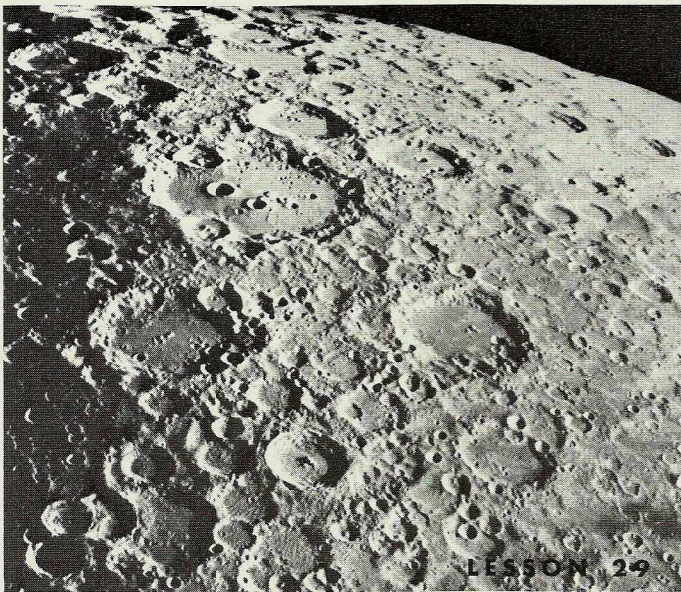


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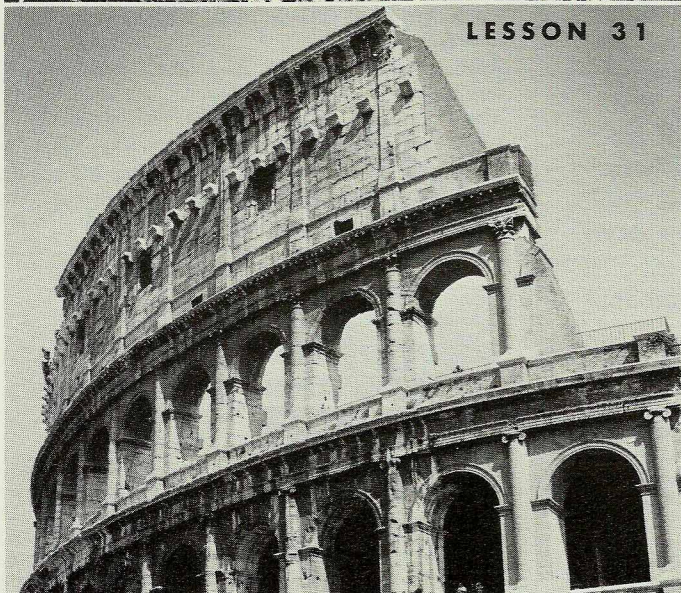
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an open letter from

THE EDITOR

WHY ARE the different branches of "Christianity" talking about UNION? WHY is it possible for them to make overtures toward compromise?

And anyway, is it not *right* that they should all GET TOGETHER? WHY should Christianity be divided?

The Vatican has made many overtures toward both Protestants and the Eastern Orthodox church. They have even taken a conciliatory attitude toward Jews. Recently Pope Paul VI assured the non-Catholic Christian world of his purpose to clear away every obstacle blocking "Christian unity." The pope said, "We wish to assure you once more of our purpose and hope to be able one day to remove every obstacle, every misunderstanding, every hesitancy that still prevents us from feeling fully 'of one heart and one soul' in Christ, in His Church (Acts 4:32)."

An example of the changing religious atmosphere was Cardinal Cushing's reported approving of Catholic young people in Boston going to hear Protestant Evangelist Billy Graham. And in reply, Dr. Graham was reported saying he felt closer to some Catholic traditions than "with some of the most liberal Protestants."

Not only are many Protestant leaders beginning to make friendly gestures toward the Roman Catholic Church, but fundamentalist Billy Graham, in Boston, was recently quoted as saying: "The new program of common prayer and public meetings voted by the Vatican Ecumenical Council . . . is an historical event of tremendous importance to Christians everywhere. Nothing like this has happened in the last 500 years. . . . This could be the dawn of a new day in religious understanding."

Some will wonder, HOW could Billy Graham make a statement like that?

At the same time a prominent Jewish rabbi called for greater cooperation and understanding between conservative Protestants and the Jewish community.

The BIG question is WHY is such compromise possible?

Can you imagine Jesus Christ beginning to compromise and get together with the Pharisees?

The answer leads directly to the question:

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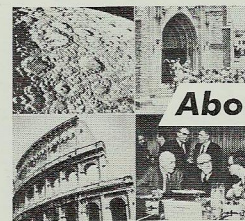
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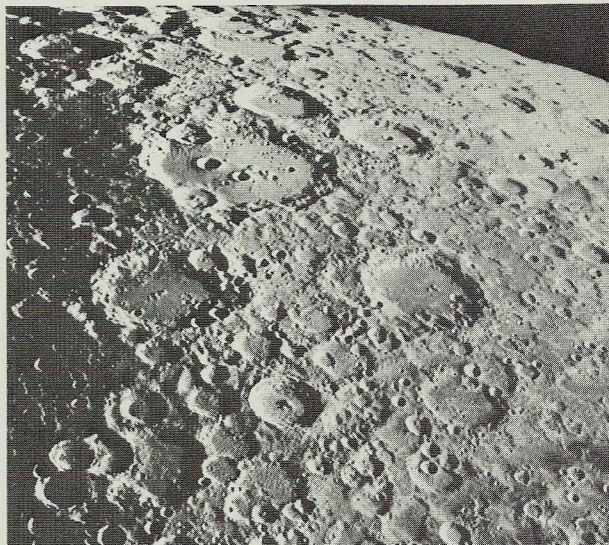
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Lesson 29

THE ORIGIN OF SATAN AND SUNDAY



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1. Who is the great *spiritual* power influencing men in positions of great religious and political authority?
 - A. The European leader of the Fascist revival.
 - B. The great False Prophet.
 - C. Satan the Devil and his demons.
 - D. There is no spiritual power influencing this world's political and religious leaders.
2. How did Satan (formerly Lucifer) and his angels originate?
 - A. They didn't since they have existed eternally.
 - B. God created them spirit beings.
 - C. However, they were not created *before* the earth was created.
 - D. The Devil and his demons do not exist — they were merely imaginary forces of evil in the minds of ancient Jews.

