

The Threefold Union

I. Religious Conflicts

- A. The 21st century will be more religious than the 20th century.
1. Religion is better adapted to a world of global instantaneous communication.
 2. The failure of Western Societies after WW II to address one of the most fundamental human need: the search for Identity. The world's great faiths offer meaning, direction, a code of conduct, and a set of rules for moral and spiritual life.
Isaiah 4:1&2
 3. Muslims and Catholics have higher birth rates than those in the Western societies.
 4. Conflicts will increase between and among Jews, Christians, and Muslims.
- B. Religious extremism is the cause for most of the conflicts we see today and can best be stopped by education about Religious Liberty.
1. *Religious Extremism*: Each person must worship and believe as I do or be killed. **Revelation 13:14**
 2. *Religious Liberty*: Every person is at liberty to follow their conscience in what, how, or who they worship.
 3. *Religious Extremism*: The State gives the power and authority to enforce my religion.
 4. *Religious Liberty*: There must be a separation between the State and religion.

II. Religious Consolidation

- A. The Threefold Union of **Revelation 16:13&14**
1. The Dragon: **Revelation 12:3&4** = Satan/Spiritualism
 2. The Beast: **Revelation 13:1** = The Papacy
 3. The False Prophet: **Revelation 13:11** = Apostate Protestantism
- B. Catholics and Protestants unite in a struggle for "traditional morality" in their condemnation of abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, government prohibition of religious displays on public property, and the ban on prayer in public schools.

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hands of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp the hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."

The Great Controversy, page 588

A. What about the "Worldings"?

"Through the agency of spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed." ***Ibid 588 & 2 Corinthians 11:13&14***

"Papists, Protestants, and worldings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium." ***The Great Controversy, p. 588 & 589***

B. Right now, what topic is being used to bring about the threefold union? _____

1. The pope and the president form another "holy alliance" to deal with global climate change and poverty on September 23, 2015
2. The pope addresses the joint session of Congress on Global Climate Change on September 24, 2015
3. The pope addresses the United Nations on Global Climate Change on September 24, 2015.
4. The Pope has chosen three causes to captivate the world: Climate change, poverty, and family. And he has linked all three with Sunday sacredness. According to the Pope, capitalism has enslaved the poor and deprived them of necessary rest and therefore international governments should draw up laws that would pressure private enterprise to give them a Sunday rest. **Revelation 13:14**