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Pandemic or Agenda?

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- COVID is a pestilence, natural or man-made, it does not matter; it still counts
- COVID is blamed for famines
- COVID is worldwide, covering the diverse locations
- COVID rules issued by the government have people betraying one another
- COVID rules are causing hatred among people
- COVID is making certain businesses rich while causing failure of many others
- COVID would unite governments with one cause, one purpose, eventually one solution
- COVID brings the religions of the world together
- COVID will have a pharmaceutical solution and that industry is prophesied to be involved

Here are the Bible details of those points:

The way the current worldwide crisis is being handled makes one wonder if this is just another illness, though on a pandemic level, that society has to deal with, or if something more sinister is at hand. If it is the latter, could it be something prophesied?

No, we do not have an agenda ourselves, but if this is a worldwide agenda, we could be facing those tribulation days even now. If it is not, then it is counted as but another pestilence society has to deal with. To find out, let us exam-

ine a number of verses describing the end time sinister agenda, and see if we have entered upon it through COVID, or not.

Jesus said, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6). These wars and rumors are more than hearing of China and Taiwan potentially going to war. This is more than North Korea threatening South Korea. This is more than Syria or Iran threatening Israel. The reason it is more than that, though these things have recently happened, is be-

cause we have always had such conflicts. But since September 2001, better known as 9/11, just about every country was rumored to be the next hold out for Al Qaeda. In essence, it has involved just about every nation. Every country was threatened by the United States and their allies to not support or harbor Al Qaeda or face asset freezing of their accounts, mainly, bank accounts and sanctions. Many, many rumors flew. But Jesus said that this would happen but that it would pass where we hardly hear of Al Qaeda and terrorism on such a large scale as it was. But even Jesus tells us,

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“the end is not yet.”

Jesus then said, “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” (Matthew 24:7), which peaceful Japan even got involved with support of the war in Iraq and even in Afghanistan. Japan is mentioned because after World War II, their new country law forbids them from involvement in conflicts outside of defending themselves.

In the same verse, “there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places”. According to The United States Geological Survey, “The year with the largest total was 2010, with 24 major earthquakes”. By the way, they say, “we expect about 16 major earthquakes in any given year”. On top of that, according to CNBC, “‘Biblical’ famines could double global hunger as a result of the coronavirus crisis, UN warns” [April 22, 2020]. Even CNBC, a non-religious media outlet points to a substantial increase in famines brought on by the worldwide pestilence known as COVID-19. So, we moved from 2001, to 2010, and now 2020.

Now keep in mind, “All these [are] the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:8). But, “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another” (Matthew 24:9-10). Most of this is the future, near future, however, people are being conditioned now to fulfill these verses. People are already betraying one another, especially using government apps to turn in businesses that people think are too crowded, snapping

photos of people not social distancing or are without masks, etc. On top of that, the hatred is definitely noticeable. Pretty much every state offers a way to snitch.

- “Maryland establishes hotline to report COVID-19 violations”, *WBALTV*, August 14, 2020
- “State, Local Agencies Remind Pennsylvanians of COVID-19 Mitigation Enforcement Roles, Advise How to Report Suspected Violations”, *governor.pa.gov*, July 29, 2020
- “Gov. Brown says people should call police on COVID-19 violators”, *KGW8*, November 20, 2020
- “Coronavirus: Why are Americans so angry about masks?”, *BBC*, July 20, 2020
- “Brawl over face mask erupts on American Airlines flight to Charlotte, video shows”, *The Charlotte Observer*, August 20, 2020
- “Fights With Customers Over Mask Mandate Force Texas Business to Hire Security: ‘They’re Making a Scene’”, *Newsweek*, December 12, 2020

Turning to the connection with Antichrist, we see merchants will become rich, but not just any merchants. Here are the descriptions of that relationship with Antichrist: “The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies” (Revelation 18:3). The particular merchants are being paid off in one form or another. “The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her” (Revelation

18:15). So, some policy in which the competition is made poor while these are made rich is implemented. And “thy merchants were the great men of the earth” (Revelation 18:23). These are not “mom and pop” people, a term referring to local shops or small chains. These are the stores found in many countries. We could even say that small businesses would fail while seeing the monopolies or larger business flourish.

