

become Christ's military Bride, who sit down with Him in His throne.

It appears from Bible and other history, that Satan discovered after the flood the Divine plan of indwelling man. He saw that he could promote his design to ruin man by appropriating the laws of indwelling. He found in Nimrod and wife suitable vessels for his diabolical plan. Sorcery, witch-craft, magic, necromancy and various occult arts and various secrets of sorcery resulted. In different forms familiar spirits gained access to the beings of men, and became the weird, delusive and attractive power in the mysterious heathen idol worships of secret priestly cults, and from Pharaoh's magicians and Hindu mysticism, to Africa's medicine men, they have spread abroad.

In our present time, to make them more attractive and enticing, they have been dressed in newly made adornment of fancy garments and high sounding names, such as Christian Science, New Thought, Rosicrucian, Father Divine, Masters of the Far East, Theosophy, psychology, spiritualism, and others.

Receiving and retaining the abiding of the Spirit, requires devotion to the will of God, sole dependence upon the atonement and blood of Jesus Christ, living a holy life, and daily crossbearing. But these Satanic cults avoid crucifixion, offer spirit operations without cross bearing. Most of them are sexually and otherwise loose and immoral. They despise a religion depending on the blood of Christ. Teach it is possible to become a son of God—the same rank and nature as Jesus Christ. They no longer need Christ. They teach reincarnation. They say the spirit of Elijah came into and was the spirit of John the Baptist. They quote Matt. 1:14; 17:10, 11; but neglect the explanation in Luke 1:17, which explains that John came in the spirit and power of Elijah. Elijah went to Heaven in a whirlwind of fire, body and all. His spirit is still in that body, not in John. Why wrest the Scriptures to your own destruction?

Beware! Beware! Here are set snares for unwary feet. Demon possession by familiar spirits is deceiving and wrecking many people.

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## THE GREAT SIN

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There are many great sins committed by mankind, but there is one great sin perpetrated by the race constantly, everywhere, by most everybody, unthoughtedly. This greatest of sins, both in its nature and in its effects, is independence of God in thought and action.

Long ago Pharaoh said, "Who is Jehovah?" Holy writ says of Israel, "They have not known My ways." "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Ex. 5:2; Heb. 3:10; Ps. 9:17.

Looking at man in the various lines of his activities, we find him separated from and independent of God in his doings. The GOVERNMENT of man is arbitrary, absolute, despotic or democratic. It is not theocratic as it should be. God is forgotten, neglected, left out. "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; Thy judgments are far above out of his sight." Ps. 10:4, 5.

In his conduct of BUSINESS and finance, God and righteousness are left out. Prayer and consultation with God are unknown. The poor are deprived of their rights, oppressed and downtrodden. Getting gain by fraud, deceit, and "polite" robbery is the ordinary policy.

Our system of EDUCATION and its methods are considered the best. But from the true Divine point of view they are fundamentally wrong. This physical birth and earth period of life is only temporary and brief. Man is not primarily and fundamentally a physical being. His principle nature and character is that of a spirit being. Ages of existence lie before him after the end of this earth period. The future state of existence is not of the same nature as the present one.

But these schools with their textbooks and teachers are infidel and ignorant of the most important and essential elements and parts of man's composition. They know nothing and teach nothing concerning the tripartite or threefold nature of man. They have books on

histology, physiology and psychology, that is on the minute structure of the body and soul. But of pneumatology, the science of the spirit of man, they are ignorant, without knowledge or teaching. They can describe animal life from a mollusk or cricket to a mastodon, and plant life from a lichen or a seed to a banyan or a redwood. But of the God of the universe, of angels, Satan, fallen angels or demons they are more ignorant than are the savages. Although immediately one departs this earth life, he faces the beings and realities of a future existence in a real world. But we are expected to commit our youth to these blind guides who are ignorant of true knowledge.

Thus in this life at its start, children are taught to forget God, left ignorant of the fowler, the devil. Man in this life with his spirit untrained, untaught, undeveloped, ignorant and helpless, easily becomes a prey to seducing spirits, and is ruined forever.

The body of man is but an expression of his soul, and they two are house and home, chalice or abode of the spirit, a dwelling place for the spirit of man to operate in. They are but servants of man's spirit. Yet the servants have become the masters. To go to great pains to train and educate the servants, the soul and body, meanwhile leaving the superior and enduring resident, the spirit, in ignorance and squalor is the height of folly. To decorate and elaborately furnish the house, yet leave the indweller in poverty and unclothed is the work of folly.

Man is a spirit being, moral and religious essentially. Made so by his Creator. The disposition to worship Jehovah is deeply inwrought in his nature. He was created a very high order of being. His gifts, powers and parts were so created that he might be "a habitation of God through the Spirit." He was to be a partaker of the Divine nature. The life and power and attributes of God were to flow through him abundantly.

Because the infinite, original design of Jehovah was to so fashion man that he might be a habitation of God, indwelled by Him, possessed, directed and controlled by Him: and the first man failed of this purpose, both for himself and his posterity; the great plan of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ was designed.

The experimental application of this plan was intended to raise up a new race of men. The spirit of man, when he is physically born, is dead to God, therefore he must be born again. That is, his spirit must be brought into a living relation to God. Then there should be a baptism or effusion of the Holy Spirit whereby the spirit realm is opened and made accessible to him, for it is this spiritual state God intends redeemed men to dwell in. By living herein under the teaching, training and guidance of the Holy Spirit, he will be taken through a process of crucifixion, which will take away the natural tendencies, and he becomes an entirely new creation, spirit, soul and body. He should through these processes come to live a spirit life, or a life in the Spirit. That is under the possession, indwelling and control of the Holy Spirit. This is sitting together with Christ in the heavenlies. (Eph. 2:6.) This is the high and heavenly life intended to be lived in the Holy Spirit dispensation, yet largely lost and obscured in the terrible drift back into the natural, the formal and the earthy. This has happened to the New Testament Ecclesia, the Lutheran reformation, the Quakers, the Methodists, the holiness and Pentecostal movements. They lost the power, sank into a form, and became parts of that monstrosity, inspiration names Babylon. This dispensation is ending in a mass of wreckage.

But now Jehovah comes on the scene in a new and mighty dispensational move. "For, behold, Jehovah cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." (Isa. 26:21; 66:15). The day of the Lord's judgment on the Gentile nations has come. He whets His glittering sword by schooling His present day prophetic army in the use of that sword, which is the Word of God, in determinate counsel. (Deut. 32:4; Acts 2:23). This army of Jehovah is coming forth, armed with His glittering flashing sword, the Word of God, whetted to a keen edge. Out of this group will come a select company of trained, developed, recreated overcomers, who