3. What was Lucifer like when he was created?
- He was human.
 - He was one of God's own family.
 - He was evil and ugly.
 - He was perfect and beautiful, God's own anointed cherub.
4. What was the world like which was originally given to Lucifer?
- It was beautiful—in perfect order.
 - It was barren and hot.
 - It was much like we see it now.
 - It was in confusion.
5. Lucifer
- never was greedy.
 - never let insurrection against God enter his mind.
 - was perfectly content to rule this earth.
 - attempted to seize God's heavenly throne.
6. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- The cosmic wreckage in the universe is mute testimony of Satan's rebellion.
 - After his fall, Lucifer appeared as a voracious red dragon.
 - Lucifer gained rule of all the heavens.
 - One third of the angels followed Lucifer in his rebellion against God.
7. Has Satan given up his rebellion against God?
- Yes, because he knows he can't win.
 - No. He is still determined to rule in spite of God.
 - Yes, since he can no longer fight God because of being bound in hell.
 - Yes, because the one third of the angels he led have deserted him.
8. Which one of these four divine characteristics did Lucifer lack, or fail to exercise?
- Everlasting life.
 - Perfect character.
 - Great knowledge.
 - A beautiful spirit body as bright as the morning star.
9. Why did God change Lucifer's name to Satan?
- Because of his great success as ruler of the earth.
 - Because Satan means "righteous ruler."
 - Because through his sin he became God's permanent *adversary* — opposed to God's government and purpose for mankind.
 - Certainly not because he opposes God.
10. Sin was *first* found in Lucifer when he
- became proud of his spiritual beauty and ability.
 - turned against his own Creator in battle.
 - sought to establish himself as a god.
 - exercised character in rejecting wrong thoughts.
11. How does the demon world unintentionally contribute to our character-building?
- By inspiring us to obey God.
 - By giving us the power to obey God.
 - By leaving us alone.
 - By subtle presentation of *improper* choices which *we must* CHOOSE to reject!
12. What is man's present relationship to angelic beings?
- Man is a little lower than angels.
 - Man is higher than angels.
 - Man is stronger than angels.
 - Man is equal to angels.
13. What is to be man's future relationship to angelic beings?
- Equal to angels.
 - Lower than angels.
 - Subject to angels.
 - Higher than angels.
14. What happened to the pre-Adamic earth as a result of Satan's rebellion?
- It became more beautiful.
 - It became ugly and confused, the *inevitable* result of sin.
 - It didn't change at all.
 - It became a more suitable place in which to live.
15. Satan
- doesn't really exist, except as a concept in men's minds.
 - is not a personal arch-enemy to individual Christians.
 - hates anyone who could become one of God's sons.
 - isn't concerned with you if you can't be deceived.

16. Who is the god of this present evil world?
- Satan the Devil.
 - Jesus Christ.
 - Certainly not any spirit being.
 - Almighty God the Father.
17. Satan wants to thwart God's purpose for mankind because he
- hates the idea of God reproducing Himself.
 - wants more sons born into God's Family.
 - loves mankind.
 - believes God's purpose for man could not possibly succeed.
18. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Satan, now defeated, obediently guides men to shape this world according to God's commands.
 - This present evil world agrees with Satan's perverse and evil character.
 - Satan considers man a usurper in his realm.
 - Satan is strengthening our character without intending to do so.
19. On which day was Satan's first "church service" held?
- On God's Sabbath — Saturday — the seventh day of the week.
 - Certainly not on Sunday — the first day of the week.
 - On Satan's symbolic day of the sun— Sunday.
 - It is not important which day it was.
20. Why did God create angels?
- God originally intended them to become His sons.
 - To be the servants of God and man.
 - Because He was lonely.
 - For no particular purpose.
21. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden acted out the part of the *majority* of mankind down through the ages in
- refusing to follow the dictates of Satan.
 - successfully finding their way to eternal life by doing what seems right to man.
 - being willing to accept Satan's way of disobedience to God.
 - rejecting Satan's line that man could live eternally in disobedience to God.

Lesson 30

BEWARE THE DAY OF THE SUN!



H. Armstrong Roberts

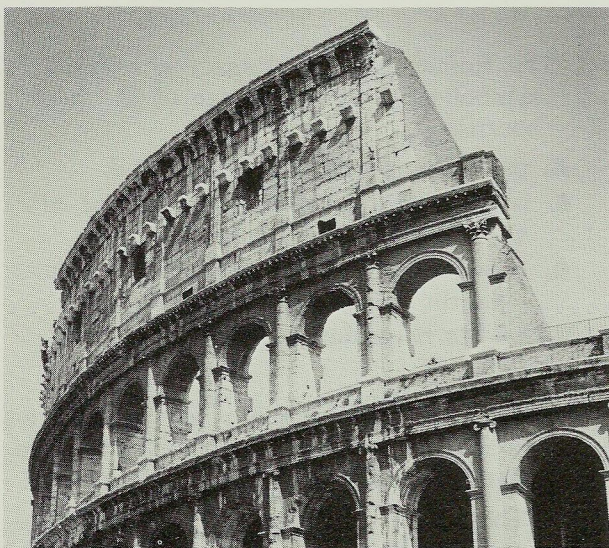
22. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Satan had nothing to do with the ultimate destruction of the people who perished in the Flood.
 - Satan tried to destroy Christ.
 - Satan continually tries to destroy God's True Church.
 - Satan tries to destroy God's purpose for mankind.
23. The Devil
- and his henchmen earnestly desire to destroy God's True Church because it is God's Church which will be born again as God's spiritual sons.
 - is not greatly concerned with the few of God's True Church.
 - is not yet aware that God's Church will one day replace him.
 - is satisfied with having the vast majority deceived.

