

THE BLACK MAGIC SPELL OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION: THE MOST EVIL BOOK EVER WRITTEN

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But what I do, that I will do, that I may Cut Off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

For such are False Apostles, Deceitful Workers, Transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ.

And no Marvel; for Satan himself is Transformed into an Angel of Light.

Therefore it is no Great Thing if his Ministers also be Transformed as the Ministers of Righteousness; whose End shall be according to their Works.

– Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:11-15

INTRODUCTION

It is my opinion that in the above quotation the Apostle Paul was talking about the Jerusalem Church and its Apostles, Elders, and Ministers. And even more specifically Paul is talking about John’s Book of Revelation, that the Angel who inspired it was Satan himself Appearing as an Angel of Light from Heaven. If you pay close attention you will see why this is my opinion. Revelation, Chapter One, Verse One, provide the first clue:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God Gave unto him, to Show unto his Servants Things which must Shortly Come to Pass; and he Sent and Signified it by his Angel [Satan] unto his Servant John.

This is, of course, Triple Hearsay, to wit, from God to Jesus to his Angel to John and then to the lucky ones to whom it is Told or Shown. Most people did not know how to read in the Ancient World so Hearing a Message was the normal means of communication, and if Told in a Cunning Manner it could act in the same manner as Casting a Spell.

That’s why Satan, posing as the Spirit, tells his Listeners to have Ears that Listen: “He that hath an Ear, Let him Hear what the Spirit Saith unto the Churches.” Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 32.) In other words, it Works like a Magic Spell.

The Old English word “Spell” meant a string of words that had an effect, for example, as in a Story or an Incantation. The word “Gospel” means “Good Story,” and if Told Correctly it will Cast a Spell on its Listeners. Paul Warns us that to Preach the “Other Gospel,” like the one

that the Angel from Heaven Preaches in the Book of Revelation, is to Cast a Black Magic Spell, an Incantation of Pure Evil.

Note that the Angel does not Name himself. (See my, “Hope You Guess My Name.”) Angels were in Telepathic Control of John’s Asian Churches, all Seven of them. In fact, Magic and Angel Worship were a big thing in the Roman Province of Asia, as demonstrated in the Book of Acts and Paul’s Letter to the Colossians, and in the Book of Revelation itself:

And God Wrought Special Miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the Evil Spirits went out of them.

Then certain of the Vagabond Jews, Exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had Evil Spirits in the Name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We Adjure you by Jesus whom Paul Preacheth. And there were Seven Sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and Chief of the Priests, which did so.

And the Evil Spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

And the man in whom the Evil Spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and Fear fell on them all, and the Name of the Lord Jesus was Magnified.

And many that Believed came, and Confessed, and Showed their Deeds. Many of them also which used Curious Arts brought their Books together, and burned them before all men; and they counted the Price of them, and found it Fifty Thousand Pieces of Silver. – The Book of Acts 19:11-19

Let no man Bequile you of your Reward in a Voluntary Humility and Worshipping of Angels, intruding into those Things which he hath not Seen, Vainly Puffed Up by his Fleshly Mind....

Wherefore if ye be Dead with Christ from the Rudiments [Stoichea] of the World, why, as though Living in the World, are ye Subject to Ordinances, (Touch not; Taste not; Handle not; which are all to perish with the using;) after the Commandments and Doctrines of men?

Which Things have indeed a Show of Wisdom in Will Worship, and Humility, and Neglecting of the body; not in any Honor to the Satisfying of the Flesh. – Paul’s Letter to the Colossians 2:18, 20-23

As for the Magic practiced by the Vagabond Jews (Professional Exorcists), Josephus has this to say in his Antiquities of the Jews:

Now the Sagacity and Wisdom which God had Bestowed on Solomon was so great, that he exceeded the Ancients, insomuch that he was no way Inferior to the Egyptians, who are said to have been beyond all men in Understanding; nay,

indeed, it is evident that their Sagacity was very much Inferior to that of the King's.

He also excelled and distinguished himself in Wisdom above those who were most eminent among the Hebrews at that time for Shrewdness; those I mean were Ethan, and Heman, and Chalco, and Dards the Sons of Mahol.

He also Composed Books of Odes and Songs, a thousand and five; of Parables and Similitudes, three thousand; for he Spake a Parable upon every sort of Tree, from the Hyssop to the Cedar; and in like manner also about Beasts, about all sorts of Living Creatures, whether upon the Earth, or in the Seas, or in the Air; for he was not unacquainted with any of their Natures, nor omitted inquiries about them, but described them all like a Philosopher, and Demonstrated his exquisite Knowledge of their Several Properties.

God also enabled him to Learn that Skill which Expells Demons, which is a Science useful and sanative to men. He Composed such Incantations also by which Distempers are alleviated.

And he left behind him the Manner of using Exorcisms, by which they Drive Away Demons, so that they never return, and this Method of Cure is of Great Force unto this day; for I have seen a certain man of my own country whose name was Eleazar, Releasing people who were Demoniactal in the presence of [the Emperor] Vespasian, and his Sons, and his Captains, and the whole multitude of his Soldiers.

The Manner of the Cure was thus: – He put a Ring that had a Root of one of those sorts mentioned by Solomon to the nostrils of the Demoniac, after which he Drew Out the Demon through his nostrils; and when the man fell down immediately, he Abjured him to return into him no more, making still mention of Solomon, and Reciting the Incantations, which he Composed.

