

## Escaping the Pentagon of Lies

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So let us kneel and pray together.

Father in heaven, we just thank you so much that we can be gathered together tonight. We thank you, Lord Jesus, truly, you are fairer than all the heavenly host. You reveal the Father's character and we worship you. And we know that you are the way to the Father. Guide us tonight. May Your Spirit be near and all your angels be present. And to all our friends around the world that are joining with us, may we truly know tonight that God is love and we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

[Special item]

Let me think about a time in my life where I realized that a trap had been sprung on me as a young person and wanting to focus on God and to follow Him and wanting to read the Bible. And then as I'm sitting down and reading the Bible, many tunes that I had listened to on the radio as a young person started to play inside my head and I just felt myself... It was like the Pied Piper. I was like I just started to stand up and move over towards the radio or the cassette that was there and some my old cassettes. And I just started instinctively wanting to play some music.

And as a young person, at least for myself, being a teenager in the early 80s, it was instant gratification. It took a long time to break that need for instant gratification of whatever it is in terms of listening, saying, eating, whatever.

And I remember sitting down to read the Bible and reading the Bible compared to listening to some music that really moves me or shakes me or whatever. It just seems so boring in comparison to just listen to some music or do something like that. And I remember coming to a point where I went to turn the music on and just as I went to turn the cassette tape in... Yeah, we had cassettes in the 80s. And it was like, But you were going to read the Bible. And I went, Oh, yeah, that's right.

So, I went back and I sat down and I was trying to read. And I'm reading through it and I'm hardly getting anything out of it. It's really boring. And I'm watching the time go by and I'm so bored. You know, I'm not used to reading the Bible. I'm not used to actually investing time and it's very new to me in terms of my own personal study. So, I go back over. But you're going to read the Bible.

I went back and forth a number of times and after a little while I'm going, What is this? Is this even real? I could feel this conflict inside my head and a sense of two powers seeking to gain dominion of my soul. And I decided to again reach out and to turn the music on, and then I thought, Well, I'll listen to some of my Christian rock that I had had started to listen to.

But again, don't you want to read the Bible? And I'm just like, Why is this even an issue? You know, I just put the music on. I can read my Bible while I listen to the music. So then as I sat down and as I was thinking, I was impressed in my mind that if I don't master this feeling that I'm having at the moment, that I'm never going to relish studying the Scriptures. If I don't master this desire to just instantly satisfy gratification that I feel, to feel in a certain way. If I don't master this, it's going to master me. And I suddenly begin to realize that this was a life and death struggle in my own bedroom between the Bible and the cassette player.

It was just impressed upon me, this is a life and death struggle as to years into the future, whether you are going to be mastered by your passions or whether you're going to master your passions

and do the things which your mind is set to do. Will you do what you will to do or will you be influenced by something else and be led by your feelings and your emotions?

And after about half an hour of this, I suddenly got down on my knees and I began to pray and I said, Lord, please take this away. And then there was a moment of calm and I thought, Okay, good. And then two minutes later, this thing just grabbed me. It was like, Turn this on! Now! Really strong.

And I was like, Oh, Lord, is this really happening? And I was on my knees and I'm praying, Lord, please deliver me from this. And then the song is playing in my head. Your head going over and over and it's like drawing me to over to the cassette player. And I said, Oh Lord, please help me. And after a little while I'm really started to shake, Am I going to give into this? And then I'm like, Why do I even care? It's not a big deal. No one else is watching. Who cares what anyone else thinks? You can just turn it on. It's not a big deal.

But the Spirit of God was saying to me, Adrian, if we don't master this you're not going anywhere. And I just said, Well, Lord, I pray, help me, help me to overcome this desire and I believe that You will come into my life and You will help me. And at that moment, I felt this tremendous sense of resolution. And I instantly stood up and I grabbed my entire tape collection and I bent it. Smashed into pieces. And it was like this, ching, ching, ching, all the chains are coming off and freedom. I'm so glad that God help me to make that decision. Christ in you, the hope of glory to break you free of those things.

It's only a little thing, isn't it? He that is faithful in that which is least. This is the test. And so not long after this, within that same room or it was probably a little bit before this, I read the book Steps to Christ by Ellen White. And I've told this story many times because it's such a pivotal point in my life where I encountered Jesus Christ for the first real time. I really encountered Him and I invited Him into my life and everything began to change. And I've talked about that many times. After the book Steps to Christ, because my mother - thank you, Mom - gave me that book to read. And I was transformed by reading of that book. And I'm very, very grateful for the timing and everything like that.

Not long after that, another book that I read that really had a tremendous impact on me was the book Great Controversy. This is one of the most significant books ever written in human history. Great controversy.

It lays out from the time of Christ the sequence of events. It pulls back the curtain on a whole range of issues, and it gives you a perception, a layer of understanding that you could not get anywhere else. And that book really has laid a framework in my mind for how things play out and how the future will be laid out before us in our understanding of the books of Revelation in the three spirits like frogs that come out and all of those types of things. And so Great Controversy forms a key component of how I operate.