24. Why must God warn Christians they are in a contest for their lives against Satan?
- Certainly not because they would otherwise be unaware of it.
 - Obviously not because Satan is out to destroy them.
 - Simply because God hates Satan.
 - Because Satan is invisible — not detectable by any of our five senses.
25. Satan the Devil
- has no power today to suggest wrong but attractive customs to human minds.
 - has ministers who appear to be ministers of Christ.
 - deceives only atheists—certainly not ministers.
 - works through the Jews to impose his mark of Sabbath-keeping on the world.
26. Does Satan actively influence church organizations to help him in his battle against God and man?
- Yes, but only small pagan-appearing sects.
 - No. God doesn't allow Satan to influence churches.
 - Yes. Satan utilizes many large and small churches to disseminate his false doctrines.
 - Satan is not interested in churches.
27. Satan's churches
- teach for doctrines the opinions of men about the Bible.
 - have never been affiliated with this world's governments.
 - do not look like Christ's churches while they unwittingly teach Satan's lies.
 - never champion the goals of this world's society.
28. Whom do Sunday-"keepers" unwittingly worship as their god?
- Almighty God the Father who established Sunday at Creation.
 - Jesus Christ who established Sunday at His resurrection.
 - God's True Church which has the power to change God's commandments.
 - Satan the Devil, who has *deceived* the WHOLE world! (II Cor. 4:4; Rev. 12:9.)
29. How will the born-again sons of God Almighty appear?
- They will have glorious spirit bodies that shine brighter than the sun.
 - They will look just like we do today.
 - We can't know what God's sons will look like.
 - They will wear white robes and sandals and have wings.
30. Is Satan substituting an idol symbolizing himself for mankind to unwittingly worship today?
- Only the serpent — such as the Mexican Indians worshipped.
 - No, Satan doesn't deceive men into worshipping idols today.
 - Yes, the sun.
 - No. Satan deceives men into worshipping him directly.
31. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Satan himself has been known to enter into and *possess* persons of great authority.
 - Satan and his demons cannot influence human beings except by "possessing" them.
 - Demon possession is called the "Mark of the Beast."
 - The "Mark of the Beast" is human nature.
32. How did Sunday come to supplant the Sabbath as this world's day of worship?
- By Christ's authority at His resurrection.
 - By Satanic deception — carried over into "Christianity" from pre-Christian times.
 - By the authority of God's True Church.
 - By men finding it more convenient to worship on Sunday.
33. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- God originally inspired the names of the days of today's week.
 - Calling the days of the week after the names of heavenly bodies has no religious significance.
 - Satan associated himself with the sun and caused men to name the first day of the week SUNDAY in honor of himself.
 - The serpent was never associated with the sun in pagan sun worship.
34. Has Satan used "great" men to promulgate Sunday worship?

- A. No, Satan can only control small, weak men.
- B. No, for Satan does not work through human beings.
- C. Yes, but only those in religious authority.
- D. Yes, Constantine, for example—a Roman Emperor and a man of great *civil* authority.
35. Which *one* of these four statements is false?
- A. Satan has given power and cunning to four mighty world-ruling empires.
- B. Nimrod was one of the first after the flood to submit to Satan and flagrantly oppose God.
- C. Semiramis, Nimrod's wife, continued promulgating Satan's deceptions by establishing a great false church.
- D. Nimrod chose to reject Satan's ways and established the first great human government under God.
36. Satan
- A. has guided only the ancient Babylonian Empire.
- B. has worked through men called "Great" by historians.
- C. is unable to dominate mighty military men.
- D. has had no control of man's governments since the fall of Rome.
37. Those who refuse to receive Satan's "mark" voluntarily will be
- A. forced to observe Saturday.
- B. granted religious freedom.
- C. given an alternate day—like Thursday—to observe.
- D. tortured to the point of death in an attempt to force them to observe Sunday.
38. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. God will force you to accept His way.
- B. God promises He will protect you from Satan and his demons if you choose His way and keep His Sabbaths.
- C. It is impossible for anyone to choose rightly.
- D. Satan will not try to force Christians to accept His ways.

Lesson 31

WHAT IS THE "MARK OF THE BEAST"?



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39. The "Mark of the Beast" is
- A. obeying God's commandments.
- B. Sabbath keeping.
- C. saluting your country's flag.
- D. Sunday observance.
40. Who made Sunday the official rest day of the pagan Roman Empire?
- A. Constantine "the Great," pagan Roman Emperor—a civil ruler.
- B. Notorious Nimrod.
- C. Jesus Christ.
- D. The apostle Paul in his epistle to the Romans.
41. Who *instigated punishment* for Sabbath-keeping?
- A. The Roman civil government — the "beast."
- B. The Roman Church.
- C. The Teutonic peoples beyond the Roman Empire.