And when Eleazar would persuade and demonstrate to the Spectators that he had such a Power, he set a little way off a cup or basin full of water, and Commanded the Demon as he Went Out of the man to overturn it, and thereby let the Spectators know that he had left the man; and when this was done the Skill and Wisdom of Solomon was Shown very Manifestly; for which Reason it is, that all men may Know the Vastness of Solomon's abilities, and how he was Beloved of God, and that the Extraordinary Virtues of every kind with which this King was Endowed, may not be Unknown to any people under the Sun; for this Reason, I say, it is that we have proceeded to Speak so largely of these matters. –

Antiquities, Book II, Chapter 5, Verse Two (Whiston); paragraphs added for clarity.

Remember, almost everyone in the Ancient World believed in some sort of Magic. The parallels between Eleazar and the Sons of Sceva are remarkable but add clarity to the passage in the Book of Acts. Nevertheless, we are not done with the influence of the Angelic Realm in John's Seven Churches of Asia:

Blessed is he that Readeth, and they that Hear the Words of this Prophecy, and Keep those Things which are Written therein: for the Time is at Hand....

I John, who also am your Brother, and Companion in Tribulation, and in the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ, was in the Isle that is called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and Heard behind me a Great Voice, as of a Trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: and, What thou Seest, Write in a Book, and send it to the Seven Churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

And I turned to See the Voice that Spake with me. And being turned, I Saw Seven Golden Candlesticks; and in the midst of the Seven Candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, Clothed with a Garment down to the foot, and Girt around the paps with a Golden Girdle.

His head and his hairs were White like Wool, as White as Snow. And his eyes were as a Flame of Fire. And his feet like unto Fine Brass, as if they Burned in a Furnace: and his Voice as the Sound of Many Waters.

And he had in his Right Hand Seven Stars; and out of his mouth went a Sharp Two-Edged Sword; and his countenance was as the Sun Shineth in his Strength.

And when I Saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his Right Hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last; I am he that Liveth, and was Dead; and, Behold, I am Alive for Evermore, Amen; and have the Keys of Hell and Death.

Write the Things which thou hast Seen, and the Things which Are, and the Things which shall be Hereafter;

The Mystery of the Seven Stars which thou Sawest in my Right Hand, and the Seven Golden Candlesticks which thou Sawest:

The Seven Stars are the Angels of the Seven Churches: and the Seven Golden Candlesticks which thou Sawest, are the Seven Churches. – The Book of Revelation 1:3, 9-20

John tells us that there is a Blessing for those who Read or Hear his Revelation, which is likely why Paul pronounced a Curse on it:

I Marvel that you are so soon Removed from him that Called you into the Grace of Christ unto Another Gospel; which is Not Another; but there be some that trouble you, and would Pervert the Gospel of Christ.

But though we, or an Angel from Heaven, Preach any Other Gospel unto you than that which we have Preached unto you, let him be Accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, If any man Preach any Other Gospel unto you than that ye have Received, let him be Accursed. – Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:6-9

Blessing and Cursing brings us into the World of Black Magic, because John's Blessing is actually a Black Magic Curse in Disguise. Once you read that passage you have been placed into the dangerous Spiritual Influence of Satan and his Kosmocrats upon your Mind, for to doubt

the Blessing brings the possibility of Guilt and Fear of Punishment, because it also has the effect of Mental/Spiritual Bondage, for it is a Black Magic Spell.

The Gospel of Matthew adds some further understanding to the Vagabond Jew Exorcists of Ephesus. Jesus' Exorcisms were comparable to the Vagabond Jews, for the meaning of Vagabond is "Wanderer," and is closely associated with the Itinerant Ministry of Jesus, which was traveling from place to place. In the case at hand he was being criticized by the Pharisees for Casting out Demons (likely the Spirits of Dead Nephilim), by the Kosmocrat, Beelzebub:

Then was brought unto him [Jesus] one Possessed of a Devil, blind, and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both Spake and Saw.
 And all the people were Amazed, and said, Is not this the Son of David?
 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not Cast Out Devils, but by Beelzebub the Prince of the Devils.
 And Jesus Knew their thoughts, and Said unto them, Every Kingdom Divided against itself is brought to Desolation; and every City or House Divided against itself shall not Stand:
 And if Satan Cast out Satan, he is Divided against himself; how shall then his Kingdom Stand?
 And if I by Beelzebub Cast Out Devils, by whom do your Children [Vagabond Jews] Cast them Out? therefore they shall be your Judges.
 But if I Cast Out Devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is Come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a Strong Man's House, and spoil his goods, except he first Bind the Strong Man? and then he will spoil his House.
 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. – Matthew 12:22-30

In this Light the Composition of the Book of Revelation by John is like a Black Magic Incantation, and its alleged Blessing a way of Influencing your Mind through the Telepathic Dominion of Satan and his Kosmocrats. In other words, its Goal is to Cast an Evil Spell on you.

This Evil Book has been a Curse upon millions of Christians who are almost Defeated the moment they start reading it.

