rom the tree of knowledge of good and evil came a philosophy; a philosophy that would ultimately become the "Religion" of the masses in the final altercation between good and evil. This philosophy will be so prevailing that every other philosophy on the face of the earth will be enclosed by it. Its subtlety, its rational, its science, its inclusiveness would give it a mesmerizing influence upon the modern world. Though originating at the tree of knowledge of good and evil, it would meet the needs of those who exist in the twenty first century and beyond. Already this ancient philosophy has gained entrance into homes, school systems worldwide, and it has even become the teaching that is overtaking the churches of today.

This very philosophy was taught by those scholars whose thinking; is today the centre of modern education and culture. It can be found in literature, arts, and politics, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. It has been incorporated into the teachings of the world's leading religions. It has become the worldview of the secularists and the fundamental dogma of New-Agers. It is considered a philosophy for people who think for themselves; and encourages its believers to be unafraid to challenge or to explore. It focuses only on the human aptitude for comprehending reality. This philosophy encourages the use of reason and science only; in any pursuit of knowledge, thus rejecting faith, authority, and revelation. What makes this philosophy so striking and enticing is its adaptability; there is no aspect of life that this philosophy is not apposite too, furthermore it has been enthusiastically embraced and zealously propagated and promulgated by some of the most talented, intelligent, capable, and even the very brightest men and women the world has to offer. It is even embraced and taught by religious ministers today.

This philosophy is Satan's Grand and Final Knowledge of deception through which he will cascade this world into the worship of the anti-Christ. It is therefore imperative that every child of God; irrespective of their denominational affiliation; has a clear understanding of this deceptive philosophy that will constitute the religion of the soon coming New World Order, under the leadership of the anti-Christ.

In order to have an accurate understanding of this philosophy, one must revisit the first deceptive work done on man by Satan himself. Returning to the beginning of the notorious work done on the human race is the biblical position to take, since we are told as a matter of principle and through prophecy by Christ, that Satan will use deception as one of his main weapons of warfare in the last days. *Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 24*

The work of deception necessitates the use of: beguilement, deceit, mystification, trickery, and deception which are designed to propagate beliefs that are not true, or not the whole truth. The effort is carried out through innuendoes, omissions, insinuations, implications, suggestions and the likes. Satan used deceptive communication on our first parents; this deceptive work of Satan can take many forms and serves different purposes, and can be intentional or unintentional. Such deceptive tactics as concealment, exaggeration, equivocation, half-truths, irony, and misdirection were used by the serpent upon Eve.

The human family first came in contact with this craft of deception at the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden where Satan made a deliberate attempt to make something that was false appeared as if it was true. It was a lie made in such a way that the liar (Satan) appeared as if he was telling the truth.

It is this type of deceptive skill that will be manifested by Satan and his fallen angels in an institutionalized way in the coming conflict. The man of sin will come with the power of Satan. He will use every kind of power at his disposal, including miraculous and wonderful signs. However, they will be lies. He will use everything that God disapproves of to deceive those who are dying, those who refused to love the truth that would save them. That's why God will "send them a powerful delusion so that they will believe a lie. 2Thessalonians 2:9-11

In the first book of the Bible we read of the creation of man: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. "Genesis 1:26, 27

Having created man after His image and likeness God's first work was to inculcate knowledge in him. The Bible tells us that Adam was created on the sixth day, and being the final act of God's creation; it would be safe to conclude that, around sunset on the sixth day God would have finished His work as man was created. Having ended that which He had made He instituted the Sabbath as His holy time; a day to be used by man for the purpose of assembly and spiritual instruction. Thus, when God created Adam and Eve He did not walk off leaving them to wonder about the garden with empty minds. No! He proceeded to infuse the knowledge of obedience represented by the tree of life. "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:15-17

Both the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil while being literal trees; each represented a philosophy, a way of life, values, and points of view. Adam and Eve could not of their own volition deduce from the literal tree the philosophy or the life of God, so God proceeded to instruct them of His way of life, His philosophy.

God, after creating man and giving to him his Eden home, entered upon the task of imparting knowledge to him, the knowledge of life through His philosophy, the philosophy of obedience. A philosophy is a set of principles which serve as the basis for making judgement and decisions. God having created mankind with the power of choice; knew that they would have to make judgments and decisions; that would call for a set of principles which would serve as the basis for judgments and decision making. These principles were embodied in the command to mankind that they were free to eat of every tree of the garden but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat if they wanted to experience life and not death.

The philosophy of obedience is God's philosophy, once this philosophy is followed it brings life, as a result the first of the two trees was called the tree of life. The instruction from God to Adam was to freely eat of all the trees including the tree of life; this represented the fact that he was free to consume all the knowledge that came from God and that knowledge would furnish him with life.

God being the first educator introduced Adam to a knowledge that if followed would work from cause to effect. Once taken in it would naturally generate life, not mere existence but the abundant life of peace, joy, happiness, contentment and eternal fellowship with heaven.

The first pair experienced open fellowship with God and angels as a result of being introduced to the tree of life by God. This fellowship would never be broken once they both lived by the philosophy handed down to them by the creator; this would cause Adam's mind to became entwined with his creator's mind; and he would manifested the very thoughts of God.

"And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought [them] unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that [was] the name thereof." Genesis 2:19

Genesis 2:19 highlights the interaction that existed between God and Adam: God formed every beast and every fowl; He then brought them to Adam to see what he (Adam) would call them that is to see if he would call them by the very names that were in His (God's) mind. When Adam gave them their names, the Bible says "*that was the name thereof*" in

other words that was the very name that was in God's mind. This demonstrated the unequivocal form of communication which existed between God and man, as a result of man eating from the tree of life.

This glorious heavenly fellowship was about to be broken as Adam and Eve were about to be introduced to another tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This would be done not by God but by Satan "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Genesis 3:1-6

It is imperative to analyse these verses carefully so as to extract the methods of deception used by the enemy and thus be able to identify them. "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made."

The subtility as mention here is not the subtility of the serpent as a mere creature; but the subtility it took on as a medium. The term describes the character and nature of that fallen angel now called Satan. This cunningness of nature will be seen in his upcoming discourse with the woman. The word subtle in its original is arûm pronounced *aw*-*room'* meaning *cunning* (usually in a bad sense): crafty, prudent. It is this subtility, cunningness and craftiness that would be used by the devil to get men and women to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in this modern age.

The Bible continues to reveal the discourse of the devil through the medium of the serpent in these words. "And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" The disingenuous approach of the enemy in this exchange is worthy of attention. Purposely mis-stating the words of God he pretended to be ignorant; pretence of ignorance is a very effective tool in the work of deception. Satan, in his encounter with man, in order to establish his philosophy; pretended not to know anything. Claiming ignorance he said "... hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Satan not only pretended to be ignorant but also insinuated that God was being selfish by withholding all of the trees from the first pair.

This deceptive pretence of being ignorant yet knowing more and better than God was a fundamental part of the philosophy taught by those who have sat at the contemporary forbidden tree of knowledge, it is called *scepticism*. Scepticism's historical exemplar is Socrates. Why Socrates? Because, after all this time, he still stands out alone among all the famous savants and sages from antiquity to the present as the one who claimed to know NOTHING; while every religion has its sage, Judaism has Moses, Zoroastrianism has Zarathustra, Buddhism has the Buddha, Christianity has Jesus, Islam has Mohammad, Mormonism has Joseph Smith, and Bahai has Baha-u-lah, every one of these individuals claiming to know the absolute truth; Socrates, alone among the famous sages, has purported to know nothing, yet he gave to the world a method of questioning the rules of others, of cross- examination not only of man but of God. Socrates must be considered the quintessential sceptic.

In Plato's Euthyphro,¹ Socrates shows that God is not necessarily the source of good, or even good himself. Socrates asks if something is good because God ordains it, or if God ordains it because it is already good. This pretended ignorance yet taking the prerogative to guide the minds of men in a direction that is of the invention of self came directly from the serpent at the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Another fundamental to the work of deception that was introduced by Satan in his encounter with the woman at the forbidden tree is found

¹ Plato. 380 BCE, Plato's Euthyphro, The University of Adelaide Library, South Australia

in the first word and work in verse one of *Genesis chapter three*. "...And he said unto the woman, Yea... "this word carries two meanings the first is 'aph' (af) a primitive particle meaning: accession...;. The gaining of an important position or rank, from it access is gained which is the means or opportunity to approach or enter a place. When the devil said to the woman "yea" he was really talking not just to the woman but saying to God; I have gained an important position in the life of those you have created. I have attained the position or rank today.

Eve approached the tree of knowledge it was not a mere geographical move but also a psychological one; giving opportunity to the devil to enter the garden and to approach her.

We do the same today by the things we watch and the things we listen and the things we read and even talk about, thus giving the devil opportunity to approach us. We remove God as the sole educator of our lives and we begin to sit in the class of worldly philosophers.

Having gained the opportunity to approach, the second meaning of the word "Yea" comes into effect; **kîykee** a primitive particle (the full form of the prepositional prefix) indicating *causal* relations of all kinds, antecedent or consequent. For simplicity sake I will give the definition of both a preposition and a prefix. A preposition is a word used before a noun or pronoun to show time, place, position or method. A prefix is a letter or a group of letters placed before a word to alter its meaning.

When the devil approached Eve with the prepositional prefix "*Yea*" certain things took place in Eve's mind. He established a sense of casual relationship with her and changed her concept of God, to a casual one "*Yea hath God said*", 'God' the noun, 'Yea' the preposition. He implied that he and God had a casual relationship and that they simply had differences of opinion as it relates to the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In all of this Satan was laying the foundation for a philosophy that would be at the heart of the false knowledge that he would use to deceive the world in the last days.

Satan went on to make an all out attack on God's character causing the woman to second guest her faith in the revealed word of God. "And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil".

The key to understanding the knowledge of good and evil that God did not want our first parents to have is in the words "...YE SHALL BE AS GODS, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL." The word "knowing" is taken from the word yâda pronounced 'yaw-dah' A primitive root; to know (properly to ascertain by seeing); while to ascertain is to determine. Thus the message coming from the serpent to Eve was, if you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil; you will be able to determine for yourself by use of your own senses what is good and what is evil; and would no longer be dependent on the word as given by God to determine what is good and what is evil. This is the knowledge of good and evil, i.e. assuming the prerogative to determine outside the word of God what is good and what is evil. This is the true meaning of the words "ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." 'Who is to say what is right or wrong?' The droning tone with which this question is usually asked seems to suggest that there is only one possible answer: 'nobody'. And this then suggests that there are just no such things as right and wrong at all; and the words 'right' and 'wrong' are merely personal subjective approval and disapproval, caused by custom, habit, and cultural biases that are purely conventional and have no basis in reason.

The knowledge of good and evil gave birth to the development of a philosophy, which proposes that the creature (man) has the right to be independent of God (the Creator) and His word; and should be allowed to determine for himself outside the express will of God, what is right and what is wrong. It was the injection of that knowledge into Adam and Eve that inspired a desire for autonomy, self-rule, self-government. It was a philosophy that self alone must decide what is right and what is wrong. This is the knowledge of good and evil that God did not want Adam and eve to aquire.

"And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Genesis 3:6

"And when the woman SAW..." There is a very interesting meaning attached to the word "saw" as used in the Hebrew "isrâ'âh" pronounced "raw-aw' which means: to see, to advise self, appear, approve, behold, certainly, consider, discern. Eve advised herself that the tree was good for food and would make her wise. As she conversed with the serpent she was infused with his deadly philosophy. Thus through seemingly innocent conversation; Satan was able to inject into her the knowledge of good and evil, that is, the desire for selfgovernment.

Both the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of Good and evil represented distinct philosophies; and different ways of life. Following the philosophy of the first tree, results in life and fellowship with God; while following the philosophy of the second tree, results in death and fellowship with the devil. Therefore, if the philosophy of the first tree is obedience leading unto life then the philosophy of the second must be disobedience leading to death.

Disobedience as a philosophy is not the devil's greatest weapon. Rather, his greatest weapons are the methods used to bring about disobedience. We may be certain that because these methods were successfully used upon the perfect pair in Eden, they will be used again today upon this unsuspecting generation and that with greater accomplishments. Therefore, Satan will by no means change his methods in dealing with fallen man today.

