

Great Controversy Series
Protesting the Evil and Exposing The Lie
“My Protest Is Not Over, Is Yours”
Chapter 34 - Can Our Dead Speak to Us?
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We are NO DOUBT the last generation. Time and the earth as we know it will soon pass away. We are at the end of the investigative judgment? Are you rooted and ground in the TRUTH today? **Are you investigating the word of God for yourself and applying the precious treasure Bible truth in your life?** Is your love for the truth GREATER than Satan’s hate for it? **Is your zeal to give the everlasting gospel that will spark persecution on your life GREATER than Satan’s zeal to stop it?**

Only those who are rooted and grounded in the TRUTH will make it through great storm that is already brewing! Are you ready? Have you forsaken the world and sin and holding on to the TRUE Jesus of the Bible?

What will happened to those who do not have a love for the truth and live by the truth in these last days?

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 Even him, whose coming is after the **working of Satan** with **all power** and **signs** and **lying wonders**,

10 And with **all deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had **pleasure in unrighteousness**.

Those who do not have a love for the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness WILL be swept away by Satan’s delusional and mesmerizing lies! They will be a part of the great majority of the world who will wonder and worship the dragon and the beast! Who is that beast? Papal Rome

Papal Rome’s History of Darkness

When you have a deep love for the truth, you will expose and protest against the lies of Satan. **At the time of Martin Luther, Papal Rome for over 900 years had clouded their empire in spiritual darkness by hiding the Word of Truth from the people.** They kept the Bible in darkness from the people. They mainly kept copies of the Bible that was written in the language of Latin in which most people did not speak in over a thousand years. **Even those copies of the Bible were scarcely kept away and chained in monasteries and libraries.** As long as Papal Rome were able to keep the people in the dark with the guise of Christianity they were able to accumulate wealth and power!

The Papal Roman Empire depicted as the little horn in Daniel chapters 7 and 8 and the leopard-beast in Revelation chapter 13 ruled from 538 to 1798 AD, as prophesied, was an apostate church that left the truth of God’s word and embraced pagan worship in exchange for increased membership, political power, and money. They adopted the **sun worship of pagan Rome**, in which God called a great abomination in Ezekiel 8:16. They integrated a religious systems of superstitious pagan rites and rituals to keep the people in submission to them. The priest and clergy were invested with titles and roles that only belong to God. They taught the people that their path to salvation and heaven was through the pope, the priests, rituals, and the Eucharist (Catholic Mass).

Certificate of Indulgences

One of the biggest lies that Papal Rome was able to promote with great success were the sell of certificates of indulgences. Paper certificates were sold as a way to “pay” for forgiveness in advance and indulge in sin. It was also told that indulgences could be bought for the dead as a way to atone for the sins of the dead! Papal Rome

used the money from indulgences to build their grand buildings such as the famous St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican. Papal Rome's power, wealth, beautiful churches, is built on lies, deception, and suppression of the truth. Today, indulgences have taken another form, "You can still indulge in sin as long you go to Mass, priest confessional, and pilgrimages."

Anyone who opposed and protested against the lies of Papal Rome were persecuted and millions killed. Those including many of the priest under the oppressive rule of Papal Rome were in deep spiritual darkness. **God out of deep love for people and His truth lit the candle of truth in the darkness among some Catholic priests who learn the truth of God's word through the study of the Bible.**

John Wycliffe

In the 1300's God raised up of a priest, John Wycliffe. He accepted the light and exposed the lies of Papal Rome and revealed the Bible truth to the people. He translated the Latin Bible from Latin English to spread the light of truth throughout land. **John Wycliffe the was forerunner** of the protestant reformation and greatly hated by the Papal Rome! Papal Rome is unable to kill Wycliffe so they dug up his bones and burn them forty years later after his death and poured his ashes in the nearby creek that led to the outer most shores of Europe.