- “Big-Box Retailers’ Profits Surge as Pandemic Marches On”, *The New York Times*, August 19, 2020
- “Amazon again posts record sales and profit amid rising pandemic costs”, *The Seattle Times*, October, 29, 2020
- “Walmart and Home Depot extend pandemic winning streaks”, *Financial Times*, November 17, 2020

“Mom and pop” stores tried putting stickers on the floor for social distancing, limited number of people who may enter, wiped things down frequently, yet, they are ordered to stay closed. It seems if a shop is not monopoly size, they do not get to play.

- “Small Businesses Are Dying by the Thousands — And No One Is Tracking the Carnage”, *The Washington Post*, August 11, 2020
- “Small-Business Failures Loom as Federal Aid Dries Up”, *The New York Times*, September 1, 2020

Now, let us talk about the governments of the world, or should we

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say, the leaders of the world known as “kings” in the Bible. Do realize that we do not have a king, but a president, however, the Bible is not going to go into specific government types. The word “king” applies to them all. With that said, regarding the Antichrist relationship, the Bible says, “the kings of the earth have committed fornication” (Revelation 17:2, Revelation 18:3), which means to go against principle and link up with dictates of the Antichrist. “The kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her” (Revelation 18:9), means that the kings, or world leaders, have been bribed as well.

Further, referring to a symbolic beast at the beginning of the chapter that John saw in vision, “the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Revelation 17:12-13). To have “one mind” means that the kings are in agreement with the Antichrist. They are acting in unison. When the governments of the world unify in a common cause following the dictates of one placed higher than all governments, know full well we have arrived in the very last days and that Antichrist government is in charge.

This one ruler may not be so obvious to all right now for it is working stealthily at the moment, but when it is revealed, it will be too late. The realization happens during the sixth plague (Revelation 16:12-16), a topic to be studied in detail at another time.

And now for the first of two big reveals, where not only does Antichrist work with merchants and the leaders of the world forming basically a one world economy and one world government, but also Antichrist works with religions. For the Antichrist to be described as, “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:4), we are talking a religious power. Revelation 17:5 describes her as, “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” A religious system cannot be called “mother” if she did not have daughters, which are the harlots. Therefore, all of those that unite with her in a solution to the pandemic, despite going against Bible principles, will be just as guilty as the Antichrist herself.

We are not talking physical prostitution. The word “fornication” is not literal sex, either. James 4:4 gives us insight, which says, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” Mixing religion and the ways of the world is fornication, adultery, even acting as a harlot. When religious organizations incorporate worldly ways and no longer call sin a sin, that is fornication. So, we have one economy, one government, and now one religion. What is interesting is that everyone gets to keep their original names. They just have “one mind”, which means, they just think the same and that is good enough. Do not

expect the United States to stop being the United States under the one world government and we have just one country. That is not what the biblical “one world government” is going to be. Every country gets to remain their own country as long as they implement the agreed upon, single source of command. They all will think alike. They will all agree.

And now the second of the two big reveals is found in Revelation 18:23, “And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.” The last group to be identified that is even used to deceive “all nations” is none other than sorceries. Now, one may ask, “How can the whole world, especially Christians, turn to sorcery?” Yes, there was the *Harry Potter* craze that even came inside Christian Churches, despite the Bible saying, “Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19:31). To be defiled by wizards includes the entering in through the mind, enjoying them as entertainment. How many Christian children pretended to be such characters? The Bible says, “And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.” Now keep in mind, “For I [am] the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6), and “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day,

and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8) where Jesus “makest thyself God” (John 10:33). Jesus, being God, does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and always. Hating wizardry in the Old Testament is the same in the New Testament. But let us digress, and get back to the topic. *Harry Potter* is not the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Let us examine the Greek word for the word “sorceries”. The Greek word is “pharmakeia”, where we get the words “pharmacist”, “pharmaceuticals”, “pharmacy”, etc., from. So, all agencies involved with pharmaceuticals will be guilty in deception. That includes the *World Health Organization*, the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, and of course the pharmaceutical industries themselves. Could the virus actually be man-made? Could it be an exaggeration of the facts for supporting an agenda of driving all nations, all big merchants, all religions to become one? And could the vaccine be part of the agenda where the main person who wants to help, known as Bill Gates, is also well spoken and on record with an agenda for population control?

