

Corporate, Religious, and Political Prostitution

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It may seem absurd, offensive, or incongruous, that a website dealing with religious/spiritual matters would compare corporations, religious organizations, and politicians, to prostitution. However, Almighty God uses figurative language, including words like adultery, fornication, harlotry, and prostitution, to emphasize the greed and corruption in all these groups/institutions. Specifically, that these entities are more than willing to give up God's values in their pursuit of greater profit and power, just as a harlot will ignore God's law in order to gain money and/or other advantages (Lev. 21:9). Because the ancient nation of Israel walked away from their God, He regarded them "collectively" as a harlot because they were married to Him "figuratively" when they made their vows at Mt. Sinai (cf. Ex. 19:5-8).

*Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel (descendants of 10 sons of Jacob; Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Ephraim, Mannaseh) and with the house of Judah (descendants of 3 sons of Jacob; Judah [Jews], Benjamin, and Levi) –³²not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though **I was a husband to them, says the Lord** (Jer. 31:31-32; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*Then I (the Lord) saw that for all the causes for which backsliding **Israel had committed adultery**, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet **her treacherous***

***sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also** (Jer. 3:8; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Keeping God's use of figurative language in mind, we will begin with religious organizations that have been shown to have an aggregate value of \$ 1.2 Trillion dollars annually in America,

Religion annually contributes about \$ 1.2 Trillion dollars of socioeconomic value to the US economy according to a study by the Religious Freedom and Business Foundation. That is equivalent to being the world's 15th largest national economy, outpacing nearly 180 other countries and territories. It's more than the global annual revenues of the world's top 10 tech companies, including Apple, Amazon and Google (www.weforum.org>agenda>2017/01>religion-bigger-than-we-thought).

When dealing with the subject of corruption in religious systems, there is plenty of documentary evidence to support their waste and avarice, not to mention actual physical abuses that go along with the absolute power in these organizations that claim to represent God (en.wikipedia.org>wiki>Spotlight_(film)). This is why Jesus Christ said the following to the religious leaders during his ministry on earth.

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. ⁹And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men' (Mt. 15:7-9).

These same religious leaders were extracting money, goods and land from their followers and Christ took them to task over it.

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in

yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in (Mt. 23:13).

Then he said to them (Christ's disciples) in his teaching, 'Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation' (Mk. 12:38-40; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

The real power behind man's religious organizations is described in God's figurative language as "The Mother of Harlots", and it is none other than Satan; the world's greatest merchandiser and deceiver (Rev. 12:9). Just like the religious leaders during Christ's time on earth, the religious leaders under Satan's influence are usually well dressed, rich, and well connected (Jn. 8:44).

***The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.** ⁵And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** ⁶And **I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...** (Rev. 17:4-6a; emphasis added).*

Therefore, according to God's use of figurative language, Satan is the "mother" (woman) who influences all man's religious systems to one degree or another. These began with Cain who refused to obey God's command regarding the proscribed method of worship (Gen. 4:3-5). Cain's attitude was clearly affected by the influence of Satan, who God warned Cain to resist.

*So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well (follow God's command), sin lies at the door (1Jn. 3:4; Rom. 6:23a). And its desire is for you, but **you should rule over it** (Gen. 4:6-7; Ed. notes in parentheses; cf. Jas. 4:7; emphasis added).*

All those who pretend to be religious but do not follow God's proscribed methods of worship, as laid out in His law and commandments, fall into the category described as "the way of Cain", while others are motivated by greed, which is described as "the error of Balaam for profit". Those who seek power and control over others are compared to "the rebellion of Korah".

*Woe to them! For **they have gone in the way of Cain**, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah (Jude 11; emphasis added).*

Christ described everyone who follows "the way of Cain" as those who focus on the things they are doing, such as preaching and doing good works, while ignoring the importance of obeying God's law and commandments.

*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?' ²³And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!**' (Mt. 7:21-23; cf. 1Jn. 3:4; emphasis added).*

So the religious systems that Satan influences will be, to one degree of another, against God's law and commandments. Their "good deeds" will be a subterfuge, diverting attention from the fact they do not believe they need to obey every word

of God (Mt. 4:4). The Apostle Paul describes the ministers of these systems as servants of Satan.

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works (of lawlessness) (2Cor. 11:13-15; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Throughout God's word, anyone or any system that does not worship Him according to His specific instructions will be compared to either an adulterer, fornicator, harlot, or prostitute. Again, these words are all used figuratively to describe unfaithfulness and disloyalty toward Him.

