

IDOLATRY – CURSE OF RELIGION

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Idolatry is thought of by most people as being something that happened way back in the past among primitive, simple minded pagan tribes who carved images of wood or stone and bowed down to them. Idolatry is hardly ever mentioned in churches, and most people do not think it is practiced today. Sadly, that is far from the truth.

The average churchgoer has no idea whatsoever that the architectural features of the building in which they worship, whether a church or even more so in the awe-inspiring cathedrals of Britain and Europe, are all riddled with pagan idolatrous images and designs, which have overt or covert sexual connotations. Even the steeples are a relic of idolatrous symbols of worship.

The parishioners are blissfully unaware that the statues and the pictures of a man with long hair that purport to be of Jesus Christ in their place of worship are in fact likenesses of the ancient god Zeus which have been replicated through the ages.

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Paul under the inspiration of God, writes in the Bible, God's Word to mankind, stating very clearly that it is a shame for a man to have long hair. Short hair is a symbol of power and authority.

1 Corinthians 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

All the statues of the Roman era when Christ was on this earth depict men with short hair.

John, the disciple that Jesus loved, wrote to Christians near the end of his life some very strong words about the whole world being in wickedness, and for them to avoid idolatry.

1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. This instruction on idolatry is how John ends his first epistle.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 10, also writing and talking to Christians in 60 A.D. nearly thirty years after the death of Christ, goes into more detail about idolatry. Verse 14 summarises the previous thirteen verses on the subject:

1 Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry.**

Paul does not say stand back, ignore, avoid, walk away from idolatry. Paul commands Christians to, **FLEE**, TURN and RUN from idolatry. Why would John and Paul make these statements unless idolatry was a problem among the New Testament Christians? It was then, and it is now.

1 Corinthians 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

What does Paul mean by “under the cloud”? When the children of Israel came out of Egypt in the Exodus, God instructed Moses to make a mobile Tabernacle which was a depiction of the Temple, which was a physical representation of God’s throne in heaven.

For the forty long years the Israelites plodded around the Sinai desert, God, actually the Christ, dwelt in a cloud sitting on a throne of solid Sapphire in the Holy of Holies, above the mercy seat and above the cherubim of the Tabernacle. When the cloud above the Tabernacle moved, the Israelites upped sticks and followed it wherever it went. When the cloud stopped the Tabernacle was set up again. For those forty years, God miraculously provided food for the hundreds of thousands of Israelites in the form of Manna, or ‘angel food’.

1 Corinthians 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat (food – manna);

God also provided water for the wandering Israelites, but how? When the cloud stopped, the Tabernacle was immediately set up again, and

the clear drinkable pure water poured out in a stream from under the mercy seat, from the “Rock” which was Christ, enough water for them all to have plenty to drink.

1Corinthians 10:4 And (the Israelites) did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Jesus Christ provided food and water for the Israelites for forty long years. The Israelites had this constant evidence of the incredible miraculous and loving nature of the God caring for them who had enabled their escape from the slavery of Egypt.

But, the desire to worship something they can see and touch is innate in the nature of human beings. In many cases, indeed perhaps none of the idolaters ever really thought that the statue, or the tree, or any other object was actually a god, but it was their physical focus to pay homage to powerful things they could not see. It was still wrong.

1Corinthians 10: 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown (killed) in the wilderness.

Why overthrown? Because of idolatry. Paul says, the reason that the scriptures contain all the history that they do, is to provide you Christians (and us today!) with examples of what **not** to do!

1Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things (idols), as they also lusted.

While Moses was up in the mountain receiving the tablets with the Ten Commandments from God, Aaron, his brother gave in to the demands of the Israelites to provide them with a physical representation of the God who had led them out of Egypt. They wanted a God that they could see and touch. The Israelites stripped off all their golden jewellery, and Aaron made a molten and carved golden calf, which was a likeness of a type of angel or cherub, and the people immediately began the festivities.

The Israelites actually thought they were worshipping the true God, and in their minds; they were simply using the idol to focus their thoughts on Him. This same excuse is used by Christians today.

1Corinthians 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Interestingly, the 'Christian' holidays like Christmas and Easter perpetuated by millions of the Western world are actually replicas of pagan idolatrous festivals with suitably modified references linked to 'Christian' ideas. The principle feature of these holidays is eating and drinking, and are generally times for people to enjoy themselves with all kinds of trappings that clearly have no scriptural basis whatsoever.

