

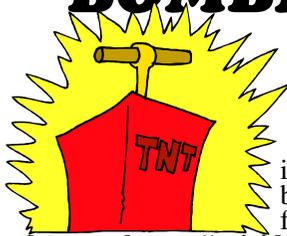
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condemnation, especially upon sensitive people who desire to obey God. But condemnation from God comes upon those who “love darkness rather than light” (Jn. 3:19). Lovers of darkness have many masks. Salvation from God comes to those who “walk in the light!” (1 Jn. 1: 6,7; Rom. 13:11-14; Eph.5:13-21; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1).

John was understandably “glued” to this Harlot, but not out of sympathy or affection for its character or deeds. The angel then asked John, “Why did you marvel?” or Why were you surprised? Why did you wonder? Yet, today’s mass of mankind wonder after the beast. They marvel at the Harlot, but with inner sympathy. They have a connection like an umbilical cord. They get their deepest heart nourishment, not from God and His ways and not from genuine love for Christ, but love for this present world and its great variety of goodies. To all of this mass of humanity, God will not need to ask, but they may ask themselves: “Why did I wonder!?” Too late.

“Wickedness is Wonder-full,” Sin and Satan counterfeit and compete and conflict with God and with God’s Will and Way for man and the earth. Actually, “Wonderful” is one of Christ’s names in Old Testament prophesy! (Isa. 9:6). It is, therefore, no surprise that Satan tries to divert man’s attention, affection and allegiance to himself, using the things of this present world. “Wonder” no longer at the glitter and glamour of Satan’s system; religious or otherwise. Wonder after Him who is called “Wonderful”: Jesus Christ!

SUICIDE BOMBERS



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The above title is not intended to be insensitive nor funny. Most of us know what a “suicide bomber” is, so let me make my application of the definition, by comparison and contrast.

A suicide bomber knows that he or she will die in the process. True Christians should know their text book on warfare. As a result, they know that a true follower of Jesus Christ is called to die to self and sin; die to the world, the flesh and the devil. Such a spiritual suicide bomber is a “terrorist,” indeed, but only to sin or where sin is made comfortable. Sometimes suicide bombers are called homicide bombers, for they kill other people. spiritual suicide bombers follow their Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died to bring Life to others, not death.

So, what kind of bomb does such a bomber use? Dynamite! Jesus told His disciples “You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to ME! Go, therefore into all the world and make disciples!” In those words, the original Greek word for “power” is dunamin/δυναμιν from which we get the word, dynamite! The power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the true believer is a means of bringing death to sin, but life to others lost, captured and bound in sin. “Go to war” in the power of God’s Spirit, bringing LIFE to all!

YES, IT’S ALL CONNECTED (see article inside). Various enormous global evils are listed, but only scratch the surface. Human trafficking, drug cartels, on & on, join the list. God sees it all, & all evil will end up in the same place, along with their participants & promoters. Same-sex & sex change is being promoted with a global “full speed ahead.” But what IS ahead? Judgment, for sure, for they blatantly provoke God by confusing toddlers on this matter. Opposite sex mischief is also sin! The London Christian Standard is based on the early British Methodist founder, John Wesley, who would clearly speak out against all such evils, though with a burning heart of “perfect love!” General “Stonewall” Jackson (born near my hometown in the USA) would deplore his nickname being used to promote such evil as it is today. Disconnect from all sin. Reconnect with Jesus Christ! 100% both ways!

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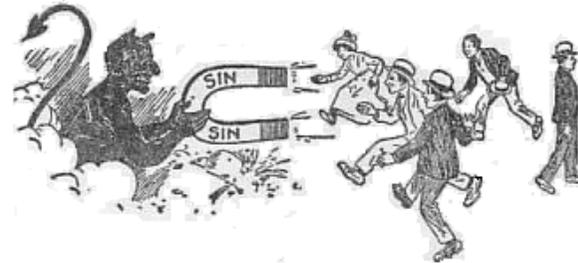
“Lift up a standard for the people.” Isaiah 62:10

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A MAGNET CAN ONLY DRAW THE THINGS THAT RESPOND TO IT.

