

## The most dangerous game in the world.

Revelation 12:9 changed the course of my life many years ago. It reads as follows, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, *which deceiveth the whole world*: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." What shocked me was the phrase "*which deceiveth the whole world*." I wondered how this was possible.

One day, a friend shared the following with me. He stated if I was a member of the body of Christ, I was not of the world. I was an alien and a stranger.

It is that time of the year again when Christians begin posting religious articles of faith hoping to inspire others. Unfortunately, we are living in a time where everyone is playing the most dangerous game in the world called, "following the follower."

If you are concerned about truth and would like to get off the roller coaster of religious deception, take a few minutes and read this article. It may change your life.

I saw a Facebook post where a minister listed several statements of belief for those who wished to follow his ministry.

I immediately began writing him, but knew my words would fall on deaf ears. My attention was immediately brought back to Revelation 12, which states the whole world is deceived. I decided to sit down and correct the wrong doctrine with the following and let the reader decide for themselves.

There are 3 doctrinal beliefs accepted by most Christian ministries today.

1. God gave humans FREEWILL.
2. The devil causes evil and tragedy.
3. The New Testament is written to all Christians.

### **Let's talk about freewill.**

God gave us his word. Man chose freewill when he ate from the tree of knowledge. Freewill is the great delusion spoken by Paul. It is called "believing the lie." It is human subjection to the tree of knowledge. It is man's freewill choice to think and confess within the realm of good and evil. The nature of man is to live under the subjection of the tree. The tree still rules all natural man-made religion. It is powered by the air we breathe and enforced by the words we speak. Freewill attracts good or evil into your life by the words you speak. Man has a will. God has a will. Adam chose his own will. It was not free and nowhere in the Word does it say so. Jesus chose to do his Father's will, not his own will. When we walk according to our will, we will obey the tree of knowledge.

Some have learned to change their lives by thinking and speaking "good" thereby prospering with material wealth and physical health but the end of it is still death. They may prosper in this world but they are caught up in the web of deceit. Revelation 12 tells us the whole world is deceived. The tree of knowledge has been relegated to the category of a fable yet it has ruled the natural man since Eden. The ego/self is subject to the authority of the tree. The air you breathe contains the code of life. This code continues to expand as humanity speaks words into the air. It has been referred to by scientists as the "Akashic Record and Cosmic Consciousness"

Genesis 6: 5 says that God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 2 Timothy 3: 13 says: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

Philippians 2:13 says, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Ephesians 1:9 says, having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: Isaiah 6:10 says, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Jeremiah 10:23, declares, O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Romans 3:10, 11 says, as it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. The natural man cannot seek after God. His heart will not allow it. His nature is subject to the tree. God must move first and change that which is corrupt. He must change the heart.

Ezekiel 36:26, 27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

### **What about number 2. Does the devil cause evil and tragedy?**

Man brings evil into his life as he thinks and speaks according to the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The mind of man is subject to the tree. In the category of the natural, man has the freewill to produce his own reality. Until Christ, man was shut up or imprisoned by the law. The law was his schoolmaster. With Christ, man is given a new mind and spirit. No longer subject to the natural law. He can believe what his senses tells him or believe God's word. If he chooses God's word, God will direct his steps. Proverbs 3: 5-7 says, Trust in the lord with your whole heart and lean not to your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall (absolutely) direct your steps.

There was a time when it had not rained on the earth for over 3 years. God told the prophet Elijah to go and confront Ahab about his idolatry. He was following the advice of 450 prophets of Baal. God then told Elijah that the rain would return after he completed his task. The word of God immediately became truth in the realm of the spiritual or supernatural but would not become manifested in the natural until Elijah obeyed God and confronted Ahab. Ahab did as was instructed and then headed to the mountain top expecting the rain to begin. He took his servant with him and as they neared the top, Elijah instructed his servant to go to the peak and report back what he saw. The servant returned to Elijah 6 times with the same story. There were no clouds in the sky. Elijah sent him back each time while he stooped and put his head between his knees. The word does not say what he was doing but I can assure you he was confessing God's promise, the truth in the spirit realm. The rain is coming. I hear the sound of an abundance of rain. He was not discouraged by the evidence seen around him. The servant kept saying there were no clouds but Elijah continued to confess the promise. Returning the 7<sup>th</sup> time the servant shouted, I see a cloud the size of a man's hand. Elijah knew he had confessed the truth until it manifested itself in the realm of the natural.