In contrast to the vast amounts of money and influence associated with the religious systems of this present evil age (Gal. 1:4), the true church of God recognizes only Jesus Christ as its leader, and was never known for acquiring wealth, power, or large numbers of followers.

For you see (consider) your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble (well-born), are called. ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸and the base (insignificant or lowly) things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are (1Cor. 1:26-28; Ed. notes in parentheses).

*Do not fear, **little flock**, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom (Lk. 12:32; emphasis added).*

So the acquisition of money was never a focus of the early church. It functioned quite well without becoming a wealthy and powerful business operation.

*And he (Christ) called the twelve to him, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ⁸He commanded them to **take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts** – ⁹but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰Also he said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place" (Mk. 6:7-10; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

The main point of Christ's command to his disciples was that anyone doing God's work, according to His will, would have their needs provided. In contrast, those who are not doing God's work, faithfully and obediently, will have to rely on their "church organization" to support them.

*Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you** (Mt. 6:31-33; emphasis added).*

*There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing (of true value); and one who makes himself poor (does not seek worldly riches or fame), yet has great riches (cf. **Mt. 13:44-46**) (Prov. 13:7; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Based on the correct Biblical definition of the word "righteousness", Christ made it clear that those who are seeking to obey God's law and

commandments will have their needs met without support from any “man-made” religious organization (see section: Church Incorporation).

For all Your commandments are righteousness (Ps. 119:172b; cf. Dt. 6:24-25; emphasis added).

To stress this point, the Apostle Paul labored to provide his daily needs, and those who were traveling with him, even though there were times when individuals would assist him on his journeys.

*I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that **these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.** ³⁵I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ (Ac. 20:33-35).*

To conclude this first section, Almighty God has given His truth to the world without any charge, or strings attached. Therefore, those who truthfully represent Him will not be relying on finances from human religious organizations in order to do His work. Instead, as Abraham faithfully stated, “The Lord Will Provide”.

*.....**freely you have received,** (therefore) **freely give*** (Mt. 10:8B; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Moving on now to corporate examples of prostitution, in a speech by the Attorney General of the United States, William Barr, the following statements were made regarding concessions by American corporations that compromise America’s ability to protect jobs at home, national security, intellectual property, and human rights abroad.

Last year, Newsweek ran a cover story titled, “How America’s Biggest Companies Made China Great Again.” The article details how China’s communist leaders lured American business with the promise of market access, and then, having profited from American investment and know-how, turned increasingly hostile. The PRC used tariffs and quotas to pressure American companies to give up their technology and form joint ventures with Chinese companies. Regulators then discriminated against American firms, using tactics like holding up permits. Yet few companies, even Fortune 500 giants, have been willing to bring a formal trade complaint for fear of angering Beijing.

The CCP surveils its own people and assigns them social credit scores, employs an army of government censors, tortures dissidents, and persecutes religious and ethnic minorities, including a million Uighurs detained in indoctrination and labor camps. (The American company CISCO assisted with design and implementation of the Great Firewall that allows the CCP to monitor and suppress its own people).

All too often, for the sake of short-term profits, American companies have succumbed to that influence – even at the expense of freedom and openness in the United States. Sadly, examples of American business bowing to Beijing are legion. Take Hollywood. Hollywood actors, producers, and directors pride themselves on celebrating freedom and the human spirit. And every year at the Academy Awards, Americans are lectured about how this country falls short of Hollywood’s ideals of social justice. But Hollywood now regularly censors its own movies to appease the Chinese Communist Party, the world’s most powerful violator of human rights. In the

Marvel Studios blockbuster Dr. Strange, filmmakers changed the nationality of a major character known as the "Ancient One," a Tibetan monk in the comic books, from Tibetan to Celtic. When challenged about this, a screenwriter explained that "if you acknowledge that Tibet is a place and that he's Tibetan, you risk alienating one billion people." Or, he continued, the Chinese government might say "we're not going to show your movie because you decided to get political."

I suspect Walt Disney would be disheartened to see how the company he founded deals with the foreign dictatorships of our day. When Disney produced Kundun, the 1997 film about the PRC's oppression of the Dalai Lama, the CCP objected to the project and pressured Disney to abandon it. Ultimately, Disney decided that it couldn't let a foreign power dictate whether it would distribute a movie in the United States. But that moment of courage wouldn't last long. After the CCP banned all Disney films in China, the company lobbied hard to regain access. The CEO apologized for Kundun, calling it a "stupid mistake." Disney then began courting the PRC to open a \$5.5 billion theme park in Shanghai. As part of the deal, Disney agreed to give Chinese government officials a role in management. Of the park's 11,000 full-time employees, 300 are active members of the Communist Party. They reportedly display hammer-and-sickle insignia at their desks and attend Party lectures during business hours.