I had the tremendous privilege in 2006 to visit the very spot where Ellen White wrote the book Great Controversy and as I stood in the place where she wrote that book, I just was overcome with emotion and deep thanks to God that I could have the privilege to know this information. It's information that I hold with a deep sense of gratitude and thanks to God. It was just nice to be in that place. This is the place where she wrote this book in Battle Creek, Michigan. And the beginning when she wrote that was in 1858, when she first started to write out on this theme. And not long after she began to write this, she suffered a tremendous health challenge. She nearly died as a result of that, Satan was trying to kill her so she could not get that information out. Some days

she could only write a quarter of a page and then she could write no more. But she continued to write. And so that book, Great Controversy, has come to us at great cost. It is outside of the Bible.

I believe it's one of the most annoying books to Satan and that's a good thing. So, I'd like to read to you a statement as an introduction to what we're looking at, Escaping the Pentagon of Lies. And this is from the book Great Controversy, it's page 561. And sometimes when you read statements, they imprint you, the Spirit of God imprints them upon you. And this is one of those statements that really began to influence my thinking as I thought about it.

And this is what it says. Paragraph two. "Satan has long been preparing for his final effort to deceive the world." Did you know that he was making a 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 you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.' Genesis 3:4, 5."

Now, for most people, connecting Satan's final master plan to the statement: "You shall be as gods. You shall not surely die." That takes a lot of processing of information to actually... You can read that and go, Huh, that's interesting. But to actually know why this statement, "you shall not surely die, but you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil," is the foundational stone of Satan's master plan to deceive the world in the final days of Earth's history. Now, that takes some understanding to be able to do that. And when I read that I was like, Whoa, what does that mean?

"Little by little he has prepared the way for his masterpiece of deception." If we're living in the last days, then we are under the influence of a masterpiece of deception, which means, as Jesus said, if it were possible, the very elect would be deceived.

"His masterpiece of deception in the development of spiritualism. He has not yet reached the full accomplishment of his designs." This is written over 100 hundred years ago. Has he reached the final accomplishment of his design? We're not far away, are we? We're almost there.

"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 under 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." And then she says this. "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. The people are fast being lulled to a fatal security, to be awakened only by the outpouring of the wrath of God." Which we understand to be allowing people to receive the consequences of their own choices.

Masterpiece of deception. And this is the under pinning of the book Escaping the Pentagon of Lies, a masterpiece of deception built upon the lie that was told Eve: "You shall not surely die," which of course, builds the principle of spiritualism.

And what do we mean by spiritualism? God says, In the day you thereof, you will surely die. Satan says, "You will not surely die, but you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." It's a spiritualizing of God's word. It's you don't take God's word literally and in fact, in most cases you take the opposite of what God says. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Well, I rest in Jesus. I rest every day in Jesus. Therefore, I don't need to keep the Sabbath. That is spiritualism. In the day you eat thereof you shall surely die. You will not die, but you will go straight to heaven. That is spiritualism. And it's through these teachings that Satan will bring about this final deception.

There's another statement that I would like to read to you, it's a little bit further in the book, Great Controversy page 587 and I have pondered a lot upon this statement. Point two. "Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions." We're looking at this principle of deceptions. "While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism," that is the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, "the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be the 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 and trampling on the rights of conscience." The rights of conscience.

So, two great errors. Through the two great errors. We have Sunday sacredness and immortality of the soul. These are the two great pillars upon which Satan will build his masterpiece of deception; the lie "you shall not surely die". And of course, that's where we begin. That's why the book Identity Wars begins with that lie, "you shall not surely die". And there's many implications related to what this does to the human soul. But the chief thing that it does is it breaks your sense of absolute dependance upon God, because if your soul is immortal, you will live whether you are in a relationship with God or not.

And in fact, if your soul is immortal. The only reason you would want or need to be in a relationship with God is that if you don't, He will punish you. Does that make sense? That He is a big life source instructing a little life source. You need to pay attention to Me and do what I tell you if you want to live. And we cover that in the book, Life Matters and in Escaping the Pentagon of Lies.

So, the doctrine of the immortality of the soul separates the soul from its sense of dependance upon God. That's what Satan said to Eve and then Eve to Adam. You're not going to die. It doesn't matter whether you are dependent on a relationship with God or not, you're going to live on regardless. And once the soul becomes immortal, once it has this perception of immortality and independence from God, then it can begin to do other things like what's the issue with Sunday sacredness?

If you're in a home environment with a large family and the father in the house says we're going to be meeting next Sabbath. And one of the children says, Well, I'm going to be here on Sunday. Why would the child make that kind of decision? Except that it feels a sense of independence or like it doesn't respect the authority of the head of the house. And so, Sunday sacredness is a mark of human authority, usurping God's leadership of the universe. This is why it is the mark of authority. It is overturning the word of God. It is the sense of independence that we feel through this doctrine of the immortality of the soul that leads to the audacity of telling God when we're going to meet together. We're not going to meet together when You say we meet together, we're going to meet together when we decide to meet together.