- D. Certainly not the Roman Catholic Church!
42. Who *executed punishment* upon Sabbath-keepers?
- The Jews.
 - The Roman Catholic Church.
 - The barbaric hordes of infidels who attacked Rome.
 - The Roman civil government — the “beast.”
43. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The first beast of Revelation 13 is the 5th beast not mentioned in Daniel 7.
 - The second beast of Revelation 13 and the 4th beast of Daniel 7 represent the same thing.
 - The first beast of Revelation 13 and the 4th beast of Daniel 7 clearly represent the Roman Empire.
 - These last two beasts could not represent the Roman Empire since both descriptions are not exactly alike.
44. Daniel’s and John’s visions both actually portray
- a succession of false churches.
 - a succession of world ruling, Satan-dominated kingdoms.
 - a number of small nations existing at the same time.
 - the lost tribes of Israel.
45. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- The Papacy claims attributes which belong only to God.
 - The “little horn” was to seek to “change times and laws” — including God’s Sabbath.
 - The “little horn” of Dan. 7 was prophesied to speak humbly.
 - The Popes claimed to rule *in place of* Christ.
46. The millennial rule of Christ
- began when He returned to the earth in the person of the Popes.
 - began in 554 A.D. when Justinian, Emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, acknowledged the Pope’s authority.
- will begin when all nations accept one world government and give their power to the Papacy.
 - will replace the governments of men who seek to put themselves in the place of God.
47. The Roman Empire united with
- the synagogue of the Jews.
 - the True Church of God.
 - the Roman Catholic Church.
 - no great church system.
48. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Today most nations do not have a diplomatic representative at the Vatican.
 - The Popes claimed the *Millennium* began when the Papacy began ruling the “Holy Roman Empire.”
 - The Papacy — symbolized as a two-horned beast in Revelation 13 — rules both a church and a political state in the Italian peninsula.
 - The Popes claimed their government was the Kingdom of God on earth.
49. The symbolic woman of Revelation 17 depicts
- the “Holy” Roman Empire.
 - God’s True Church.
 - the Roman civil government.
 - the Roman Catholic Church.
50. The Roman Catholic Papacy is referred to symbolically as the “image of the beast” because it
- is dominated by Satan the Devil.
 - is a church government patterned after the Roman civil government.
 - called itself by the same name—Roman—as the beast is called.
 - has its headquarters in Rome.
51. What happened to those who would not worship the “image of the beast” or “receive his mark”?
- They were received with religious tolerance.
 - Nearly 50,000,000 were murdered by the “Holy Roman Empire” during the Middle Ages.

- C. They were permitted to worship on the day of their choice.
- D. They were exiled to Palestine and forced to worship with the Jews.
52. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. God's true Sabbath-keeping Church was nearly stamped out by the "Holy" Roman Empire during the Middle Ages.
- B. God's Church was *totally* stamped out until it was refounded by the Protestant Reformation.
- C. We have no way of knowing what happened during the Dark Ages.
- D. God's True Church today worships on Sunday.
53. The Roman system
- A. must continue until Christ, the Stone, destroys its final revival at His second coming.
- B. was uprooted by the Papacy in 554 A.D.
- C. ended forever with the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D.
- D. was followed by 10 kingdoms which existed in various parts of Europe at the same time.
54. The first three horns John saw—the Heruli, Vandals and the Ostrogoths—
- A. never ruled in and over Rome.
- B. were destroyed when the "Millenium" was set up by Justinian in 554 A.D.
- C. were uprooted by the Roman Catholic Church.
- D. healed the beast's "deadly wound."
55. The destructive Roman Empire
- A. was completely destroyed in 476 A.D. and it has remained dead ever since.
- B. has had several successive church-dominated revivals.
- C. has been abandoned as the ideal of European planners.
- D. will not rise again in our time.
56. The breach, or "deadly wound," caused by barbarian invasions of the Roman Empire was healed by the revival under
- A. Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini.
- B. Otto the Great.
- C. Napoleon Bonaparte.
- D. Justinian in 554 A.D., called the "Imperial Restoration."
57. The Roman Empire ascended out of the symbolic "bottomless pit" in
- A. 1870 with Garibaldi's unification of Italy.
- B. 1914 with the beginning of World War I.
- C. 1939 with the beginning of World War II.
- D. 1814 with Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo.
58. The most recent revival—the sixth—of this destructive Romish government was politically dominated by
- A. Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini.
- B. Napoleon.
- C. Charlemagne.
- D. Kaiser Wilhelm.
59. The final, world-dominating, Romish revival to rule in your own lifetime
- A. will be a union of the United States of America and the Roman Catholic Church.
- B. will be composed of the united countries of Fascist Europe dominated by the Roman Catholic Church.
- C. will be led by Communist Russia and the powers of world atheism.
- D. will not force people to disobey God.
60. How has Protestantism remained irrevocably bound to "Mother" Rome?
- A. Certainly not by retaining some of her doctrines.
- B. By retaining Satan's deadly "Mark of the Beast"—Sunday observance.
- C. In no way, since Protestantism never came out of the Roman Catholic Church.
- D. By believing in and practicing democratic church government.
61. The day of the sun pictures
- A. God's Millennium of peace and plenty.
- B. Christ's resurrection.
- C. the destruction of the incorrigible wicked in the Lake of Fire.
- D. the rule of God's sons whose bodies will shine like the sun.

Lesson 32

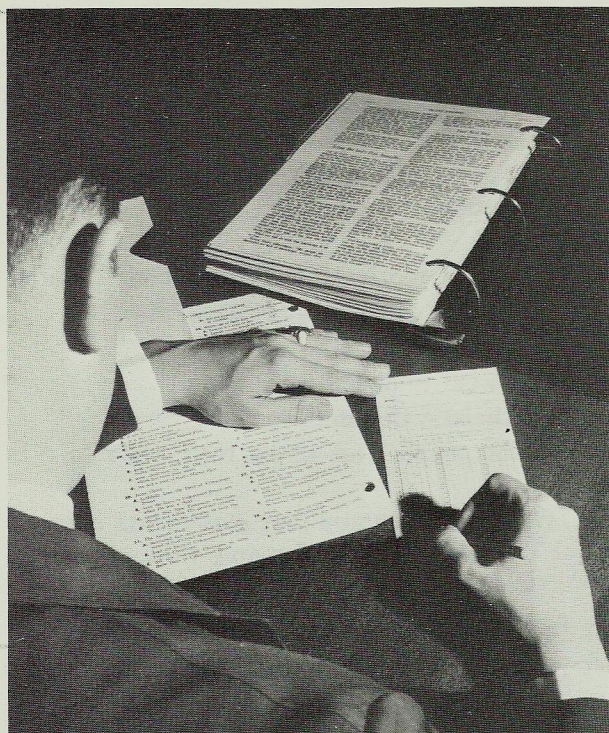
"MARK OF THE BEAST" TO BE ENFORCED AGAIN!