Getting man to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was Satan's goal in Eden and it is still his goal today. The twenty-first century human perspective is that we can discover all things for ourselves. Through trial and error, discussion and compromise, we will eventually be able to agree on what is just and fair, what is right and wrong and what is good and evil. Man is still hoping to find a set of principles outside of God's law that will define moral behaviour and right and wrong. This man wants to do apart from the revealed word of God.

Satan is using the very method he used on Eve in the Garden of Eden to bring the human race to the place where they set themselves up as God; determining for themselves what is right and what is wrong. When Satan said to Eve that "ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil; it must be understood that the knowing of good and evil cannot be in the context of experience, for *Eloheem* has never and will never experience evil. Bear in mind that with God knowledge is not mere information, knowledge is who he is in actuality.

In the beginning was the word or knowledge of God and the word was with God and the word was God. Prior to the entrance of sin only the knowledge and experience of God existed and these existed in God and the entire universe. Sin as an experience did not exist; sin is the formation of a knowledge and experience that exists outside of God that did not exist prior to Lucifer's rebellion. The question is can anything exist outside of God? The answer is yes! SIN! However, sin is not an entity, it is a philosophy and thus cannot exist on its own; it can only exist in intelligent, rational beings. Since sin is all that God is not it cannot exist in God as a philosophy or experience.

To illustrate God's position as it pertains to the knowledge of sin and His all knowing nature. Let us use for explanation purposes drug addiction. A person who has never used drugs has knowledge or more accurately the information of drug addiction based on the information they may have gathered. However, this knowledge of drug addiction in no way constitutes the experience of an addict, thus illustrating the fact that knowledge or information may be had that is not part of our experiences. Having used finite man to illustrate a lesson concerning an infinite God one must also show the limitations of this illustration. For man to have any knowledge or information of anything that thing must first exist. This is true because we are incapable of seeing into the future and beholding things which do not exist. God on the other hand being omniscient was able to have the information of sin even though sin did not exist. This information, which was known by God because of His omniscience, was in no way a part of His experience.

In the garden of Eden Satan suggested to Eve that if she was to ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil then her eyes would be opened and she would become as God knowing good and evil. This statement by Satan to Eve implied two things, one was true and one was false. The statements are:

- (1) That he Satan was a god. This we know to be false.
- (2) The other is that God had the knowledge of good and evil and that knowledge set Him aside as the only God. This is true. Furthermore Satan suggested that God alone had this knowledge and that the only way for any other being to become god was to acquire that knowledge. This we know to be deceptive because it was a mixture of what was factual and what was spurious.

The question is what was this knowledge that God had that He did not want man to have? What is this knowledge that Lucifer acquired when he rebelled in heaven and the world today is drinking in its cascading flow? This knowledge is not good in itself or evil in itself but it is the right and authority to determine what is good and what is evil for oneself.

When Adam and Eve decided to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they rejected the revelation given to them by God as to what is good and what is evil and decided that they would be the ones to determine for themselves what is good and what is evil. Turning from the revealed word of God they used their human intelligence in observation, reason, and experimentation to determine whether the tree would make them as gods or bring death. They neglected that the word was already revealed. "...the day ye eat thereof ye shall surely die."

Many leading academic and philosophical thinkers believe and purport the knowledge of good and evil as given to them by Satan. That knowledge is the philosophy that human beings have the sovereign right to determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong. This philosophy which is fast becoming the religion of the world is called **"Humanism."**

As we look into this universal eschatological religious belief and its role in the last days let us begin by defining it. The word *"humanism"* has a number of meanings; and each meaning of the word represents a different type of humanism; with the different types being easily separated and defined by the use of appropriate adjectives.

Frederick Edwards², executive director of the American Humanist Association in his talk that has been presented to various audiences over the years and Copyright 1989 gives the following varied definitions of humanism:

- 1 **Literary Humanism** is a devotion to the humanities or literary culture.
- 2 **Renaissance Humanism** is the spirit of learning that developed at the end of the Middle Ages with the revival of classical letters and *a renewed confidence in the ability of human beings to determine for themselves truth and falsehood.*
- **3 Cultural Humanism** is the rational and empirical tradition that originated largely in ancient Greece and Rome, evolved throughout European history, and now constitutes a basic part of the Western approach to science, political theory, ethics, and law.

² Edwards, Frederick, (1989). "What is Humanism?" American Humanist Association (Retrieved on 01/06/2011)

4 and interest. Sub-categories need human type include: Christian Humanism and Modern Humanism. Christian Humanism is defined by Webster's Third New International Dictionary as "a philosophy advocating the self- fulfilment of man within the framework of Christian principles." This more humanoriented faith is largely a product of the Renaissance and is a part of what made up Renaissance humanism. Modern Humanism, also called Naturalistic Humanism, Scientific Humanism, Ethical Humanism and Democratic Humanism is defined by one of its leading proponents, Corliss Lamont, as "a naturalistic philosophy that rejects all supernaturalism and relies primarily upon reason and science, democracy and human compassion." Modern Humanism has a dual origin, both secular and religious, and these constitute its sub-categories. Secular Humanism is an outgrowth of 18th century enlightenment rationalism and 19th century free thought. Many secular groups, such as the Council for Democratic and Secular Humanism and the American Rationalist Federation, and many otherwise unaffiliated academic philosophers and scientists, advocate this philosophy. *Religious* Humanism emerged out of Ethical Culture, Unitarianism, and Universalism. Today, many Unitarian- Universalist congregations and all Ethical Culture societies describe themselves as humanist in the modern sense."

It is from these varied existences of humanism that the comparisons would be made with the knowledge of good and evil introduced to the human race at the forbidden tree in Eden. Let us refresh the thoughts as to the core of the knowledge that came from Satan at the forbidden tree. Satan said to Eve "...then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." The word knowing is taken from the word yâda and pronounced 'yaw-dah' which means: to know (properly to ascertain by seeing); while to ascertain is to determine. Thus the message coming from the serpent to Eve was: if you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil you will be able to

decide for yourself by the use of your own senses what is good and what is evil. You would no longer be reliant on the word given by God to establish what is good and what is evil. This is the knowledge of good and evil, the aspiration to determine for oneself outside of the word of God, what is good and what is evil. This is the true meaning of the words "ye shall be as gods, *knowing* good and evil." This knowledge is not good in itself or evil in itself, but it is the right and authority to determine what is good and what is evil.

In one of the varied types of humanism identified by Frederick Edwards, Executive Director, of the American Humanist Association, namely Renaissance Humanism we are told that this form of humanism is "the spirit of learning that developed at the end of the middle ages with the revival of classical letters and a renewed confidence in the ability of human beings to determine for themselves truth and falsehood.³" This is the very knowledge that was embodied in the words of the serpent "Ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil"; in other words like God, man would have the right and authority to determine for himself what is good and what is evil.

Cultural Humanism, described above, today constitutes the basic part of the western approach to science, politics, theory, ethics, and law and I must add religion, which means that all the aforementioned sciences are actually established upon the foundation of humanism. In the Oxford English Dictionary⁴ *humanism* is defined as "*a system of thought that regards humans as capable of using their intelligence to live their lives, rather than relying on religious belief.*" Therefore, no modern day science, politics, theory, ethics, and law would have any religious contribution for it is strictly human.

In order to make this diabolical satanic philosophy palatable to the body of Christ, humanists have introduced what is known as *Christian*

³Edwards, Frederick, (1989) "What is Humanism?" American Humanist Association(Retrieved on 01/06/2011)

⁴ Oxford English Dictionary.(1989) Oxford university Press

Humanism; which is defined by Webster's Third New International Dictionary⁵ as "a philosophy advocating the self- fulfilment of man within the framework of Christian principles." This is a more humanoriented faith, which encourages a person to have faith in their own human abilities rather than depending on some external supernatural power.

In an address to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Butler Country Oxford Ohio, September 24, 1995 updated in December, 1998 and entitled "The History and Philosophy of Humanism and Its Role In Unitarian Universalism" by Steven D Schafersman; he says: "Humanism is therefore concerned largely with two issues: first, a rejection of all forms of theism, supernaturalism, and their associated miracles, superstitions, dogmas, authoritarian beliefs, and wishful and hopeful thinking. And secondly, the resulting necessity of creating or finding values, meanings, and ethical beliefs in a completely naturalistic universe by the sole use of human reason and individual inquiry." It is evident that the religion of humanism is surely the religion originated at the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

In The Varnished Truth: Truth Telling and Deceiving in Ordinary Life (1993)⁶, David Nyberg, professor of philosophy of education at the State University of New York, Buffalo; promotes the view that "all truth is relative". Professor Nyberg believes "it is essential that we accept and regularly practice alternatives to being fully truthful". He makes statements such as: "Sometimes the truth does not set you free; it destroys the sense of freedom that hope provides." And "To live decently with one another, we do not need moral purity, we need discretion." He views "deceit and self-deception", if discreetly used, as "valuable contributors to social stability". He favours creative omissions of truth over blatant lies to achieve his notion of "**beneficial deception**". But he

⁵ Philip Babcock Gove. Webster's third new international dictionary of the English language unabridged Isbn/ 0877792011

⁶ Nyberg, David (1993). The Varnished Truth University of Chicago Press

has no objection to "white lies" if they achieve what he would consider a "compassionate or noble result".

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It is evident that the single thread that is running through all the various forms of humanism is the removal of belief in anything supernatural, faith based, or religious with the ultimate purpose of dethroning God from the throne in the minds of men. This humanism is determined to accomplish its goal; not by open attacks on Christianity and the Bible, but by placing Bible truths within the realms of relativity and making human philosophy the standard by which right and wrong is determined.

In the book: Truth in Context: An Essay on Pluralism and Objectivity (1998)⁸, Michael Lynch, assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Mississippi, promotes a middle-of-the-road approach to truth. His argument is that: "truths may be relative, but our concept of truth doesn't have to be."

It is evident that those who are accepted as the educators of the 21st century do not believe in absolute truth as revealed by God or that God and God alone by His given standard has the right to determine what is good and what is evil. The fact that God and God alone; not angels, not Satan, not man has the right and authority to determine what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is evil, is the principle that separates the Creator from the creature. Satan is continually purporting that man can evolve to Godhood by usurping that authority. The knowledge of good and evil resides only with God, that is, the authority and the right to determine what is good and what is evil by His specified standards.

⁷ Lamont, Corliss (1982). The Philosophy of Humanism F. Ungar Pub. Co. New York

⁸ Lynch, Michael (1998) The Truth In Context; An Essay on Pluralism and Objectivity, Cambridge

In light of this thesis it is important to understand why God alone has the knowledge of good and evil, "that is the RIGHT and AUTHORITY to DETERMINE what is good and what is evil". Also, why today Satan still does not have that right, yet he claims to have it; and how man is indomitable in his efforts to follow in the steps of Lucifer in acquiring this right. One may ask: why is it that God alone has the knowledge of good and evil? That is, the RIGHT and AUTHORITY to DETERMINE what is good and what is evil. When we think of good and evil or right and wrong we must think these attributes in the light of given standards or laws. Conforming and living by these laws is what constitutes goodness and thus perpetuate life; while a violation these standards is what will be considered evil and bring forth death.

The only thing that should determine what is good and what is evil is the standard set out by the one who created all things; and the only one who should determine what is good and what is evil is the one who set the standard; and the only one who has the rights and authority to set the standard is the one who created the things to be governed by those standards. Thus it must be concluded that God as creator is the only one who has the right and authority to determine what is good and what is evil.

Satan endeavoured to assume that privilege when he sought to contradict what God instructed. What did God say? "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:16-17. God in giving this command to Adam made it plain that He God knows what is good and what is evil. He pointed out that it was good to eat of every tree and if man followed His commands the result would be life. God was explicit in stating that it would have been evil to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and that it would bring death.

Satan's contradiction of what God said came to Eve in this form: "And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

Satan well knew that he did not have the right or authority to determine what was good and what was evil. He did not have the right because he did not set the standards by which man should live and he did not have the authority because he did not create those who were to live by the existing standards.

