

## Foreword by the Author

The belief in the existence of the Antichrist has nothing to do with a conspiracy theory. According to the Bible, the great deceivers will come at the end, and the appearance of false teachers and false prophets is associated with this. I would like to make a contribution to shedding light on the religious deception that is being spread today by cunning teachers via the media. They lie in order to adapt the Bible to their own wrong interpretation. The desire for profit is one motivation for this. This deception is insidious, something that is not obvious. Jesus said, referring to the end times (Luke 21), "Take heed that ye be not deceived."

This book is titled "Manipulation during the Apocalypse." What exactly is manipulation? It refers to tactics that are deliberately used to attack a person's self-confidence and judgment, destabilize their basic attitudes and perceptions of reality, and replace them with new ones. Manipulation is a threat. It leads people down paths where they never really wanted to go.

The last book of the Bible, the Revelation of John, is often referred to as the Apocalypse. This book should not be understood literally, as the text is of a spiritual nature. There are pictorial representations of abstract facts through a concrete figure or object. It describes things that will happen at the end of the present world order. In chapter 13, a beast that comes out of the earth manipulates the world so that mankind worships a mighty beast (out of the sea) that blasphemes God and wages war against the saints.

To begin with, a few important sentences about the Bible. For me, Holy Scripture is the truth. If it were not so, which other book should I consult? Where can I find guidance? The darn literature is a collection of very different messages and beliefs soaked in untruths, which leads to confusion. The Bible is from God and cannot be replaced by any other human product. It is of enormous importance to read this scripture with reverence for God. The Bible is about faith. Everyone believes in something. Faith is something personal. Religion, on the other hand, is the political and social organization of faith.

The Bible is always right. Anyone who claims otherwise is just misinterpreting things. It is generally said that the Bible is about the battle between good and evil. Which person is supposed to be good? People simply claim that they are the good guys, but only God is good. I therefore think it is more appropriate to speak of a battle of truth against lies. Or of justice (Jesus with the righteous) against injustice. A later chapter deals with the fate of two evil people. It's hard to believe that one of them makes it to heaven. Well, how is that supposed to work, that a wicked person doesn't end up in damnation? This evil criminal goes to heaven because of his faith. So faith was the decisive factor. That's why I have to be careful when people try to convince me of an end-time battle between good and evil.

The New Testament is full of warnings about false teachers in Christian garb who want to deceive people at the end of this world order with their untrue, twisted teachings. I have already watched a lot of sermons on television in the past and can only say: BEWARE!!! The end-time seduction is already in full swing. I already said that believing in the existence of the Antichrist has nothing to do with a conspiracy theory. Not at all. The appearance of false teachers, false prophets, and antichrists is predicted. Who is behind it? The devil is behind it! The weapon he possesses is words. He disguises himself as an angel of light and writes books about God. He has already written a bestseller back in Arabia. Since nothing is sacred to him, he preaches the word of God in churches and at events; only he skillfully falsifies it so that people will stray from the truth. Only those who are very familiar with the original Word of

God will be able to recognize forgeries.

When I started watching preachers on TV, I thought a lot of it was pretty good at first; I was enthusiastic, but without realizing it, I got caught up in the vortex of deception. Not everything televangelists say is wrong. But sometimes things were claimed where I became skeptical, because fortunately my knowledge of the Bible was sufficient at the time. So I knew the original. Please do not think that televangelists know more about God than others. These preachers do not know more than what is written in the scriptures.

Through this book, the reader should recognize this danger and no longer turn to false teachers but to Jesus Christ. He is the living hope; he is the way and the truth. Jesus was not a founder of religion but a reformer of the Jewish faith. He questioned nonsensical rules and outdated privileges; he rejected fame and power. People need Jesus; he is the elixir of life, the perfect food for the soul.

When referring to biblical passages, I have deliberately refrained from stating the verses so that the context is taken into account. Meaning is always dependent on context. Verses are taken from The King James Version of the Holy Bible. I am not God, so this book is not error-free.

I apologize for every mistake that sneaked into the American when translating. We are just a small German publisher and do not have the financial means to pay professional translators.

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### **When will the Antichrist come?**

When the Antichrist comes, the last hour will have struck (1 John 2), and Jesus will soon return. To the joy of all those who have been eagerly waiting for him, because they will be welcomed by Jesus and not condemned. From then on, judgment begins for the rest of humanity. This is what it says in the Bible. If someone is afraid now, they do not really trust God and something is wrong with their faith. There is still time to remedy deficits. At some point Jesus will come back; of course I don't know on what day. No one knows, not even Jesus himself (Matthew 24).