Martin Luther

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther, another priest who developed love for the truth after reading and understanding the Bible for himself received the torch of the protestant reformation by nailing 95 theses on the church wall in Wittenburg, Germany exposing the deceptions and lies of Papal Rome and their indulgences. People from all over Germany were there in celebration of all saints day, the celebration of the dead, received a shock that reverberated throughout Germany and shook Papal Rome like a 9.3 magnitude earthquake. **Luther's action catapulted the protestant reformation to great heights.** The light of God's Word was piercing through darkest throughout Germany and other parts of the Papal Roman empire.

Luther with boldness exposed the papacy's works of darkness. He called for reform back to the Bible, but they refused. Luther had no choice, but to separate himself from the "unfruitful works of darkness," and do a work of true reformation among the people. He also exposed the papacy as the anti-christ, as depicted in Bible prophecy. Papal Rome tried their best to kill Luther and stop the reformation. The more Papal try to stop it by persecuting and killing other faithful people of God the bigger it grew.

There is no doubt that Luther's actions on October 31, 1517 was one of the biggest and boldness social media POST in his day that is still felt and appreciated today by the faithful people of God!

Do you stand by Luther post?

Today, do you still stand by Luther's post? Do you still "like" it? Or have you "unliked" it. Papal Rome refused to be reformed back into the truth of God's word. They refused to be united with God's word and hold on to pagan rituals and man-made commandments. **Papal Rome from the very beginning HATED Luther's post with a passion. If Luther posted it on Facebook today, they would have click on the "Angry" emoji!**

From that bold post on October 31, 1517, the light of God's Word shined brighter and brighter. **Where ever the protestant movement marched on the darkness of Papal Rome gave way to the light of God's TRUTH. Millions were unshackled from the oppressive lies, rituals, and pagan superstitions of Papal Rome.**

Many protestants for the first time read Jesus' post in John 8:32, 36

John 8:32, 36

32 And ye shall know the **truth**, and the **truth shall make you free.**

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Those who had a love for the truth and a quest for true freedom in Christ push forth the light of truth and exposed the lies of Papal Rome. They protested against the atrocities of the papacy. **Because of the protestant reformation Papal Rome was losing its grip on the minds and wallets of the people.**

Jesuit Order

Not willing to give up, Papal Rome plotted and released one of its most successful plans to combat the protestant reformation by establishing the Jesuit Order also known as the Society of Jesus founded Ignatius Loyola in 1534 approximately 19 years after Luther made his nailed his post in Wittenburg. The Jesuits are specialized “army” of priest whose main orders is to dismantle and defeat the protestant reformation.

“When appearing as members of their order [Jesuits], they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed... The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery.” - GC 235

Ecumenical Movement

In the garb of “**unity and peace**” the papacy over the years have established one of the world most influential and powerful ecumenical movements to stop the protesting and bring all reformation under its wings.

Does the Bible predict that their ecumenical movement would be a great success?

Revelation 13:3-4

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? **who is able to make war with him?**

The beast, Papal Rome, has been very successful in stopping the protests through its ecumenical movement. In verse 4, it says that all those who worship the beast say, “who is able to make **war** with him”? War can be depicted as a fight, strife, or protest. In other words, they are saying, “who is able to protest against Papal Rome.” Here the Bible predicts that the time will come when the apostate protestant Christian churches, along with other world religions and others will unite with Papal Rome and officially declare that the “protest is over.” - who is able to make war with the beast? When this declaration is made know that time will soon to end!

Has that time arrived?

On October 31, 2017, on the 500th year anniversary of when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the wall of Wittenburg, the papacy and apostate protestants will join together in Wittenburg and other places around the world to celebrate the “official” death of the protestant reformation. They will (have) declare that the protestant reformation is over and they have united together in “christian unity and love.” Prophecy fulfilled! They will declare “who is able to protest against Papal Rome?”

Even before this date many protestant churches have signed official documents with the papacy such as the Lutherans and the Methodist to declare that their protest against Papal Rome is over. Even the Seventh-day Adventist church leadership have made ecumenical amends with Papal Rome, the beast!