Having neither the right nor the authority he purposed that he must deceive man into thinking that he did actually possessed this power and with great boldness he told Eve "Ye shall not surely die:" while further insinuating that they, like himself and God could possess that knowledge; the knowledge of good and evil; that is the knowledge to determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is evil. He then went forth to accomplish his task using the three fundamentals of: observation, reason and experimentation he then tapped into the natural abilities of man. And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, (here he caused the woman to use her ability of observation) and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (Here he caused her abilities of reason and experimentation). Genesis 3:6

Through "Subtility" Satan caused our first parents to use observation, experimentation and reason without the pertinent dimension of the revealed word of God as given in Genesis 2:16-17. It was this knowledge that God wanted to keep from man, the knowledge of becoming as God and determining for themselves; what is good and what is evil, for this would lead and has led to the removal of God's standards and having them replaced by man's standards.

Today the world has been lured to the tree of knowledge of good and evil by those who have sat at the feet of Satan acquiring the knowledge of self-sufficiency. The philosophy of humanism is the philosophy that the church was warned about when the apostle Paul says: *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain* deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Colossians 2:8

The Greeks provided for the modern world the foundation for philosophical thought namely through the modes of Ethics, Aesthetics and Epistemology. Ethics is considered to be one of the three branches of philosophy. Aesthetics is the study of beauty and Epistemology is the study of knowledge. Another part of Greek philosophy was the importance of Logic, which is systematic examination of facts and arguments in pursuit of truth. Today there is an avalanche of knowledge encouraging men to determine their own destiny, making truth relative so that right and wrong are determined not by the Creator's standards but by each individual's concept of what is right and wrong. Thus truth has become subjective and relative. Subjective according to the Chambers 21st Century Dictionary⁹ means: *based on personal opinion, thoughts, and feelings;* while Relative when used as an adjective means: *to compare with something else, existing only in relation to something else.*

By using observation, reason and experimentation the father of lies and deception has caused the world to turn from the revealed standard of God to only accept their own opinions; therefore, the only thing which can shock this world out of its complacency; is to candidly revisit the criterion, of the one who created the beautiful machinery call man.

Today when the philosophy of right and wrong, good and bad are considered it is not considered from God's perspective but from a purely human secular perspective. However, it was God in Genesis 2:16 and 17 who originally introduced Adam to His philosophy of what is right and what is wrong. Keep in mind that a philosophy is a set of principles which serve as a basis for making judgements and decisions.

Philosophy usually entails such things as man's search for truth and knowledge concerning the universe, human existence, human perception and behaviour. Answers to these things are pursued through

⁹ Mari Robinson (Editor), (2008) Chambers 21st Century Dictionary, Chambers Harrap Publishers, USA

reflection, reasoning and argument. This method is similar to that used by Adam and Eve as they succumbed to the deceptive powers of the devil. Using observation, reason and experimentation the father and mother of the human race established a philosophy that was not founded on the basis of that which was revealed by God. The revelation of God in His word must be the basis of all philosophies if they are to lead us back to God. It is this missing dimension in the philosophies of today that is causing mankind and even the church to move further and further away from God and closer and closer to satanic worship.

Philosophy being a set of principles which serve as a basis for making judgements and decisions and usually entails such things as man's search for truth and knowledge concerning the universe, human existence, human perception and behaviour, we can be assured that God in creation did not leave this to chance. He established the principle which was to guide man in his search for truth, in making judgments, making decisions, in understanding the human existence and behaviour. If the philosophers of today are to find a solution to the many physical, psychological, and social ills of the world they must return to that which was revealed by the Creator of the world and make it the basis for all knowledge, they must consent to make God's revealed standard the foundation of all science.

It is declared in the word of God that "*The fear of the LORD [is]* the beginning of knowledge..." Proverbs 1:7; this is to say that all knowledge must start with reverence for God. However, it is not possible to have any sense of fear for God while there is not an acknowledgement of His existence and creatorship; this must be acknowledged along with the fact that there is no other God but the Creator. Thus in the standard given to Adam which was to determine good and evil will be the first law of the first written code of God's commandments: "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" Exodus 20:3. This first commandment any rational person will recognize covers the other commandment which forbids the making of any graven image, it says: "*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth*

beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:4-6

Obviously when God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of Good and evil He was giving him a philosophy which would have kept him from making Satan or himself (i.e. Adam) God. This, he (i.e. Adam) did when he partook of the forbidden tree, for in so doing he acknowledged that there is another being (Satan/self) who had the right and authority to decide what is good and what is evil, this is the knowledge of good and evil, God wanted no one else to have or claim to have that right, thus He forbad them from partaking of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For anyone claiming that right and authority would have been claiming that they were the one who created and set up the standard whereby those who they created should live by, thus making a claim to godhood.

It was in the garden that the philosophy was germinated that mankind has the right to decide for themselves their own destiny and to determine what was good and what was evil. Having made the decision the whole relativity concept was born and is still very much alive in the modern day philosophy of the 21th century.

In staking his claim for godhood, Satan showed blatant disregard for the first two principles which God established for the determination of good and evil. Not only did he show disrespect for God's standards but he also deceived man into pursuing the same course, thus the hub of the new age philosophy is that man is god or at least he is getting there.

The violation of the first two standards led to the breaking down of another standard embodied in the command of Genesis 2:16 and 17 this is the standard of vainly using the name of the creator. "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20:7

The word used for "vain" in the original is pronounced **shâv' shavshawv.** Shav is used in the sense of **desolating**, **evil**; it is to use God's name with **guile** or **to speak forth falsehood**; it is **to use God's name in a lie**. This is precisely what Eve did as she conversed with the serpent below the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And the woman said unto the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, LEST YE DIE." Genesis 3:2, 3 God's words to the holy pair in Eden was "in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt SURELY DIE." Genesis 2:17 (emphasis supplied)

The above text clearly shows that Eve used God's name with guile in a false statement about God, thus taking God's name in vain. This is not surprising since she entered into a casual relationship with the devil it was now easy and automatic to speak forth guile even though she did not at that time become fully aware of the influence that Satan's philosophy was having upon her rational faculty.

Having entered into discourse with the devil upon the magnitude of God's philosophy, which none should have the knowledge of good and evil; Eve opened herself to now rely upon her own ability of observation, reason and experimentation. This led to the picking of the fruit, which signified that she was now willing to reconsider the revelation given to herself and her husband by God in Genesis 2:16, 17.

Having eaten of the forbidden fruit she then shared it with her husband. Adam then joined his wife in violation of the first three standards embodied in the command of Genesis 2:16 and 17 they were now about to experience the result of the violation of the forth commandment.

Based on the creation chronicle it was on the sixth day of the week that Adam and Eve was created, being the last of all the things that God created and made they must have been created at the end of the sixth day for their creation represented the climax of all that God created and made. It will therefore stand to reason that it was on the seventh day that God gave the instruction to Adam that he was free to eat of all the trees in the garden but of the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil he was not to eat of it for in the day he eat thereof he shall surely die. Adam's first full day of conscience awareness was spent in the presence of God receiving instructions from God as to what is His (God's) way of life, this resulted in Adam having a true Sabbath experience. Throughout the Scriptures Sabbath keeping is taught to be a representation of God's rest, for the Sabbath day came into existence when God ended His work and rested on the seventh day blessing it hallowing it and sanctifying it. Genesis 2:1-3. God told Moses, "...My presence shall go *[with thee]*, and I will give thee rest." Exodus 33:14 The Sabbath therefore came about because of God resting and man can only receive rest from God.

It is conclusive then that man can only have God's rest by being in His presence, it remains that any removal of man from God's presence will result in the cessation of rest and since God's rest is what constitutes the seventh day Sabbath any removal from God's presence constitutes Sabbath breaking. This we are told took place with our first parents when they choose to violate the standards that determines good and evil, right and wrong. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. Genesis 3:22 - 24

Thus the fourth commandment embodied in the Genesis 2 command was broken so that the philosophy of Satan which was received by our foreparents Adam and Eve is being supported by most Christians today by deciding for themselves which day will be observed by them as the Sabbath.

In the Genesis account God instituted the seventh day as the Sabbath by resting on it, He gave it to man by choosing to have man sit in His presence and be instructed as to the heavenly philosophy by which his life should be governed and by which he should determine good and evil, when as a Christian we reject the revelation of the word of God on this matter to follow and use observation, reason and experimentation we like Adam and Eve are eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Thus the fourth commandment stands as a constant reminder to us today not to follow the philosophy of the serpent which says we have the right and authority to decide our own Sabbath, but to follow God's philosophy on this matter which says: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *[is]* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *[in it]* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *[is]* within thy gates: For *[in]* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *[is]*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Exodus 20:8 - 11

The act of partaking of the tree of knowledge of good and evil brings to the surface the level of disrespect and dishonour that was instilled in Adam and Eve for the one who were to them both mother and father. This dishonour and disrespect is shown in the response of both Adam and Eve when called by God to give and account for their behaviour.

Adam and Eve both blamed God for the whole situation, this is dishonouring and disrespectful. "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What[is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. Genesis 3:9 - 13.

Both Adam and Eve placed the blame squarely on God for the sin problem. Adam said basically if you did not create the woman Satan

would not have been able to get to me and Eve said if you did not create Satan I would not have done what I did.

Having dishonoured and disrespected God they were unrestraint in their move into the violation of the fifth of the ten commandments embodied in the command of Genesis 2:16,17 the fifth commandment embodied therein says: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

The knowledge of the forbidden tree is the philosophy that sets mankind to become a law unto themselves determining what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is evil, and this is the philosophy of the 21th century, as a result we can see throughout the world today the same disrespect and dishonour shown to God by Adam and Eve, being shown to parents, it has become so acceptable that it is noted as one of the prominent signs of the eminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, unthankful, unholy... 2Timothy 3:1,2

The command of Genesis 2:16 and 17 did not only establish a philosophy that dealt with man's relationship with his creator but established how man was to deal with his fellowmen, Adam and Eve was to go forth and multiply and replenish the earth, he had before him the knowledge of each thing bringing forth after its kind, thus he would know that he too would bring after his kind. This is simple; Adam would know that whatever is in him, those who he brings forth will inherit it. This surely happened for when Adam embraced the satanic philosophy and took in death and all of mankind was affected. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Rom 5:12

This brings us to the sixth commandment embodied in the Genesis 2 command Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13

It was the death of the entire human race that God was trying to avoid when he told Adam not to embrace the philosophy of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, this philosophy is literally killing the human race today.

Many people believe that Cain was the first person to kill but that which it takes to kill a man was passed on to Cain from his father Adam who was responsible for the death of the entire human race. Today the entire human race is still on the road to death and destruction because of the satanic philosophy. The world is feasting under the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and the church is sitting at their feet feasting on the crumbs that fall from their master's table, masters such Plato, Aristotle, Socrities, Stalin and the likes.

The mission of Christ and the gospel is to turn men away from the philosophical toxins of modern day teachers to the Genesis 2 philosophy of obedience to the standards of the creator.

A further look into what took place at the tree of knowledge of good and evil will reveal the violation of the seventh command by both Eve and Adam: the seventh commandment embodied in the command of Genesis two is Thou shalt not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14 Eve in entering into such close relationship with the serpent and having a discourse that should have been carried on with her husband only, desecrated the sacredness of the marriage relationship, further when Adam partook of the fruit he violated the sacredness of the marriage between himself and God. The first stage of adultery is apostasy and every other act follows. God spoke of the church in Jeremiah of committing adultery and it is in the same manner that Adam did it. Read Jeremiah 3:6-8. The last three of the commandments embodied in the Genesis 2 command says: Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *[is]* thy neighbour's. Exodus 20:17

It is very easy to see the violation of these three under the satanic philosophy, Adam and Eve stole when they partook of the tree that was not given them, but before they could have stolen they coveted and long before this action Eve had already born false wittiness against God, when she falsely said God said "lest ye die."

What then are the world and the church's problem? First it is a philosophical one. The basis of all knowledge has been removed. The basis of all knowledge is the fear of God, that is, having absolute respect for what is revealed in the word of God, this has been replaced by a philosophy that places man and his power of reason above the revealed word of God.

Man through their own philosophy is searching for truth and knowledge, truth and knowledge concerning the universe, concerning man's existence and purpose, man keeps searching through observation, reason and experimentation for the absolute knowledge as to how man should behave and relate to his fellow men and all they are coming up with are philosophies that are bringing more death and disasters upon the human race, all because man will not turn to the revelation of God left with us in the form of His word.