And what's interesting about Isaiah chapter 14, if you just want to turn to Isaiah chapter 14. Satan said in verse 13, "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation." The word congregation there is *moed*. I will decide when God's people meet together, Satan said. And as it says in Daniel 7:25, he shall think to change the times and the laws. It was through the sense of independence. It was through the rejection, the rejection of the belief that life comes from God.

And the greatest reminder that we have, that all life comes from the Father is the only begotten Son. He is the greatest reminder of this truth. "As the Father has life in Himself; so He has given to

the Son to have life in Himself." John 5:26. The worship of the begotten Son is a belief that all life proceeds forth from the Father and is given to everybody else. And so, the doctrine of the immortal of the soul is the first step in breaking you free from the need to come and meet at the times that God has ordained.

Now, when we study the Scriptures carefully, once Satan had broken free from God, Jesus gives us a number of clues in Scripture as to what took place in the beginning. And we can read that in John chapter 5. John chapter 5 gives us one of those clues. Verse 23. "That all men," the word 'men' is supplied, "that all should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father." Why does Jesus have to make this statement? Because there were those who did not honor the Son even as they honored the Father. And because Satan, in his acknowledgment of the Father, is the one who had a life coming from himself and him wanting to be like the Father, he wanted to obscure the fact that Jesus was begotten of the Father. And by looking directly at the Father and seeking to imitate and to be like the Father, he came to believe that, like the Father, he had life in himself from himself. Does that make sense?

That's why no one can look directly upon the Father and live. I used to read that statement "no one can look upon the Father and live" as if you look upon Him, you'll just BOOM. That's not what it's meaning at all. If you look directly upon the Father without the mediation of Christ, by beholding, you become changed. You behold a being that has life from Himself and from nobody else. And by beholding, you will become changed. And if you change to believe that you have life in yourself and you don't, what will happen to you? You will die. That's why.

That's why in Christ Jesus, all things hold together. Because the begotten Son, in acknowledging that all things come from the Father, He produces a Spirit that exists in no other being as a source other than Himself, that He is looking to the Father as the source of all things. And He shares that Spirit with all of us that we might, like the Son, look to the Father as the source of all things. And that is why in Christ Jesus, all things hold together. That's why the government shall be upon His shoulder. And that's why to look directly upon the Father without Christ as a created being will cause you to become like Satan. Does that make sense?

**Audience:** *I didn't quite get it.*

Okay, all right. To look directly upon the Father without the Son means you're looking at a being that has life from Himself. By beholding, you become changed. You will begin to imagine that you have life in yourself from yourself, and therefore you will believe in the immortality of your own soul. And you begin to act like the Father and "I will ascend into heaven; I will be like the most High." That's why the worship of the begotten Son is the highest position that any human being can place the Son of God. For in Him, the whole universe holds together. Not only as a nice little piece of poetry, but in reality. You can logically follow and understand why in Christ Jesus all things hold together, because you are worshiping a being who looks to the Father as the source of all things and yet, and I make this point in the book, My Beloved; the proof of the divinity of Christ is in the fact that He can behold the Father without desiring to be the Father. No created being can do this because we mimic that which gave us life, and because it's the Son of God that gave us life, we can mimic Him and not die because He does not look to Himself for life. He looks to His Father for life.

And this is the wisdom of God in bringing forth a Son in His own image, to which He then looks to His Father. The Father then could create the entire universe through His Son, and that's why I call Him my Beloved. That's why He's so precious that He gives me a spirit that is dependent upon the

Father. And I didn't hear all of it, but I believe Ruben shared some thoughts last night that corroborate the idea that Christ is dependent upon the Father.

I had emphasized to me, and I believe this, we talk all about Christ, the self-existent Son of God, having life proceeding directly from Himself. In this model, there is no actual dependence of the Son upon the Father except that which He would model for us. And when you model something for someone and that person knows that's not actually who you are, it doesn't work. The model breaks. You worship the highest form of God that you understand. And if Jesus has life unborrowed underived from Himself, then you have made Him exactly the same as the Father and therefore you will worship the dragon and the beast. Does that make sense? Only the begotten Son will allow you to receive the Father's name written in the forehead. This is really, really important.

And so, Satan, in order to confuse the minds of created beings, he began to dispute the supremacy of the Son of God. And he does this in two ways, either to make Christ a created being and therefore completely unworthy of worship, or He makes Him God Himself. Either way, he is happy.

And of course, the way he's framed this for the Christian mind, for those who believe in Jesus, had worked with Eve when Eve was challenged by Lucifer or Satan, she thought to push the envelope to a higher level. "You shall not eat, nor shall you touch it." She thought she would elevate the word of God. She thought she would even show her loyalty and her devotion to God by elevating what God said and then by elevating what God said she created a loophole for which Satan could then destroy her. And as soon as she said, You shall not touch it, and Satan drops the fruit into her hand and he says, Well, you're not dead, are you? So, who's lying?