Leading evangelical churches and Catholics have gone on “tour” announcing the death of Protestantism.

For example:

Kairos 2017 Conference Kansas City, MS. Website: www.kairos2017.com - "In October 2017, this will be an historic conference with leaders from Catholic, Protestant & Orthodox Churches. This year is a year of destiny. We believe that GOD is calling His people to unity in Christ, as Jesus prayed in John 17. "...so the world would believe that GOD sent His Son." This unity is not about doctrines, but on spiritual unity, recognizing the contributions of each diverse group, the hope of which can bring healing and revival to the nation!

"Unity & Revival: Come & Experience this Pivotal Event in History where Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Leaders set aside their differences to reconcile 500 years of Forgiveness."

At Kairos 2017 in Kansas City, MS televangelist Ken Copeland proclaimed that the protest is over and that they have united in harmony with the papacy! Matter of fact he said one of the favorite times in his life is when he met with Pope Francis!

How did the modern protestant churches get mesmerized and sucked into Papal Rome ecumenical vacuum of deception?

They lost their love of the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. They had pleasure in worldliness and lust. They had pleasure in indulging in sin.

Are you still a protestant? Did you know that Jesus is a protestant? It is His protest out of love to combat the forces of evil to save us from sin. It is His protest against the rulers of the darkness of this world, to free us from the bondage of sin. It is His protests against the lies of Satan to reveal the truth to the world through is Word! It is the protest of Jesus that nailed Him to an old rugged cross.

Jesus still calls us to protest evil, expose the lies of Satan, and give the everlasting gospel with the zeal and might of the Holy Spirit!

Jesus declares for his true protestants to...

Isaiah 58:1

1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Ezekiel 9:4

4 ...sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Are you still a protestant that will hold up the banner of truth and give the loud cry message like never before! The time is now! We are to call God's people who hear the voice of Jesus to get out of Babylon! Yes, you will be persecuted, tortured, and some of you killed! The time is ticking. Now is the time to hit the streets and give the loud cry message! Give Bible studies of truth exposing the man of sin and revealing the truth about the commandments of God and the true Jesus Christ. This is a great mission now. We have no more time to build great buildings. We must be investing in getting the truth to the streets! Not building big homes and big churches. This is it! Are you a true protestant? Only your actions and commitment show that you have true love for the truth and that you are a true protestant! God is calling to the field personally to do a personal work in these last days. Are you up for the challenge?

Remember, what was Satan's first great deception?

Genesis 3:4

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

“Ye shall not surely die,” Satan’s greatest and first deceptions that spun this world into chaos. What did God say, “Thou shalt surely die” if they ate from the forbidden tree. Satan was inferring to Eve that if she disobeyed and sinned against God that she will not really be dead, but still have consciousness and life even though her body is buried in the grave. In other words, Satan is saying that humans are naturally immortal and not subject to die nor lose consciousness, even if they sin against God.

Briefly how do we know that this is a lie?

1 Timothy 6:16 reveals that only God has immortality

Ecclesiastes 9:5, & 10

5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

Acts 2:29

29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Acts 2:34

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand.

The dead know not anything! There is not consciousness after death that is a lie! We learned from our previous study that those who die in Christ are sleep waiting the second coming of Jesus to resurrected them from the graves, 1 Thessalonians 4:16. This is when the faithful will receive the gift of immortality from Jesus, everlasting life. The wicked will be destroyed, burn up to ashes in hell. They will not be immortal burning in hell forever.

Spiritualism, A Lie From Satan

The belief that man is naturally immortal and cannot “surely” die is known as “spiritualism.” The immortality of the soul is the root of spiritualism. Its branches of other lies root from the immortality of the soul.

Did you know that spiritualism is the core belief in paganism, new age, Buddhism, Hinduism, and many other false religions of the world? This is to be expected to some extent among religious who don’t profess God, the Creator or make any claims about Jesus Christ and His Holy Word.