"The great men of earth will then understand that they have surrendered mind and heart to ensnaring philosophy which pleased the carnal heart. Hope and grace and every inducement had been held out by One who loved them, and gave His life for them, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, but they refused the love of God. Their lofty opinions, their human reasonings, were extolled; they declared themselves sufficient in themselves to understand divine mysteries, and they thought their own powers of discrimination were strong enough to discern truth for themselves. They fell an easy prey to Satan's subtlety, for he presented before them specious errors in human philosophy, which has an infatuation for human minds. They turned from the Source of all wisdom, and worshiped intellect. The message and the messengers of God were criticized and discarded as beneath their human, lofty ideas. The invitations of mercy were made a jest, and they denied the divinity of Jesus Christ and derided the idea of His preexistence before He assumed human nature. But the tattered shreds of human reasoning will be found to be only as ropes of sand in the great day of God." (ST March 7, 1895). {6BC 1069.5}

"From God, the fountain of wisdom emanates all the knowledge that is of value to man, all that the intellect can grasp or retain. The fruit of the tree representing good and evil is not to be eagerly plucked because it is recommended by one who was once a bright angel in glory. He has said that if men eat thereof, they shall know good and evil; but let it alone. The true knowledge comes not from infidels or wicked men. The word of God is light and truth. The true light shines from Jesus Christ, who "lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9. From the Holy Spirit proceeds divine knowledge. He knows what humanity needs to promote peace, happiness, and restfulness here in this world, and to secure eternal rest in the kingdom of God.--*Special Testimonies on Education, pages 26-31; written from Cooranbong, N.S.W., Australia, June 12, 1896.*

The shaft of our human acumen have not yet been sunk into the depth of the satanic philosophy call humanism and the dangers it pose to biblical standards that defines right and wrong. Therefore it is imperative that further consideration be given to this philosophy and what the word of God has to say about it.

Humanism is the philosophy or way of life centred on values and standards originated exclusively from man and that asserts the dignity and worth of humans and their capacity for self-actualization through the use of reason and scientific inquiry without religion or any external power.

Steven D. Schafersman whom I have quoted before, in an address to the Unitarian universalist congregation of butler country oxford, Ohio September 24, 1995 says: "Humanism is therefore concerned largely with two issues: first, a rejection of all forms of theism, supernaturalism, and their associated miracles, superstitions, dogmas, authoritarian beliefs, and wishful and hopeful thinking, and second, the resulting necessity of creating or finding values, meanings, and ethical beliefs in a completely naturalistic universe by the sole use of human reason and individual inquiry."

Thus Humanism is a purely moral philosophy. It is fundamental to humanist's belief that humans can live moral, happy, and productive lives on the basis of human reason and experience, without relying on the supernatural. The humanists base their life and beliefs on three intellectual areas: these are naturalistic ethics, rational scepticism, and science, in their belief of naturalistic ethics, the concept is that humans are the definitive source of morals, values, purposes, and meanings, with this they hold that moral values find their source in human experience; not in the standards set forth by the creator. When it comes to ethics the humanist believe that it stem from human need and interest; so that the purpose and meaning of life are what we make it to be, not what God ordained it to be. In this the humanist conclude that ethics and values should be the result of the cooperation necessary for the survival of a social species, this fits in well with the concept of new age, New World Order agenda that purports such concept as globalization.

Thus, ethics and values can and are chosen by the humanists through the application of human reason; and are not handed down by any deity, quoting again from Steven D. Schafersman. "The dogmatic claim that only supernatural forces can civilize humanity and that human thought cannot be the source of morality is a superstition. To the contrary, we are responsible for our ethics as much as for our actions." This is amazing, if there was ever a philosophy that can challenge the practicality and relevance of Bible religion it is this; especially in the light of the existing facts that the people that hold the highest office, experience the greatest success, and control the wealth of this world usually subscribe to philosophies such as this. There is emergent pressure for the children of God to question the position in holding on to the Bible, God and anything spiritually or supernatural such as their believe in the Holy Spirit, their believe in the Bible as the infallible word of God, the existence of angels, their believe in the gift of the spirit of prophecy and

even the hope of life after death. At a time when the world and the church are surrendering to the religion of Humanism, God is looking for a people that would stand firm in the peculiarity of a philosophy that is rooted and grounded in faith and by faith in the word of God, so that while the world is rejecting things spiritual, the faith of the church needs to be revived as it pertains to the miracle working power of God.

Humanism with its naturalistic teaching, and belief that the universe is all that there was, is, or ever will be; is taking over the world. The believe that this universe operates according to natural laws and natural processes outside the framework of the power of God is part of the diabolical philosophy that came down from the forbidden tree; like Adam and Eve under the hypnotic influence of the serpent, humanists believe that all reliable knowledge comes through the application of the scientific method, logical reasoning and empirical evidence and as such rejects the role and work of God. Humanists are atheists, simply not believing in God. The religion of humanism produces a form of religious hybrid where the person becomes a cross between an atheist and an agnostic, they don't believe in a God, for they cannot through empirical evidence deny or confirm the existence of God, so that humanism claims to have no knowledge of God's existence or nonexistence. This is precisely what Satan intended when he said to Adam and Eve that they shall be as gods, for as soon as man conceives the thought that he can become God, God cease to exist to him, for God can only be God if he remains infinitely beyond the augmentation of the finite.

Having a philosophy that neither denies nor confirms the existence of God because of a lack of empirical evidence the Humanists must further deny and reject the Holy standard of God, the standard by which man's morality and ethics are to be judged. It is the infiltration of humanism into evangelical Christianity that is fuelling the hate that now exists for the ten commandments of God. This rejection necessitates of the humanists the framing, justifying, and explaining of their own values, this affords them the freedom of constructing and living by their own ethical philosophy, it is for this reason that a humanist can feel no guilt for their conduct, the Christian experiences guilt because of the knowledge that the standard of the one who created them and is sustaining them and who deserve their worship in grateful obedience has been broken. For the humanists the only standard he knows is his own and since those standards are subject to conditions, the humanists is never wrong and therefore never guilty, all this must be understood in the light that the humanists moral systems is based on human needs, human experiences, and human reason, not on the assumed or revealed will of God. It is clear that the philosophy of humanism is designed to keep salvation out of the reach of the masses of this world.

Frederick Edwards Executive Director, American Humanist Association gives a profound insight into Humanism in the following nine points, anyone endeavouring to avoid the deceptive wiles of Humanism as a religion should be cognisant of the following.

Humanism is a philosophy of reason and science in the pursuit of knowledge. Therefore, when it comes to the question of the most valid means for acquiring knowledge of the world, Humanists reject arbitrary faith, authority, revelation, and altered states of consciousness.

Humanism is a philosophy of imagination. Humanists recognize that intuitive feelings, hunches, speculation, flashes of inspiration, emotion, altered states of consciousness, and even religious experience, while not valid means to acquire knowledge, remain useful sources of ideas that can lead us to new ways of looking at the world. These ideas, after they have been assessed rationally for their usefulness, can then be put to work, often as alternate approaches for solving problems.

Humanism is a philosophy for the here and now. Humanists regard human values as making sense only in the context of human life rather than in the promise of a supposed life after death.

Humanism is a philosophy of compassion. Humanist ethics is solely concerned with meeting human needs and answering human problems-for both the individual and society--and devotes no attention to the satisfaction of the desires of supposed theological entities. Humanism is a realistic philosophy. Humanists recognize the existence of moral dilemmas and the need for careful consideration of immediate and future consequences in moral decision making.

Humanism is in tune with the science of today. Humanists therefore recognize that we live in a natural universe of great size and age, that we evolved on this planet over a long period of time, that there is no compelling evidence for a separable "soul," and that human beings have certain built-in needs that effectively form the basis for any humanoriented value system.

Humanism is in tune with today's enlightened social thought. Humanists are committed to civil liberties, human rights, church-state separation, the extension of participatory democracy not only in government but in the workplace and education, an expansion of global consciousness and exchange of products and ideas internationally, and an open-ended approach to solving social problems, an approach that allows for the testing of new alternatives.

Humanism is in tune with new technological developments. Humanists are willing to take part in emerging scientific and technological discoveries in order to exercise their moral influence on these revolutions as they come about, especially in the interest of protecting the environment.

Humanism is, in sum, a philosophy for those in love with life. Humanists take responsibility for their own lives and relish the adventure of being part of new discoveries, seeking new knowledge, exploring new options. Instead of finding solace in prefabricated answers to the great questions of life, Humanists enjoy the openendedness of a quest and the freedom of discovery that this entails.

The question that would come upon the thinking person is; why Humanism? This question can be answered with a very simple answer before any further elaboration. Humanism does not necessarily require a person to give up anything; it makes no demands and does not directly interfere with a person's religious or political persuasion. Thus a person can embrace it and maintain their fundamental denominational or political position. Taking a look at some of the things mention in the above quote will help to elucidate on the point of the effectiveness of this philosophy in the closing stages of earth's history, and why it is so easily embraced by most.

Being a philosophy of reason and science it appeals to the educated, those who has made academics the foremost objective in their life, it is also a philosophy of imagination, so that it gives recognition to that intuitive feelings, hunches, speculation, flashes of inspiration, emotion, altered states of consciousness, and even religious experience. Humanism seeks not to exclude any but simply to make the human being the centre of all things. Humanism is further attractive because it deals with the here and now, we are living in a time in history where people are concerned not with the hereafter but with the now, people want to be a part of things that can be beneficial to them now, but that which could be considered as one of the greatest magnets of Humanism is the philosophy of compassion. The Humanist ethics we is solely concerned with meeting human needs and answering human problems, in this work Humanism resembles the work that was carried out by Christ, only to say that in Christ humanitarian work the goal was the saving of souls for the kingdom of God, this aspect is not attached to the humanitarian endeavours of the Humanists. When this aspect of the Humanists philosophy is coupled with its ability to be in tune with today's enlightened social thought, its commitment to civil liberties, human rights, church-state separation, the extension of participatory democracy and education, it is easy to understand why it has become the most attractive religion on the globe today.

The ultimate goal of Humanism is to defy God and exalt man to the place of godhood, the religion of Humanism is not in denial of the existence of God it simply encourages man to believe that he is god. To defy God and set up a system of government diametrical to that of God's own has always been the purpose and plan of Lucifer/Satan. Let this work of Lucifer's religion be traced from the royal courts of heaven to his encounter with man at the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This experience is revealed inEzekiel 28:12-18 "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. THOU [ART] THE ANOINTED CHERUB THAT COVERETH; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN THEE. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee." Lucifer was known in heaven as the "anointed cherub that covereth." This word "covereth" taken from the Hebrew "SAW- KAK" means: to entwine, to twist around or about, to fence in, to cover, to protect, to join together; therefore it is used to describe Lucifer's relationship with the law of God, which are the very principles of the government of heaven. It was Lucifer's blessed privilege to be closely connected with the work of revealing the Father's character to the heavenly angels. He was looked upon as being entwined with the principles of God's government. This work, Lucifer continued to do, until iniquity was found in him. "Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

It is clear that from Lucifer's relationship to the principles of heaven that at some point he was in perfect concurrence with God's arrangement for the management of heaven and the entire universe. This affinity remained with him until the bible says, *"iniquity was found in thee."* In this single word "INIQUITY", God reveals to us the change, which came about in Lucifer and the attitude he was to adopted and has adopted against God's system of governance.

The word "INIQUITY" is taken from a Hebrew word "AW- VEL" which has its root in the word "AW-VAL". It means: to distort, to deal unjustly, to twist out of a proper or natural use, to misshape to cast false light upon, to pervert, to work in a twisted way. When iniquity was found in Lucifer he began to bend his mastermind to the work of misrepresenting the system of God's government. This work went on for a while in heaven. His every God given powers was now to be used to distort, to pervert and to twist out of its proper use the law of God, in an effort to deceive the angels. This work of deception of the Holy angels is what is described in Revelation when it says: "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:7-9

In Ezekiel 28:13 it says of Satan "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God…" it was while being in Eden that Satan's agenda was revealed in words and actions. God in His word revealed the thoughts of this fallen angel. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning![*how*] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isa 14:12 - 14

Ultimately the agenda of Satan both in heaven and on earth was clearly revealed in Eden and that agenda was the overthrow of God, when he tried to do this work by the means of deception in heaven he failed, the outcome was that of him and the angels that followed him being cast out of heaven, having failed in his bid to overthrow God in heaven he came to earth, the place that represented the throne of God's presence on earth was Eden, the one that represented God in Eden was Adam, and that which testified of their allegiance to God was their willing submission to God's philosophy of obedience. In Eden there was no other philosophy, no other God, no other standard than the standard of God. Adam and Eve gave unquestioning obedience to that which was revealed to them to be truth. In Satan's encounter with the holy he purposed to get them to question the authority and rights of God to determine for them what is right and what is wrong, and then to place themselves as the only ones that should have such authority. This is the underpinning of his last day religion of Humanism.