1Corinthians 10:8 Neither let us commit fornication (idolatry is spiritual fornication), as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Israel was 'married' to God, and He was their 'husband' and they were his 'wife'. God says, "I am a jealous God" and He does not want His 'wife' going off and consorting with other gods, and committing spiritual fornication or adultery.

1Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Paul says, these things happened thousands of years ago for examples to us, and they were recorded in God's Word for our admonition, to warn us, and to teach those of us upon whom the ends of the world are coming!!

1Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Why does Paul give this warning? It is because the average worshipper thinks that the way they worship God is just fine. They self-righteously think they are in good 'standing' with God because they go to church. Paul is saying, 'Look out!!', "take heed", be warned, you think you are OK, but in fact you are in serious danger of falling (from grace) by worshipping false gods. It will be no good saying, "We didn't realize..."

There is plenty enough historical evidence to show the truth even apart from the Bible. Christians are supposed and expected to be educated, to study the Bible, because within its pages are endless examples of human beings going after 'other gods' to show us how strongly God feels towards these practices.

Colossians 1:16 For by him (Jesus Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

God is One, and consists of a Family of personalities who are One. Yahweh, or the Father, is totally in charge, and always will be. He appointed Christ as Creator. Angels, archangels, cherubs, and a whole angelic host, many who have the title 'elohim' or wise ones, were all created by Jesus Christ. It was an "angel of the Lord" that delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses.

Exodus 30:17 And the Lord (elohim, actually the angel of the Lord) spake unto Moses, saying,

Exodus 31:18 And he (the elohim, the angel or agent of God)) gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God (the elohim or agent of God).

God appointed angels as His agents to oversee many activities, over people and nations. They were "Gods" in the sense that those to whom God gave authority to do His Will actually had the rank of "God". This does not mean in any sense that there was more than one God. It does mean that God can and does empower angelic beings with His Spirit to act on His behalf.

Many angels under the Father, and under Christ's control had great powers as elohim (wise ones), or "Gods", and were over peoples and countries

Some of these angelic powers did not always act for the best, or in accordance with God's Will, and became 'evil' spirit beings.

Ephesians 6:12 For we (Christians) wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

We pray daily to be delivered from such entities. And when we are resurrected, those who are 'in Christ' will judge angels who sinned.

1 Corinthians 6:2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest

matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

These angelic beings took several different forms, some looked more like men, some like lions, some like oxen, and some like eagles.

Revelation 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

These beings are Cherubim, who have a form and a shape. People back in the early times were sometimes able to see these beings when they manifested themselves. It was these likenesses that became the 'gods' of old. People just had to make likenesses of them, it was in their psyche. So the pagan 'gods' we read of in history were based on the likeness of angelic beings. And so was the golden calf.

Exodus 32:3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made **it** a molten calf: and they said, These be thy **gods**, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Aaron made the molten calf (it – singular) which Aaron fashioned with a graving tool, Aaron then said, "These be your gods... (plural) Several angelic beings had been involved with the Israelites, the principle one being Michael. Aaron had made to calf to represent all the different angelic beings God, Christ, had used as His agents to perform His will.

Exodus 32:5 And when Aaron saw it (the calf), he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord (Jehovah – YHVH – God!).

Notice carefully: Aaron did not say to the Israelites, “tomorrow we are going to worship the golden calf”, he declared, “Tomorrow is a feast to Jahweh”, to the real One and Only God. He and the Israelites thought, and had convinced themselves that they were worshipping God! Bow down to the calf as you would to God? No that does not work.

Whatever people do in churches, in their minds, and even in their hearts, they think they are worshipping God. If you ever were to suggest that they were being idolatrous, they would be deeply offended. Trouble is, that is exactly what they are doing when surrounded by the pagan elements in the building, the edifices, the artifacts, the pictures, everything that God says not to make unto themselves, they do.

Notice also that Aaron proclaimed a ‘feast’, an occasion to eat and drink and play, and enjoy themselves. There is little doubt that those activities would lead to excesses, and in the case of ‘play’ would lead to immoral sexual behaviour.

Even though the calf looked like an ‘elohim’, a cherub or an angel of the Lord, to bow down to it was forbidden. God let them know in no uncertain terms how much He disapproved, thousands of them died on the spot.