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62. The revived Roman Empire will be centered
- among English-speaking peoples.
 - in Continental Europe, the area of the ancient Roman Empire.
 - inside the Iron Curtain.
 - in darkest Africa.
63. Which *one* of these four is *not* an admitted goal of the Roman Church?
- World domination through religion.
 - World domination through politics.
 - Enforcing church teachings on the entire population of the world.
 - Playing a minor role in world politics.
64. What will be the excuse to justify the existence of the coming Roman church-state union?
- "The furtherance of world peace."
 - Religious persecution.
 - The enforcement of Sunday.
 - The destruction of mankind.
65. What does the Papacy need to achieve world dominion?
- The support of world Communism.
 - The encouragement of the World Council of Churches.
 - The leadership of the Western democracies.
 - Military power to compel people to obey its orders.
66. What great mistake did the Western allies make at the end of World War II?
- Executing German war criminals.
 - Dropping the atomic bomb.
 - The rearming of Germany to protect the West from Communism.
 - Not attacking Russia.
67. Which *one* of these four is *not* an obstacle to the Roman Catholic plan for "world peace"?
- The United States of America.
 - Protestantism.
 - The democracies of Northwestern Europe.
 - Fascist European nations.
68. The "seven heads" of the Beast of Revelation 17
- are the same as the seven heads of the first Beast of Revelation 13.
 - are the same as the *last* seven horns of the "healed" Beast in Revelation 13.
 - were not all to be dominated by the Catholic Church.
 - ended with Napoleon when the Holy Roman Empire split up in 1814.
69. The sixth head of the Beast of Revelation 17 was
- the rise of the British Commonwealth.
 - the rise of Premier Stalin of the U.S.S.R.
 - the sixth emperor of ancient Rome, before 554 A.D.
 - the insignificant, short-lived resurrection of the Roman Empire under Hitler and Mussolini.
70. Mussolini
- did not officially proclaim his empire to be the "Roman Empire."

- B. presided over one of the stronger, longer-lasting resurrections of the Roman Empire.
- C. made no effort to conquer other countries to add to his "empire."
- D. acknowledged the supremacy of the Pope.
71. How many nations, or groups of nations, will comprise the Beast's final revival (Rev. 17)?
- A. Three.
- B. Six.
- C. Seven.
- D. Ten.
72. The ten horns of the Beast in Revelation 17 and the ten toes of Daniel's dream image (Dan. 2:42)
- A. represent ten successive governments.
- B. represent ten contemporaneous governments that have already risen and fallen.
- C. both picture ten kings who will unite to form the last resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire."
- D. have no particular meaning for our time.
73. The final revival of the "Holy" Roman Empire
- A. may endure longer than the other revivals.
- B. will have already ended before Christ returns.
- C. will be the signal that the return of Christ is *very near*.
- D. will be solidly united.
74. Which *one* of these four was a major step towards European unity?
- A. The American Nazi Party.
- B. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- C. The European Economic Community.
- D. The World Council of Churches.
75. Under only which supreme authority can all the differing nations of Europe unite?
- A. Protestantism.
- B. The Pope.
- C. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- D. The European Economic Community.
76. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. The nations in the territory of the old Roman Empire desire world peace.
- B. Ten European nations will unite *without* the Pope as the supreme authority over all.
- C. The coming united Roman Empire may well be called "The United States of Europe."
- D. The people of Europe are not now all Catholic.
77. Who will motivate the Fascist civil leader and the great false religious leader?
- A. Satan the Devil.
- B. Jewish financial interests.
- C. Atheistic Communism.
- D. The people over whom they will rule.
78. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*? The Papacy will demand that all people must
- A. worship the Beast—the revived Roman Empire.
- B. worship the Image of the Beast—the Roman Catholic Church.
- C. keep God's seventh-day Sabbath.
- D. worship on Sunday.
79. People who *do* worship the Beast and its image and observe Sunday, will
- A. be martyred by Sabbath-keepers.
- B. suffer the Seven Last Plagues of Almighty God's wrath.
- C. be permitted to escape to a place of safety.
- D. receive God's blessings along with the False Prophet.
80. To escape both the wrath of God and the Devil, you should
- A. flee to the mountains and hide.
- B. turn to God quickly for His divine protection and obey Him.
- C. flee from all centers of population to escape hydrogen bomb destruction.
- D. build a fall-out shelter.
81. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. God will not punish you if you don't repent and obey Him.
- B. God will not protect any person He doesn't rule.
- C. Spiritually lazy Christians will suffer in the coming martyrdom.
- D. Lukewarm Christians will suffer terribly in the tribulation just ahead.



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Be sure to check each answer before you mail your answer card to us for grading.

Now That You've Finished . . .

Fill out your answer card as instructed on page 3. After doing this, check over your completed answer card with the answers you circled in the test to be *absolutely sure* you placed the X's in the proper squares. Also check to see that your name and address has been *PRINTED CORRECTLY* on the mailing label! If you have moved or changed your name, please print the changes on the label.