That was her undoing. So elevating Jesus to be God the Son, Satan has tricked Christianity in a very similar way. It seems natural for us to want to elevate Christ to be exactly the same as the Father, but in the context that we worship of power, intellect and age. And so, in the Christian context, the Trinity is a key component. And it's a natural extension of the immortality of the soul, "you shall be as gods." And I know that the word *Elohim* can mean plural of majesty and all those things, but *Elohim* can also mean gods. And this is what I believe that Satan meant. You shall be as gods. This is the first place in the Bible where plurality of the Godhead is expressed, is not expressed by God but expressed by Satan: "you shall be as gods." And the doctrine of the immortality, the soul live proceeding from yourself is the clearest definition that you would believe that you are God. So again, it's the immortality of the soul doctrine that naturally leads to the doctrine of the Trinity.

And so, there is a trinity, a real trinity of doctrines between Sunday, Trinity and the immortality of the soul. Which means if you believe any one of these doctrines, your logical doctrinal progression is to the other two. Which means that anyone who believes in this doctrine will ultimately, if they are logically consistent, come to these two doctrines. Because if these are the foundations of Babylon and this definitely is the wine of Babylon, does that make sense?

Just putting pieces together. And of course, when Satan begins to turn the word of God around, he begins to twist what God is saying. It wasn't long before Satan began to challenge the law of God. And we see in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he that now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." Colin was referring to that earlier. "And then shall that Wicked," modern translation for that is, "Then shall be revealed the lawless one.".

The lawless one, because the law is a transcript of God's character, He is agape love. So, it's inevitable that if Satan is overturning the word of God in the doctrine of immortality of the soul,

and then he overthrows God's appointments and he creates the doctrine of the worship of God to overthrow these things. And obviously he's working against the character of God. So inevitably, Satan must also attack the law of God. And if you read the first chapter of Patriarchs and Prophets, that's exactly what he did. He attacked the law of God.

But he didn't just attack the law and say that the law is stupid. No, he said, We need to make sure that the law is enforced, that the law is upheld. We need to honor the law and respect the law. And anybody who would break that law needs to die. That's how we attack the law. The law of the Medes and the Persians.

And of course, when you attack the law of God, that ultimately leads you to an attack on the character of God. And we see this in Romans chapter 3 and verse 24. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." Verse 26, "To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." The death of Christ, had to resolve this tension to be just and to be the justifier or giving of mercy to the one who believes in Jesus. There was an issue over justice and mercy within the character of God. Satan introduced the idea that justice demanded death and that mercy needs to be used sparingly. Only when it serves a certain purpose. But this was the central issue that Satan attacked in relation. He used the law of God to wedge the character of God on God's justice and mercy.

And within this framework, these five points here, Satan, I believe, has created a masterpiece of deception. Now, there's other elements that we could introduce into this system, but as I've studied through the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, this covers many of the key points and many of the other points can join into those. And as I have said to people in the past, in my work as a computer programmer or systems analyst, learning to diagram information and to see the flow of information in a chart form was what I had to learn to do. And this is a very helpful teaching tool for me to explain a lot of the key issues that Satan has worked upon on his masterpiece of deception.

And so, we see in these three elements here, we see Satan's three key charges against the government of God. One was to attack the Son of God and, of course, the Trinity is a key component of that. The second one was to attack the law of God. If we have an immortal soul, why do we need a law to govern us? That suggests that God is arbitrary and controlling and dominant. We don't need laws to govern us. But of course He doesn't come straight out and do things. Like attack things in a certain way. It's very interesting that... Well, have you ever heard of the person Machiavelli? Machiavelli wrote a very interesting book on how to advance an agenda that you have. Very interesting, very interesting what he has to say. Very clandestine and always going in the opposite direction of what you want to achieve and decode people and take things in a different way. Very, very cunning.

Same with Hegelian. Hegel was a philosopher who introduced Hegelian dialectic; two opposites to create a synthesis. And Satan is always engaging in that, wanting presenting himself as a healer of the people, a benefactor of the race while he's destroying them at the same time.

A classic example of this is the Green Movement. Claiming to uphold the environment while absolutely trashing the law of God. There's no better way to destroy the environment than to trash the law of God. So, it's a classic Machiavellian, classic Hegelian dialectic. We are upholding, we love nature. We love everything to do with nature. And destroying it at the same time.

Now, what is interesting is that in regard to this five-pointed system, and I've tried to cover this in great detail in this book without getting too tedious, where I've really tried to explain these points piece by piece and diagram these things out within this book. For me, it just helps me to frame so many pieces of the masterpiece of deception that Satan is pulling on the human race.

