

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matthew 10:42)

**"A CUP OF COLD WATER"
CONCERNING BIBLE-THUMPING FUNDAMENTALISTS**

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Bible-thumpers are very religious, *"having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."* These are described in 2 Timothy 3:1-7, and we are warned further, *"from such turn away"*. Timothy says they are *"ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."* Do you know what the truth is? *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever!"*

Bible-thumpers are never happy with the King James version. Why? They are ever learning how to deny the power thereof (Holy Ghost): this Jesus is not the same today; faith in His Name will no longer cleanse the leper; miracles all ceased with the editing of the first Bible. We have a book about God; we have no need of its Author to perform the miraculous.

In the footnotes of Mark 16:9-20, is what I term a "snake bite". The message of the serpent; "Hath God said Mark 16:9-20?" The Scofield Bible says, "this passage of scripture is not found in the two most ancient manuscripts, the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus." No one manuscript contained the entire New Testament. It was a composite of several manuscripts. The serpent injects doubt; "Hath God said?" These are the two-legged serpents Jesus commands of a believer, *"they shall take up serpents."* Mark 16:18.

For some reason, I was reading in Revelation and could understand what I was reading! Genesis is just the opposite of Revelation. One is the beginning of every doctrine, Revelation is the culmination - the end. To understand the beginning, is as important as the end. If you get a firm grasp on these two, it is easier to assimilate that which is between.

Genesis is easy to comprehend if you will take the time to read. But, Revelation (through tradition) has muddled up the water. The church read their tradition into the book, hence propagated its biggest lie; Revelation 4:1 as the rapture, in spite of the warning written in Revelation 22:18-20, *"And if any man shall take away from the words of this book, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city (the bride)."*

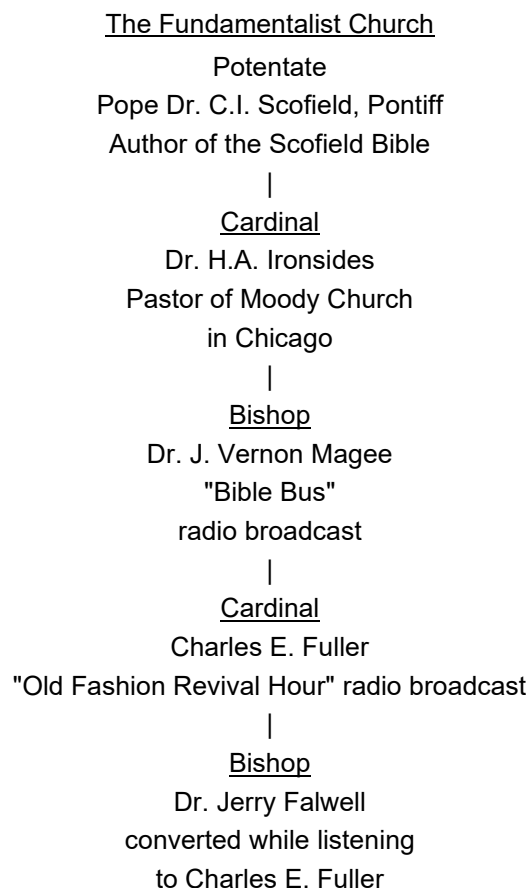
How much of Christendom will have their names blotted from the Lamb's book because they agreed with Larkin's charts, and the Dr. C.I. Scofield teaching that Revelation 4:1 is the rapture of the church. From this pivotal point of error, the religionists set about to interpret the rest of Revelation. *"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."* 2 Timothy 3:7.

Reminds me of the error of teaching in our school system. The pivotal truth taught in this case is, "There are no absolutes!" This is so ridiculous, it isn't worth the space it takes on a sheet of paper to warrant discussion. Nevertheless, higher education is based on this teaching being factual.

Mary Baker Eddy devised her own religion termed "Christian Science", based on one assumption to be truth; "God is all in all." This house of cards immediately splatters if you produce a force of evil. It is said that this Eddyism is like "Grape-Nuts"; it is neither grapes, nor nuts. Christian Science is neither Christian, nor science.

Seventh Day Adventism stands on the assumption that the Pope of Rome is the Antichrist. It is a house of cards easily dismantled by one verse of scripture, Revelation 17:16. *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore (papacy, Rev. 17), and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."* The beast or Antichrist shall hate the whore of Revelation 17, and destroy her. *"For in one hour so great riches is come to nought."* Revelation 18:17. The beast or Antichrist will not share his rule with a mere "Vicar of Christ". Going to church on Sunday as a mark of the beast, is ludicrous.

In a similar manner the majority of the Christian church believes Revelation 4:1 is the rapture of the church. The potentate of this doctrine was the C.I. Scofield Bible that established fundamental doctrine for believers. Three cardinals would continue the faith, strengthened by Larkin's charts: Dr. H.A. Ironsides, Pastor of Moody Church in Chicago; Dr. Donald Barnhouse; Charles E. Fuller, "The Old Fashion Revival Hour". These have been laid to rest, but not their doctrine; it was in turn passed on to bishops. Dr. J. Vernon Magee of the "Bible Bus" radio stated, "The mantle of Dr. H.A. Ironsides had fallen on him." The late Walter Martin was a protege of Dr. Barnhouse. Charles E. Fuller relinquished his radio station, "The Old Fashion Revival Hour", to Dr. Jerry Falwell, one of his own converts.