Mail your completed answer card back to us by just adding postage and dropping it into a mail box. But be sure not to bend or fold it. Smooth cards help us to speed the grading of thousands of test cards every month.

BE SURE TO *KEEP THIS EIGHTH TEST*. Notice that it has three holes punched in its margin. This is so you can *file it in your notebook* after the four lessons it covers.

REVIEW these questions occasionally. Why? Because reviewing will impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind. And reviewing the false answers given for each question will help you to realize more clearly some of the *false* ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the *truth* much better when it is presented to you in future lessons.

What our STUDENTS SAY

Lessons 29-30

"I have just received Lesson 29 of the Bible Correspondence Course and see it is illustrated throughout. I didn't think this study could be more interesting than it was, but this lesson looks even more exciting than the others. Just today I read the article 'Did God Create a Devil,' so this lesson corresponds.

"I just wanted to write and tell you how thankful I am that God has led me to His Church. I'm very grateful to all of you who work so diligently that others like myself can come to know more and more truths and have a fuller life. At first (3 years ago) I thought I'd never be able to grasp the message. But after prayer, unlearning and relearning it's finally coming through. Your overlapping articles are wonderful and after much repetition I'm beginning to know where to go in the Bible for help."

— Mrs. D. M. H., Jacksonville, Arkansas

"I must say, in regard to the Correspondence Course, I was beginning to allow my zeal for it to grow kind of dull. Then came Lesson 29, with the very interesting subject 'The origin of Satan and Sunday' and my very first lesson with pictures. I guess I never realized before what a great purpose pictures could serve in stirring up zeal and new interest in something. In a way it is almost like receiving the Course for the very first time. Thank you very much."

— Johnnie P., Ridgeland Mississippi

"Please accept my sincere appreciation for your speedy action in regards to my Bible les-

RELATED STUDY HELPS

Be sure to request your copy of the free booklets and reprinted articles listed below, if you do not already have them. They will help you further understand the subjects covered in Lessons 29, 30, 31 and 32.

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Who is the "BEAST"?
The MARK of the BEAST

sons. I suppose I was a bit impatient and I am sorry, but this Bible Correspondence Course has become a very important thing in my life. I received Lesson 29 by air mail and I am in receipt of Lesson 30, so now I am up to date again and on schedule. The illustrated lessons are excellent. I continue to marvel at the fact that such priceless Bible study is available to those who will accept it — and for free. I think the least anyone can do is to contribute their tithe money to Ambassador College, which is what I intend to do. I shall consider it an honor and a privilege.”

— Dick C., Solomons, Maryland

Reviewing

“I have received the test, completed it, and while awaiting the results and my future lesson, have started a general review of the lessons. I find I’m reading not only the scriptures signified, but the surrounding scriptures also. I find the Course adequate, but I feel it’s not until you review prayerfully that the message gets clear. I’ve groped around for years and never got anywhere. I’ve finally found something with meaning and understanding. Keep up the good work.”

— Paul H., Lac La Ronge,
Saskatchewan, Canada

“I have taken your Bible Course, and maybe you think I have given up because I have not sent in my test for the first four lessons. But, I am doing a lot of research on my own. I am about ready to take this test, and will send it in soon. After being a . . . for so many years, I was pretty well indoctrinated and had to prove so many things for myself. I have never been able to read the Bible and understand it as I can now.”

— Man, St. Louis, Missouri

• *Glad to see you’re proving all things.*

Lesson 31

“I am writing to let you know how much I enjoyed my first illustrated Correspondence Course Lesson 31. I have been looking forward to receiving them since I heard they would be illustrated and the time I waited was well worth it. It seemed to be more alive, more real, (not that I haven’t enjoyed the rest of the Correspondence Course) but this seemed to put more meaning into it and I am looking forward now to receiving my next one.”

— Mrs. Ted P., Greensboro, North Carolina

“After reading and studying the 31st lesson I feel I have to write to you. I have found in this

lesson something that takes me back more than 27 years. I was born in Germany, and I also went to school there in the time of Hitler’s greatness. In every history lesson in school we were told of Hitler’s greatness and what he intended to do . . . I would like to thank you with all my heart for this priceless free Course that has brought God into our home and life in a way we never knew Him before. Believe me, we wouldn’t give it up for anything.”

— Mrs. L., New South Wales, Australia

Wants to Prove God

“For some time I have been giving some serious thought to tithing. But, being an hourly rated worker and owing debts, I didn’t see how I could afford to tithe. I thought I would wait until I was out of debt to try it. Also my car is a vintage model, and if I don’t soon get a better one I will be riding the bus.

“I received Lesson 17, and in it you had written an open letter, in which you explained that the unconverted should tithe as well as the converted. I am not converted, but as of now I am going to take God at his word and ‘prove him.’ I am sending you ten percent of this week’s gross pay. I will continue to do so, and try to keep my creditors happy at the same time.

“You are the only person who has ever given me an explanation of the Scriptures which I can accept as correct. I cannot thank you and your staff enough for these wonderful lessons.”

— Ray P., Cleveland, Ohio

“The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course has come to be much more than I expected it to be. It really makes Bible study interesting. Christ’s Message and His Throne — the arms race — prophecy — science — history — natural disasters — debt — The World Tomorrow — the Course is becoming an education in itself. Matthew 24:14 is coming to be fulfilled beautifully not only in the Course, but in all the articles and booklets as well. I want to be sure and THANK YOU for the Course.”

— David H., Portland, Oregon

Lesson 32

“I’ve received lessons 31 and 32. The pictures, letters from students, etc., really liven it up and make it come to life. For example, the pictures of the cremation ovens in Lesson 32. I had heard of these and their other means of torture, but this brought it to stark reality!”

