill the church, he changed his line of attack. He sowed tares among the wheat. This caused Jesus' True Church to regroup and to become a greater light for this sin-sick world.

Infiltrator A – Jewish Customs

The temptation: But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them (Antioch Christians) and to command them to keep the law of Moses (Acts 15:5 KJV).

The answer: "And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, "Men and brothers, hearken unto me: Simeon has declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down, and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom My name is called," says the Lord, Who does all these things. Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world. Whereby my sentence is that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turning to God: but that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and fornication, and things strangled, and blood. For Moses of old time had in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day" (Acts 15:13-21 UT).

Infiltrator B - Gnostics

The temptation: Only a select few have knowledge of the hidden secrets that will set them free. This is similar to the Masonic Lodge, Mormons, and other heathen mystery religions in existence today.

Lars P. Qualben in his book "*A History of the Christian Church*" says the following on pages 78-79:

"The influence of Gnosticism on Christianity. When gnosticism came in touch with Christianity, it rapidly adopted the outward garb of the latter (1) by using the Christian forms of thought, (2) by borrowing its nomenclature, (3) by acknowledging Christ *dualistically* as the Savior of the world, (4) by simulating the Christian sacraments, (5) by pretending to be an esoteric revelation of Christ and his apostles, (6) by producing a great number of apocryphal Gospels, Acts, Epistles, and Revelations (apocalypses). Although gnosticism was utterly the opposite of Christianity, it was so well camouflaged by this borrowed garb that it appeared to the unwary as a modification or refinement of Christianity. In fact it soon claimed to be the only true form of Christianity, set apart for the elect, unfit for the vulgar crowd."

"Gnosticism, highly aggressive, became so widely diffused throughout the Christian churches that for several centuries, especially from the second to the fourth, it threatened to stifle Christianity altogether. Many of the early Church Fathers, especially Irenaeus, made great efforts to suppress and to uproot it. The gnostic leaders were excluded from membership in churches, while gnosticism was denounced as heresy by the Church as a whole."

The answer: Qualben continues:

"Christianity was influenced by gnosticism in at least seven ways. (1) Amid the general confusion ushered in by the gnostics, the Church was obliged to set up certain standards to be acknowledged by any one who claimed to be Christian. These standards included the Apostles' Creed, the formation of the New Testament Canon, and the Apostolic Office, or the historic Episcopate. (2) The defence of the Christian faith led to the formation of Christian dogmas, expressed in current philosophical terminology. (3) The gnostic stress on mysteries, spiritual hymns, and impressive rites induced more elaborate liturgical services in the churches. (4) The gnostic dualism, and contempt for matter, paved the way for Christian asceticism, which in turn led to monasticism. (5) The intermediary beings of the gnostics paved the way for the Saints in the Catholic Church. Notice the relative position of Sophia and the Virgin Mary in the two systems. (6) The superficial division of mankind into elect and nonelect groups paved the way for the doctrine of predestination. (7) Although condemned by the Church, the gnostic movement has continued to live to the present day. Compare the Christian Science doctrine and the radical wing of the so-called liberal Christians."

As you can see, "The Church That Jesus Built" did not fully recover from the impact of the gnostics' invasion. It is still plagued with much of these things today. It is being passed off as Christian doctrine by many of our "Christian" churches.

Infiltrator C - The Corrupt Papacy

This is the rise of the Roman Catholic Church cult. No offense to the devout Christians who are in it, but this church has many things that make it a cult rather than a true church of Jesus.

The temptation: Salvation was said to be through a system of bishops. Everyone had to approach God through a priest. People were saved through the sacraments of the Church.

The answer: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6 UT).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12 KJV).

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy 2:5, 6 UT).

This ungodly invasion of the Christian Church gave it 1000 years of spiritual darkness. When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Whittenberg, Germany, God started breaking through this darkness with His glorious light.

Infiltrator D - Freemasonry

Some front groups of freemasonry are as follows:

Acacia

American Lodge of Research

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine or Shriners

Ancient Egyptian Order of Princesses of Sharemkhu

Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots

Ancient Toltec Rite

Daughters of Mokanna

Daughters of the Nile

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.

Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.