And media sure is playing a role in all of this. When all news about the inconsistency of the recommendations from CDC, WHO, and even Fauci get swept away; when doctors who raise their voices against the way it is being handled are silenced; when freedom to express positions different from the apparent agenda are restricted; it raises serious concerns. Basically, the Constitution of the United States has been completely shredded. Almost every state has

seen mandates, without state congressional approval, become enforceable by dictatorship through the arm of the law who are in fear of being defunded. There is no constitutional allowance to set aside the constitution under a crisis. In fact, it is under crisis moments that the constitution is to stand to protect the people from politicians who are out to use scare tactics to usurp unconstitutional power. The only reason everyone is locked up, wearing masks, not socializing, and waiting for a vaccine is because the people have given the governments their power which they do not have constitutionally. If everyone together were to violate the unlawful rules, they would lose their unconstitutional power. But that is just it. Too many people are scared into compliance and think that such voices, like this one, are just radical thinking. That is what they thought in Germany back in the 30s and 40s. History is repeating, only this time, it is not localized to one government, as that was a mere experiment; it is now to just about every nation.

They have no power to forbid the First Amendment where they “shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble”. It is not just forbidding Congress to act while allowing governors to do what they want. In fact, the Bible says, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). And what does the Bible say, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but

exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25). Jesus is coming soon. We are not to be kept from assembling. Praise God for those churches that are defying the orders, especially in the state of California which has the most hypocritical and insane mandates.

To those who think they shall escape the future tribulation, do not be deceived. The droplets of the storm of tribulation are falling. These are but the initial steps that will lead to the ultimate battle.

So, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15), “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31), and “ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22).

This is not for fear mongering. This is for “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:12).

May God wake all of us up to realize the times we are living in, in which healthy people are being jailed in their homes, watching foreclosures increasing, small businesses being destroyed, our way of life being taken from us, unconstitutional rules being implemented, chaos in the streets, and much, much, more.

God, please help us.



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

“Live unto God”

(Galatians 2:19)

God says, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” (3 John 1:2). Health is important. Who wants to be taking all kinds of medications? Who wants to become bedridden in older age? Who wants unnecessary aches and pains? There is a better option, a better way. Besides, proper health contributes to forming the character that a Christian ought to have.

Remember, Jesus said, “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16), and “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20). What are those fruits? “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22). In this list, we see that a Christian would exhibit longsuffering or patience, even gentleness as well.

Did you know that what we eat, how we live, what we do contribute to either having the proper fruit or not? Peter takes much of this list that we see from Paul and puts it in a sequential connecting order. “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to broth-

erly kindness charity” (2 Peter 1:5-7). It is like walking up a set of steps, where there is no skipping over a step. We must tread on each step only after achieving the prior one.

We begin with having faith, and the amount of it is not as important as the exercise thereof, for Jesus said, “If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed...” (Matthew 17:20, Luke 17:6), which is quite small. Now add to that faith experience, virtue, as we know you have at least a small amount or you would not be reading this. Choose to have a different character than your old life that was unsatisfying. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Then, with that virtuous desire, add to it knowledge. Knowledge in sports, politics, entertainment is not what God is referring to. We ought to “grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). What is the best resource for that? Jesus tells us, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39). And as a person studies, not just reads, the Bible, they discover various aspects that bring the Bible alive and applicable to our lives, especially in the area of health.

One of those aspects is temperance for “every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they [do it] to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible” (1 Corinthians 9:25). So, how important is temperance? Without it, Peter says that we cannot get to the next step – “patience”. People who are usually impatient, even brag that they have patience in the amount shorter than their pinky finger, can usually trace their impatience to lack of temperance. Intemperate people are usually impatient.

If a person does not get the right rest, usually they are impatient. If a person eats too much and of foods that are not good for the stomach, not only are they reaching for the antacids, but they are impatient with people. Being overworked is also a form of intemperance and leads to being impatient.

Therefore, we will provide a monthly health topic to consider so that we can continue to climb up the steps to reach true “charity” and not this false “love” that people say they have. We know they have the false love because prior, they are to have true “brotherly kindness” when so many people, even Christians, are actually seeing “iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold” (Matthew 24:12). Our love for our brothers and sisters is quite lacking. Oh, we may be fine in church, but how about towards everyone outside of church? And the step before that is “godliness”, which so many people lack today.

