

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WORLD WIDE CHURCH

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## INTRODUCTION

Ever since the beginning of time man has felt the need to worship a higher power a creator or superior god figure. This need to worship a god some say is inherent and inbred in every man, women, boy and girl. We as humans naturally felt the need to search for the reason that we are here. Questions like who am I? How did I get here? What is the meaning of life? Did I evolve from something or was I created by some other being? These questions and others have lead man to develop many different beliefs in an attempted to answer these questions.

Today people all over the world worship the gods that they believe are responsible for life, or some say they have not belief in any god, while still others claim that we are gods unto ourselves.

These belief systems or non belief systems are called religions and there are thousands of them. Along with these religions have come many differences of opinion concerning whose god is “the” god. This has lead to many wars and great division among the people of the world. Even the many religious leaders fight and debate among themselves as to what religion is the true. There these religions should have brought peace they brought a sword instead. There these religions should have brought men together instead great division was born.

How can this be? Is there something else driving this division? Why can't these religions come together? Can they of themselves bring peace to the earth? Will they ever succeed in this task of developing a one world church? Can there truly be unity among the religions of the world? Whose god is the almighty supreme god? What man or persons will lead this one world religion?

In the next few pages of this brief I will look at these question and attempt to bring a biblical perspective of these and other such questions question's.

## **Mans first attempt at a world religion**

As mentioned earlier this is a biblical approach to the question of world religion. We will there for focus on what and how the bible addresses these questions. In Gen. 1:1 the bible says that “in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. This then settles the question of how the earth came in to being. In Gen.1:26 the bibles says that “God made man in His image and in His own likeness. God told man to be fruitful and multiply. God placed man in a perfect world and environment and told Him to keep it. God gave man power to rule over the garden that God placed him in to be the protector of it.

God in gen.3: came down to the garden in the cool of the evening to visit with man and have fellowship with him. The verses implies that this was not the first time God had visited man at this time of day as God sought relationship with man caring about his well being.

God from the beginning gave man rules, things to do and not to do. Man soon disobeyed God and fell into a sinful state. Man was then driven from the Garden of Eden and made to till the soil. But mans sin continued to progress until God was sorry that He made man. To remedy this God found a man named Noah to make a covenant with and after a flood that destroyed all the people of the earth except Noah and his family, wife and three sons and their wives God told them to spread out and replenish the earth again.

But as in the beginning man disobeyed God and followed a mighty ruler named Nimrod and built a great city called Babel. This was the beginning of the first world rule or dictator ship and not only that but Nimrod brought into being the first world religion. Mark Hitch cook in his book “The Second Coming of Babylon<sup>1</sup>” writes the city and the tower represent the two aspects of Babylon that continue today: political power balanced against religious rebellion and

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1. mark hitchcock, “From the cradle to the Grave,” in *Second coming of Babylon* (n.p.: multnomah publishers, 2003).

apostasy". The city represents political unity. The religious system represents all false religions of today.

If one looks into the back ground of the birth of the Babylonian religious system one will find a story that sounds a lot like the story surrounding the birth of Christ. This was the first story recorded of a supposed virgin birth. This is attributed to satins knowledge that God in Gen.3:14 spoke of sending a seed to destroy sin and emerge victorious over it redeeming all mankind.

But this attempt by Satan failed because God intervened and confused the languages of the people thus making unity among them all but impossible at the time. Thus the attempt at global government and a one world united religion was spoiled.

### **Mans Continuing attempt to rule the world**

Since the time of Babel many men have attempted to rule the worlds and impose some kind of united religious system upon the people of the earth. As early as the great Pharaohs of Egypt, the Assyrians, Babylon, Medes, and Persians, followed by the Greeks and then the Romans, the Islamic nations and then the great nations of Europe, England, France, and Germany. Yes ever since Babel man has sought to rule the world and govern thru politics and religion. But way is this so? Is there possibly an under lining reason for this?

In the book of Rev. the bible speaks of a one world dictator that will be known as the "anti Christ in Rev. 13: He will rule the world during the seven year tribulation period. Not only that but he will also institute a one world religious system with the help of the false prophet, a religious leader that will also rise up during that time to make all worship the beast or anti Christ and take his mark.

Today the bible says that there are many anti christ in the world or that the spirit of anti christ is alive and well busy trying to build the system that is necessary to rule and govern the world.

This system of which I speak is to day known in biblical terms as the “Ten Toes of the Revived Roman Empire”. In his book *Count Down to the Apocalypse* Grant Jeffrey’s states that “Rome would appear on the world seen, represented by the ten toes of the metallic image. This image is the image that appeared to king Nebuchadnezzar in a dream. The dream was later interpreted by Daniel a prophet of God that live in Babylon at the time. During the last fifteen hundred years many political and military leaders have tried to revive the glories of the ancient Roman Empire, but failed. Yet God predicted that, in the years immediately preceding the return of Christ, the Roman Empire would be revived<sup>2</sup>”. Hence Satan is busy using whoever he thinks fits the bill to revive the Empire both political and religious leaders.

### **The Ecumenical movement**

The ecumenical movement began in as early as 1910 in Edinburgh, under the leadership of John R. Mott. He helped to put together the World Conference on Missionary Cooperation. This group wanted to evangelize the world in only one generation. They next started another organization called the International Missions Council. These men were at that time very liberal and where in favor of what was called a “Social Gospel “in 1925. Next in the evolution of ecumenicalism came the World Conference of Faith in 1927. These groups set to work to try and find common ground among their different theologies to try and bring the peoples of the world together in a hope to evangelize them. But in doing so all they managed to do was to compromise on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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2. Grant Jeffrey, “Babylonian Kings Prophetic Dream,” in *CountDown to the Apocalpes* (n.p.: water book press, 2008).