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Associated groups of freemasonry are as follows:

The Illuminati Lucis Trust Martiniste Society

Mormon Churches

Order of the Golden Dawn O. T. O. (Ordo Templi Orientis)

Philosophical Research Society

Skull and Bones Society

Societas Rocicruciana in Anglia

Thelema - Theosophical Society

Wiccan

No doubt, the list above will make some of you defensive. Before you get too upset, be honest with yourself and the people who are being deceived by this demonic organization. Check it out for yourself. The Internet link given below reveals the whole truth.

A few quotes from Alfred Pike's book "Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" 1871 edition, will show you why we call freemasonry a part of "The Church That Satan's Slaves Built."

"As a general thing, the Mahometan in the Orient, is far more honest and trustworthy than the Christian." (Page 35)

"The true name of Satan, the Kabalists say, is that of Yahveh reversed: for Satan is not a black god, but the negation of God. The Devil is the personification of Atheism or Idolatry."

"For the Initiates, this is not a *Person*, but a *Force*, created for good, but which may serve for evil. *It is the instrument of Liberty or Free Will.* They represent this Force, which presides over the physical generation, under the mythologic and horned form of the God PAM; thence came the he-goat of the Sabbat, brother of the Ancient Serpent, and the Light-bearer or *Phosphor*, of which the poets have made the false Lucifer of the legend." (Page 102)

"The doctrines of the Bible are often not clothed in the language of strict truth, but in that which was fittest to convey to a rude and ignorant people the practical essentials of the doctrine. A perfectly pure faith, free from all extraneous admixtures, a system of noble

theism and lofty morality, would find too little preparation for it in the common mind and heart, to admit of prompt reception by the masses of mankind; and Truth might not have reached us, if it had not borrowed the wings of Error." (Page 224)

"LUCIFER, *the light-bearer*! Strange and mysterious name to give to the Spirit of Darkness! Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! It is he who bears the Light, and with its splendors intolerable blinds feeble, sensual, or selfish souls? Doubt it not! for traditions are full of Divine Revelations and Inspiration: and Inspiration is not of one Age nor of one Creed. Plato and Philo, also, were inspired." (Page 321)

"Masonry is a search after Light. That search leads us directly back, as you see, to the Kabalah." (Page 741)

"[The Blue Degrees are but the outer court or portico of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the Initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them. Their true explication is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of Masonry. The whole body of the Royal and Sacerdotal are hidden so carefully, centuries since, in the High Degrees, as that it was even yet impossible to solve many of the enigmas which they contain. It is well enough for the mass of those called Masons, to imagine that all is contained in the Blue Degrees; and whoso attempts to undeceive them will labor in vain, and without any true reward violate his obligations as an Adept. Masonry is the veritable Sphinx, buried to the head in the sands heaped around it by the ages.]" (Page 819)

"FREEMASONRY is the subjugation of the human that is in man by the Divine; the Conquest of the Appetites and Passions by the Moral Sense and the Reason; a continual effort, struggle, and warfare of the spiritual against the Material and Sensual. That victory, when it has been achieved and secured, and the conqueror may rest upon his shield and wear the well-earned laurels, is the true HOLY EMPIRE." (Pages 854, 855)

Many other such quotes could be listed, but this is enough to show you that anyone who is involved in this pagan religion should not to be given a place of leadership

in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Freemasonry information at: www.freemasonrywatch.org

The temptation: Making all religions equal. Putting other gods before the True and Living God. Taking the name of God in vain. Denying the blood of Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation.

This organization is full of wickedness to the fullest extremes. It has done much to turn men from the True and Living God to another gospel—a gospel of works. I was surprised to find that it has been the inspiration for such diverse groups as the Illuminati, the Mormon Church, the Jehovah Witnesses, the Shriners—to name a few of the many listed above.

The answer: The following scriptures will show you that the true way to God and a morally good life is through the Lord Jesus Christ. No one can save himself by his own self-righteousness regardless of how hard he works at it. See Exodus 20:1-7.

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

See 1 Timothy 6:20, 21a; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Corinthians 1:17-31; 3:19; Colossians 2:1-3; James 3:13-18; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Titus 2:11-14; 3:1-7; Romans 8:1-28; Romans 6:1-23.

"He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13 UT). See also Revelation 22:13-21.