And now I would like to go from a historical point of view in dealing with these five key points that leads to the issue of the character of God. Now, the Adventist pioneers, when they began to study the writings of William Miller, one of the first things that they rejected, of course, was the doctrine of the immortality of the soul. And there was a man by the name of George Dawes, who really began to present this. Ellen White's mother took a great interest in his writing, and she moved from a belief in the immortality of the soul to the doctrine of the mortal soul. And Ellen White was absolutely horrified that her mother would give up the doctrine of the immortality of the soul as a child. But then she studied it and she came to understand that. And so that was in 1842.

And it was probably around 1844/1845, that Joseph Bates took an interest in the Sabbath. And 1846, James and Ellen White read Bates' pamphlet on the Sabbath and they accepted the Sabbath in 1846, and by 1848, there was a unified group of believers. Where they had rejected Sunday sacredness and they had rejected the immortality of the soul.

Now many people in the Millerite movement, many in the Christian connection and many others, they had already rejected the doctrine of the Trinity. So that was in the 1830s. 1835 many people in the Christian connection had rejected the doctrine of the Trinity.

And so, three of the five pillars of the Pentagon had been broken by the Millerites and the early Adventists. What we needed to get through to the seal of God was to get a correct understanding... And I add this next to the law: covenants. Why are the covenants important? Because we need to read in Hebrews chapter 8 why the covenants are important.

Hebrews 8:8. "For finding fault with them, he said, Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people."

So, an understanding of the covenants is key to understanding the law of God. How we understand the laws. So, the law and the covenants are always going to be together. And that's why it is part of this point here. The fourth point.

Now, the Adventist church hummed along, having knocked out these three pillars and they began to grow. It's very interesting in terms of the law itself. There were men like Stephen Haskell who they gave up eating meat and Steven Haskell began to challenge the eating of unclean meat based on what was written in the Book of Leviticus. And in 1854, James White actually wrote that he defended the eating of pork saying, We don't want to be involved in Judaizing or any of these things. And if God wants us to take this step, well, then He will make it known to us. So, they were holding off on this point.

But, of course, I find very interesting is that the church didn't want to ask people to tithe because tithing was part of the old covenant. So, they didn't use tithe. They came up with a Claytons tithe called Sister Betsy, Systematic Benevolence, which was based on the principle of tithing. But they wouldn't call it tithing because that old covenant. And this was all coming about because the

pioneers, like many others, had inherited Augustine's concept of the covenants. And that is that before the Cross, God approached man in one way through the old covenant law system, and then after the cross, He gave grace to man freely. Thank God we were born after the cross and not before. And this was causing a problem. So, God sent a message in 1888, called the 1888 message, in which it introduced to people the correct view of the covenants. A dispensationalist, a non-dispensationalist view of the covenants. In that, funnily enough, God's interactions with man are consistent all the way through human history, the gospel that was given unto... Well, let's read.

Galatians 3:8. "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In these shall all the nations be blessed." I always like to ask a question on this and I say, Did God preach to Abraham the gospel or did He preach to him the promise of the gospel? And do you understand the difference?

The promise of the gospel is in the sacrificed lamb there is the promise of a Redeemer to come 2000 years in the future that will bring redemption and salvation to everybody. And you have by sacrificing this lamb, you have the promise that in the future that the gospel will be brought to man. That's how Christianity understands this, so that it's not the gospel that was preached to Abraham. It was the promise of the gospel that was preached to Abraham. And so, we have the same thing in Hebrews 4:2. "For unto us," that's the Christians, "was the gospel preached, as well as unto them." The context for 'them' is chapter three, which is talking about the Israelite nation, Moses.

So, the gospel was preached to Moses. And again, we ask that question was it the gospel that was preached to Moses? Was Moses justified by faith alone or was he promised that the coming Messiah would bring the gospel 1,500 years after he existed? These are the questions that E.J. Wagner began to surface in 1888, saying that the old covenant is the unconverted man's way of approaching God and the new covenant is the man who is born again and is in Christ Jesus.

And this has been the same all throughout human history. The old covenant is 'I promise God', the new covenant is 'God promises us'. The old covenant is 'I will'. The New Covenant is 'Thy will'. This is just some of the simplification of this. And if you want a simplified view of this, look at Ruben's booklet, Faith Journey, which explains some of this.

And the reason why the covenant issue is so important, there's many reasons why it was so important, is because the law, the entire Torah, is what reveals to us the character of God. "Not that I've come to destroy the law of the prophets. I come not to destroy, but to fulfill." And it's in the Torah that not only is the Sabbath given to us, but also all the other festivals which we are keeping here today in which the outpouring of the Holy Spirit takes place. All these things are important for the ceiling of the character of man through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

And so, 1888 was... That was the opportunity for the Adventist movement to begin their attack on the summit to understand the character of God in the correct way because of the rejection of the 1888 message by the majority of the church and they stayed in the old system. Ultimately, not long after this, well over a number of decades of course, the church retrograded on the issue of the doctrine of the Godhead, and they went back to the Trinity. Ultimately, it took nearly 100 years for that process to be completed. April 25, 1980, a very infamous day.