THE ROLE OF ANGELS

We enter now into the Realm of Angels and the Law of Moses. To the Divine Children of God (Believers), they Believed that the Law was Given and Enforced by Hostile Angels:

Which of the Prophets have not your fathers Persecuted? and they have Slain them which Showed before of the Coming of the Just One: of whom ye have been now the Betrayers and Murderers:

Who have Received the Law by the Disposition of Angels, and have not Kept it. – Stephen: Acts 7:52-53

Wherefore then Serveth the Law? It was Added because of Transgressions, till the Seed should Come to whom the Promise was made; and it was Ordained by Angels in the hand of a Mediator [Moses]. – Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:19

For if the Word Spoken by Angels was Stedfast, and every Transgression and Disobedience Received a Just Recompense of Reward: How shall we Escape, if we Neglect so Great Salvation? – Silas (in my opinion): Hebrews 2:2-3a

This is why the Righteousness of God without the Law of Moses is so important. The True Gospel of the Gentiles Paul Preached had nothing to do with Angels and was Superior to the Law of Moses because it was by the Faith of Jesus Christ Only. Moreover, it bestowed upon the Believer a Covenant of Unconditional Grace Forever for he or she becomes a Divine Child of God as a result of the Good Spell.

This is the same New Covenant of Grace that God bestowed upon David and his Seed, to wit, the 22 Christ Kings of Zion, and is made possible by the Blood of Jesus Christ unto his Family who Inherit the Blessings of the Seed of David.

Anyway, the Other Gospel and its Ministers were inundated with Evil Angels, some who were in control of the Seven Churches of Asia. We can deduce from Paul's warning to the Colossians that they were worshipping these Angels:

Let no man Beguile you of your Reward in a Voluntary Humility and Worshipping of Angels, intruding into those Things which he hath Not Seen, Vainly Puffed Up by his Fleshly Mind. – Colossians 2:18.

John then went on to address the Seven Angels of the Seven Churches of Asia in Letters with very little Praise and a lot of Judgment. But before we get to this phase, it is worth following the progress of the mainly Gentile Church in Antioch.

THE ANTIOCH FELLOWSHIP

Antioch was the Capital of Syria and ruled by Petronius, the Roman Governor. The Fellowship there was started independently of the Church in Jerusalem, even though the author of Acts makes it appear that it was always under their control:

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the Persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, Preaching the Word to none but unto the Jews only.

And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, Spake unto the Grecians Preaching the Lord Jesus. And the Hand of the Lord was with them: and a Great Number Believed.

Then Tidings of these Things came unto the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabus, that he should go as far as Antioch.

Who, when he came, and had Seen the Grace of God, was Glad, and Exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would Cleave unto the Lord. For he was a Good Man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Then departed Barnabus to Tarsus, for to seek Saul [Paul]; and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the Church, and Taught much people.

And the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

And in these days came Prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and Signified by the Spirit that there should be Great Dearth throughout all the World; which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. – Acts 11:19-28

This gives us a point of contact with real history. It seems to insinuate that the Famine was not yet in the Reign of Claudius, thus it was still in the Reign of Gaius, to wit, Caligula. Note that Epaphroditus previously informed us that Nicolas, the alleged Deacon, was a Proselyte from Antioch, but never mentioned him as one of the Founders of the Antioch Fellowship. In fact, he never mentions him at all after that first reference.

It seems obvious to me that John was not there at the time Barnabus showed up to put the fellowship under the Reins of Jerusalem. Where did he go? In my opinion he was part of an Apostolic Outreach from Antioch to Asia to spread the Word of Divine Sonship among the Jews and Gentiles there.

It is amusing to me that the author of Acts then relates a total fictional story about an earlier collection of money because it helped to deflect from his total censorship of the later

Collection for the Poor in Jerusalem that Paul gathered from his Gentile Believers. Thus Epaphroditus relates that allegedly because of the Famine that occurred in the Reign of Claudius all the members of the Antioch Fellowship pitched together a sum of money for relief for the churches of Judea and it was delivered to Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabus. This is false because it totally contradicts what Paul says about his history with the City of Jerusalem and the Twelve Apostles. (Galatians 1:11 – 2:10.)

The author then introduces a persecution by King Agrippa I where James Zebedee was rounded up and beheaded and Peter was arrested and put in prison for a further execution. We are not told why other than it was something that pleased the Jews, but this does not distract us from the fact that there had been something else going on at this time.

There was an Apostolic Triumvirant composed of Peter, James, and John, that ruled the early Jerusalem Church, but at this time John was not in Jerusalem with Peter and his brother James. Where was he? How come he escaped arrest and execution? We have to guess and my guess is that he was in Asia, hiding on the Island of Patmos for writing the Book of Revelation.

Was there anything else going on at this time that may be relevant to the history of Christianity? Yes, Caligula ordered Petronius, the Governor of Syria, which included Judea and Samaria, to erect a giant Statue of himself in the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem.

So how did the Fellowship at Antioch handle this most grave situation? We will never know because Epaphroditus covered it up as if it never happened, even after Petronius raised an Army and stationed it in Joppa and held Council with the Jews in Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee. The whole Jewish Nation was willing to disobey Caligula at this time and it is hard to believe Epaphroditus would have nothing to say about it.

The persecution of Herod is further evidence of the existence of the Book of Revelation at this time, for as we will see, the Zebedee's were to play a key role in the War with Rome in the Prophecy, one that was veiled, but plain to See with those with eyes to See.