— Mrs. Melven A., Canton, Texas

“I am now on Lesson 32 of your Bible Course

and it has done so much for me. The Bible is no longer a mystery to me as I know where to find different subjects with ease. When I started this Course the Bible had always been a book that I could not get interested in as I did not know a thing about it and could not find any subject."

— R. L., Paducah, Kentucky

"I just finished my 32nd lesson of this wonderful Correspondence Course. It's the first time I read a lesson over twice before doing it. This one just held me spellbound — maybe it was the material therein that really "shook" me, but the illustrations and longer, more explanatory comments helped a lot. From this lesson I get a much clearer understanding of how things are in the world and just what to expect in the future."

— Ruth G., Bayonne, New Jersey

Relief!

"I just completed the first lesson of the Bible Correspondence Course. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude. I think the only word that can describe my feeling is relief! At last a source with which to really study the

Bible and learn from the Bible, instead of just taking someone else's interpretation. All my life I've heard people say: 'The Bible can be interpreted many ways.' I can't say that I believed or disbelieved that statement. I just didn't think about it. To me it was just an impressive book that everyone seemed to have. Now that I have respect for the Bible and am reading it, I feel that no interpretation is needed. It is plainly written. I am really looking forward to my next lesson."

— W. G., Cincinnati, Ohio

Couldn't Afford it

"I would like to thank you for making the Bible Correspondence Course a completely tuition-free course. One could almost expect it to be free if it was a cheap and rather ridiculously made Bible test. But it is the most interesting and thoughtfully constructed course I have ever seen. Since I started taking the Bible Course, I have learned more than I ever could have learned without its help. I am very grateful that the Bible Correspondence Course is free, because if it had a price I am sure that I could not afford it."

— Man, Los Angeles, California

an open letter from

THE EDITOR

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WHAT IS THE *SOURCE* of these religious beliefs? What is the religious *AUTHORITY*?

I suppose most people would answer that God is their authority — the source of their beliefs. But IS HE? Does God tell the Roman Catholics to believe one thing, the Protestants to believe something different, and the Jews something different from the other two? Did all the hundreds of differing and disagreeing sects and denominations calling themselves "Christian" receive their varying faiths from the *SAME SOURCE*? Quite obviously not!

The Roman Catholic Church claims it has authority to bring Jesus Christ down out of heaven, and put Him in a little wafer. That is to say, they teach that the *bread* used at communion during mass is, literally, the actual *BODY* of Christ — not merely a symbol, but Jesus' body, literally changed into that bread.

Now it was reported that while a priest was passing out the little round wafers in a very old church in Europe, one wafer fell off the plate,

and rolled through a crack in the floor. Under the church floor it was eaten by a rat. One might ask, "Can *Christ* be eaten by a rat? What *kind* of a Christ do you have?" Perhaps the answer is in II Corinthians 11:3-4: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth *another Jesus*, whom we have not preached . . ."

A man I know met a staunch believer in the Moslem religion. A discussion followed regarding the relative merits of the Bible and the Koran — of Jesus and of Mohammed. Suddenly the Moslem asked, "Do you believe in your God enough to *fight for Him*?"

"No, my God doesn't need me to fight for Him," replied my friend.

"WHAT? You don't *fight* for your God," exclaimed the Moslem in shocked disbelief. "Why, what kind of a God do you have, that you don't fight for Him? Every Moslem believes in his god so much that he will go out and *fight for him*!"

"Yes, I know," replied my friend. "You have to fight to *protect* your god, because he can't protect himself or do anything for *you*. But my

God is a *living God* — the all-powerful, Supreme, Eternally *Living God*. My God fights my battles for me. My God is Supreme, and therefore I *obey Him*. He RULES me, and guides me in the way I ought to go for my own welfare and happiness. But He also *does things for me*. He tells me to love my enemies — and HE will fight my battles for me. He heals me when I am sick. He is a *living God* — not a dead god. He makes even my enemies to be at peace with me. He guides me in the way I ought to go, He rules me, and then *He does things for me* — things I could not do for myself.

“You see,” my friend continued, “there is only one *living God*. But nearly all the people in the world worship and serve dead gods. The Buddhist carries his little wooden god around in his pocket. Other people make up their own gods. Their gods are the work of their own hands — the invention of their own minds. But I am the creation of *my God*! I didn’t make Him — He made *me*.”

Now we ought to begin to see the answer to the question, how can these differing religious groups compromise and get together? Their beliefs, their customs, are the inventions of HUMANS. In actual fact, they did not receive their beliefs from the true and *living God* — or from His Word, the Bible. Their religions are of HUMAN ORIGIN. Therefore humans feel at liberty to alter or change their own beliefs and ways.

“But,” one asks, “didn’t they all receive their beliefs out of the BIBLE?” The answer is an emphatic NO!

Didn’t you ever wonder WHY people talk about their various INTERPRETATIONS of the Bible? Take, for instance, Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is *death*; but the *gift* of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Most “Christian” religions INTERPRET THAT — which is to say, they *change its meaning*, to make it say precisely the opposite. They claim that the MAN is an “immortal soul.” Man, therefore, they believe, already *has* eternal life — he CANNOT DIE! So, they INTERPRET this verse to MEAN the very opposite of what it SAYS, thus: “The wages of sin is ETERNAL LIFE (in hell); and eternal life is NOT the gift of God.”

There are others who INTERPRET “death” to mean “separation from God,” and “gift of eternal life” to mean “eternal life which is NOT a gift, but which you already possess, spent in the geographical *presence* of Christ.”

This is the dishonest process by which religious bodies make the Bible say whatever they want it to say. Peter speaks of this twisting, distorting, and wresting of the Scriptures, “which

they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, BEWARE lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness” (II Peter 3:16-17).