In fact, they completely dismiss it claiming to be saved by grace and maybe even by faith alone. Sadly, they are just fulfilling the prophecy, where many Christians would be “having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof” (2 Timothy 3:5).

So, how serious is this? “If any man defile the temple of God, him

shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are” (1 Corinthians 3:17). It does not say, “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; unless a person claims to be saved.” They are lying to themselves. They think they are saved, but if they are destroying the body by careless means, they are not

really saved. In other words, if a person is in right relationship with God, they will automatically take care of their bodies just like they regularly breathe.

May God help us respect His creation – us.



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Spring Rolls

Ingredients

- 1 cup shredded Napa cabbage
- 1 cup shredded carrot
- 1/2 cup finely sliced green onion
- 1 red pepper thinly sliced
- 2 or 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt

- 8 very thin 8-inch square spring roll wrappers

Instructions

- Steam or slightly cook first five veggies till crisp-tender.
- After veggies are cooled, mix in bean sprouts and cilantro.
- Salt to taste.

- Lay the spring roll wrappers on a flat surface, pointed edge toward you.
- Put 1/8 of the filling at the bottom third of the wrapper, bring the pointed edge over the filling, fold in the sides tightly, and continue rolling.
- Dab the top pointed edge with water and roll tightly.
- Serve with sauce.

Almond Butter Sauce

Think of this as an Asian peanut sauce replacement—only tastier and healthier.

Ingredients

- ½ cup smooth almond butter
- ½ cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1 ½ tablespoons maple syrup

- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Tamari

Instructions

- Combine all ingredients, and stir together until everything is well blended.

- Use as a dipping sauce for spring rolls, a salad dressing, or pour over a baked potato.
- You can store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 3-5 days.



Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

WE ARE NOT SAVED BY JUSTIFICATION ALONE!

As Christians, we may fall into the trap of just claiming grace, saved by faith, etc., and then “goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was” (James 1:24). Once we accept Christ, “[he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). So, in this small article, we shall examine the numerous verses that refer to living a holy and sanctified life, approaching the topic with a handful of verses at a time, realizing that in the New Testament alone, there are well over a hundred verses that call upon Christians to live a holy life.

Every Christian is under grace, but few choose to receive the sanctification part as well, and are then, if missing, are fake Christians, even deceived. We are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8), freely justified, or forgiven, of our sins (Romans 3:20), but that does not negate obedience (Romans 6:16) to God’s law.

Hebrews 12:14 says, “Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”

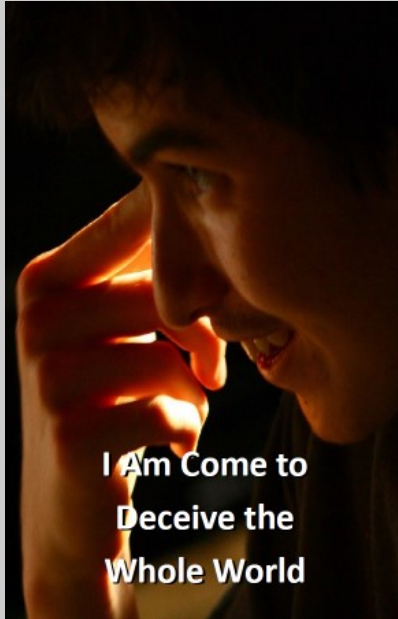
Now this is absolutely clear. The “peace” is God’s justification where sin used to separate, but is no longer part of the life as it is washed away, freely forgiven. The peace is not the act of just “getting along” or “compromising”, but keeping sin out of the relationship. On the second half of the verse, it is not only clear that holy living is expected, but if we do not have the peace and do not have holiness, we shall not see God. We will not be saved. So, how is your relationship with fellow human beings? Is it just like everyone else’s

experience, or is it of a heavenly origin?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 says, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” This is the clearest text revealing the two parts of salvation: justification and sanctification. We are freely justified by Jesus Christ for all the sins we ever committed, as a partial list was provided, but each of us has our own sins that haunt us from the past and we can be forgiven of those as well. Now, we do not just say, “Thank you, Jesus, for saving me” and think we can do as we please, for the verse states that upon being

saved, the Christian no longer does those things since the phrase “were some of you” is used referring to past tense; it is over; it is not done anymore. So, are you thinking you are saved by justification alone, or are you actually sanctified and have ceased your sinful ways?