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"The Bible Answer Man"

With the single exception of Dr. Walter Martin, "The Fundamentalist Church" believed and preached, from the Pontiff's footnotes of his famous Scofield Bible, that Revelation 4:1 is a picture of the rapture, and that the days of miracles died with the Apostles.

William Branham, an ordained Baptist minister, and Gordon Lindsay's The Voice of Healing monthly publication, broke the back of this "Fundamentalist Church". These were the days of the famous Oral Roberts tent revivals that swept thousands into the Kingdom of God through "signs and wonders". On the heels of the Branham-Roberts revivals came television, which utterly unveiled the quackery of this church that "blasphemed the Holy Ghost" by declaring all speaking in tongues was of the devil.

Dr. H.A. Ironsides, Dr. J. Vernon Magee, and Dr. Donald Barnhouse were the most venomous in this department of theology. With the advent of television, the "Fundamentalist Church" had little to offer the appetites of the multitudes now convinced of a God that performs miracles. The best this "church" gave television was Jerry Falwell. Need we say more?

God is a good God! Have you experienced your miracle today?

Protestantism became a religion, as is Catholicism, held together as to what we believe by popes, cardinals, and bishops. To stray from the footnotes of a C.I. Scofield Bible was a cardinal sin. The church today still is bound in what becomes "tradition" over a period of time. This house of cards is more easily dismantled than Eddyism, Seventh Day Adventists', or the "no absolutes" of higher education.

Revelation is the story of John who was exiled on the Isle of Patmos for the gospel's sake. On this island, an angel appeared to John instructing him to write a book. This is the reason we now can read the book he wrote, Revelation, or Apocalypse as it is termed in the Douay version (Catholic Bible). These were the instructions to John, *"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are (chapter 1-3), and the things which shall be hereafter (chapters 4-22)."* It is a two-fold command from the angel.

The first part is accomplished in the first three chapters, and by comparison much simpler to write than "the things which shall be hereafter". John is to be a real "fortune teller", but he was not given a crystal ball to peer into.

John says, *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day..."*, Rev. 1:10, *"...After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which shall be hereafter. And immediately I*

was in the spirit." Rev. 4:1-2. This is the only way John could complete the writing of his book. John was taken to heaven on a mission; to write a book.

A five year old could read this scripture and know what it says. Yet, the Dallas Theological Seminary is still bound by the traditions of C.I. Scofield. The late Dr. Walter Martin, "The Bible Answer Man", did break with tradition and did not accept Revelation 4:1 as the rapture. Thank God for a good bishop!

To begin the understanding of Revelation, you must first be convinced that Revelation 4:1 is not speaking of the rapture. THIS is the beginning of wisdom.

Based on this lie, the church naturally comes up with another one. It also is dependent upon Revelation 4:1 being factual. They teach "Jesus is coming soon", in fact could arrive tomorrow. This is done to scare folk to the altar, relinquish them of their possessions, etc., exactly as Paul warned. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. *"Now we beseech you, brethren (about this doctrine), by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word (from us), nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand (Jesus is coming soon doctrine). 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 (first), the son of perdition."* Paul says plainly, Antichrist will precede the coming of Christ. Why doesn't the church preach this? - Tradition!

We have dealt with two lies the church spreads without fear of contradiction, in spite of the warning regarding false teaching that, *"God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."*

We will now deal with the third biggest lie taught in the church concerning Revelation and then wonder why people can't understand the reading of the book. Of course, like a house of cards, this lie is based on the assumption that the other lies are true. It is the opening of the first seal; *"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."* Revelation 6:2. Who is the rider of this "white horse"?

Jesus coming on a white horse is described in Revelation 19:11-16, *"and on his head were MANY crowns"*, not just ONE as described by this rider. Jesus is not the one with a bow, to shoot "fiery darts of the enemy". This white horse will probably prove to be the world false religion. New Age religion is dedicated to destroy Christianity! Much of the warfare will be by the "bow" of television shooting "darts" of scripture into the heart.

Every preacher who owns his own church becomes a type of this white horse that will soon engulf the earth with a "one world religion" in preparation for the Pale Horse rider who rides principally during the last three and one-half years; termed the Great Tribulation period. This is Antichrist.

This leads into a fourth lie being perpetrated in the church through tradition, based on the previous lies discussed in this letter as being fact. The church makes a bold declaration that Daniel's seventieth week is the "reign of antichrist". Revelation 11:2 and Revelation 13:5, *"And there was given unto him a*

mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (3½ years)."

The first three and one-half years represent the rule of the ten kings, or the ten toes represented in Daniel's great image. The last period depicts the wrath of God poured out upon men.

Whereas, the first three and one-half years depicts the power of the International Bankers, through the monopoly of money, to succumb to the mammon (god), the last three and one-half years is when Antichrist rules the world (who is a "little horn" [or international banker]), who arises out of the ten horns.

You are now better equipped to read John's "Book of Revelation" of Jesus Christ.

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*"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure
to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32*

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