So, when you don't go forward in truth, you retrograde back into error, don't you? So, for the majority of the church that rejected the truth about the covenants given by E.J. Wagner and A.T. Jones, because of the effect of that over 20, 30 year period, the church ultimately, over another 50

year period, perfected coming back to the doctrine of the Trinity. And it will not be very long before there is a complete retreat to the pillars of Babylon.

And it may be for many Adventists that they will receive the mark in the hand. Many Adventists will not accept logically and intellectually the doctrine of the Sunday sacredness and the immortality of the soul. But they'll receive it in the hand, they'll bow because they don't want to lose their position. So, they'll take it in the hand, even though they don't take it in the mind.

So, the only other thing, and this is where some of the writings of Wagner and Jones, particularly through the 1890s, if you read and you study their material... And I've written some of the quotes of this in this book, and this this is an allegory, of course, I'm telling a story. I have personified Jones and Wagner in their great grandsons. And they present some of the views of Jones and Wagner that show the complete false justice system, the pagan concept of Christianity. They were starting to unmask all of these things in the 1890s. And they had prepared the way to go to the character of God. But Satan had developed a pincer movement. And Colin spoke on this in his capturing of Jones and Wagner on the subject of the daily. It was a brilliant tactic on his part to take the key leaders on those who are moving on the character of God message from here and to nab them on the issue of the daily and to get spiritualism into their teaching through another platform, another angle. And that circumvented the completion of that process that should have happened over 100 years ago.

And therefore, because as a people, we had been moved all the way back to this point here. And totally in a fog, as a people, it can only be the mercy of God that allows a movement to arise in the earth that completely unmask all of these and has given us a clear view to the summit of the character of God in a completely nonviolent view of God. This is where Jones and Wagner were headed, but they got snagged. And the thing that I'm constantly reminded of, these men that was showing great light, they were still taken out. And I have wondered for many years how it could be that they could fail in this way. And this is why I wrote the booklet called Lessons from History on Church Organization.

That's where Satan got Jones and Wagner: church organization, because when the church rejected the message that they brought, he snagged them on the issue of church organization and they fell into the idea of the view of the church as an individual. I covered in that document because I really wanted to understand what unhook them. What was it that unhinged them so that I don't fall into that trap? And I believe the Lord has given us an answer on those particular things.

So, the way is now being opened for us. And again, I am astounded that we can be in this position now to unlock all of these key points. Of course, for those of you that are new in the movement, understanding all of the stuff behind the difference between Sunday sacredness opposed to the Sabbath. The Adventist Church has excellent material on this issue. And you can get great stuff from Walter Veith and other people that are showing all the good material on this about why Sunday is a problem and also on the doctrine of the immortality of the soul as to why this is a false doctrine and a false teaching. And I'm very, very thankful for that.

But, of course, as I point out in in the book here, in the Doctrine of the Trinity, you have a surrogate teaching of the immortality of the soul. What do I mean by that? That in your worship of God the Son you have in beholding this being you're looking at someone that has life completely from within Himself. That He doesn't in any way owe His life to His Father. And by worshipping God the Son, you are subconsciously believing in the doctrine of the immortality of the soul. Does that make sense?

It's a backdoor way of coming to this doctrine because by saying that Jesus has live completely independent from His Father, you're worshiping a being that has life within Himself without knowing that life to anyone. And by beholding that you must be led to the doctrine of immortality of the soul.

**Audience:** *So, that means we can too. We were created, but we have that life within ourselves.*

We have that life within ourselves and that is Satan's lie to Eve. It's a masterpiece of deception. To create the doctrine of God the Son as a back door entry into the immortal soul. It is satanic genius to do this to people and it corrals the human mind and it leads it in a certain direction.

**Audience:** *There is that belief of how God creates things and just lets them go.*

Deism.

**Audience:** *Yeah, so that's kind of similar thing. So, it's like, well, Jesus came from Him or and then just let them go.*

Just abandoned them. It's another view of that sense of immortality of the soul.

**Audience:** *Similar to how belief in the Holy Spirit is a separate being. That lead us to believe that we have a separate being, our spirit is a separate being that lives on after we die.*

Well, yes, the separation of body and spirit. The spirit is a separate being. It creates sympathy with all of these ideas that lead you back to the doctrine of Rome. The doctrine of Rome is a very, very sophisticated, carefully articulated view. The Roman view of the Godhead is far more refined than the Adventist view. The Adventist view is very, very immature in comparison to the Roman doctrine of the Godhead. The Adventist doctrine of the Trinity is pure polytheism. It is pure paganism in its view. The Roman doctrine is far more sophisticated in maintaining a strict adherence to oneness. One God, three persons in one being. It's a very, very clever doctrine. And the fact that Adventism so easily falls for, I was one of them, pure paganism. That's the mystery of iniquity at work among God's people that even the very elect could be deceived.

**Audience:** *The acceptance of the Trinity back into the immortality of the soul was a question I had. So, you've answered it. Thank you. But in the average Adventist mind, as we have all been, believing that doctrine. How could that... It seems impossible to us, or to me, that the typical Adventist person would then openly accept a view of the immortality of the soul, would it only be self-deception?*

That's why I said receiving the mark in the hand, not in the mind.