In Almighty God's word, there is much to say on this topic but it is described using figurative language. For instance, phrases like "Babylon the great" and "the kings of the earth have committed fornication" refer to the corrupt practices of trade and commerce that include sacrificing whatever, and whoever, stands in the

way of acquiring as much wealth and power as possible. The end of this system of commerce is described in the writings of both the Old Testament and New Testament.

*And he (an angel) cried with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! ³For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, **the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury**" (Rev. 18:2-3; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

Just as Satan is influencing the antinomian (anti-law) teachings of this world's religious systems; so he is encouraging the compromised values and corruption associated with this world's system of commerce, which includes many forms of exploitation (i.e. sweat shop labor; child and drug trafficking, gun running, etc.). Therefore, Almighty God describes Satan as "The King of Babylon" who is an oppressive tyrant.

You are to recite this satire on the king of Babylon: What was the end of the tyrant? What was the end of his arrogance? ⁵Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked and the scepter of tyrants – ⁶which angrily thrashed the peoples with blow after blow, which furiously tyrannized over the nations, persecuting without respite (Isa. 14:4-6; The Jerusalem Bible).

As soon as the King of Babylon is dealt with, the whole earth will sigh a sigh of relief.

The whole earth is at rest, it is calm, shouting for joy. ⁸The cypresses, the cedars of Lebanon rejoice at your fate, "Now that you have been laid low, no one comes up to fell us" (Isa. 14:7-8; The Jerusalem Bible).

Finally, we arrive at the figurative prostitution associated with politicians, the majority of whom will do anything, or say anything, to get into power or remain in power. The greatest politician that ever lived knows this. About two thousand years ago, he used some of the basic "tactics of his trade" in order to gain complete power and control. The first thing he did was attack the individual he regarded as his main opponent when that person was at his weakest. In fact, his opponent had no food or water for forty days.

And when he (Christ) had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward he was hungry (Mt. 4:2; Ed. note in parenthesis).

The strategy continued by accusing Christ of not being who he claimed to be. In other words, leveling false accusations against one's opponent. This is the basic character assassination commonplace when running for political office.

..... **"If you (Christ) are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread"** (Mt. 4:3b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Next, politicians will challenge their opponents with statements such as, *"If you are as good/effective as you say you are, then prove it by doing something dramatic that differentiates you from me."* In other words, it's a dare, a challenge against your opponent with the goal of making yourself look good. This takes many forms including political promises that are never intended to be fulfilled if elected to office. To be successful, you must make your opponent commit to something so ridiculous that it is tantamount to political suicide.

*Then the devil took him up into the holy city, set him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, **throw yourself down...**" (Mt. 4:5-6a; emphasis added).*

When sufficiently weakened by all of the previous tactics, offer your opponent a position in your government/cabinet once you win the election. Basically, exploitation and/or bribery.

*Again, the devil took him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "**All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me**" (Mt. 4:8-9; emphasis added).*

To say that man's politics is a dirty business is a gross understatement of the facts. Its "dog eat dog" and the only thing that matters is winning. We have many glimpses into political fighting that occurs in the spirit realm, and the same is mirrored in man's political systems. The animals described in the following section of scripture are used metaphorically to describe powerful spirit beings who are fighting for positions of power and control, and there are many fatalities along the way.

I (Daniel) saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no beast could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great. ⁵And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. ⁶Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power. ⁷And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand. ⁸Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

⁹And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. ¹⁰And it grew up to the host of heaven; and **it cast down some of the host and some of the stars** (angels; cf. Rev. 1:20) **to the ground, and trampled them** (Dan. 8:4-10; cf. Rev. 12:4; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

So whether its religion, politics, or corporations, they all have one thing in common, they are ready and willingly to figuratively prostitute themselves if it strengthens their ability to remain at the "top of their game". Of course there are exceptions to this rule but they are in the minority. Nonetheless, the day will come when everything that exalts itself is brought down and replaced by those who have proven themselves faithful and obedient to God's value system, as summarized by His law and commandments (2Cor. 10:4-5; see study: *New World Leaders "In Waiting"*).

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