Throughout the centuries he has cunningly spread that philosophy all through the world; using Greek mythology as the conduit he has been able to infiltrate western philosophy with his venomous knowledge. In the Humanists philosophy there is a tradition, a tradition of defiance, the very defiance that was taught to Adam and Eve at the tree of Knowledge of good and evil. This concept of defiance of the true and living God, the creator, found its way into western philosophy through Greek mythology. It is in Greek mythology that the concept of defiance of the gods can be found, though not originating with Greek mythology this idea of defiance to the gods was kept alive through Greek mythology for one purpose to instil into man thoughts over the centuries the possibility of defying the one true and living God. In the mythology of the Greeks there is the story of the Rebel Titan Prometheus one of defying acts was that he stole fire from Zeus and gave it to the primitive mortals on the earth. It is said that as a result Zeus did not punish Prometheus alone; he punished the entire world for the impudence of this rebel god. In the mythical story it is further stated as to how Zeus had many plans for the reshaping of creation, for Zeus was considered the creator of man, after a while Zeus took no interest in the mortal race of men, he intended for them to live as primitives until they died off.

Zeus said that knowledge and divine gifts would only bring misery to the mortals and he insisted that Prometheus not interfere with his plans. As we follow this mythical story notice the similarities with God being the Creator, telling Adam and Eve that in the day they eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they shall surely die. Prometheus took pity on the primitive mortals and he deceived Zeus. Prometheus gave the mortals all sorts of gifts: brickwork, woodworking, telling the seasons by the stars, numbers, the alphabet (for remembering things), yoked oxen, carriages, saddles, ships and sails. He also gave other gifts: healing drugs, seer-craft, signs in the sky, the mining of precious metals, animal sacrifice and all art. The myth went on to say that the gift of divine fire that Prometheus gave unleashed a flood of inventiveness, productivity and, most of all, respect for the immortal gods in the rapidly developing mortals. Remember the words of Satan to Adam and Eve "Ye shall be as gods" Within no time (by Immortal standards), culture, art, and literacy permeated the land around Mount Olympos (Olympus). When Zeus realized the deception that Prometheus had fostered, he was furious. He had Hephaistos (Hephaestus) shackle Prometheus to the side of a crag, high in the Caucasus Mountains. There Prometheus would hang until the fury of Zeus subsided. Prometheus was idolized by ancient Greeks as the one who defied Zeus. This is the root of the Humanist challenge to authority. This is how they view Lucifer as the hero that defied God and brought to man a gift of knowledge that God sought to withhold from man. Again the voice of the devil said the first pair in Eden "for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be open and ye shall be as gods..." the position and teaching of Humanism is that everything and everyone could be challenged and defied. This defiance of God has become fashionable today and is seen in if not all most of the inventions of man. One humanist that I have quoted several times already Frederick Edwards emphasizes the point of defiance in the following: "After all, much of Human progress has been in defiance of religion or of the apparent natural order. When we deflect lightening or evacuate a town before a tornado strikes, we lessen the effects of so called "acts of God." When we land on the Moon we defy the Earth's gravitational pull. When we seek a solution to the AIDS crisis, we, according to Jerry Falwell, thwart "God's punishment of homosexuals." Politically, the defiance of religious and secular authority has led to democracy, human rights, and even the protection of the environment. Humanists make no apologies for this.

Humanists twist no biblical doctrine to justify such actions. They recognize the Promethean defiance of their response and take pride in it. For this is part of the tradition."

In sharing his view of God with a friend Frederick Edwards Executive Director, American Humanist Associations says: "Imagine how shocked a friend of mine was when I told her my view of "God's moral standards." I said, "If there were such a god, and these were indeed his ideal moral principles, I would be tolerant. After all, God is entitled to his own opinions!" this is exactly what Satan suggested to Adam and Eve when Eve responded to him as to what God said would be the outcome of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan suggested that when God said that in the day they eat thereof they shall surely die that that was just God's opinion and even God was entitle to His opinion, but my opinion is that ye shall not surely die. Frederick Edwards went on to say; "only a Humanist is inclined to speak this way. Only a Humanist can suggest that, even if there be a god, it is ok to disagree with him, her, or it. In Plato's Euthyphro, Socrates shows that God is not necessarily the source of good, or even good himself. Socrates asks if something is good because God ordains it, or if God ordains it because it is already good. Yet, since the time of the ancient Greeks, no mainstream religion has permitted such questioning of God's will or made a hero out of a disobedient character. It is Humanists who claim this tradition."

The questioning of the will and standard of God originated with Lucifer, as a means to oust God and set himself up as God, thus we read these words, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:12 – 14.

Having fallen from heaven Lucifer set his heart on being exalted to the place of God. In creation we know of only two creatures that gives God intelligent, conscience worship they are; angels and men, it is in and through these creatures that the sovereign authority of God finds acknowledgement, since his rebellion Satan has felt that if he could remove from the hearts of angels and men that allegiance that acknowledges God as creator then God in the minds of intelligent beings will be equal with the creature. Satan is very aware that it is not possible to remove God from His position of Godhood simply because it is not the creature's worship to Him or acknowledgement of Him which makes Him God, but He is God because He is God, that is, God is God because of the infiniteness of His power and personality. The only way to remove God from being God in actuality is to remove His infinity and not even infinity itself can accomplish this.

Satan therefore understand that the only way to achieve this is to cause it to happen within the minds of the creature, but by nature the creature's mind was designed to worship and therefore it is only natural for man to something supreme acknowledge someone or as and thus acknowledging God in some form or the other, Satan's plan is to get man to reject the authority and existence of the Creator and set himself up as God, what will automatically follow is the acknowledgement of him, Satan, as God. This is what was intended when Satan said in his heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God," the stars of God being the angelic host and the sons of God from all the other created worlds, he went on to say "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation," this represent that high place in man where God resides, that's the mind and heart of man. Through the last day religion of Humanism he is achieving that which in Eden he laid the foundation for, the exalting of the creature to the place of the creator; with him being the highest of all created being he will receive worship from all of mankind who see themselves as demigods.

This brings us to the prophetic words of John in the Revelation. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him..." worship who? "And they worshipped the dragon..." who is this dragon? "And the great dragon

was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world..." Revelation 13: 8,4 Revelation 12:9. The end result of the religion of Humanism is the worship of the devil, the acknowledgement of his philosophy above the philosophy of God. This would be done not by the acknowledgement of the greatness of Satan but by the acknowledgement of the greatness of self, the ability of man to determine his own destiny, fix his own problems, find his own solution, set up his own moral standards, determine for himself what is right and what is wrong, man will finally through this religion terminate any need for God.

There would be no other philosophy on the face of the earth in these last days that is more proficient to test the faith of Christians than the philosophy of Humanism. This will be so because it is a philosophy that connects with man's innate abilities, it appeals to reason, it is in tune with the times, it interface with science, and it demands no changes of our carnal nature. Everything about Humanism will try our faith. Paul's word to Timothy and to the church today is: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace [be] with thee. Amen." 1Timothy 6: 20,21 Through the profane, vain babbling and opposing science of Humanism the faith of God's children in the last days will be brutally tried, of this trial that will come through deceptive theories straight from the pit of hell the Bible says that even the elect were it possible would have been deceived. This trial of faith has already commence, thus apostle Peter says: 1Peter 1:7 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *[even]* the salvation of *[your]* souls."

It is imperative for the children of God to know and experience what faith is and to understand how the philosophy of Humanism is being used to destroy faith.

Faith is the only gift given to man by God that enable him to operate beyond the limits of the five senses, faith empower us to transcend logic and natural law and operate above and beyond the restricted sphere of humanity. MATTHEW 14:22-33 ROMANS 4:19 This ability to operate beyond the five senses enables man to connect with that which is spiritual, and to the spirit world, that is to hold communion with God and angels. This exercise of faith does not eliminate the use of the human faculties but inspires them to higher use so as to allow open communication to exist between the human and the divine. Furthermore this faith must have its basis in the word of God so that it will connect us with God the Creator. This is important since there are fallen spirits that a misguided faith will connect a person too.

Hebrews 11:6 says: "But without faith *[it is]* impossible to please *[him]*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is...," the word "believe" comes from a Greek word $\pi_{10}\tau_{E}$ pisteuo and pronounced *pist-yoo'-o* which means "tohavefaith" there is a root word that this word is taken from that must be considered further it is found in 2Corinthians 13:5 and1Timothy 6:12 "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. The word faith as use her is taken from the Greek $\pi i \sigma \tau i c p istispis' - ti$ it means *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

It is this faith, our conviction in the word, that will come under attack by the philosophy of Humanism, since faith is the very substance of all that the Christian hopes for to remove faith is to remove the Christian from the very substance of his hope, and the substance of his hope is God and faith is the only medium through which man can access God.The hypothesis of Humanism is rational scepticism, which is withholding belief where there is no empirical evidence or where there is contrary evidence, evidence for the Humanist must be pragmatic, and it must be scientific. Opposite to this is faith, that gift from God that can function beyond the realms of science, but can appreciate science that is in harmony with the word of God.

For the believer science is placed to the test of the word and not the word to the test of science. It is important for the Humanist not to think that faith has nothing to do with science for it is faith that first brought the Christian in contact with science, for without faith one can never come in contact with science. The book of Genesis is the first science book that ever existed for the believer. What is science? Science covers a broad field of human knowledge concerning the facts held together by principle (rules). Scientists discover and test these facts and principles by scientific methods. The sciences include (1) Mathematics and logic (2) Physical sciences such as Physics and Chemistry (3) Biological sciences such as botany and zoology (4) Social sciences such as sociology and anthropology. These sciences are found first in the word of God. In Genesis 1 God introduced the most simple form of mathematical science, that of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

Addition – *Genesis 1:1-8* in these verses is found the first ever work of addition. One day added to another.

Subtraction – Genesis 1:1-3 God by the entrance of light took away darkness.

Division – *Genesis 1:4-7* God introduced the principle of division taking a whole and separating it into two.

Multiplication – *Genesis 1:28* God said be fruitful and multiply.

It was truly God who gave to man the ability to mathematically and statistically analyzed things. These four mathematical principles are the foundation of all mathematical equations, thus God is the true author of all mathematical science. Physical Science: this science is concerned mainly with nature of the universe. It is the study of tiny atoms and large galaxies, and includes Astronomy, Chemistry, Geology, Meteorology and Physic. Astronomy – is the study of the heavenly bodies and their motions. Chemistry – studies materials found on earth to determine their atomic and molecular structure and the changes that occurs in them. Geology – studies the shape and structure of the earth and how the earth has changed during its history. Meteorology - is the study of weather and air or atmosphere. Physics – is concerned with matter and energy, physics study mechanics, heat, light, sound, electricity, magnetism and the properties of matter. God is the author of Physical Science bear in mind that energy and power of all kinds fall within the scope of physics. In Genesis 1:1 before the setting of the earth in order by God, this earth existed as a massive body of trillions of atoms - an atom is one of the basic units of matter (everything around us is made up of atoms). An atom is incredibly tiny. It's more than a million times smaller than the thickness of a human hair. The smallest speck that can be seen under a microscope contains more than 10 billion atoms. An atom has three basic particles Protons: Protons have a positive electric charge, Electrons: Electrons have a negative charge and Neutrons: Neutron is electrically neutral. In Genesis 1:3 "And God said let there be light".