We ought to understand, therefore, how those who, like the Roman Catholic Church, reject the Bible as the supreme AUTHORITY — setting themselves, as a CHURCH, ahead of it as supreme authority (saying they have power to CHANGE the Bible — as they claim to have done by changing God’s Sabbath to Sunday); or those who *change* the Bible to suit their own ideas and wishes by INTERPRETING it their own way — we ought now to understand how they can compromise and GET TOGETHER.

But do they even HAVE the one true *living God*?

Just what determines WHO, or WHAT is your God? Actually, most people do not realize the true answer. WHOEVER, or WHATEVER you worship, fasten your affection on, and *serve*, is your GOD.

One’s country may — and often does — become one’s god. Through a wrong kind of patriotism, many WORSHIP their country. Here is a Bible definition: “And they WORSHIPPED the dragon [Satan] which gave power unto the beast [Roman Empire]: and they WORSHIPPED the beast, saying, ‘WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?’” (Rev. 13:4.)

Satan is the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4). People do not think of him as the Devil — but as their GOD. People unwittingly serve Satan, obey Satan, accept his lies and believe them and call them truth.

And people worshipped *their country*, the Roman Empire, by saying, “WHO IS AS GREAT AS OUR COUNTRY? WHO IS ABLE TO FIGHT AGAINST OUR COUNTRY?” Your BIBLE says *that is WORSHIP!*

Whoever, or WHATEVER you serve and obey becomes your god. Your Bible says, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto *death*, or of OBEDIENCE [to God’s Law] unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16.)

The very name — or title — “LORD” *means* MASTER, or RULER, or the ONE YOU OBEY. Do you not understand what Jesus meant when He said, “And why call ye me ‘LORD, LORD,’ and *do not* the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46.) To call Jesus “LORD,” or “MASTER,” is to call

Him *the One you OBEY*. To call Him that while you disobey Him is to LIE!

So let's come to a RIGHT UNDERSTANDING of just WHO the true GOD *really is!* Let's see WHY this world's churches are able to compromise, and GET TOGETHER, and talk about UNITING.

The one and only TRUE God is the EVERliving God who RULES by His spiritual Law of LOVE, summed up by the Ten Commandments — and who actually *does things* for those who OBEY Him and RELY ON Him!

No church has the TRUE God unless that church OBEYS God's Law — keeping *all* of His Commandments, living actually by EVERY WORD of the *entire* Bible (Luke 4:4), and unless it relies on Him, and Him alone for fighting its battles (against people or Satan), for healing, for guidance and direction, wisdom and understanding — for those things which are the prerogatives of God to do, and not man.

There can be but *one* such Church.

That Church must be the INSTRUMENT through which the one living God proclaims to the whole world — all continents — the *same Gospel* of the KINGDOM OF GOD which Jesus preached. That Church proclaims the Message of the *living* God — that He is universe-RULER as well as Creator — it proclaims the coming restoration of HIS GOVERNMENT over the earth — it serves the *living* God who rules with HIS LAW of love to God and love to neighbor, expressed in the Ten Commandments — the *living* God who leads and guides and rules our lives — who intervenes in our behalf — who *does things for us* which we are unable to do for ourselves — who works in and through us — who by His Spirit impregnates us, enters literally within us and lives HIS life *in us*.

There *is* one such Church and *only one*. Since it is ruled and guided by the *living* God, whose written Word *means* what it says, it cannot and will not compromise or unite with the churches of this world. It functions by the POWER of the *living God!*

This is the same *living* God who guided Noah in building the ark — who saved Noah and his family from the Flood. This is the *living God* whom Abraham obeyed, and in whom Abraham trusted — who gave the PROMISES! This is the *same God* who guided and prospered Joseph — protected, delivered, rewarded him — because Joseph *obeyed* Him. This is the same God who guided David, as a lad, when he went up against the ten-foot tall Goliath who dared to mock the *living God*.

This is the same *living* God who sent plagues on the Egyptians — *passed over* Israelites,

spared them from death — delivered them from slavery — parted the waters of the Red Sea.

This is the identical, same *living* God who fought the armies of Assyria for Judah's King Hezekiah, when the Assyrian Shalmanezar denied the *power* of the Everliving God.

This is the same *living* God who fought the battle for Judah when the Jews were attacked by the armies of three allied enemies — as a result of the *obedience and faith* of King Jehoshaphat — the God who said: "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

This is the same *living* God who intervened to save Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the burning fiery furnace, when they obeyed and trusted Him, saying to the King: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He *will* deliver us out of thine hand, O King!"

Isn't it time we asked: Is *this* the God of AMERICA — of BRITISH nations — of EUROPE? Do *we* rely on HIM to fight our battles — or do we rely on our own military strength and on human allies who will turn against us?

Is *this* the God of Protestantism — or of Roman Catholicism, and do they *serve* Him by keeping all His Commandments? Or do they disobey, twisting, perverting, and wresting His WORD by saying Jesus did away with God's Commandments? Do they trust HIM as their Great Physician, or rely on human doctors, who *practice* on them with drugs and medicines, when they are sick?

Jesus said: "*Think not* that I am come to destroy the law" — so they think He *did* destroy it! God said, "REMEMBER!" in one of His Commandments — so *that* is the Commandment they *forget*.

The ETERNAL is the *living* God who is very soon going to RISE IN JUDGMENT against our nations — against these religions — which deny Him, disobey Him, trust in any and everything *except* Him, and in fact serve dead gods, in the form of interests, pursuits, sports, entertainments, love of money, pride, vanity, and selfishness.

To serve and obey God is to go *the way* that leads into peace, happiness, prosperity, and JOY. I know! I started on that way over forty years ago, and it has led me into those rewards.

The DAY OF RECKONING is fast swooping down on this rebellious world. God says He will do nothing, except He reveal it to His servants and prophets (Amos 3:7). HE HAS REVEALED IT — I HAVE PROCLAIMED IT!