The custom of stooping and placing one's head between their knees is practiced by women when they are about to give birth. They stoop and put their head between their knees until the baby drops. That which was in her, is now born into the natural. So it is with God's word.

When it comes to healing, God's word tells us in 1 Peter 2:24: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Unfortunately I see many who suffer with life threatening diseases. In the realm of the natural, man has the freewill choice to seek care in the form of natural remedies or conventional medicine, change their lifestyle or even their diet while many simply complain and see the worst in their situation. This is the range of options with freewill. God's will states, "by whose stripes ye were healed." Decide to trust God's will and not your will. Transfer your life's situation to another realm. Believe and confess what the word says like Elijah.

### **Finally, let's look at number 3. Is the New Testament written to all Christians.**

The ministry of Jesus was to the house of Israel. Matthew 13:44 reads: Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. When did the man return to take possession of his treasure? It says he hideth it. The treasure is Israel. Psalms 135:4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure. The first apostles chosen by Jesus were told to continue that ministry and to preach it throughout the world. They did not follow through with their calling, returning to the law (the tree). The first century Christian church, the treasure, was buried.

Acts 28:27, 28 - 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. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. The times of the gentiles began. The gospel had previously been preached only to those who were of Israel and a few gentile families. The salvation of the whole world was available to everyone by faith and there were many who believed and were baptized with the gift of Christ-in (The term Christ-in was commonly used by those who spoke of receiving the gift of holy spirit. It was this common saying that brought about the term Christian, first used in Antioch, Syria.) Those who believed, followed the doctrine of the first apostles. Acts 2:42 - And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine.

Jesus called the second apostle, Paul, and ordained him with the gospel of the uncircumcision. 1 Corinthians 15:46 says, Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. It was called the Gospel of God or The Gospel of grace. The only time grace was referred to by the first apostles called was in reference to the future when Israel will be recovered from its burred state. 1 Peter 1:10, 13 reads, of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Paul's epistles were written to the gentiles and a small remnant of Israel. They were elected to the body of Christ by grace (In Christ). It was not based on their works or even their believing. They were elected before the foundation or over throw of the earth in Genesis 1: 2. The body of Christ was called out to restore the heavens. The heaven and earth which was created in Genesis 1, was created to bring forth the Lord Jesus Christ. In the end ALL shall be saved by his grace.

I would like to point out the heaven of Genesis 1 is not referring to the \*heavens which will be restored by the body of Christ. The \*heavens will be restored when the body of Christ replaces Lucifer and the angels that rebelled and followed him before Genesis. In the beginning refers to the beginning of the restoration of the kingdom of God (heavens) and the kingdom of (from) heaven, the heaven and earth of this universe. The kingdom from heaven will be destroyed and there will be a new heaven and earth. This will be the third and final heaven and earth wherein only righteousness dwells.

God from the beginning had planned the restoration of the heavens and the earth by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was and is the potter, the great puzzle designer. No designer starts without first envisioning or seeing the end picture. God spoke the entire creation (*restoration of the heavens and the earth*) and its completion into existence. Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. The end is the last verse of the bible. Revelation 22:21- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The fulness of times represents that period when Christ shall gather his body from the earth and restore the heavens as the devil and his angels are cast upon the earth. This is known as the gathering or the departure of the body. It is at this time that the latter days begin. The latter days and the restoration of Zion have been in preparation now for nearly 200 years. As soon as the times of the gentiles are complete and the gathering of the body takes place, the latter days also referred to as the time of Jacobs troubles will begin. This period will end with the return of Christ with his body to assume the throne of David and reign for 1000 years.