Infiltrator E - Denominational Heresies

It is hard to find a denomination that has not been corrupted one way or another with false doctrines. The best way to find a counterfeit is to know what the real one looks like. The real one is portrayed in "Fourteen Facets of Jesus' True Church" in the series "God's Treasure Chest of Biblical Truth."

The temptation: The church is divided by opposing groups. This gives the world a mixed message. This takes the Church's authority away from it. It is fertile ground to grow all kinds of "tares." It brings confusion to those that we are attempting to turn "from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God."

The answer: Go back to the "Acts of the Apostles" in the Bible, to find ways to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. Turn away from man-made methods for building Jesus' True Church. Be willing to change your non-biblical beliefs. See Acts 1:7; Acts 2:1-11, 36-47.

Infiltrator F – Liberalism or Socialism

Think about how the Councils of Churches have infiltrated the churches with a "social gospel" that is turning them away from their real mission. To them, liberal does not mean generous. It means liberating oneself from the teachings that are "offensive" to them. Liberal theology in the church means socialism to the rest of the world. Following are lists of the member churches of the National and World Council of Churches. The churches in italics are members of both.

National Council of Churches Members

African Methodist Episcopal Church The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Alliance of Baptists American Baptist Churches in the USA The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America Diocese of the Armenian Church of America Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Church of the Brethren The Coptic Orthodox Church in North America The Episcopal Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Friends United Meeting Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Hungarian Reformed Church in America International Council of Community Churches Korean Presbyterian Church in America Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Mar Thoma Church Moravian Church in America Northern Province and Southern Province National Baptist Convention of America National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. National Missionary Baptist Convention of America Orthodox Church in America Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Polish National Catholic Church of America

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Reformed Church in America Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada The Swedenborgian Church Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America United Church of Christ The United Methodist Church

National Council Bodies

The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA)

Canadian Council of Churches

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA

North American World Council of Churches Members

African Methodist Episcopal Church [USA]

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church [USA]

American Baptist Churches in the USA

Anglican Church of Canada

Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, N.A. Diocese

Canadian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada Episcopal Church [USA]

Church of the Brethren [USA]

Episcopal Church

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad [Canada]

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Hungarian Reformed Church in America

International Council of Community Churches [USA] International Evangelical Church [USA] Moravian Church in America National Baptist Convention of America National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc Orthodox Church in America Polish National Catholic Church Presbyterian Church in Canada Presbyterian Church (USA) Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. [USA] Reformed Church in America [USA] Religious Society of Friends [USA] - Friends General Conference - Friends United Meeting United Church of Canada United Church of Christ [USA]

United Methodist Church [USA]

Note: If your Church has gotten out of this organization let me know so I can update this list.

The temptation: To go along with the crowd. To try to stay with them and fight the changes, hoping they will get back to the Bible. To allow the church to be hijacked by ungodly people under the flag of being "open- minded" or "politically correct."

The answer: This is serious! The communists (liberals) are good at using Christian language to their own advantage. Recall: The gnostics did the same. You cannot change them. This is like a mixed marriage. You may think you can change your partner, but it is more likely you will be the one that is changed. If your church is on the above lists, you should either quit calling yourself a Christian or find a church that gets its message from the Holy Bible rather than the newspaper or ungodly organizations. See 2

Corinthians 6:14-18.

Infiltration G - Paganism or Satanism

"The Church that Satan's Slaves Built" was conceived and hatched in Hell. It has been nourished and advanced by men and women of corrupt minds throughout the ages. For some time, the Satanist churches have been "ordaining" people to be pastors to infiltrate the Christian churches with its wickedness. Pokemon and other new age children's cartoons, Harry Potter, The DaVinci Code, and the Emergent Church Movement are just a few other examples of how paganism is being brought into our Christian churches.

The temptation: To let other people tell us what is right and wrong. To follow our emotions rather than the Word of God and the counsel of godly people. To conform to the world's standards rather than God's.

The answer: "Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1 UT).

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of

Truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as does a cancer: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, The Lord knows them that are His. And, Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity"(2 Timothy 2:15-19 UT).