John 5:14 states, “Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” Being made whole is not only a physical healing, but, as often is the case, it is a forgiving of sins. That is justification. No one can earn it. It is a gift. Then Jesus says, and it is said to all who Jesus makes whole, including us, “Sin no more”. That is sanctification. So, while you appreciate that Jesus freely forgives, do you obey His command to “go and sin no more” by the power of His strength?



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Questions & Answers

Question: Can we actually get anything out of the Bible today? Is it really useful for us in 2021?

Answer: In the days of Jesus, He also had access to scriptures that were over a thousand years old. He could have easily used the same argument we do today, "The Bible is 2,000 years old. Can it really benefit me today?" Yet, Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). "If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14:23-24). This is the written version of His word.

And to those that quickly follow up with, "Well, how do we know it is accurately translated?" The Dead Sea Scrolls that were found and compared to the Bible, especially the King James Version of the Bible, were found to be over 99% accurately translated. That is good enough for me.

Now, the reason people say that the Bible is irrelevant today is because society has deemed things that are sinful as being acceptable. Society finds it acceptable that teenagers are unable to control their hormones therefore birth control is provided, and if they are still chaste come early adulthood, it is expected by the third date to hop in bed. So, the words, "abstain from pollutions of idols, and [from] forni-

cation" (Acts 15:20), "if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well" (Acts 15:29), and "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14) seems out of date. Nonsense! "I [am] the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Sexual permissiveness is sin. It always has been; it always will be.

There are many other sins that have been made acceptable, but the worst part is when those sins come into the church. Not only have they come in, they are welcomed, too. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:2-5). We have always had those sins in the world, but when those that have an appearance of godliness also now teach that there is no power to stop those sins, then even the Christians will say, "Is there any reason to use the Bible?"

Under the right approach, the Bible is most relevant. When we approach it to get something out of it, it serves no purpose. When we approach it to become a better person, even a real Christian, then the Bible has ample purpose and even power.

Question: Why are there so many denominations?

Answer: We ought not have so many denominations. Jesus prayed, "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we [are]" (John 17:11). "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:22). And Jesus stated, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Jesus and the Father are so unified that there is no difference between them. Every act, every decision, every teaching, would have been the same if the Father and the Son had switched places, and this oneness is to be in us as followers of Jesus, yet, we are so divided that we number in the thousands of denominations.

We, as a people, were to have "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). In fact, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). That means if someone is teaching a soul about Christ, another person should not be teaching a different version of Christ. Basically, it is very wrong to be uttering, "Well, *my* Jesus..."

There is no "my Jesus". There is one Jesus! "But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him" (1 Corinthi-

ans 8:6). So, “whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9). It is not a matter of creating our own doctrines that may seem good; it is having the doctrines of Christ and submitting to them.

Even in helping souls, one denomination may have no problem letting people smoke, killing themselves slowly, while another is so against unhealthy practices that they are like those of old who “pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier [matters] of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone” (Matthew 23:23). How can Jesus’ words, “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32), help anyone when everyone has their own version of truth? Hence, we have thousands of denominations today.

Besides, there are two basic principles to becoming truly unified and not this false “get along-ism” that is unifying denominations. They ignore doctrines and just look for where they agree and speak only on those matters. That is exactly what Satan wants – put away the doctrines.

The first principle is to make the Bible as the standard, otherwise, anything goes, and it does. And just look at the mess we are in.

The second principle is to use the only true method of understanding the doctrines in the Bible, which avoids the excuse, “Anyone can get anything out of the Bible they want”, and they do. They are all wrong. Isaiah 28:9-10 tells us,

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little.” In plain speak, we need to stop finding a verse that justifies our personal beliefs. We need to take *all* of the verses on the subject matter, sort them out so we have verses that appear to be in agreement with each other, and those that do not. Then work out the reason why those few verses appear to disagree with our findings, “For God is not [the author] of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33). Sometimes it is our modern understanding of the word, such as the word “end”, which to us means that it is over, while the Bible writers used it to refer to the *results*, because the Bible does tell us that God has ended (“have seen the end of the Lord” - James 5:11). So, is God dead, or is it the *results* of the Lord that we see? Once all verses are in agreement, we then have a doctrine.