Fortunately for the Jews, Caligula was slain by the Praetorian Guard in Rome and the Crisis came to end under Claudius. Anyway, there will be hints of this later in the Book of Revelation and we will deal with that in due time. We will now return to the Antioch Fellowship after the alleged return of Barnabus and Paul, who brought with them from Jerusalem John Mark, the nephew of Barnabus and son of Clopas and the Other Mary, and I believe to the Godfather of the Johannine Literature.

Now there were in the Church that was at Antioch certain Prophets and Teachers; as Barnabus, and Simon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the Tetrarch, and Saul.

As they Ministered to the Lord, and Fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabus and Saul for the Work whereunto I have Called them. And when they had Fasted and Prayed, and Laid their Hands on them, they sent them away.
— Acts 13:1-3

I can imagine a similar event when they first sent Nicolas on his mission to Asia, the result of which was the First Great Cult War in the History of the Christian Church.

THE FIRST GREAT CULT WAR

John would call the Followers of Nicolas the “Nicolaitanes,” which he hated because they were not subject to the Law of Moses. Both sides clashed with violence. This appears to be the First Great Cult War in Christianity.

Unfortunately, we have only one source and that is the Book of Revelation. With this in mind, let us now examine the Seven Letters to the Seven Angels of the Seven Churches of Asia in the order in which they are presented, starting with the First Letter:

Unto the Angel of the Church of Ephesus write: These Things Sayeth he that Holdeth the Seven Stars in his Right Hand, who Walketh in the Midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks;

I Know thy Works, and thy Labor, and thy Patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are Evil; and thou hast Tried them which say they are Apostles, and are not, and has Found them Liars: and hast Borne, and hast Patience, and for my Name’s sake hast Labored, and hast not Fainted.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy First Love. Remember therefore from whence thou art Fallen, and Repent, and do the First Works; or else I will Come unto thee Quickly, and will Remove thy Candlestick out of his Place, except thou Repent.

But this thou hast, that thou Hatest the Deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also Hate.

He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Saith unto the Churches; To him that Overcometh will I Give to Eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the Midst of the Paradise of God. – Revelation 2:1-7

John introduces us to the Villains in his drama, the Nicolaitans, which we will assume were also the ones who were allegedly Falsely Calling themselves Apostles. These were, of course, the Apostles from Antioch, led by Nicolas, who resided at Pergamum.

I imagine that Alexander the Coppersmith was likely a member of John's Church as well as a member of the Ephesian Metalworker's Guild, and a future antagonist of Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla, when Paul delivered his Gospel to the Gentiles to the Asians. (Acts 19:33; I Timothy 1:20; II Timothy 4:14.)

Note the hostility in the tone in this Letter. It is apparent that John feared losing control of this Church to the Nicolaitans and the Letter is an intentional diatribe of Dissatisfaction and Judgment with a violent threat of their extinction if they don't Repent. It is also told as if Jesus himself is addressing the Angels of the Churches of Asia. Let us now proceed to the Second Letter:

And unto the Angel of the Church in Smyrna write: These Things saith the First and the Last, which was Dead, and is Alive;

I Know thy Works, and Tribulation, and Poverty, (but thou art Rich) and I Know the Blasphemy of rhem which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the Synagogue of Satan.

Fear none of those Things which thou shalt Suffer; Behold, the Devil shall Cast some of you into Prison, that ye may be Tried; and ye shall have Tribulation ten days; be thou Faithful unto Death, and I will Give thee a Crown of Life.

He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Saith unto the Churches: He that Overcometh shall not be Hurt of the Second Death. – Revelation 2:8-11

Smyrna was a prosperous port town on the West Coast of modern day Turkey, with a road to Ephesus that began at the Ephesian Gate. We get some insight of the Teachings of the Antioch Apostles in this letter. The fact that they considered themselves to be Jews without the Law is an idea developed by Paul. (Galatians 3:5-28.)

But John's Jesus is having none of this, allegedly telling John that they are in fact a Synagogue of Satan. Is he inferring that the Church is in danger of being taken over by the Nicolaitans? Without knowing why, the Church in Smyrna appears to suffer more Persecution and Tribulation than the other Churches in Asia, and the Letter contains another veiled Threat: the Second Death, whatever in the hell that is. It is a concept still controversial to this day.

Note the predictive content of the Letter. Allegedly, the Smyrna Christians will suffer ten days of Tribulation. We are left to guess from whom. It looks like it is going to be a bloody affair, because they are told to be Faithful unto Death. Anyone who has read Josephus will know that Religious Cults, especially those of the Greeks and Jews, fought each other to the death on the streets, usually with the help of street gangs in Alexandria and Caesarea. Why wouldn't early Christian Cult Wars be the same?

Did this Prophecy come true?

If it were like the rest of the Book of Revelation it did not, proving the Book to be False Prophecy according to the Test of Moses in Deuteronomy 18:20-22. Let us now proceed to the Third Letter:

And to the Angel of the Church in Pergamum write: These Things saith he which hath the Sharp Sword with Two Edges; I Know thy Works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's Seat is; and thou holdest fast my Name, and hast not Denied my Faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my Faithful Martyr, who was Slain among you, where Satan Dwelleth.