Where do you think spiritualism is most prominent and taught to billions around the world?

Spiritualism is MOST prominent among professed “Christian” religions and denominations around the world! Spiritualism is in direct opposition to the word of God, but ministers and pastors continue to spread the lie that the dead are not really not but in heaven singing with the angels! Or burning in hell! They are teaching Satan’s lie that humans are natural immortal and cannot die!

Where did most professed Christian churches get this spiritualism lie from?

It is not from the Bible. Many churches got this belief of natural immortality of the soul from Papal Rome coming out of the Dark Ages. Papal Rome adopted it from pagan Rome when they apostatized from the truth of the Bible.

What are three main lies that branches from spiritualism that many mainstream churches today teach along with Papal Rome? And how does Satan use these lies to deceive others?

1) First Lie: Dead love ones are still alive as “angels” who can as ghost appear and communicate with the living

Satan and his demons can appear before the living and impersonate dead loved ones. They can appear to look just like a dead loved one in mannerism and voice. This is a lie!

Job 7:9-10

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the **grave shall come up no more.**

10 He shall **return no more to his house**, neither shall his place know him any more.

As time gets closer to the end there will be an increase manifestations of “dead loved” impersonated by demons that will conflict with the Word of God. Especially, during Mark of the beast crisis, Satan will impersonate departed disciples and declare that God authorized the change of the Sabbath to Sunday! This will wow the majority of the Christian world and deepen the mark of the beast crisis.

Don't play games like you are speaking to the dead or getting involve in away with others like palm readers, psychics, witches, wizard, or “christian prophets” who claim that they can speak to the dead! This is not a game. Demons are real and can take control and possess those who play this deadly game!

“Furthermore, God has expressly forbidden all pretended communication with departed spirits. In the days of the Hebrews there was a class of people who claimed, as do the spiritualists of today, to hold communication with the dead. But the "familiar spirits," as these visitants from other worlds were called, are declared by the Bible to be "the spirits of devils." The work of dealing with familiar spirits was pronounced an abomination to the Lord, and was solemnly forbidden under penalty of death. Leviticus 19:31; 20:27.” GC 556

Isaiah 8:19-20

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

What is a “familiar spirit”?

Familiar Spirit (Hebrew) 'ôb [obe] From the same as H1 (apparently through the idea of prattling a father's name); **properly a mumble**, that is, a water skin (from its hollow sound); hence a **necromancer (ventriloquist**, as from a jar): - bottle, familiar spirit.

Ventriloquism or puppetry is a familiar spirit forbidden by God!

“**Ventriloquism**, or **ventriloquy**, is an act of [stagecraft](#) in which a person (a **ventriloquist**) changes his or her voice so that it appears that the voice is coming from elsewhere, usually a puppeteered "dummy". The act of ventriloquism is **ventriloquizing**, and the ability to do so is commonly called in English the ability to "throw" one's voice.” - Wikipedia - **Ventriloquism**

“Originally, ventriloquism was a religious practice.^[1] The name comes from the Latin for *to speak from the stomach*, i.e. *venter* (belly) and *loqui* (speak).^[2] The Greeks called this gastromancy ([Greek](#): εγγαστριμυθία). The noises produced by the stomach were **thought to be the voices of the unliving**, who took up residence in

the stomach of the ventriloquist. The ventriloquist would then interpret the sounds, as they were thought to be able to speak to the dead, as well as foretell the future.” - Wikipedia - **Ventriloquism**

Remember Satan is the original ventriloquist or puppeteer who was able to “throw” his voice into the snake to speak to Eve.

Leviticus 19:31

31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

(Show example slides of Ventriloquism at the Southern Union SDA church Men’s Prayer Conference entitled “Blessed Is the Man” Gospel Ventriloquist Willie Brown was their entertainment after sunset!)

What does God call those who are ventriloquist, wizards, witches, etc?