**Audience:** *It's just not possible.*

Well, many won't. Some will go back to the immortality of the soul directly because it makes logical sense to them. But many will not but they'll take it in their hands and they won't... No, but they have one mind with the beast because they all worship God the Son. So, they have one mind and the false justice system and the false view of the covenants, these top three here, that causes them to have one mind with the beast and they'll worship the Dragon and the Beast as it says in Revelation chapter 13.

So, this is a very clever, a very sophisticated doctrinal system that Satan has set out to snag the human mind and corral it in a certain direction to prepare for the mark of the beast. Satan has been working on this for over 2,000 years to prepare us for this final masterpiece of deception

that where he will corral the whole world, but only those who have fortified their minds with the truths of the Scripture will go through the last great conflict. That's what, again, it says in great controversy.

People say, Why does it have to be so complex? It has to be so complex because we're so deceived. That's why it has to be so complex. If we weren't so deceived, it wouldn't be this complex, it wouldn't be this hard. But because we have to come out of error and come out of false understanding, we have to study the Bible and go back and check things and check them carefully. And many people say, Look, I just want it to be simple. Well, this is life and death. Don't have to ask that question. I just want it to be simple. I just want to slide into heaven on a banana peel.

People are willing to bench press and do all kinds of things in this world and to really fight for things. But when it comes to salvation, Why does it have to be so hard? And it doesn't necessarily have to be hard. It's like the subject of the character of God.

And we'll talk more about this in my next presentation, I've got one tomorrow morning for America. But people say, Why do you make it so complex, you twisting all these stories in the Old Testament? It's very, very simple. Jesus is the full revelation of the Father and God says in His commandments, Thou shalt not kill. That's really simple. End of story. Well, no, because then you have to answer all these other things in Scripture and so you have to give answers to these things and you have to harmonize all these things.

And many people say, Well, I just take the Bible as it reads. And I say, No, you don't. You take portions of the Bible as you want to read them. If you want to take the whole Bible as it reads and put all the pieces together, you would never come to the conclusion you come to. And this is the problem that so many people have. They camp on certain texts and we all attempted to do this and camping on certain texts without taking them all together and making them fit together is sheer laziness. And that will get you killed. So, you study to show yourself approved. That's what the Scripture says. 1 Thessalonians 5:21. "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good." You must prove all things, not some things, not a few things. We're not asking, What is the least that I can do to get into the kingdom of God? This is not going to help us.

And so, I'm trying to distill as many points as possible into this five-point system. The fact that it's a Pentagon, it has good overtones, it layers in itself very well. But these I see are the five key areas that we're going to have to war against. And I've tried in this book to make as many linkages, theologically and otherwise, to help connect each of these points and how each of them intersects with each other and why it's so cleverly put together by Satan and so that we might be prepared for the onslaught that is about to descend upon us.

So, I just wanted to give us a bit of an overview. Of course, I made this a little bit interesting and maybe I'll... For those of you that haven't read the book, because I introduce the element of frequency, because it's certainly interesting that what you believe creates a vibrational electromagnetic field around you, what you believe changes frequency. Do you believe this? That's what emotion is. There is an atmosphere around every person and what you believe about God. If you believe God gets to a point where He draws a line in the sand and says, I've had enough BANG, you vibrate that frequency. When you deal with people that annoy you and you get to the point, I'm drawing a line in the sand. You get that frequency; you can feel that frequency.

And so each one of these teachings, I've laid it out in the book, I have a I have a chapter in here called Pentagon Mathematics. And it's just a little bit of fun. I'm just having a little bit of fun in terms of frequencies like... Have you ever heard of Schuman's resonance? It talks about Schuman's

resonance operates at 7.83 Hertz. And I just changed it to... When you get the first immortality of the soul doctrine correct, you'll get a vibrational frequency of 7.7 Hertz. And then, because God works on the principle of addition, if you add the next one, I think I change it, not Hertz, because that hurts, doesn't it? So, I changed it to something else.

So, when you get two doctrines that are positive, if you get two of these together, it's like 14.77. But then it starts after addition and then goes into multiplication. And I've just... When you get all five together you've got over a thousand, whatever the resonance is, the frequency. And of course, in the city, they've put a dome over the city that's increased by five pillars of brass to lower the frequency, to dumb down the people. It's what I call a theological immunization program. It's interesting, isn't it? And that each person that is born into the City of Constance, and I called it the City of Constance because of its constant rebellion, the Tamin, the constant rebellion against God, and that each person, when they are brought into this city, they have five brass nodes attached to the skull. And then you are hooked into the framework of the five towers. There are five towers and each one at the base of that tower has the letter 'G'. You can count, you can work it out. And it keeps you locked into that frequency. Keeps you locked into that system, and you're under a brass dome and it's stopping the mine from thinking freely and... There's plenty of overtones in there and we've put that in there for a bit of fun.