What is light? Light is a form of energy which travels easily through space. Light comes from energy given off by atoms. If an atom absorbs additional energy it moves to a higher energy level and it is then know as an "exited atom". After exiting has taken place which means it has absorbed additional energy. It soon drops back to a lower level, which then causes it release energy; Atoms call Photons. All Photons do not have the same energy level; photons with different amount of energy make up different colour light. The more energetic makes up blue light and, the least energetic makes up red light God in the first demonstration of physical science spoke the word in Genesis 1:3. The power of his word energized and exited the trillions of atoms which made up the earth, and when he ceased speaking the atoms began to drop in their energy levels, thus the released energy – Photons thus brought forth light. The law of gravity can be found in Genesis 1:6-8 Within the Physical sciences is that of the laws of gravity. It is the means by which things are held together in the universe. This science God introduced in Genesis 1:6-8 when said "let there be a firmament". He then allowed by his word one body of water to stay on the earth and another to be lifted up above the earth. Space will not allow me to explore all the wonderful physical sciences when exist in Genesis 1., but keep in mind that it was God who introduce physical science so as you look out at the universe an you see our Sun that huge, glowing ball of gas at the center of out solar system, remember the author. As you look beyond our solar system which is our earth and eight other planets, know it is just a dot in the might milky way galaxy which has over 100 billion stars so vast it is this creation of God that traveling at the speed of light which is 186,000 miles per second it will take man 100,000 light years to across it. And yet this is only one of the galaxy out of billions of galaxies. Surely God is creator.

Biological Sciences: Biological science or life science involves the study of living organism and their activities, biological sciences include botany, zoology, palaeontology and psychology. Genesis 1:26-28 in placing man in charge of all forms of animal life, these life forms they were to be his study. In this can be seen the science of zoology which is the study of animals. Genesis 1:29, 30, Genesis 2:15 As part of this whole biological science man was given the opportunity to study not only zoology, but also botany which is the study of plants. Social Science Genesis 2:18-25 In these verses can be found the introduction of the social science, which is the study of man and society. Example, first God studied man being alone with the animals and found that man was very uncomfortable socially because there was none other like himself around. Genesis 2:18-20 God then studied man in a social setting with one of his own kind and found that his behaviour was very different. Genesis 2:23 Thus way back in Genesis the science of sociology was introduced by God.

To think that where there is scientific evidence, there is no need of faith would be a foolish thought, for where there is the acceptance of existing evidence faith is already exercised. Faith strengthens the intellect and brings reason under the influence of the revealed word of God. The Humanists believe that there is only one way to justify belief and thus have reliable knowledge, and that is through scientific methods, but science came from somewhere or more so someone and that someone is God and God can only be accessed through faith, thus all true science is based on faith. Let's use as an example the basic mathematical science of addition one and one is said to be two but how can we prove that this scientific method is correct it cannot be proven it is accepted and because it is accepted it is faith based.

In the hours just before the second advent of our Lord the faith of God's people would be relentlessly tried, not merely by physical persecution but by the venomous teaching coming from those who are opposed to the gospel of Christ. Thus it is asked by the Scriptures: "... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" In the final struggle with Satan through the beast power in the book of Revelation it is written that that which lifts the children of God above the worship of the beast and his image is their obedience to the commandments of God and the experience of "the faith of Jesus." Like in the days of the protestant reformation the anti- Christ will recognize that it is not possible to destroy an idea with the sword but an idea can only be destroyed with another idea. It is the satanic philosophy of Humanism that will generate the greatest threat to the commandment keeping church in the last days. It will be imperative that the believer develops strict obedience to the commandments of God and experiences "the faith of Jesus." Because of the momentous role that the "faith of Jesus" will play in the deliverance of the saints in the last days it is crucial that the believer has a clear knowledge and experience of what the faith of Jesus is. In Galatians 2:16 the Bible says "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." It is important to observe the preposition "of" between the two nouns, "faith" and "Jesus" denoting, belonging to, or coming from. Thus indicating that the faith of Jesus comes from Jesus not from us it is a faith that exist as a result of his experience that he would share with those who have accepted him as their personal saviour thus empowering then to keep the commandments of God in the last days.

As John in the book of Revelation sees the final events in the great controversy unfold he see the beast power and the world worshiping the beast, and his image, he saw multitudes receiving the mark of the beast, he further sees the wicked drinking of the wrath of God, while the smoke of their torment keep ascending, he saw them in a state of restlessness and then he saw the saints with that which distinguished them from the wicked, he said. "Here is the patience of the saints: here *[are]* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."Revelation 14:12

The faith of Jesus is not the faith that God has dealt to every man, that faith we use to believe in him as our saviour, we speak of it as having faith in Jesus. The faith of Jesus must come from Jesus; this is Christ personal experience of faith. Christ personal experience with the Father developed a faith within Christ that no other human being ever had, this faith is unique because it comes as a result of a unique experience; this exceptional faith Christ would share with those who are to experience an inundation of events under the antichrist system.

This faith we must all have but for the most part refuse, simply because it will not be mystical or emotional, but will come to you from Christ by allowing you to go through similar situations and living under like conditions as he did. The faith of Jesus would be shared with a believer as they receive Christ High Priestly ministerial intercessory work that is taking place right now in the most holy place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. The faith of Jesus is that faith that kept Christ holding on to the Father even when all of his senses said that he was forsaken of Him. The faith of Jesus will enable us to perceive with our spiritual intelligence and allows us to place our spiritual aptitude above our human rational. Through faith we must now begin to lessen our dependence on the things that are seen to bring into existence those things that are not seen

Let there be a more comprehensive look into the "faith of Jesus" Matthew 27:45,46. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

It is important that the reader grasp a sense of what was taking place with Christ at the cross, the Scripture declares that at about the sixth hour which is about twelve o'clock in the noonday that darkness covered the entire land until about the ninth hour, which is about three o'clock in the afternoon, this darkness while literal symbolized the anguish and revulsion that was now the experience of Christ. It represented the fact that he was now shut out from the Father by the sins of the world that he was carrying. This was a time of severe suffering for Christ.

Upon the cross! The pristine Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin; the burden of sin is the separation from God that comes as a result of transgression. On the cross Christ felt in His soul as a real experience the appalling separation that sin makes between God and man. This wrung from His lips the agonizing cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible massacre, of its separation of the soul from God that tested the faith of Christ and developed, or brought into existence the kind of faith that alone can operate beyond the realm of human existence and human consciousness. It is this faith that is called "the faith of Jesus." As Christ experience on the cross is examined it must be noted that Christ needed a faith that could functioned at a time when everything around him was black, in the midst of the intense darkness of sin that separated him from God. Christ needed a faith that would operate beyond his apparent abandonment by God. Still further Christ needed a faith that could operate beyond the boundaries of reason, intellect and human consciousness.

"The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man. So great was this agony that His physical pain was hardly felt. Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus. The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice. He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal. Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute that made the cup He drank so bitter, and broke the heart of the Son of God." {Desire of Ages 753.2}

In the above statement the inspired pen of E.G. White gives an idea of the mental state of Christ upon the cross; in the following words the mental attitude of Christ is revealed. "The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror... He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal..." this indicates that the powers of hell was able to place some form of mental blockage on Christ so that he could not recall to mind the many promises of his resurrection, this led to Christ fearing that the separation between himself and his Father were to be eternal. Not having hope that he would come forth from the grave a conqueror and fearing that he was about to be eternally separated from his father placed such intense mental anguish upon Christ that it made it impossible for him to use the powers of intellect and reason to exercise faith. The question is, if Christ intellect and reason did not produce the faith needed at that critical moment then where did it come from?

If humanly speaking, Christ was not in a rational enough frame of mind of exercise faith how did faith come into action at that critical point in time? The faith that operated in Christ was the very faith that he exercised in the father on a daily basis but was now sealed within him. John 6:27 "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." This sealed faith is stored in God, it is stored with Divinity. Colossians 3:1-3 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Gal 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

The faith of Jesus was stored with his Divinity so that when faith was shut out from humanity by the darkness of sin, it remained functional in Divinity, at that time humanity had totally surrendered to Divinity so that Divinity was to act on behalf of humanity. Divinity had the power of attorney. A power of attorney is a written legal document that appoints an agent to act on behalf of the signer. This document is especially useful to persons who are ill and unable to conduct their own affairs, so that a power of attorney gives someone else the authority to make certain decisions and act on your behalf. Executing a power of attorney does not mean that you can no longer make decisions; it just means that another person can act for you also. You are simply sharing your power with someone else.

From the time of the cross Christ, the son of man (humanity) was unable to conduct his own affairs because of the satanic pressures upon his humanity but he had already given power of attorney into the hands of his Father to conduct all his affairs. Luke 23:46says "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." The final decision that Christ would die on the cross was made by Divinity under the authority of humanity. As Christ faith was in the father so the faith of those who are to stand in the last days must be in Him also. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *[as]* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *[received]* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." 1Pe 1: 18-21

Satan's ultimate plan in this final hour is to destroy faith in God. This, the philosophy of Humanism is well apt to do. A careful look into the Humanists ethical believes will confirm that the purpose of Satan in this philosophy is to attack God's Law, destroy faith, and make them both void and irrelevant to the human mind. The religion of Humanism believes that it is necessary for a humanist to frame, justify, and explain their meanings, values, and morals of life. They do feel a sense of obligation to carry out their own ethical inquiry with the purpose of constructing and living by their own ethical philosophy. Thus no values or morals must be imposed upon them by a religious doctrine or creed; no meaning of life must be provided for them by any divine being. Furthermore Humanists believe that human morals must be based not on the standards of moral laws given by a divine being, God, but upon human needs, human experience, and human reason. While the humanism challenges such things as racism, sectarianism, ethnicism, nationalism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of bigotry and advocate the rights of individual this is not merely about the person as a human being but the support of certain moral standards such as homosexuality, and lesbianism, and since the philosophy of the Humanists is that no values or morals must be imposed upon them by any divine being, it remains that the only standards by which such conducts as homosexuality and lesbianism can be judged is by its own standards. This philosophy actually eliminates the existence of sin, wrong, and evil in general. The word of God tells us that where there is no law there is no sin, in order for Satan to rid the world of the law of

God he must remove the concept of sin, to remove the concept of sin, he must cause man to become a law unto himself. Sin, wrong and evil is not to be determined by a given divine code but by the law of relativity, man must determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong.

The plan to make man a law unto himself was laid by the serpent way back in Genesis chapter three when Satan convinced man that they had the rights to determine for themselves what was right and what wrong, forasmuch as God told the holy pair that the day they eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they shall surely die and as much as they decided to violate God's way and follow their own way given to them by the serpent it says that they did not want to be governed by the law given to them by God but by the law that they themselves instituted the law of disobedience. Thus the original plan of Satan was to get man to forsake God's law, give up faith in Him and depend upon his own powers of reason, observation and experimentation. This has brought the world to a point in history where conditions are such that it is "easy" to practice evil; and for the schools, the entertainment media, etc. to encourage it. This condition is aided and abetted by a plethora of churches that teach that the commandments of God is no longer binding so that the believer is no longer obligated to obey them, further complication of this matter is brought in by a generation of professed commandment keepers who thinks that there is too much emphasis on the law of God. This entire train of thought is a doctrine that has its origin at the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan suggested to Adam and Eve that they were not obligated to obey God's law and what they needed was a law that they made for themselves. This led to a barrage of moral and spiritual corruption that swept across the entire world like a flood from one generation to another. "When the law of God is made void; when the Christian world is joined to Catholic and the worldly, in making of none effect the commandments of God, then God's chosen people arise to defend the law of Jehovah." {Evangelism 226.5}

"The Word of God is made of none effect by falsehoods and traditions. Satan has presented his version of God's law to the world, and it has been accepted before a plain "Thus saith the Lord." The controversy begun in heaven over the law of God has been kept up upon the earth ever since Satan's expulsion from heaven." {1SM 315.4}

"Through all the ages Satan's work has been the same, -- to make of none effect the law of God. He has infatuated men and women, leading them to mistake darkness for light, and error for truth. He began this work in heaven, and ever since, he has been trying to deceive. He tells men and women that God has abrogated all law, and will now open the gates of heaven to transgressors. He declares that his expulsion from heaven was a severe and uncalled-for action, and that those he led in rebellion may now enter into heaven; for his effort to abrogate the law has been successful, and God's government has been changed. But were this so, Satan would have done on earth that which he attempted to do in heaven, and he would therefore be entitled to the throne of heaven as the chief ruler." {RH, June 4, 1901 par. 8}

"For years Satan has been gaining control of human minds through subtle sophistries that he has devised to take the place of the truth. In this time of peril, rightdoers, in the fear of God, will glorify His name by repeating the words of David, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law." {in heavenly places HP 345.3} It is on the law of God that the last great struggle of the controversy between Christ and His angels and Satan and his angels will come, and it will be decisive for all the world. . . Christian Services p 156

The question is; what is the goal of the enemy in his endevour to destroy "the faith of Jesus and the Commandments of God?