The beginning and the end of this world are related. We remember: in the beginning, the serpent spoke untruths. On the first day, God separated the light from the darkness, and on the last day, everyone ends up either in the light (in paradise, in heaven, with God) or in darkness (in hell, with the devil). That's where you spend eternity. It is certainly not a pleasant feeling to spend eternity in hell and keep the devil company. Judgment has already been passed on to the devil. What has he done?

### **The Fall of the Devil**

After God had created Adam and Eve, he asked his highest angels to worship man. The archangel Michael began immediately. The devil, however, refused. He didn't want to lose his status and therefore shouted at God, "I don't understand! Why should I worship a creature made of earthly dust? I was created before man. Man has to worship me." Michael warned the devil to obey God better. But the devil proudly said, "I am the most beautiful of all angels

and will now fly to the highest heaven and sit next to God on his throne.” What an overconfidence! The cheeky devil wanted to be like God. Of course, the Almighty did not allow this, and the devil's rapid ascent ended with his fall. A devil is drawn upwards; upwards is his favorite direction.

It is safe to say that the devil has a tendency towards megalomania, which is reflected in his children. An interesting phenomenon can be found in psychiatric institutions, where patients sometimes think they are Jesus. Such people are strongly influenced by misleading spirits. Someone who thinks he is God is forsaken by all good spirits. Chapter 2 of the 2nd epistle to the Thessalonians is about the man of sin, the son of perdition. This man, completely possessed by Satan, will one day, shortly before Jesus returns, sit down in a temple (house of prayer) and claim that he is God.

### **Goals of the Devil**

What are the devil's goals? Preservation of creation? No, he doesn't give a shit. The devil is all about power, influence, control, possession, and, of course, money. The devil unscrupulously resorts to means such as destruction (war) and disinformation (lies). Deception is his hobby horse, and he delights in causing confusion. Instead of reconciliation, he prefers revenge and retribution. And he wants to be in the limelight, to be worshiped, so that he becomes a leading figure (role model) and can therefore more easily lead people down the wrong path.

### **The Gospel of Jesus Christ**

God has no mercy on the devil, so there is no salvation for him. This can be read in chapter 20 of the Revelation. Fortunately, there is salvation for people—thanks to God's grace and mercy. The gospel is a fantastic offer from the Creator God to all people. It proclaims the good news of the forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation becomes possible—a second chance for all.

The forgiveness of sins is the redemption of a person's debt to God. When you enter a restaurant and order food and drinks, the landlord writes everything on a tab, which the customer has to pay when they leave. It is similar to God, so that every person on earth receives their own personal tab from God. He writes everything on this tab that displeases him (sin). That will be a lot for most people. Because of faith in Jesus, this bill is paid to God. There is no second option. The Lord is incorruptible.

That is why we must not grow weary of our faith. If the debt cannot be repaid, the debtors will be judged. Among them are the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and anyone who loves lies and acts accordingly. For a certain group of people, God does not accept payment through faith in the gospel. Namely, those who have misused God's grace to lead a licentious life.

The gospel is about living out love for one's neighbor, but where human vices (sins) should not be tolerated. The gospel is not a matter of religion or denomination, nor is it a matter of culture. Jesus Christ is the only possible salvation for people. Religions are human inventions. All sorts of things are idolized, even rock 'n' roll, Harley Davidson, or a football team.

Free will is part of a person's basic endowment. One has the choice to accept or reject the gospel. The light of God shines in the hearts of those who have accepted it, and such people are proof of the life-renewing-power of the gospel. Because of their faith, peace, joy, and hope came into their lives. It was the same for me; I can attest to this. My fears for the future have disappeared. I throw myself confidently into the coming time and look forward to each new day, even though I am aware that the conditions in this world will worsen day by day.

The gospel is a red rag to the devil. He hates it when people return to paradise because they have accepted Jesus Christ. That is why the devil distorts the word of God in order to lead people astray. Satan has a lot of tricks up his sleeve. Jesus is the mediator between God and mankind. The devil thrusts himself into this role and thus becomes a false Christ in order to deceive mankind.