Exodus 34:12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

God says, get rid of all their pagan paraphernalia, anything that is involved with idolatry, destroy it, break it up, cut it down. We are not to put them in museums, or keep them around to look at. People decorate trees to this day and put a star on top, and without realizing it, ignorantly commit an idolatrous act, and just because they do not realize it, does not make it permissible, quite the contrary.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

The only place where it was permissible to have any type of an image was in the Tabernacle, or in the Temple where they were commanded to make the Cherubim, and place them in the appropriate place.

Christ had ‘elohim’ helpers (Gods) to execute His plan and His wishes.

There is a very large number of places in the Bible where angels, cherubs, and other spiritual agents of God are mentioned. Sometimes it is not immediately easy to analyse whether the verse is talking about God or one of His agents. Sometimes they are merged together into the narrative. Some of God's agents could speak for God, and even forgive sins! But of course there is only one God.

B Around the world there are many peoples who worship entities that are not God, and they are unaware that they do. America Indians worship nature and the spirits that are over that area. 'New Age' people put their interest in the stars, the heavens, in astrology and in Ouija boards, and hold séances inviting the participation of spirit beings, which is also forbidden in the scriptures.

Paul warned of those guilty of worshipping the creature (creation – e.g. making 'evolution' the creator of itself!!) and not the Creator.

There are principalities and powers still appointed by God over all the nations of this world to this day. This how God runs things. They are 'powers' but they are not God.

In the first chapter of the book of Hebrews, Paul writes:

Hebrews 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, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Christ was never an angel, under the Father, His rank in the One God Family was way above any other angelic or spirit being.

Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. 8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

We humans are less (lower) than angels now, but in a way, we are higher than they are, because God at no time refers to any angelic being as a Son, but we human beings are Sons (and daughters), the children of the Most High God, and we are destined to become fully fledged members of the God Family.

The book of Ezekiel talks about the throne of God, and how it moves around at God's bidding anywhere He wants to go. At first, it sounds rather like science fiction, but this description is real, and inspired by God's Holy Spirit to be included in the Bible.

Ezekiel 1:3 The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him. 4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

This reference to 'the north' gives an indication where God's throne is located in respect of the rest of the universe and to us on earth. This whirlwind of power was a great cloud (like the cloud during the day in Sinai covering the Tabernacle), and a fire infolding itself as the colour of amber (like the 'cloud' at night in Sinai).

Ezekiel 1:5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. (These are like the four living creatures spoken of in Revelation 4) And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass (like the golden calf?).

Ezekiel 1:8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

Their wings turned not as they went, but with complete mobility.

Ezekiel 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were

their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

Wherever God wants to go, they go, yet did not turn as they went. Everything here is describing pure power, lamps, burning coals, fire, lightning, moving at the speed of light.

Ezekiel 1:12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

At the speed of light!

Ezekiel 1:15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl (jewels of many colours): and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went. 18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four. 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

The spirit in the wheels exemplifies the ability to move and maneuver anywhere at any time in any direction at the Will of God.

Ezekiel 1:22 And the likeness of the firmament (atmosphere) upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. 23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies. 24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech,

as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. 25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings. 26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne (the same as the throne in the Tabernacle in Sinai), as the appearance of a sapphire (blue) stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man (Jesus Christ, the Rock, our Creator) above upon it. 27 And I saw as the colour of amber (as in Sinai), as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain (all the colours of the rainbow), so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

This is all very picturesque language that is attempting to describe, in terms than humans can relate to, the incredible glory, power, and the magnificence of the throne of God as it moves through the universe. We do not need to attempt understand specifics, but just allow the description to give us an idea and feeling of the impression of power and glory beyond our imagination.

And here comes the message from God repeating the continuum theme of the whole Bible: Ezekiel 2:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

Ezekiel 2:4 For they (Israel, and for that matter all humans) are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear (won't listen), (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

So whether people listen or not then or now, eventually the world will know that there has been a prophet of God among them.

This description is more or less repeated in Ezekiel 10, and concludes with the statement that what is described under the throne of the God of Israel were the cherubims. Repetition, the mother of learning in the Bible, is always for emphasis.

In later chapters of Ezekiel, the building of a new Temple that is yet to come is described, one that will be established after Christ's return to earth. Once again pure nourishing water will pour out from beneath the throne in the Holy of Holies. The Mount of Olives will split in two and the river of water will flow half to one side and half to the other. The Dead Sea will be filled with pure water, and fish will again live in the area. The water that poured out from under the throne in Sinai was a type of the river of Eden, the Temple plan is also representing Eden, the first garden planted by God. The water represents God's Spirit healing and nourishing the world and the nations.