V. Five Churches in Revelation That Satan's Slaves Rebuilt

1. The Loveless Ephesus Church Revelation 2:1-7

The trouble with the Ephesus Church was that it put duty above a personal, loving relationship with God. This church had a loving relationship with God, but left it in its zeal to maintain doctrinal correctness. By all means, we need to keep our doctrine Biblical. The motivation for doing so should be to maintain a loving relationship with God by keeping Him number one in all our actions and attitudes. Jesus said that if we loved Him we will keep His commandments. See The Epistle to the Ephesians to see how to overcome this temptation and receive the blessing Jesus promises to this church.

2. The Undisciplined Pergamos Church Revelation 2:12-17

The Pergamos Church allowed Satan to set up shop in its fellowship. They lacked church discipline. They allowed sinners to control the church program. Satan's Slaves' Church lets everyone join it.

Without a church discipline that defines who can be a member of the church, we will open ourselves up to all kinds of heresies coming into our fellowship. We are to be

a fellowship of those who have given themselves to God and His program for our life. God's church is a called-out fellowship of believers.

3. The Spineless Thyatira Church Revelation 2:18-29

The Thyatira Church was doing much good. Notice Jesus commends these churches for what He likes about them before He calls them to repent of a wrongdoing. Notice, also, He is calling out the church to be separated from the world, the flesh and the devil. This church allowed a woman to practice immoral acts within its fellowship. This is another characteristic of Satan's Slaves' Church. Everything goes. Today we have "Christian" homosexuals, Masons, Mormons, organized crime bosses, abortionists, heretics. You name it. Satan's Slaves' Churches have nothing to lose, so they are willing to give away everything.

4. The backslidden Sardis Church Revelation 3:1-6

The Sardis Church is a backslidden church. It had forsaken its original commitment to God and lost its zeal for the things of God. Some of the members loved God and others, but for the most part, it was dead. Man's church (that Satan's slaves built) is a dead church. God demands more than our leftovers. He demands our all.

5. The Lukewarm Laodicean Church Revelation 3:14-22

Jesus had nothing good to say about the Laodicean Church. Jesus is standing on the outside knocking for entrance. Their lukewarm attitude made Him want to vomit.

This is the picture of many of our present day churches. They could do very well without God's help. They are doing it on their own. The Purpose Driven Church Movement is a good example of this. All is outward show with emptiness within. They have a form of godliness without its power with just enough religion to look good, but there are dead men's bones inside. With plenty of outward show, but no heavenly glow, they have become so earthly minded they are of no heavenly good. Such is the end of Satan's Slaves' Church.

We are now living in the time the Bible calls "the great falling away." It is characterized by compromise, diversity filled with perversity, haters of God, lovers of pleasure, no self-denial, people pleasers, another gospel and a host of other shameful practices.

VI. Has the Church That Satan's Slaves Built Ever Done Any Good for Humanity?

The answer to this question is very clear. They have done nothing except bring untold pain to multitudes lost in sin's dark night. Jesus sums it all up in Matthew 23.

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to His disciples, saving, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, observe and do; but do not do after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not called Rabbi: for One is your Master, even Christ; and all you are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for One is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be called masters: for One is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer them that are entering to go in.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore you shall receive the greater damnation.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

"Woe unto you, blind guides, which say, 'Whosoever shall swear by

the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! You fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.' You fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, swears by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, swears by it, and by Him that dwells therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by Him that sits thereon.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone. You blind guides, who strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. You blind Pharisees, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, and say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' Wherefore you be witnesses unto yourselves, that you are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill up then the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?

"Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them you shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall you scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed

upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom you slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, all these things shall come upon this generation.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that killed the prophets, and stoned them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, You shall not see Me henceforth, till you shall say, Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."

VII. CLOSING EXHORTATION

If you are serious about serving God, you should not remain in a church that is involved in any of the things that are revealed in this book. Anytime an organization takes away from the simplicity of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ's message of love and grace it should be forsaken. No consideration should be given as to your past relationship to such a church. The Word of God tells us in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My People. Come out from among them and be separate," says the Lord. "Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. -NKJV

If your church is more like a club house than God's house, now is the time to break fellowship with them and start a prayer and Bible study group in your home.

See "Fourteen Facets of Jesus' True Church" in this series to see how to please God in this life and beyond!