But I have a few things Against thee, because thou hast them that hold to the Doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balaam to cast a stumblingblock before the Children of Israel, to eat Things Sacrificed to Idols, and Commit Fornication;

So hast thou also them that hold the Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which Thing I Hate. Repent: or else I will Come unto thee Quickly, and will Fight Against them with the Sword of my Mouth.

He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Sayeth unto the Churches: To him that Overcometh will I Give to Eat of the Hidden Manna, and will Give him a White Stone, and in the Stone a New Name Written, which no man Knoweth saving he that Receiveth it. – Revelation 2:12-17

By the time of this Letter, the Gloves are clearly off and John's Jesus makes it clear that he will be Coming in Judgment Quickly. Someone named Antipas had already paid the price in the Cult War.

As I see it, there are at least two ways of interpreting this Letter. First, John states quite clearly that Satan resides in Pergamum. It was after all the capital of the Roman Province of Asia, where the Romans left a lot of the government functions in the city states to be somewhat independent of Roman Rule, even though Roman Law was applied. Thus, in this interpretation, Caesar would be Satan.

However, if we are to see Satan in the Light of the Revelation, Nicolas of Antioch would be the Satan, suggesting that he resided in Pergamum. John has thus weaponized the Cult War between two separate Church entities, the one in Jerusalem, the so-called Mother Church, and the One in Antioch, accusing the latter of being under the Dominion of Satan, a Synagogue of Satan, Teaching the Depths of Satan.

Moreover, the Letter tells us more about what the Nicolaitanes believed. We must see the accusations of Eating Meats Sacrificed to Idol and Fornication in the light that Paul understood them in I Corinthians. The Nicolaitanes seem to have believed the same things as the Spirituals in Corinth and the Perfect in Philippi. (I Corinthians 2:6; 7:1 – 8:13; Ephesians 4:13; Philippians 3:15,)

They were Spirit-Filled Christians, Born Again into the Divine Children of God, Brothers and Sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ, Living in Heaven on Earth in the Kingdom of God Here and Now, Free from the Telepathic Dominion of the Kosmocrats, who were very much in Control of the Jerusalem Church. Let us now proceed to the Fourth Letter:

And unto the Angel of the Church in Thyatira write: These Things Sayeth the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a Flame of Fire, and his feet are like Fine Brass;

I Know thy Works, and Charity, and Service, and Faith, and thy Patience, and thy Works; and the Last to be more than the First;

Notwithstanding I have a Few Things Against thee, because thou Sufferest that Woman Jezebel, which Callest herself a Prophetess, to Teach and to Seduce my Servants, to Commit Fornication, and to Eat Things Sacrificed unto Idols.

And I Gave her Space to Repent of her Fornication; and she Repenteth Not.

Behold, I will Cast her into a Bed, and them that Commit Adultery with her into Great Tribulation, except they Repent of their Deeds. And I will Kill her Children with Death; and all the Churches shall Know that I am he which Searchest the Reins and Hearts; and I will Give unto every one of you according to your Works.

But unto you I Say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this Doctrine, and which have not Known the Depths of Satan, as they Speak; I will Put Upon you none other Burden; but that which ye have already hold fast till I Come.

And he that Overcometh, and Keepeth my Works unto the End, to him will I Give Power over the Nations: and he shall Rule them with a Rod of Iron; as the Vessels of a Potter shall they be Broken to Shivers; even as I Received of my Father. And I will Give unto him the Morning Star.

He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Sayeth unto the Churches.
– Revelation 2:18-29

There is a lot to learn in this Letter. I have no doubt in my mind that the Jezebel in Thyatira was none other than the Lydia of Philippi. And it is very clear that John put a contract out on her to have her and her lovers and their children assassinated. After the murders of Ananias and Sapphira, this should be no big surprise. Like I said, this Cult War was very bloody.

This Church was in the interior of the Province just southeast of Pergamum. It was famous for the manufacturing of Purple Dye, used almost exclusively for Royalty. Lydia, a single wealthy woman was a Trader in this commodity and had apparently recently migrated to Philippi for protection from John's Witch Hunt where he had threatened her and her followers with Death.

Who can blame her for fleeing the Witch Hunt? As we have seen the First Cult War had already gotten violent. These Letters to John's Churches expose a sorry lot living in constant fear of being erased from existence by a Crazy Savior.

We are not sure what relationship Epaphroditus had with Lydia, but he knew enough about the Spirit to introduce her to Paul. Some Divine Sons and Daughters of God may have practiced Free Love which would have really incensed John's mixture of Faith and Law in his

Churches. Any sex outside of marriage was regarded as Fornication, which was equal in their minds to Adultery.

The early church historian Eusebius, who wrote 300 years after the fact, informs us that Nicolas had a beautiful wife and was accused by the Apostles for being jealous. So, according to the story, which is a little far-fetched, he separated from her and allowed any man to mate with her, which sounds like Free Love to me. See for yourself:

At this time too there existed for a short time the Heresy of the Nicolaitans of which the Apocalypse of John also makes mention. These claimed Nicolas, one of the Deacons in the Company of Stephen who were Appointed by the Apostles for the Service of the Poor. Clement of Alexandria in the Third Book of the Stromata gives the following account of him:

He had, they say, a beautiful wife; but after the Ascension of the Savior he was accused of Jealousy by the Apostles, and brought her forward and commanded her to be mated to anyone who wished. They say that this action was in consequence of the Injunction, "It is necessary to abuse the Flesh," and that by following up what had been done and said with Simplicity and without Perversion, those who follow his Heresy lead a life of unrestrained License.