After Christ sits on the throne as the king of Israel and the world, the final judgement will take place and God will then create a new heaven and a new earth. Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. Christ will oversee the entire Kingdom of heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

In conclusion, the following is an excerpt from chapter 1 of The Day of God available for free on <http://TheDayOfGod.com> in PDF format or on Amazon.com in both kindle and print formats.

“There are two great writers of Divine Truth in the Bible— Moses in the Old Testament and Paul in the New. Someone may say, ‘Is not Christ the Great Teacher?’ In a sense this is true; but in a real sense Christ is the Person taught about, rather than teaching in the Gospels.

The Law and the Prophets pointed to Christ; the Epistles point back to Him; and the Book of Revelation points to His Second Coming, and those things connected with it. The Four Gospels tell the story how He was revealed to men and rejected by them. Christ, Himself, therefore is the theme of the Bible. Moses reveals God’s holiness, and thus by means of the Law reveals the utter hopelessness and helplessness of man.

Paul in his great Epistles reveals Christ as our righteousness, sanctification and redemption. The Apostles were witnesses of Christ’s resurrection. It was not the will of God that they would unfold the fullness of the doctrine of the resurrection as Paul was. The twelve were with Jesus personally and knew him as a man, and when he died they saw it. When he was buried, they knew it personally as eyewitnesses. And when he was raised, they found it out by visiting his actual tomb and seeing that it was empty. They were also to see and handle the physical, risen body of our Lord. And it was with them that our Lord abode on earth forty days after His resurrection, ‘showing Himself alive by many infallible proofs.’ -Acts 1:3 this great fact that the person whom the Jews themselves had crucified and buried, was risen from the dead and ascended to Heaven—this tremendous fact the twelve Apostles witnessed to Israel at Jerusalem and everywhere else.

Thus we find the opening chapters of the Book of Acts filled with the single testimony that Jesus of Nazareth had risen from the dead and that remission of sins was through Him. But unto none of these twelve Apostles did God reveal the great body of doctrine for this Age. Just as God chose Moses to be the revelator to Israel for the Ten Commandments and all connected with the Law dispensation, so God chose Saul of Tarsus to be the revelator and unfolder of those mighty truths connected with our Lord’s death, burial, and resurrection and his ascended person.

Paul reveals all the “mysteries” or “secrets” to God’s people in this dispensation. Finally, Paul is the unfolder of the great company of God’s elect, called the church, the Body of Christ, the individuals of which Body are called members of the Body of Christ. No other Apostle speaks of these things. Peter himself had to learn them from Paul. -2 Pet. 3:15-16

When Paul finishes his thirteen great Epistles (Romans to Philemon) those written to the church; He then wrote to the Hebrews. This is not part of the church’s doctrine, but is simply explaining to Hebrews the character, the real application, the typical meaning, of their Levitical system, that is, how it pointed forward to Christ. Paul is the declarer and revealer of the Gospel to us.

Take Romans to Philemon out of the Bible and you are bereft of Christian doctrine. If you were to take Paul’s Epistles out of the Bible, you cannot find anything about the church, the Body of Christ, for no other Apostle mentions the Body of Christ.

The failure or refusal to discern Paul’s gospel as a separate and new revelation and not a “development from Judaism,” accounts for two-thirds of the confusion in many people’s minds today regarding the Love of the truth and the gospel of God. The end of man is where God begins in Romans 3, at what might be called the opening of the Pauline revelation. Most unsaved people today believe in their hearts that the reason they are not saved is because of something they have not yet done, some step that remains for them to take before God will accept them. But this is absolutely untrue. When Christ said, “It is finished”, he had, then and there, paid the debt for the whole human race. ‘He gave Himself a ransom for all.’ -1 Tim. 2:6

Would that we had grace to defend his great message today from those who do not see it clearly as yet; or who, like Peter, through fear of others are ready to compromise and tone down the Gospel of God.”

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