But the key point is to unlock each of these. And, of course, in Satan's system, if you have... Satan works on the law of subtraction. So, if you've got one error and then followed by another error... Anyway, it becomes a number to zero or something divided by zero, which becomes undefined, which is lead you into the mystery. So, we've just had a little bit of fun in adding some of those things in there. And it keeps you locked into the system and it keeps you held in the brass system. But the objective is to have all five of the nodes on your head turn to gold. And we've got plenty of techs that support that.

It was just a tremendous blessing to see this book come to fruition in the way it has. I believe it will form a very key component of at least the intellectual theological framework of going forward as a movement. And I wanted to, you know... Some people go, Oh, it's a bit overwhelming. But any movement, as we've looked at the 1844 movement, we've looked at the 1888 movement, there is deep thought that is going into the development of those movements.

And we wanted to make it in such a way that it can speak to minds at all levels, that operate at all levels, to show that this is not just a simple pushover message. It has quite a number of layers that are deeply into this message to make it interesting. So, I really do invite you to take the time to read through this material. And I think it will place you in a much stronger position.

I've been able to emphasize doctrinal teaching. There's nothing like when you've said something very profound to have suddenly a bolt of lightning come down and strike the ground. It really catches your attention. So that's there's a few bolts of lightning that come down. And it's really interesting. And of course, we introduce Zeus, who is the god of lightning and thunder, and that makes... And Cronos and we deal with all those interesting Greek characters just to make it a little bit interesting in escaping the city.

So, I just wanted to give you a bit of an overview. Maybe there's a few more questions before we finish. And also, a little bit, I've given you a bit of historical understanding of why the church careered off in 1888 and has never recovered, has never really recovered from that point. That was its high point. In 1893 would have been its high point. And it's just sort of gone downhill from there.

**Ruben:** *You were going to say... On a global level, a point of justice and mercy. That's the system by which Satan actually keeps the entire world.... I mean, it's in the religious world that we say, okay the law and the covenants and the Trinity, but outside of religion... Justice system of Satan keeps the entire world under his system.*

Through this understanding, this false understanding. These are particularly designed for Christianity. These points. And other systems, they inhabit it differently. But this is how it works in Christianity.

**Audience:** *It looks like a house.*

Yeah, it's a house of cards, five-pointed house.

**Audience:** *And in the world, because the theological people are Christians and make sense decoding the doctrines. Like basically, is it that they do believe all these things in the world but just under different names?*

I covered this in the second chapter of Life Matters. Most of the world believes in some form of immortality. Yeah, Eastern mysticism or the Abrahamic religions like Islam and Judaism. Now, in terms of immortality of the soul. Atheism is just a reaction to Christianity.

**Ruben:** *And atheism is still based very firmly on the idea of independence.*

Yeah. Atheism is the ultimate independence.

**Ruben:** *Therefore, it sees anything that is imposed law as something that's opposed to it.*

And atheism operates very strongly on the justice system. It's still operating at that level. So, it's those two there in particular.

**Audience:** *And then I suppose basically Atheists... That most of the world celebrate the false holidays. So, they kind of have that one there too, I guess.*

Most cultures have some form of holiday that they're keeping. Some religious or remembering certain individuals' holidays.

New Age has a lot to do with what we've become, what we behold. I think we've created our own reality.

And of course, you know, within the new age, all aspects to do with frequency and vibration. And there's many things that are true in the New Age, but it's built on this immortal or 'I am God', which is still independent. It's still an issue of independence that is going on there. So, maybe we'll see an adaptation of this for a wider audience, but I addressed some of that in Life Matters as in both in Eastern and Western ideas about the... That's why it's the immortality of the soul that is the cornerstone of everything. And these points are particularly related to Christianity. These two here. How is Satan going to convince the whole world to keep Sunday?

**Audience:** *(Crosstalk)*

Yeah, and the vision of Fátima to bring the Muslims in.

**Audience:** *In India, several years ago, they had great big billboards put up saying, Like you, we like to keep Sunday for family. So, they made it like a family day.*

Yes, and I suppose that brings us some of the work of Walter Veith in talking about the infiltration of the Jesuits into every culture, every system that they can pull it all back into recognizing Sunday, however, they want to do it.

All right. Hopefully that was helpful. Shall we close in prayer?

Father in heaven, we just thank you for your great love towards us. Thank you for leaving us a path to follow and we pray that we would remember this "you shall not surely die" the cornerstone of Satan's deception, the creation of independence. The identity war that is created when we disconnect ourselves from you and that you would help us step by step to come to your true character of true justice and true mercy. And that as we think about all these things, that you would help us to put the pieces together piece by piece that we will not be deceived by this masterpiece of deception and that we would make the effort to study. And when we feel the inclination to want to just float, just to listen to music, just to forget, to remember that Satan doesn't want us to study, doesn't want to be alert, doesn't want us to be sharp to the deceptions of Satan, and that you will help us not to succumb to those things. And we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.