The Great Religious Organizations: Satan's Empire

On the foundation of the "false doctrine" that assures people that salvation is limited to the forgiveness of sins, Satan has worked together with his servants to build a vast religious empire.

He laid the foundations of the great religious organizations, which passed this teaching down and caught the ignorant masses in their trap.

He made use of man's natural inclination to get what he wants without paying for it, knowing that people easily turn down an offer that costs them more. So he came up with an offer that costs you very little: you pay for indulgences, you give alms, or you believe in the sacrifice of the cross (that the Lord Jesus paid for you), and you get your **ticket to heaven.**

And so, for most people, Satan's offer is far more attractive than God's offer, which costs you the crucifixion of the flesh and the renunciation of the world. (*Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.* Matthew 7:14)

A Bargain Offer

True to human nature, most people are swayed by the cheap offer, by the "doctrine of the forgiveness of sins," which allows them to walk the broad way, and the Lord Jesus Himself confirmed this. (*For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.* Matthew 7:13)

Anyone willing to look more closely will see that, like a great merchant, Satan has spared no effort to build a vast religious empire through which to keep people in darkness, so that they would not come to know the truth about God's plan.

So he has set up religious organizations in every country (like supermarket chains) to sell cheap tickets to heaven, and he has managed to catch billions of people in this trap.

Because of their ignorance, people are caught in the net of these religious movements, and by belonging to one of them, most often not by personal decision but simply because they were born into it (Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed…), they remain under Satan's control all their lives.

The Kingdom of Darkness

If we look at all the great religious organizations of our day, which were founded hundreds of years ago, we can easily see that this grand project Satan has been working on has indeed succeeded. Not one of them has included God's plan of perfection in its doctrine, and because people do not know the Scriptures, they remain all their lives on the broad way that leads to hell.

To see just how vast this work of deception by Satan is, let us take a brief look at this religious empire that has spread everywhere.

The first great worldwide organization Satan set in motion was Catholicism (roughly 1.3 billion people), which for whole generations indoctrinated multitudes with the teaching that sin cannot be overcome. It deceived them into believing that God's purpose is merely the forgiveness of sins, and that this forgiveness could be obtained by paying for indulgences.

By restricting access to Holy Scripture, which only priests were allowed to read, Catholicism kept people in thick darkness for centuries.

We can also see that Orthodoxy (roughly 280 million worldwide) has for hundreds of years indoctrinated people with the same teaching: that to have eternal life you need only the forgiveness of sins, and that this can be obtained even after death through prayers said for the dead, memorial alms…

In the Orthodox Church, too, ordinary people were kept from Holy Scripture, which for hundreds of years was available only in Church Slavonic, a language the common people did not understand.

For some fifteen centuries, Satan managed to hide the Scriptures from people's eyes and offered them a ticket into God's Paradise without much cost, requiring only rituals, the payment of indulgences, alms…

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