The 'mystery' that was revealed to Paul in 63 A.D. is the real 'secret'. It revealed the last piece of the gospel puzzle that explained that we are now human children of God, destined to be resurrected, and become a part of the Family of God, and to be with Him and like Him as He is.

The 'secret' that became popular among some in our era is a counterfeit which says you can control and manage your life on your own (you don't need God). You can have anything you like, you just have to use the 'law of attraction'. This is a godless 'secret', that makes mankind his own god, which is idolatry.

Idolatry is not something that happened long ago among primitive ignorant people. Idolatry flourishes today among the peoples of this modern world who think they are so smart, intelligent, progressive, and smug, but who are slowly but surely relegating the Great God, our Creator, to the bin.

Society is steadily destroying the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman that has existed since humans were created. So called 'Christian' people haplessly go along with an idolatrous, watered down version of the way of life ordained by our Father in heaven, and detailed in His Word. This idolatry of worshipping the material products of our own hands is not going unnoticed by our Creator.

Paul wrote that the historical events recorded in the Bible, including that of the Exodus of the Israelites and the forty years wandering in the Sinai Desert were written in the Bible for our admonition today.

Admonition definitions include advice, caution, counsel, rebuke, and warning. So they are not just interesting stories, they are there for us to learn from. They made a long film about the Exodus, an interesting spectacle, but no real message.

The message of the Exodus is that 650,000 Israelites were miraculously delivered out of slavery by God. The horrific plagues on the Egyptian people, the last being the death of their firstborn children, and the deliverance of the firstborn of the Israelites by putting the blood of the Passover Lamb (a type of Christ) were evidence of God's power.

650,000 people crossed the Red Sea without getting their shoes wet, and the Egyptian soldiers were all drowned when God let the sea return.

Jesus Christ as YHWH miraculously gave them manna to eat every week day, and miraculously provided them with continuous supply of water which issued from under His throne.

When Moses went up into the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments, Aaron gave into the Israelites demands for an idol, and proceeded to worship God by bowing down to a golden calf. For that idolatry, 3000 died immediately.

For the next forty years, Jesus Christ the Rock was with these 650,000 people as they wandered through the Sinai Desert providing daily miracles for their survival.

But, because of their idolatry, because of their murmuring and complaining attitude, because of their 'attitude of ingratitude', because of their complete lack of appreciation for all God had done for them, all but two of these 650,000 people died during those forty years.

Joshua the son of Nun,
and Caleb the son of Jephunneh,
were the only two,
who ever got through,
to the land of milk and honey.

Only the children of those who left Egypt went into the land of milk and honey.

The death of 650,000 of God's children should contain some admonition for us, a warning and a lesson for us. It should show us and teach us just how seriously God takes the idolatry of His people.

'Christians' today see no 'harm' in observing the idolatrous festivities of Easter, or Christmas or Halloween, nor in surrounding themselves with pictures and statues of a false Jesus, while they listen to a false gospel,

quite the contrary. They actually don't want to know the truth, they do not want to hear it.

Jesus says: Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

This verse is repeated for emphasis by Paul in Acts 28:25-27. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: 27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Yet most 'Christian' people think that what they are doing is right, and that in the scriptures above, Jesus must be talking about another group of people who do not attend church or who are not 'Christians'. They certainly do not think those words of Jesus Christ concerning closed mindedness, 'deafness' and 'blindness' apply to them. So they go on with their idolatrous behaviour oblivious of the consequences.

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

The day will certainly come when they 'see' and 'hear' and realize that their activities have been an insult which denies the grace of Jesus Christ whose name they bear as 'Christians'.

Christ's sacrifice brought in the The New Law and Testament, and grace which offers a breathtaking prize for obedience to God that is hard for anyone to grasp and believe in its fulness, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, everyone can grow in grace and knowledge, and can become Christ's brother (or sister), and be born into eternal life as a fully fledged child of God.

Jesus Christ the Messiah will intervene in world affairs as promised. Many will suffer the fruit of their Godless ways. Christ will return. He will gather those who are truly “in Him”, God’s newborn children, to Himself. He will clear up the mess humans have made, and reform the whole world in preparation for the Millennium, and for the world to become God’s Throne and the centre of the Universe.