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things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father, but is of the world.” Just like Eve.

Sin is often preceded by what we could call “Fatal Attraction.” That’s how it started in the Garden of Eden, when Eve was tempted to eat the forbidden fruit. The Bible records the scene, with its hazy, “hypnotized” and hoodwinked logic and lust.

It seemed so good, so acceptable, so right, so innocent. Listen to the record: “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate” (Gen. 3:6). Her error had immediate effect, and spread with unparalleled devastation.

1 John 2: 15, 16 speaks of sin’s basic lures: “Do not love the world or the

Some argue that we cannot “inherit” sin from our forefathers. The truth in Ezekiel 18 and 33 is a beacon of hope, as well as a red flare of warning. It tells us that we all have personal responsibility for our lives and eternal destiny. Because of this, we realise that we are not irreversibly “hooked” to “the sin of our fathers.” Yet also because of this, we are made aware that even years of true righteousness can be abandoned, resulting in our eternal loss in hell.

Moses led the Hebrews out of Egyptian slavery and toward the land God had promised them 400 years

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POLITICAL CORRECTNESS “protects” us from discrimination & alienation by others. Politics involves influencing people & exercising governance/control over them. Such define what is “acceptable” within a given society. The HIGHEST government is the government of God. He has this world under control, though in a way it is out of control. No contradiction. Yet, the world’s people need to give GOD His rightful place, & determine to do what HE deems acceptable! (Ps.19:14; Rom. 12: 1,2; Eph. 5:10; 1 Tim. 2: 3,4; 1 Pet. 2: 1-5). God seeks man’s best. Rebellion is futile (Ps.2; Acts 4: 23-31). Rejection, neglect & even mere “religion” are so tragically empty.

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before. Joshua became the leader and took them in. Trouble soon came, stopping over **1 million people**...all because of the sin of one man, named Achan. His disobedience may seem trivial. God didn't think so.

Achan's sin was apparently not seen by anyone else but God, who halted the nation's advance and guided Joshua in a stunning exposure of this man. See Joshua 7. **Listen to Achan's confession** from verse 21: "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful and costly Babylonian robe, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I wanted them so much that I took them; and I buried them in the ground inside my tent, with the silver at the bottom." *THAT* sounds like the underlined bits on the front page with Eve, and in 1 John.

St. James' epistle describes the same process, as follows: "*Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each person is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is finished [full-grown], brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren*" (Jam. 1:13-16). God *tests*, but doesn't *tempt*. Sin "*finishes*" people off! It grows and completes its job if it is left undisturbed or pampered and protected.

That verse says that sin "*finishes*" in "*death*," but not just a *physical* death.

TYPES OF TERRORISM: God instituted Government, in part, to be a "**terror**" to evil; NOT a terror to good! (Rom. 13:3). Lost humanity, especially those who know God's truth, are a **terror to themselves** (e.g. Jer. 20:4). Because mankind must appear in judgment before God, "*the terror of the Lord*" motivates *true* Christians to bring people to Christ and salvation (2 Cor. 5: 9-11). Thankfully, "*the love of Christ*" (v.14) blends into the Motivating Manifesto of the true Christian to bring people to the salvation God has provided through Jesus. Christ's "**terror**" in turning the tables over shows the wrath of God, not the wrath or reasoning of man (Jam. 1:19-20). He did so to a perverse religious leadership and will do so to a perverse world... it's only a matter of time. (Rev. 6: 15-17; Heb. 10:31; Lk. 12:5). No person can hide anywhere from God (e.g. Amos 9: 1-4).

Sin brings *spiritual* and *eternal* death. *Spiritual* death separates us from God *now*. *Eternal* death separates from God and all good, forever in hell. This is what is referred to by "*the second death*" in Rev. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21: 8).

