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The Four Winds Within America

Part 6 The Coming Together for the Last Conflict

How is it possible that Satan can take these divergent historic movements and bring them together under one grand umbrella of deception? We are watching it happen before our very eyes!.

The Pen of Inspiration notes:

“It is fondly supposed that heathen superstitions have disappeared before the civilization of the 20th Century. But the word of God and the stern testimony of facts declare that sorcery is practiced in this age as verily as in the days of the old-time magicians. The ancient system of magic is, in reality, the same as what is now known as Modern Spiritualism... the mystic voices that spoke at Endor and at Ephesus are still misleading the children of men by their lying words. Could the veil be lifted from before our eyes, we should see evil angels employing all their arts to deceive and to destroy.” AP p 289, 90

The New Age philosophy has become a blend of many different philosophies and occult sciences, all with one common theme. It combines aspects of spiritualism, cosmology, astrology, humanism and yet, promotes spirituality. All the while they are focused on rejecting their arch-enemy, the saving power of Jesus Christ.

The miracle of the last hours of earth's history will be carried out by Satan himself. Revelation 13:13-17 is an indication of the devil's miraculous power and cunning. The key word in verse 14 is deception (see also 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10). The most significant fulfilment is the modern intrusion of demonic power into society which will bring all four movements simultaneously under the great banner of deception.

There is coming a union of the two entities, *Spiritualism* and the *Christian Community*, that will bring a spiritual movement rivalling that of the last two great awakenings. It will be re-enacted on two levels. First, a false movement of spiritual revival that will so imitate the true that it will sweep many professing Spiritualists and Christians into its web under the umbrella of a common belief in the afterlife. Mighty miracles will be the order of the day, undeniable miracles that will bring together many seemingly opposing philosophies and world views.

I saw the rapidity with which this delusion [spiritualism] was spreading. A train of cars was shown me, going with the speed of lightning. The angel bade me look carefully. I fixed my eyes upon the train. It seemed that the whole world was on board. Then he showed me the conductor, a fair, stately person, whom all the passengers looked up to and revered. I was perplexed and asked my attending angel who it was. He said, "It is Satan. He is the conductor, in the form of an angel of light. He has taken the world captive. . . . And they are all going with lightning speed to perdition." {FLB 319.4} This delusion will spread, and we shall have to contend with it face to face; and unless we are prepared for it, we shall be ensnared and overcome. {FLB 319.5}

But take courage: The articles of the next five weeks are designed to build our courage and our hope. It is God who shields his children from the power and deception of the destroyer. GC p589

Further Reading: Great Controversy Chapter 36 titled “The Impending Conflict”

Next week a new series: “*The Fifth Wind*”

Blessings to you,
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