If we all did that, we would all agree and have one powerful denomination instead of the 42,000 we currently have.

Question: When God forgives me of my sins, why does He not remove the thought of it from the mind?

Answer: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9) and “present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24). But He

does not remove the gift of the guilty feeling we may have. Satan, unfortunately, misuses that gift and weighs us down trying to cause us to doubt our forgiveness. He tries to make us feel that our sin was too big to really be forgiven, or that we are not worthy of forgiveness.

God allows us to feel the shame, the disappointment, etc. to help us to get to the point “to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth” (Proverbs 8:13), as opposed to tolerating sin. He allows these feelings so that we do not desire the sin again, for “If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:6).

If, upon confession, the shame, the consequence of the sin, etc. were lifted, we would eventually create a loop of doing the sin over and over because nothing would prevent us from making the same mistake. If I touch a hot stove and get burnt, I will remember next time to be more careful around that stove, but if the memory of getting burnt is removed, I would not be reminded to be careful the next time for lack of memory.

But overall, when we confess our sins to God in prayer, “let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed” (James 1:6). In other words, you do have the assurance, despite the possible ill feelings, that you are forgiven. Believe.



Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God

TOPIC: Is Satan Real?

[Answers will appear next month.]

1) What did Jesus think? Luke 10:18

2) What is Satan's activity? 1 Peter 5:8

3) What does Satan look like? 2 Corinthians 11:14

4) Do you wonder why Satan is depicted as a hideous monster?

Revelation 12:3

5) Do you know how we know the dragon is referring to Satan?
Revelation 12:9

6) Do you know what upsets him most? Revelation 12:17

7) Do you know what Satan's end-game thoughts are? Isaiah 14:12-14

8) Do you know what he wants to receive from us today? Matthew 4:9, 2 Kings 17:36, 1 Samuel 15:22

9) Does Satan deceive many by showing up as himself? Revelation 13:2, 4

10) Why should we be aware of who Satan is and what he is all about? 2 Corinthians 2:11



News and Comments

Nov. 16—Breitbart

Nolte: Softening Us Up for 'Great Reset' Climate Lockdowns

Climate lockdowns along with a global reset in every nation is just getting ready for fulfillment of Revelation 18:3: "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."

Nov. 19—Bloomberg

Denmark Allows Businesses to Force Covid-19 Testing on Employ-

ees

"For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." (Revelation 18:23). Sorceries, or in the Greek "pharmakeia", would be relied upon, but it will all be an end-time deception.

Nov. 24—Independent

Pope Francis says anti-maskers stuck 'in their own little world of interests'

Statements like these, and by politicians in general, are just gearing people up to be on the side that

will fulfill Matthew 24:9, which says, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

Nov. 24—The Hill

New York City to add COVID-19 checkpoints at bridges, crossings

This is just short of martial law. Revelation 13:11 states that we would go from freedom based upon two Christian principles, to having our freedoms removed – "And I beheld another beast coming up

out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

Nov. 24—PR News Wire
World's Airports And Leading Air-

**lines Join CommonTrust Network
And Begin Roll-out Of Common-
Pass In December In Support Of
Safer Border Reopening**

This is prepping people to be in the mind of fulfilling Revelation 13:17, which says, "And that no man

might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."



Natural Remedies

The days we are living in, we never know when there will be a shortage of typical means of dealing with various ailments, but even if there is no shortage, with all of the side affects even from "over the counter" drugs, maybe it is time to get back to our remedies found in nature or those things that are more in tune with the body.

Poison Ivy/Oak/Sumac

Poultices made from freshly ground flaxseed, with charcoal.

Add just enough water to make a pudding consistency.

Spread this about 1/2 inch thick on gauze, cheesecloth or even a single layer of paper towel if you do not have the others.

Make one to fit the affected area, where if it is on the face, make one for each side of the face.

Then cover with a warm damp washcloth. Applied moist heat helps the process work.

Do not let it dry out.

Also take charcoal internally, using 1 teaspoon in an 8-ounce glass of water 3 times during the day.