God's Way is the only way to fully deal with sin. He can do it *now!* **AND** it *must* be done "*in this present world*"- (Gal. 1: 3,4; Titus 2: 11,12). Physical death seals our eternal destiny, after which there are no changes (Lk. 16: 26).

Sin is attractive, alluring, full of wonder... "Wonder-full"! We have looked at this **malignant magnetism** at different stages in the Bible. We saw it with Eve in the first book of the Bible: Genesis. Now, let's look at it in the *last* book: Revelation.

Movies have sensationalized the end-times Bible event: **Armageddon**. The Bible refers to a person called the **Antichrist** and the number **666**, and to "**the false prophet**" and "**the beast**," who join the Antichrist. Of that "beast" the Bible says: "*and all the world wondered after the beast*" (Rev. 13:3). For "*wondered after*," some Bibles have "*marvelled and followed*" or "*was amazed and followed*."

Peoples' attraction to sin *today* leads and prepares them to be "*amazed and follow*" "**the beast**." And even if you die before "**the beast**" comes on the scene, God knows what road you're travelling. The *type* of sin is essentially irrelevant. One sin may attract *you* that is totally repulsive to others. God pronounces judgment on *ALL* sin.

Toward the end of that last book of the Bible, *Revelation*, is another scene of **wonder** and amazement at evil. In chapter 17, we are introduced to the woman sitting on a scarlet coloured

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beast. She is described in almost **celebrity fashion!** Her name is given in verse 5: "*And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*" This title has the import of a superlative earthly evil. It walks the halls of government, the corridors of religion, and footpaths worldwide.

The enormity of this evil captured the attention of the writer, John, and he says: "*And when I saw her, I wondered [marvelled] with great admiration [amazement].*" John's "*admiration*" was due to the following fact: "*I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus*" (17:6). The world "**wondered**" at the "beast." John "**wondered**" at the tragedy of a fallen, perverted and persecuting "church." It was no longer a part of "the bride of Christ," but a prostitute. The **objects AND the manner of their "**wondering**" were far different.**

The "Harlot" and the horrible scene easily portrays the historic persecution of *true* believers at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. But the RCC does not stand alone in condemnation. Persecution like *that*, from *within* the *professed* body of Christ, is not done today as before, but "Christian" harlotry is pandemic!

The Jews were guilty of the persecution and death of God-sent prophets who tried to guide and warn them. Yet, neither do the Jews stand alone condemned. Any individual that refuses to go God's Way is holding hands, love-struck, with "**the beast**," whether or not they are openly rejecting or persecuting, or wilfully ignoring, mocking...or just neglecting (Heb. 2:3).

Satan accuses (Rev. 12:10; Zech. 3:1; Job 1: 9-11) and brings a *false*

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**The darker the night,
the brighter
the light shines!**



IT'S ALL CONNECTED

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St. John declares: "*And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the power of ["wickedness"]- KJV] the wicked one [Satan]*" (1 Jn. 5: 19).

"Wickedness" is connected to "the wicked one!" No matter what kind of **wickedness** it is, and no matter to what degree it holds its sway over an individual or nation or "*the whole world*," **It's All Connected.**

International bankers tighten their control over the world economy. The pharmaceutical, as well as *other* world-controlling industries, **are all connected** in this global evil. "Big Giants" have prosecuted farmers for keeping and preparing their own seeds for the following year! World food supplies are largely in the power of the evil one by means of these huge corporations. Making and keeping mankind ill is one of the biggest rackets the world has ever seen, resulting in a peerless Holocaust. What happens to animals and the environment, is also horrendous. Though the evil *involves* governments and politicians, it is far *bigger* than them. Alongside these and other giants of global wickedness, is each individual inhabitant. It Is All Connected. Many who "expose" evils such as mentioned above could not care less about God nor about living a life fully pleasing and acceptable to Him. These unwittingly come under the same condemnation as those they seek to expose or overthrow, and are heading toward the same eternal destination. Yes, be informed and speak out against evils of all kinds. Yet, I pray that you **get truly connected** with our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ...now. HE already paid the **connection fee!**

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