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For **all that do these things** are an **abomination** unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

What does the Bible say would happen to those who seek familiar spirits, wizards, ventriloquist, etc?

Leviticus 20:6

6 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.

2) Second Lie: Naturally immorality of the soul says that humans are also like gods. Same lie that Satan told Eve. Spiritualism teaches that humans are naturally good, not evil. Problems in life are not really the fault of your own doing. It teaches how to “tap” into your god self through various forms of mediation, yoga, or contemplative prayer.

The branch from this false belief is humanism, that does not believe in the God of heaven, but see self as god. Most Christian churches have joined humanism, but with the professed belief in a false Jesus that loves and promotes their fleshy desires. This “christian” branch of spiritualism is know as humanism. They believe that “doing good” from themselves and humanity atones for or excuses sin. (Show slide of humanism is the church especially the SDA church).

Humanism is the main belief that is taught in all psychology, counseling, social work, and sociology courses in college. It is a fraud from Satan disguised as something good to help people with their problems.

“While it (spiritualism/humanism) formerly denounced Christ and the Bible, it now professes to accept both. But the Bible is interpreted in a manner that is pleasing to the unrenewed heart, while its solemn and vital truths are made of no effect. Love is dwelt upon as the chief attribute of God, but it is degraded to a weak sentimentalism, making little distinction between good and evil.” - GC 558

3) Third Lie: Another branch of spiritualism is the belief that God will not destroy those who are in sin.

In other words, spiritualism says that nobody really has to have victory over sin because they will go to heaven anyway. This is a lie!

“By representing the basest of men as in heaven, and highly exalted there, Satan says to the world: "No matter how wicked you are; no matter whether you believe or disbelieve God and the Bible. Live as you please; heaven is your home." The spiritualist teachers virtually declare: ‘Everyone that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?’ Malachi 2:17. Saith the word of God: ‘Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness.’ Isaiah 5:20.” - GC 557

Since Satan has gotten the professed Christian world including apostate protestants and Papal Rome to spread his lies of spiritualism, how will he use that to his advantage at the end of time?

“Satan has long been preparing for his final effort to deceive the world. The foundation of his work was laid by the assurance given to Eve in Eden: "Ye shall not surely die." "In the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4, 5. Little by little he has prepared the way for his masterpiece of deception in the development of spiritualism. He has not yet reached the full accomplishment of his designs; but it will be reached in the last remnant of time. Says the prophet: "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs; . . . they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13, 14. Except those who are kept by the power of God, through faith in His word, the whole world will be swept into the ranks of this delusion.” GC 561

The two key LIES that have united the apostate protestants and the papacy is spiritualism and Sunday sacredness. Remember October 31, 2017. Don't forget. They have officially united! The mark of the beast crisis is right upon us!

“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a **bond of sympathy** with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” - GC 588

Not only is the US evangelical churches leading out in this three fold union, but the secular humanist such as Oprah Winfrey is also making the push with her new book entitled, “The Wisdom of Sundays.”

CBS News, October 18, 2017, Oprah Winfrey on new book "Wisdom of Sundays,"

“It's a collection of moments from the two-time Emmy Award-winning series, "Super Soul Sunday," where Winfrey has in-depth conversations with spiritual thinkers, including life coach Tony Robbins, television producer Shonda Rhimes and Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh. She explores topics like forgiveness, personal fulfillment and her own "aha moments" during her Super Soul Sunday conversations.”

Many professed Christians will read this book. It is steep in spiritualism and humanism, also it subtly promotes Sunday sacredness even without saying it. It in the title: “The Wisdom of Sundays”. Beneath the surface it is saying, “The Wisdom of Sun worship.” Beware!

Jesus warns ...

Matthew 24:24

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

We must keep the protestant movement alive and march forward with the truth of God's Word! Deception in the last is not an EXCUSE. If you have a love for the truth and abide in the truth you will not be deceived!

Appeal....

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;