But I have learned that Nicolas had nothing to do with any other woman beside her whom he married, and that of his children his daughters reached old age as virgins, and that the son remained uncorrupted.

Since this is the case it is clear that the exposure of the wife of whom he was jealous in the midst of the Disciples was the abandonment of passion, and that Teaching the Abuse of the Flesh was continence from the pleasures which he had sought. For I think that according to the Command of the Savior he did not wish to serve two masters – Pleasure and the Lord. – Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, trns. by Kirsopp Lake (Harvard University Press, 1949-1980), p. 267.

Eusebius was the Bishop of Caesarea at the beginning of the Fourth Century when the Church had become very prudish about the old ways of sex in the ministry. Anyway this practice was at the Root of the alleged Heresy, when it all it really was was the Life of Liberty in the Holy Spirit.

It amuses me to think that at the beginning of my life in Christ when I was under the Strong Delusion that the Bible was the Inerrant Word of God, without Contradiction or Error, I read many commentaries on the Book of Revelation and all of them without exception stated that there was not enough information available to know for sure who the Nicolaitanes were. I was

astonished later in life after the Holy Spirit Revealed to me my Strong Delusion, to discover this information in Eusebius. What Liars the commentators are.

The Christian Church is really big on Misinformation and Censorship, but the Truth is always Revealed to those who bother to Seek. Let us now proceed to the Fifth Letter:

And unto the Angel of the Church in Sardis write: These Things Sayeth he that hath the Seven Spirits of God, and the Seven Stars; I Know thy Works, that thou hast a Name that thou Livest, and art Dead.

Be Watchful, and Strengthen the Things which Remain, that are Ready to Die: for I have not Found thy Works Perfect before God.

Remember therefore how thou hast Received and Heard, and Hold Fast, and Repent. If therefore thou shalt not Watch, I will Come on thee as a Thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will Come Upon thee.

Thou hast a Few Names even in Sardis which have not Defiled their Garments; and they shall Walk with me in White: for they are Worthy.

He that Overcometh, the same shall be Clothed in White Raiment; and I will not Blot Out his Name out of the Book of Life, but I will Confess his Name before my Father, and before his Angels.

He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Sayeth to the Churches.
– Revelation 3:1-6

Sardis was famous for once being the capital of the Lydian Empire. They must have had a lot of followers enticed by the Nicolaitanes because John only finds a few names that have not defiled themselves, meaning in the Eating of Foods Sacrificed to Idols and Fornication. He gives this Church dire warnings to be Watchful and Strengthen the Things that Remain, whatever they were supposed to be.

There is also the Idea that a Believer's Name could be Blotted Out of the Book of Life, a Fear that can eat at one's Soul. The Church there had begun to resemble the glory that had faded from the Lydian Empire. Meanwhile, John is scaring the hell out of his Churches. No wonder Paul was biting at the bit to get into Asia with his Gospel of Grace for the Gentiles. Let us now proceed to the Sixth Letter:

And to the Angel of the Church in Philadelphia write: These Things Saith he that is Holy, he that is True, he that hath the Key of David, he that Openeth, and no man Shutteth; and Shutteth, and no man Openeth.

I Know thy Works; Behold, I have set before thee an Open Door, and no man can Shut it; for thou hast a Little Strength, and has Kept my Word, and hast not Denied my Name.

Behold, I will Make them of the Synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do Lie; Behold, I will Make them to Come and Worship before thy feet, and to Know that I have Loved thee.

Because thou hast Kept the Word of my Patience, I also will Keep thee from the Hour of Temptation, which shall Come upon all the World, to Try them that dwell upon the Earth.

Behold, I Come Quickly; Hold that Fast which thou hast, that no man Take thy Crown.

Him that Overcometh will I Make a Pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will Write upon him the Name of my God, and the Name of the City of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which Cometh Down out of Heaven from my God: and I will Write upon him my New Name.

He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Saith unto the Churches.
– Revelation 3:7-13

John must have really loved writing this Letter in the Name of Jesus, because he imagines that in the future the Nicolaitanes would worship at the feet of his Church. Note the satisfaction in Vengeance this Letter suggests. Letters like this, without any thing to contradict it, portray Jesus as a petty, jealous, vengeful Son of God, the opposite of Paul's Gospel to the Gentiles that portray a loving, forgiving God and Savior full of Grace and Mercy.

In the final letter, John writes to the Church in Laodicea, another Church Paul also deals with directly in his Letter to the Colossians. (Colossians 4:13-16: he hails a House Church in Laodicea that belongs to Nymphas, or Nympha; and he reminds a man named Archippus to fulfill his Ministry.) Let us now examine the Seventh Letter:

And unto the Angel of the Church of the Laodiceans, write: These Things Saith the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the Creation of God.;

I Know thy Works, that thou art neither Cold nor Hot: I would thou wert Cold or Hot.

So then because thou art Lukewarm, and neither Cold nor Hot, I will Spue thee out of my Mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art Wretched, and Miserable, and Poor, and Blind, and Naked:

I Counsel thee to buy of me Gold tried in the Fire, that thou mayest be Rich; and White Raiment, that thou mayest be Clothed, and that the Shame of thy Nakedness do not Appear; and Anoint thine eyes with Eyesalve, that thou mayest See.