It is the setting up of a new final hour religious order, this religious order must have a philosophy that will be embraced by all as a natural way of life, it must be a philosophy that can and will be embraced by civil governments. It is a historical fact that throughout history every government has embraced and promulgated an "official" or "approved" Religion directly or indirectly, whenever and wherever there is an official government there is a religion that is supported by that government whether it is Paganism in all its historic forms, Hinduism; Confucianism; Buddhism; Catholicism; Islam; communism etc.; etc. With the world moving with lightening speed towards a new world order and a one world government there would be the necessity of establishing a one world religion. This religion must be able to appeal to all of mankind without discriminating against any. It must be nondenominational, none doctrinal. It must be in tune with modern knowledge; inspiring, socially consciousness, and personally meaningful. It must relate not only to the thinking person's outlook, but that of the feeling person as well, it must be a defender of the rights of all people to choose their ways, to speak and to write freely, to live their lives according to their own dictates.

The alarming actuality is that in most of the world today, people's hearts are already deceived and their minds have been so blinded and corrupt that they are already embracing such a religion without even knowing or acknowledging that it is a religion. That religion is called Humanism from which many other State (government) "official" religions have emanated [Communism, Fascism, Nazism, Socialism, etc.] Humanism will become the "official" [tacit] religion of the countries of the world today, unlike other religions it will not be an organized religion, it will have no "official" headquarters or clergy. In the world today traditional religions are being changed, ignored, or abandoned by governments and being replaced by Humanism, in all its forms (Religious-Secular-Atheistic-Psychological) with one or more of its attendant Ism's filling the emptiness left in its wake. Though this religion does not have an "official" headquarters those who are looking at last days events with eyes anointed with the eye-salve of grace will behold in the United Nation something of a headquarters of Humanism. The first Director General of UNESCO, the UN organization promoting education, science, and culture, was the 1962 Humanist of the Year Julian Huxley, who practically drafted UNESCO'S charter by himself. The first Director-General of the World Health Organization was the 1959 Humanist of the Year Brock Chisholm. One of this organization's greatest accomplishments has been the wiping of smallpox from the face of the earth. And the first Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization was British Humanist John Boyd Orr.

The Bible tells us that prior to the coming of Christ that the anti-Christ power will bring all mankind under its worship, to do so this power will need a philosophy that can be embraced by all religion and more-so it must be embraced by the secular powers of the world. It is the philosophy of Humanism that will unite church and state. This is brought to light both in the book of Daniel and the Revelation.

"And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And *[as]* the toes of the feet *[were]* part of iron, and part of clay, *[so]* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken." Daniel 2:41,42

There are two symbols used by Daniel in these verses concerning the makeup of this final earthly kingdom they are iron and clay, so that the final earthly kingdom that would exist prior to the coming of Christ will have the characteristics of iron and clay. If we can unfold the meaning of these symbolic substances we may understand the makeup of the last day satanic kingdom its role and its philosophy.

Quoting from one inspired writer we are told that "The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay. This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves." (MS 63, 1899). {4BC 1168.8}

The iron and clay are here said to represent churchcraft and statecraft. One of the meanings of craft is cunning, or slyness, it really connotes the ability to be deceptive, crafty, or clever. The first thing that this tells us is that this last day religion will certainly have the characteristics of the serpent. Daniel having used both iron and clay must have a reason that is revealed in the Scriptures. In the scriptures prophetically speaking of the final anti-Christ power Daniel use iron to represent it.

Daniel 7:7After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *[was]* diverse from all the beasts that *[were]* before it; and it had ten horns." Thus the iron is used to symbolise the religion of Romanism, or Roman Catholicism, while the clay represent humanity or humanism. Job 33:6,Job 10:9, Isaiah 64:8.

"With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal Sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin." --Manuscript 51, 1899. {Evangerlism 235.1}

Thus it may be concluded that the symbolic substance of iron and clay of the image of Daniel two represents the final uniting of church and state, Roman Catholicism the church represented by the iron and humankind the state.

Humanism is the most deceptive of all religious beliefs of the 21st century. This illusive philosophy is being accepted already by the masses of the people both in the secular and religious world.

Humanism is well position in its philosophy to be the religion of the New World Order that will soon exist throughout the globe.

Before identifying humanism as the religion that will dominate the world through the NWO, let there be a verification of the fact that the New World Order exist and is moving quickly into place.

In his speech to the American Congress after "Desert Storm President Bush's on March 6, 1991 following the expulsion of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, says:

"...Tonight I come to this House to speak about the world – the world after war...Until now, the world we've known has been a world divided – a world of barbed wire and concrete block, conflict and cold war... Now, we can see a new world coming into view. A world in which there is the very real prospect of a new world order. In the words of Winston Churchill, a "world order" in which "the principles of justice and fair play ... protect the weak against the strong ..." A world where the United Nations, freed from cold war stalemate, is poised to fulfil the historic vision of its founders. A world in which freedom and respect for human rights find a home among all nations."

The *Financial Times*, one of the most respected and widely read newspapers on the globe, features an editorial that openly admits the agenda to create a world government.

A jaw-dropping editorial written by the *Financial Times*' chief foreign affairs commentator Gideon Rachman entitled '<u>And now for a world</u> government' lays out the plan for global government and how it is being pushed with deceptive language and euphemisms in order to prevent people from becoming alarmed.

"For the first time in my life, I think the formation of some sort of world government is plausible," writes Rachman, citing the financial crisis, "global warming" and the "global war on terror" as three major pretexts through which it is being introduced.

Rachman writes that "global governance" could be introduced much sooner than many expect and that President elect Barack Obama has already expressed his desire to achieve that goal, making reference to Obama's circle of advisors which includes <u>Strobe Talbott</u>, who in 1992 stated,

"In the next century, nations as we know it will be obsolete; all states will recognize a single, global authority. National sovereignty wasn't such a great idea after all."

Rachman then concedes that the more abstract term "global governance," which is often used by top globalists like <u>David</u> <u>Rockefeller</u> as a veil to offset accusations that *a centralized global government is the real agenda*, is merely a trick of "soothing language" that is used to prevent "people reaching for their rifles in America's talk-radio heartland". Taken from an article by Paul Joseph Watson13 December 2008.

Indeed events are moving fast for the establishment of what is known as the "New World Order"

In the World Peace Plan 2010 By Robert Muller First Published March 10, 2003 twenty points for world peace and the establishment of a one world government was suggested here are three of those twenty.

(A) Point #3. The world's religions should put an end to all religious conflicts, to support peace, disarmament, and demilitarization, to cooperate on a world spirituality and to draft in common a world code of ethics and cosmology to guide governments and world agencies within the larger framework of the universe and eternity. The United Nations should create a World Spiritual Agency, which brings the resources, visions and wisdom of the spiritual traditions to bear upon world problems.

(b) Point #13. Eminent thinkers meet during the year to draft a World Constitution. Provisions are made for world democracy, world elections, world public opinion polls and referenda to give people a direct voice in the world's affairs, a step rendered possible by modern communication technologies.

(C) Point #23. More and more nations celebrate the world days proclaimed by the United Nations, such as Earth Day, the International Day of Peace, United Nations Day, Human Rights Day, World Health Day, World Food Day, International Children's Day, International Women's Day, and the Day of the Elderly. National war memorial days are shifted to United Nations Day, a symbol of hope and rebirth from all past wars. Monuments to known and unknown peacemakers, peace parks and peace museums are created in many places. National hymns are rewritten in peaceful, global terms.

In 1992, <u>Dr John Coleman</u> published *Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300*. With laudable scholarship and meticulous research, Dr Coleman identifies the players and carefully details the Illuminati agenda of worldwide domination and control. On page 161 of the *Conspirators Hierarchy*, Dr Coleman accurately <u>summarizes the</u> <u>intent and purpose of the Committee of 300</u> as follows:

"A One World Government and one-unit monetary system, under permanent non-elected hereditary oligarchists who self-select from among their numbers in the form of a feudal system as it was in the Middle Ages. In this One World entity, population will be limited by restrictions on the number of children per family, diseases, wars, famines, until 1 billion people who are useful to the ruling class, in areas which will be strictly and clearly defined, remain as the total world population.

There will be no middle class, only rulers and the servants. All laws will be uniform under a legal system of world courts practicing the same unified code of laws, backed up by a One World Government police force and a One World unified military to enforce laws in all former countries where no national boundaries shall exist. The system will be on the basis of a welfare state; those who are obedient and subservient to the One World Government will be rewarded with the means to live; those who are rebellious will simple be starved to death or be declared outlaws, thus a target for anyone who wishes to kill them. Privately owned firearms or weapons of any kind will be prohibited."

Without a doubt a "New World Order" is coming and with it one world religion, one of the suggestions made by Robert Muller in the World Peace Plan for the establishment of a one world government, was, that "The world's religions should put an end to all religious conflicts, to support peace, disarmament, and demilitarization, to cooperate on a world spirituality and to draft in common a world code of ethics and cosmology to guide governments and world agencies within the larger framework of the universe and eternity. The United Nations should create a World Spiritual Agency, which brings the resources, visions and wisdom of the spiritual traditions to bear upon world problems."

With such suggestion on the table there can be no doubt that there is such thing as a New World Order.

There would be three fundamentals that will transfer the New World Order from a philosophy to an actual, physical one world government, they are, a New World Order political system, a New World Order economic system and a New World Order religious system.

It is as part of the New World Order religious system that Humanism with its all embracing philosophies will fit in.

It is through the religio/political system of humanism that the way will be open for the coming in of the anti-Christ.The apostle Paul forewarns the church today "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, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 2Thesaloians 2:3, 4 KJV

This person that is styled the "man of sin" "the son of perdition" is the anti-Christ and will seek to be worshiped.

This is further brought to light in Revelation 13:4 "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who[*is*] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

It must be understood that for these and other prophecies concerning the worship of the anti-Christ to be fulfilled there must be the establishment of a one world system of government with a one world system of religion. This system of religion will be the system of Humanism.

At the present time the anti-Christ power is looking on at the events unfolding across the globe and waiting for the opportunity to once again take his position as the god of this world. To validate this it is necessary to identify the anti-Christ power and then to show how the system of Humanism will work to bring him to be worshiped by all that dwell on the earth.

The Bible identifies Roman Catholicism under the leadership of the Pope as the "beast/anti-Christ." This is by no means meant to be derogatory to our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, but to identify a system with a body of beliefs that will, along with the philosophy of humanism bring to the forefront of events in the last days the worship of the anti-Christ.

It is therefore imperative that candid consideration be given to the prophetic and historic evidence given in the Holy Scripture and history as to who is the beast.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who/is/ like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 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. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *[is]* Six hundred threescore *[and]* six. Revelation 13:1-18 KJV.

Having read this chapter it is important to begin by unfolding the symbols therein for prophecy is mostly written in what is called symbolic language. The symbols in this chapter are: Sea, Beast, Seven heads, ten horns. These symbols are biblically unfolded in the following verses.

Sea: or waters representing people: Revelation 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Isaiah 8:7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *[even]* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

Beast: representing kingdoms Dan 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Seven heads: representing complete leadership, seven perfection or completion with heads representing leadership or power.

Ten horns: the number 10 represents universality as with the ten virgin the universal church the Ten Commandments representing the universal law of God. Horns representing power:

The identification of the beast power is critical so as to avoid its worship this we are told both in Revelation 13 and 14.

Revelation 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *[the feet]* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The first identification mark that will begin to reveal who the beast is, is found in verse 3 of Revelation 13 "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

This wound was inflicted when Berthier the French general took Pope Pius 5th prisoner and for the first time the papal government was abolished in 1798. the pope died in valence in France August 29th 1799In 1796 French Republican troops under the command of Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Italy, defeated the papal troops and occupied Ancona and Loreto. Pius VI sued for peace, which was granted at Tolentino on 19 February, 1797; but on 28 December of that year, in a riot blamed by papal forces on some Italian and French revolutionists, the popular brigadier-general Mathurin-Léonard Duphot, who had gone to Rome with Joseph Bonaparte as part of the French embassy, was killed and a new pretext was furnished for invasion. General Berthier marched to Rome, entered it unopposed on 10 February, 1798, and, proclaiming a Roman Republic, demanded of the Pope the renunciation of his temporal authority.