### **The Babylonian Tower**

People have always had a desire for social acceptance and solidarity, which explains the popularity of social networks. People want to be part of a group. After the Flood, people all spoke the same language and used the same words (Genesis 11). To keep them connected at all times, these people planned to build a city called Babel—with a gigantic tower that was to be as high as his pride. This tower was supposed to reach up to the sky, but God prevented this. He did not want the people to carry out everything that came into their minds. God confused the language of the people, so different groups emerged that spread all over the earth. The Babylonian tower is a symbol of man's arrogance.

People want attention and recognition. And they have the urge for self-expression, for which the internet is ideal. Here he can upload his breakneck videos. As a reward, he even receives likes from people he doesn't know at all—people he has no personal relationship with. But that doesn't matter—the main thing is fame and a new status! Facebook is at the top of the popularity scale. In addition to data, this platform steals a lot of time from its members. The same trick also applies to dubious religious communities. They demand time from their members for PR campaigns at the train station and in the pedestrian zone. Another demand would be for money. The most blatant example of this is Scientology. This nonsense has already taken money out of the pockets of members. The author, L. Ron Hubbard, became a false teacher. He founded Scientology because he was broke and needed money. After his death, his admirers elevated him to the status of a God who will one day return to the earthly world—what nonsense!

### **Dangerous Half-Knowledge**

Half-knowledge can be found where research has not been done properly. Journalists who write for cheap papers are content with half-knowledge. A person who has little interest in the truth is a person who is not with God. Christians who have only read the Bible cursorily easily fall for false prophets.

A lot of people can't stand the truth because it can be exhausting. But the truth sets you free, because honesty creates clarity. Lies serve as social lubricant and can ruin a person's reputation. Respect for people who make clear statements and are not afraid of negative consequences, because this requires a good dose of courage. Love is made of courage. Love

is of divine origin. Values that are appreciated in a group (relationship) are honesty and reliability.

Religious scriptures are subject to wild interpretations. Radical people quickly turn those who believe differently into the enemy. Anyone who has watched all the programs about God and the church on television for a while has been so full of all kinds of Bible interpretations and spiritual orientations that some viewers no longer know where they stand at the end. One preacher claims that all people are saved by Jesus. Another denies this and only speaks of a great multitude. And yet another is certain that there are only a few people who will not be lost. On the other hand, someone can choose exactly what fits their worldview from the wealth of sermons. Some preachers tend more towards excessive emotionality, others more towards cold, legalistic, self-righteous Pharisaism.

Here is another example of different interpretations of the Bible. A pastor is of the firm opinion that homosexuality is unacceptable. It is a sin that must not be tolerated. Another, on the other hand, tolerates homosexuality and refers to Christian charity. The argument of a third pastor who professes homosexuality is as follows, "Same-sex love is not a sin; after all, God created me that way." Okay, let's say better: endowed. Strictly speaking, God created Adam alone, and from one of his ribs, Eve. God created this woman to honor Adam. After that, human reproduction began. Every newborn human being is blessed by God with talents (gifts). When they come of age, they are free to make their own decisions, but now they must also bear the responsibility for them.

So there are countless interpretations of the Bible texts. What should we believe now? One sees it this way, and the other that way. One contradiction follows the next. Where is the mistake here? Viewers who have recognized these contradictions but still continue to pay attention to such preachers are making a big mistake. It's better not to do that. But who can really help now? The expert! And that is God! And where does he hold his consultations? In the church? No! On X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, or Facebook? No! In the Bible, of course!

### **Who are you and where are you going?**

Good question. Actually, there are two. God speaks to people in the Bible. In a televised sermon, it's not God speaking to man, but a person speaking about God. That is the sore point. Why is this person doing this? What are the motives behind it? I would first like to know three things about a person who is a stranger to me:

- 1) What goals is this person pursuing?
- 2) What principles do they live by?
- 3) What is their mission statement (role model)?

Once I have received answers, I can get a rough idea. Next, I would have to check whether the information is true. If someone claims to love Jesus, I would like to see for myself whether this person has actually come to life through faith and walks in love; otherwise, they would be a deceiver. For there is an outward Christianity without true faith, where the inward renewal by the Spirit of God is missing.

I would like to hear from a preacher whether it is part of his moral principles not to make a profit from the Word of God. And how important is the preservation of creation? How will

this person answer my questions, honestly or not? There is a lot of trickery in our conflict-torn world, and talented people can skillfully disguise themselves in every way. They could fool me, but no one can trick Jesus. The Son of God knows what is hidden in people. Jesus knows the intentions of why someone does something. The Master knows the hearts of all people.