As many as I Love, I Rebuke and Chasten: be Zealous therefore, and Repent.

Behold, I Stand at the Door, and Knock: if any man Hear my Voice, and Open the Door, I will Come in to him, and will Sup with him, and he with me.
 To him that Overcometh will I Grant to Sit with me in my Throne, even as I also Overcame, and am Set Down with my Father in his Throne.
 He that hath an ear, let him Hear what the Spirit Saith to the Churches.
 – Revelation 3:14-22.

Note that Sitting with the Lord on his Throne will be in the future, whereas with Paul's Gospel Believers are already Seated with the Lord in Heavenly Places. (Ephesians 2:4-6.)

TAKEN UP TO THIRD HEAVEN

Now we get to the part of the Revelation that Paul sought to mock in his Second Letter to the Corinthians:

It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory: I will come to Visions and Revelations of the Lord.
 I Knew a man in Christ [John Zebedee] above fourteen years ago [at the Circumcision Summit]; (whether in the body, I cannot tell: God Knoweth,) such an one Caught Up to the Third Heaven. – II Corinthians 12:1-2

This allusion becomes more clear when compared with what comes next in the Book of Revelation:

After this I Looked, and, Behold, a Door was Opened in Heaven: and the First Voice that I Heard was as it were of a Trumpet Talking with me; which Said, Come Up hither, and I will Show thee Things, which must be hereafter.
 And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, Behold, a Throne was Set in Heaven, and One Sat on the Throne.
 And he that Sat was to Look Upon like a Jasper and a Sardine Stone; and there was a Rainbow round about the Throne, in Sight like unto an Emerald.
 – Revelation 4:1-3

I believe Paul said he wasn't sure if John was in the body or out and we can now see why, since John's account is very ambiguous. Anyway, further on in the Book we get to the part Paul is mocking:

And I Saw another Mighty Angel Come Down from Heaven, Clothed with a Cloud: and a Rainbow was upon his head, and his face as it were the Sun and his feet a Pillars of Fire;
 And he had in his hand a Little Book Open: and he Set his right foot upon the Sea, and his left foot on the Earth, and Cried with a Loud Voice, as when a Lion Roareth: and when he had Cried, Seven Thunders Uttered their Voices.

And when the Seven Thunders had Uttered their Voices, I was about to write: and I Heard a Voice from Heaven Saying unto me, Seal Up those Things which the Seven Thunders Uttered, and write them not. – Revelation 10:1-4

Paul's wry wit comes out when he addresses the Seven Thunders that Cannot be Told, a Revelation of a non-Revelation:

And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God Knoweth;) How that he was Caught Up into Paradise, and Heard Unspeakable Words, which it is not Lawful for a man to Utter.

Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine Infirmities. – II Corinthians 12:3-5

In the Book of Daniel the Prophet was faced with a similar situation where he was ordered to Seal Up a Prophecy, but in his case, the Prophecy was to be Unsealed at the Time of the End. The Prophecy of the Seven Thunders was never to be Unsealed, giving John a certain knowledge that no one else possessed nor ever would possess.

THE TWO WITNESSES

And I will Give Power unto my Two Witnesses, and they shall Prophecy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

These are the Two Olive Trees, and the Two Candlesticks Standing before the God of the Earth.

And if any man will hurt them, Fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and Devoureth their Enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be Killed.

These have Power to Shut Heaven, that it Rain not in the days of their Prophecy: and have Power over Waters to turn them to Blood, and to Smite the Earth with all Plagues, as ofen as they will.

And when they have finished their Testimony, the Beast that Ascendeth out of the Bottomless Pit shall make War against them, and shall Overcome them, and Kill them.

And their dead bodies shall lay in the street of the Great City, which Spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was Crucified.

And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and Nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

And they that dwell upon the Earth shall Rejoice over them, and make Merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two Prophets Tormented them that dwelt on the Earth.

And after three days and an half the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and Great Fear fell upon them which Saw them.

And they Heard a Great Voice from Heaven, Saying unto them, Come Up hither. And they Ascended Up to Heaven in a Cloud; and their Enemies Beheld them. – Revelation 11:3-12

This part of the Prophecy doomed the Brothers Zebedee, for everyone would have know who the Two Witnesses were in the Jerusalem Church and its Satellites. The Jerusalem Church would have known because their leaders had witnessed the relationship the Brothers Zebedee had with the Lord Jesus in his Earthly Ministry.

On one occasion James and John had wanted Jesus to Call Fire Down from Heaven on a Samaritan town that did not welcome Jesus into their midst:

And it came to pass when, when the Time was Come that he should be Received Up, he Stedfastly Set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent Messengers before his face; and they went and entered into a Village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

And they did not Receive them, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

And when his Disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we Command Fire to Come Down from Heaven, and Consume them, even as Elijah did?

But he turned and Rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of Spirit ye are of. For the Son of Man is not Come to Destroy men's lives, but to Save them. And they went to another Village. – Luke 9:51-56

And on another occasion James and John desired to sit at the Right and Left Hand of Jesus, which made the other Apostles very angry as a Power Grab:

And James and John, the Sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

And he Said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy Right Hand, and the other on thy Left Hand, in thy Glory.