Later with the advent of world war one and world war two great pressures were put on the organization to bring unit to the world through uniting the religions of the world. This brought about after world war two what is now known as the World Council of Churches or the Ecumenical movement.

This organization is composed of many different religions and today has thousands of churches from all denomination as loyal members. In their book *The Coming World Church*, Dr. Deforest Murch, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Dr. John F. Walvoord, and Dr. John I. Paton all agree that “no greater danger has come upon the Christian Church than this ecumenical double talk for the purpose of achieving Christian unity. We have come to an unfortunate situation when, in the language of presumably godly men it is almost impossible to distinguish faith from doubt or to determine what confession it makes. The Study Division of the World Council is charged with the task of rethinking the Christian faith and teaching the church to think ecumenically.<sup>3</sup>” This has been since 1948 which also is the same year that Israel became a nation again after almost two thousand years of not being a nation.

Is it not interesting that right at the time God was restoring Israel, Satan was bring about one world religion.

Yes we as the church here in America are presently being trained to think in terms of one world religion and to become tolerant of the many different belief of others. They want us to rethink the question “is Jesus the only way to God or are there many paths to God?” many who don’t share the world view are being labeled in-tolerant looked down upon by the Pope and other religious leaders of these powerful movements.

In the book *the Third Millennium* Hans Kung writes “peace among the religions is the prerequisite for peace among the nations. What we need today is a globally oriented analysis of

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3. Janes Defrost Nurch, Clyde W. Taylor, and John, “Dangerous Trends in the Ecomenical Movement,” in *The Coming World Church* (n.p.: Back to the Bible, 1963).

the religious situation of the age, under the heading of the question: At the end of the second Christian millennium what is the situation of the religions in today's world, since none of the great religions can exist for itself alone? Where do we find antagonisms and parallels, openings for dialogue and for increase understanding?4”

Just how strong is the movement today? Well there are an estimated forty million church members involved in this movement and the numbers keep climbing. The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches both continue to grow and expand.

In Europe and the east there is an organization called the URI or United Religious Imitative which is responsible for uniting many religions of the eastern world and recently ratified it global constitution on June the 26<sup>th</sup> 2000 calling for all the denomination of the world to sign the unified consistitution. There is even a movement called interfaithism which seeks to join Christianity with Islam and there is no end in sight.

### **The World Wide Church Today**

The World Wide Church today is alive and well and making great strides each year that passes. Since the early 1800s there has been an explosion of Cults and false religions that are more than willing to be part of the World Council of Churches in an attempt to add creditability to their movements and of course the World ecumenical movement is more than glad to receive them. It's the old case of you wish my hands I wash yours routine.

Today the ecumenical movement has a lot of help pushing its agenda. Religious leaders from the Hindu, Sikhism, Shinto's, Judaism, Taoism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Confusiuism and a host of other religion are now banding together to aggressively promote Hans Kung Theology for the Third Millennium on Paradigm Change in the World Religion Double Day pub. 1926

Their one world religious agenda. Even the Pope is active pushing the ecumenical agenda. Christians ever where are being pressured to compromise on their faith in order to attain world unity or peace.

Today ecumenicalism is joined by groups determined to bring about a one world order. One such group is the New Age movement. It is driving a lot of the occult activity we see today. Gary Kah of New Hope Ministers writes in his book *The New World religion* “If the occult dream of a new world order is ever to be realized, New Agers would eventually have to present their case to the public, they would have to convince mankind that the old world order based in an ancient system of sovereign nation and influenced to some extent By biblical principles had failed and that new order was essential for the continued survival of the planet5”. Thus the new agers are pushing many areas of the ecumenical movement trying to prove the old system has failed us.

Other heavy hitters for the New World Order are Bill Clinton and George Bush Senior. Both of whom push for a democratic Socialist agenda in the U.S. Both Hillary and Bill have introduced Americans to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century Brave New World.6”

But none of these movements address the real problem of sin. Nor do they take a stand on how to come to God as in through Jesus Christ for that would be seen as in tolerant of other religious belief. Instead they are asked to take the road that say’s “all paths led to God”.

### **Conclusion**

As we have stated earlier the world church is alive and well beginning as soon as the first city called babble. That was the first world religion of which God Himself came down to see. He later confused their langues but that didn’t stop men from trying to reunite the movement through history.

The Roman Empire is credited with the first real expansion of a one world religion with the

Birth of the Roman Catholic Church initiated by Emperor Constantine around 313AD. After years of persecuting the Christians the Emperor made Christianity legal after he claimed to be converted himself. Thus the rise of the Roman Catholic Church began and is still expanding

Gary Kah the New World Religion Towards World Unity Published by Frontier Research 1998

Today.

Through the years because of many world wars and mans search for world peace there has been a cry around the world to unite the many religions of the world in an effort to achieve this peace. Movements like the Ecumenical in 1944-1961 meaning “to establish world wide” have been pushing to accomplish this very thing. Pope John and Pope Pau have both pushed to reunite faction of the Catholic Church long since split. While in America the World Council of Churches is alive and well seeking to unite the many churches and religions of this land.

We mentioned in Europe and the East the URI. United Religious Imitative continues to call for denomination to join them and sign their One World Constitution that was ratified on June 26, 2000. Now with the birth of what is being called Inter faithism even Moslem extremist are invited to become part of these movements. Religious leaders as well as Prime Ministers and Presidents and Dictators are calling for unity among the different religions.

This of course is all playing into the plans of the anti-christ prophesied to come forth as the One World Leader during the time of the seven year tribulation period just before the second coming of Christ. This refers to the Beast rising up out of the earth to help lead people to serve the anti-christ and take the mark of the beast. The scene is being set now and many bible prophecy scholars agree that with emerging of these religious events the time of the One World Church is upon us.

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