Upon his refusal he was taken prisoner, and on February 20 was escorted from the Vatican to Siena, and thence to the Certosa near Florence. The French declaration of war against Tuscany led to his removal (he was escorted by the Spaniard Pedro Gómez Labrador, Marquis of Labrador) by way of Parma, Piacenza, Turin and Grenoble to the citadel of Valence, the chief town of Drôme where he died six weeks after his arrival, on 29 August, 1799, having then reigned longer than any Pope. This article incorporates text from a publication now in the public domain: Chisholm, Hugh, ed (1911). *Encyclopædia Britannica* (Eleventh ed.). Cambridge University Press. Ludwig von Pastor, 1952. The History of the Popes from the close of the Middle Ages, (St. Louis : Herder) vols. XXXIX and XL Catholic Encyclopedia: Pope Pius VI

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able to make war with him? 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. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Rev 13:4-7

In order to further identify this power we need to go to the book that is the counterpart to Revelation that is the book of Daniel.

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, [and] told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *[it had]* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it [was] diverse from all the beasts that [were] before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. Dan 7:1-8

Of these prophetic verses Daniel himself gives the interpretation:

Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *[were of]* iron, and his nails *[of]* brass; *[which]* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the

residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that [were] in his head, and [of] the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even [of] that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *[was]* more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, Thefourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak *[great]* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7:19-25

In this prophecy Daniel has a vision of four beasts or kingdoms these four beast stood to represent four kingdoms, the four kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome. Out of the fourth beast which represented Rome Daniel saw ten horns and among them there rose up a little horn this little horn being part of the fourth beast represents another phase of Rome that is called Papal Rome or the Papacy. This little horn is Daniel's version of the leopard-like Beast of Revelation 13, so that we are looking at the same power the power of Roman Catholicism. This we must biblically and historically identify.

Daniel says of the little horn that he "Speak great words against the most High": Daniel 7:25 while John says: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. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. Revelation 13:5,6*KJV*

One of the signature marks of this beast power is the work of blasphemy; if we can define from the word of God what blasphemy is

then we should be able to categorize which power officially carries out such a work, not by merely saying it but by institutionalizing it.

Speak Blasphemies- This beast opens his mouth "in blasphemy against God to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle and them that dwell in heaven."

In Revelation 13:5 similar words are used to Daniel 7:25 however the word "blasphemy" is added and this evidently points to the fact that the great words will be blasphemous enunciations against the God of heaven.

In the Gospel we find two indications of what constitutes blasphemy. In John 10:33 we read that the Jews falsely charged Jesus with blasphemy because, said they, "Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God." This in the case of the Saviour was untrue, because He was the Son of God. He was "Immanuel, God with Us." But for man to assume the prerogatives of God and take the titles of deity-this is blasphemy.

Again in Luke 5:21 we see the Pharisees endeavouring to catch Jesus in His words. "Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Said they. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus could pardon transgressions, for He was the divine Saviour. But for man, mortal man, to claim such authority is blasphemy indeed.

Now observe what is said regarding the claim of the priesthood of Catholicism to forgive sins:

"The priest holds the place of the Saviour Himself, when by saying, "Egi te avsikvi' [I thee absolve], he absolves from sin... To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of God... But what onl God can do by His omnipotence, the priest can also do by saying "Ego te absolve a peccatis tuis,'... Innocent III has written: Indeed it is not too uch to say that in view of the sublimity of their offices the priests are so many gods." Alphonsus de Liguori Dignity and Duties of the Priest, pp 34-36

"The pope is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief king of kings, having plentitude of power, to whom has been intrusted by the omnipotent God direction not only of the earthly but also of the heavenly kingdom... The pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws."

Again, Adam Clarke says on verse 25: "He shall speak as if he were God.' So St Jerome quotes from Symmachus. To none can this apply so well or so fully as to the popes of Rome. They have assumed infallibility, which belongs only to God. They profess to open and shut heaven, which belongs only to God. They profess to be higher than all the kings of the earth, which loose whole nations from their oath of allegiance to their kings, when such kings do not please them. And they go against God when they give indulgences for sin. This is the worst of all blasphemies."

Vatican City, Mar 11, 2010 / 11:32 am (<u>CNA/EWTN News</u>).-Participants in this week's course on the hearing Confessions met with the Holy Father in audience on Thursday morning. To the group of priests, Pope Benedict XVI underlined the importance of guiding their flocks "not to conform itself to this world" and the necessity of opening a "dialogue of salvation" with those who seek forgiveness.

The second indentifying mark of the anti-Christ is that he would wear out the saints of the Most High. Quoting from *Albert Barns notes on Daniel pg 328* we read: "Can anyone doubt that this is true of the papacy? The inquisition, the persecutions of the waldenses, the ravages of the Duke of alva, the fires of Smithfield, indeed the whole history of the papacy may be appealed to in proof that this text applies to this power. In the year 1208 s crusade was proclaimed by dPope innocent 3^{rd} against the Waldenses and Albigenses in which a million a men perish. From the beginning of the order of the Jesuits, in the year 1540 to 1580 nine hundred thousand were destroyed. One hundred and fifty thousand perished by the inquisition in thirty years. In the low contries fifty thousand persons were hanged, beheaded, burned, and buried alive for the crime of heresy."

This power represented by the little horn of Daniel 7 and the leopard like beast of Revelation 13 was also to Think to change times and laws:

Question: What challenge do Catholics give to Protestants concerning Sunday?

Answer: "The Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by rite of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant, claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday." The Catholic Universe Bulletin, August 14, 1942

Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

Answer: "Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her-she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." Rev. Stephan Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism, page 174.

The Catholic Church itself acknowledges its attempted to change God's law.

"Sunday is a ~catholic institution, an its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles...From beginning to end of scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first." Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900

As these biblical and historical facts are examined The Bible is clearly identifying no other power but Roman Catholicism. Having identified R.C as the anti-Christ beast power of the last days the question is; will Roman Catholicism embrace the doctrine of humanism and how will it serve the Papacy in its quest to once again rule this entire world? The answer to the first part of the above question is yes!the foundation for this was laid by one of the most powerful Popes of all times Pope John Paul II who have been acknowledged as a humanist himself.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India, said "Pope John Paul II was a great reconciler to religion and a humanist."

George Weigel in a paper commenting of the Pope's visit to Cuba in in January of 1998 entitled "Pope Is the Embodiment of Transformed Humanism" says: "John Paul II comes to Cuba as the embodiment of an alternative humanism, Christian humanism. Dismissed as an absurdity 100 years ago, Christian humanism is one of the most powerful cultureshaping forces in a world on the edge of a new millennium. As articulated by John Paul II, it was instrumental in the collapse of European communism, in Latin America's transition to democracy and in the Philippines' "People Power" revolution. In each, Christian humanism defeated the often overwhelming material power of its opponent. Why? Because a vision of human dignity rooted in man's creation by God and redemption by Christ proved stronger than an ultra mundane conception of the human person, human community and human destiny. Atheistic humanism claimed that Christianity's God was alienating and disempowered human beings. The Christian humanism that John Paul II will preach in Cuba has disproved that claim empirically. Christian humanism is liberating; biblical faith makes a genuine freedom possible. That will be one of the great truths of the 21st century. Meanwhile, the 20th draws to a close with the list of signatories growing longer on atheistic humanism's instrument of surrender."

Who is George Weigel? George Weigel, is a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, he is a Catholic theologian and one of America's leading public intellectuals. Professional Experience A native of Baltimore, he was educated at St. Mary's Seminary College in his native city, and at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. In 1975, Weigel moved to Seattle where he was Assistant Professor of Theology and Assistant (later Acting) Dean of Studies at the St. Thomas Seminary School of Theology in Kenmore. Weigel is the author or editor of nineteen other books, including <u>The Final Revolution: The Resistance Church and the</u> <u>Collapse of Communism</u> (Oxford, 1992); <u>The Truth of Catholicism: Ten</u> <u>Controversies Explored</u> (HarperCollins, 2001); <u>The Courage To Be</u> <u>Catholic: Crisis, Reform, and the Future of the Church</u> (Basic Books, 2002); <u>Letters to a Young Catholic</u> (Basic, 2004); <u>The Cube and the</u> <u>Cathedral: Europe, America, and Politics Without God</u> (Basic, 2005); <u>God's Choice: Pope Benedict XVI and the Future of the Catholic Church</u> (HarperCollins, 2005); Faith, Reason, and the War Against Jihadism.

To simply put it George Weigel is a well learnt, devoted Catholic author. For this reason we may exercise some confidence in his assessment of Pope John Paul II.

There can be little or no doubt that not only Catholicism but Christianity in general is conforming to the religion of Humanism, this brings us to the second part of the above question as to the role that Humanism will play in the climax of the controversy between good and evil.

To begin to answer this question let us return to the origin of Humanism as a philosophy. "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which *[is]* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree *[was]* good for food, and that it *[was]* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *[one]* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Genesis 3:1-6

The fundamental of the philosophy of Humanism as introduced by Satan to Adam and Eve is that they possessed the ability to determine their own destiny and that they needed no outside power to guide them, that they were sufficient in themselves to determine what is right and what is wrong and that upon embarking on the road of self governance they would evolve into gods.

The resurgence of Humanism is Satan's last day effort to fulfil the words spoken to Adam and Eve in Eden; it will further be the vehicle that the world would travel upon on its journey to the worship of the beast.

The Bible speaks of this worship in the book of Revelation. "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who[*is*] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.Revelation 13:4,8

To worship the beast the world would have to accept him as God, he would also see himself as God, this we are told in 2Thessoloians 2:3,4 "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, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

To bring the people of this world to the place of worshiping a man as God the world must be first indoctrinated and then convinced of the possibility of man evolving to godhood, this is the work of the religion of Humanism, having brought the world under the spell of its bewitching doctrine the next move is to convince them that the anti-Christ have reached that realm before others or that everyone is a god but he is the greatest of the gods. Already the stage is set for the final conflict between good and evil, the philosophy of the forbidden tree has already taken root in the minds and heart of those whose names are not written in the lambs book of life, the demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God and those who are worshiping the beast are being made, the question is who will decide what is wrong and what is right will it be you or God.

In the book of Revelation 16:13-14 the prophetic utterance of John says that through Spiritualism the world would be united under a Luciferian Confederacy, and in our day spiritualism has been revived in the name of THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT.

Today under such secret societies as: The C.F.R, The Council of Foreign Relations, The United Nations and the Tri. Lateral Commission; Satan's philosophical kingdom backed by apostate Protestantism, and Evangelical feint, is being set up. With the religo-socio-political philosophy of humanism Satan's last day effort to set up his kingdom on this earth is going forward.

The work to usher in a one world government is presently going on. Robert Muller in his novel First Lady of the World calls for the Pope of Rome to come to the UN and address the world body in November of 1994. His address was to be entitled, THE YEAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY, not The Year of Traditional Families, with mother father, children, but rather, The Year of The Earth Family of Man becoming one: ONE PLANET---- ONE PEOPLE .This was the cry of ancient Babylon 4, 000 years ago: We shall be as one and the world were united under Nimrod the first great dictator of history who led in the first organized rebellion against the kingdom of God on earth.

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top [may reach] unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people [is] one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." Genesis 11:1-9

Today 4,000 years later Robert Muller is calling for the great family of man, to unite into a one World Church, that is, for all the great religions of the planet to become one, under whose leadership? Under the leadership of the Pope who would become the leader of the New World Order.

God is at this time is carrying out the of setting up of the first aspect of His kingdom, through the preaching of the Third Angel's Message, this message will bring to naught the satanic philosophy and ideology of Humanism.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Revelation 18:1-5

May all who truly love God and His son Jesus Christ renounce the deadly religion of Humanism, abandon the false doctrine of catholized Rome, flee the apostasy of apostate protestant and evangelical churches and embrace the only philosophy that can deliver them from the wrath of God. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *[his]* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. HERE IS THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS: HERE [ARE] THEY THAT KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND THE FAITH OF JESUS. **REVELATION 14:6-12**

May the grace of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ

The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Rest and abide with you now and forever.

Amen

Bishop Sherwin R. Thomas

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