But Jesus Said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask; can ye Drink of the Cup that I Drink of? and be Baptized with the Baptism that I am Baptized with?

And they said unto him, We can.

And Jesus Said unto them, Ye shall indeed Drink of the Cup that I Drink of; and with the Baptism that I be Baptized withal shall ye be Bapized;

But to sit at my Right Hand and on my Left Hand is not mine to Give; but it shall be Given to them for whom it is prepared.

And when the Ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John, – Mark 10:35-41 (Matthew 20:20-24, has the Mother of James and John make the request, an attempt to downplay the egregiousness of the request.)

It is for these reasons that I believe John was talking about himself and his brother, James, being the Two Witnesses. I am sure Herod Agrippa I understood this.

Jesus predicted a sacrificial death for both of them, but they would not be sitting on his Right and Left hands. We have seen that this prophecy about James and John partially came true when Herod beheaded James, and it is likely that John perished also, but not in the way he hoped. Their dead bodies did not Ascend before God's Throne in the Third Heaven in the War against the Beast from the Bottomless Pit.

THE NEW JERUSALEM VERSUS THE JERUSALEM THAT IS ABOVE

My little children, of whom I Travail in Birth again until Christ be Formed in you. I desire to be Present with you now, and to change my voice: for I Stand in Doubt of you.

Tell me, ye that desire to be Under the Law, do ye not Hear the Law?

For it is Written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a Bondmaid, the other by a Freewoman. But that was of the Bondwoman was Born after the Flesh; but he of the Freewoman was by Promise.

Which Things are an Allegory for these are the Two Covenants: the one from Mount Sinai, which gendereth to Bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and Answereth to Jerusalem which Now Is, and is in Bondage with her Children.

But Jerusalem which is Above is Free, which is the Mother of us all. For it is Written, Rejoice thou Barren that Bearest Not; Break and Cry, thou that Travailest Not; for the Desolate hath many more Children than she which hath an Husband.

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the Children of Promise.

But as then, he who was Born after the Flesh Persecuted him that was Born after the Spirit, even so it is Now.

Nevertheless, what Saith the Scripture? Cast Out the Bondwoman and her Son: for the Son of the Bondwoman shall not be Heir with the Son of the Freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not Children of the Bondwoman, but of the Free.

Stand Fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath Made us Free, and be Not Entangled again with the Yoke of Bondage. – Galatians 4:19 – 4:1

In my opinion the above quote demonstrates that Paul was familiar with the Book of Revelation because of his argument regarding the Jerusalem that is Above. He says clearly that the Jerusalem Church which Now Is, is under the Yoke of Bondage, whereas the Divine Sons and Daughters of God in Galatia are Born under the Jerusalem that is Above. That Jerusalem remains in Heaven.

As an aside, Paul makes it very clear that the Mount Sinai on which Moses Received the Ten Commandments was not located on the Sinai Peninsula, but in Arabia, Petra to be specific. The Israelites were not wandering in the Wilderness for Forty Years, but lived in an area just South of the Dead Sea.

Now, in contrast is John's take on the New Jerusalem, which Comes down from Heaven, but not until the End of the World:

And I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth: for the First Heaven and the First Earth were Passed Away; and there was no more Sea.

And I John Saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, Coming Down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride Adorned for her Husband.

And I Heard a Great Voice out of Heaven Saying, Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and he will Dwell with them, and they shall be his People, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. – Revelation 21:1-3

The main dichotomy here is that Paul's Spirit-Filled Christians Live in a Realized Eschatology Here and Now, whereas John's Seven Churches in Asia have to wait until the End of the World in order to Fully Realize their Salvation:

And you hath he Quickened, who were Dead in Trespasses and Sins; wherein in Time Past ye Walked according to the Course of this World, according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, the Spirit that Now Worketh in the Children of Disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our Conversation in Times Past in the Lusts of our Flesh, fulfilling the Desires of the Flesh and of the Mind: and were by Nature, the Children of Wrath, even as others.

But God, who is Rich in Mercy, for his Great Love wherewith he Loved us, even when we were Dead in Sins, hath Quickened us Together with Christ, (by Grace are ye Saved;) and hath Raised us Up Together, and Made us Sit Together in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus:

That in the Aions to Come he might Show the Exceeding Riches of his Grace in his Kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by Grace are ye Saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the Gift of God: Not of Works, lest any man should Boast.

For we are his Workmanship, Created in Christ Jesus unto Good Works, which God hath before Ordained that we should Walk in them.

– Ephesians 2:1-10

Finally, it is plainly stated that the Jerusalem Church was Persecuting Paul's Gentile Churches, who were members of the Jerusalem Church that was Above.

CONCLUSION

The Black Magic Spell of the Book of Revelation is a very real thing in which to be Aware and Resist. After all, our Warfare is not against Flesh and Blood, but against the God of this Aion, Satan, and his Minions, the Spirits of the Dead Nephilim and the Kosmoscrats of this Aion of Present Darkness, the Spiritual Wickeness on Earth and in the Heavenly Places.

It is not the purpose of this paper to be a Commentary on the Book of Revelation. It is meant only as a Warning to the Divine Sons and Daughters of God to be Aware that the Book of Revelation is Inspired by Satan and is brim full of False Prophecy, as one would naturally expect from the Father of Lies.

May God Bless all who read this Warning in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.