Those who walk in love have a good heart and no interest in harming others, and they do not denigrate anyone on the internet. In times of pandemic, they follow the prescribed rules. He neither cheats nor shoots anyone. Those who walk in love are considered kind and benevolent. Those who walk in love sacrifice time and money for people who are less fortunate.

### **Religious Smartasses, Profit, and TV Ministry**

We are founding a church. But be careful! Who agrees that any way of doing business with a moral or ethical idea is questionable? Money and church go hand in hand. The Bible is interpreted in such a way that you can reach a certain target group. Without any ifs or buts, your own interpretation of the Bible is considered correct. I find that rather presumptuous. Furthermore, it is not necessarily important to have an explanation and interpretation of everything in the Bible; that's how I see it. I already mentioned in the foreword that interpreting the Revelation of John is not easy, as the text is of a spiritual nature, and that a dangerous beast gains power that speaks great things and blasphemes God. In the book of Daniel (chapter 7), it is described as a terrible beast with teeth of iron and claws of bronze. This beast is symbolic of the last world empire; it crushes everything. Anything that cannot be devoured will be trampled underfoot. That should give us pause for thought.

No matter how loudly starving children cry out for bread and water, what needs to be built first? Exactly, a house of prayer! A fabulous one, of course! A pompous house of worship as an expression of the power and glory of Jesus Christ—the Catholic Church has shown the way! And who is financing it? Naive television viewers with their donations. An agency was commissioned to bring cameras to record sermons. With the help of this material, the fantastic ideology of this church is now present in the media. The fact that the account details are shown at the end of the program is clever—ask a cyberpsychologist. Anyone who constantly listens to these sermons will transfer money after a while.

The church as a business model? Of course, in the Middle Ages, this even worked for the witch burnings. Today, the magic of marketing comes into play. As already mentioned, there is a profit motive behind it that should not be underestimated. In Germany, the state supports the construction of church facilities. The postage rip-offs when sending out media and the chargeable service telephone numbers speak the same language, which is the trump card: money! Where money is involved, a lobby is formed. You can recognize a clique of false teachers by the fact that its members repeatedly appear together at various events.

In the desert, Jesus was first shown the reward for worshipping Satan—the kingdoms of this world with their glory. From the sermon (Matthew 5) that Jesus preached on a mountain, we can see what God has to offer people. The Beatitudes are about a heavenly reward for people's inner values, their character, and their soul traits. There are undoubtedly people who owe their happiness to (diabolical) advice that they did not follow. It is a fatal mistake to idolize money. I urge the reader to avoid people with idealized, consumer-oriented lifestyles and follow Jesus instead.

Jesus was able to resist the temptation of the devil. The Bible warns against false prophets. Who could be considered for this role? Let's take a look at a few candidates (serpents). As you know, the serpent was the cleverest of the beasts of the field. So watch out!

### **The Holy Spirit, the Children of God, and the Book of Life**

No, I'm not going to start with the serpents. First, I'll say a few words about the children of God. These are all the people who are saved. In other words, those who have found faith in Jesus by divine grace. It began 2000 years ago with twelve apostles (messengers) who were called to take the gospel into the world with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. Its outpouring on all people in the end times is described in Joel 3. The strongest effect is seen in the chosen sons and daughters of Israel, who belong to the circle of the children of God. These chosen ones (Revelation 7) become prophets during the outpouring of the Spirit and receive glorious dreams and visions. On the other hand, the spirit of falsehood will influence people more and more. In church circles, this spirit of lies has already taken hold of many.

The children of God are written in the book of life. All others whose names are not in this book will be lost in the end because they have not asked God to pay for their debt through the blood of Jesus Christ. The following applies to all of God's children—the last days will be very hard for them. If you turn to 1 John 3, you will find the characteristics of the children of God. As I said, they are also referred to as Israel's sons and daughters, who do not necessarily have to be part of the population of the state of Israel. Jews around the world are still eagerly awaiting their Messiah, and the Israelis have been passing the time by occupying the territories and putting Arabs to flight. What exactly is this all about? Religion? I don't think so; it's about land ownership. The Bible with the history of Israel described in it are used to justify the uprooting of the Palestinians.

In October 2023, a war began between the Palestinian organization Hamas and Israel. Is today's Israel a nation that worships war? The answer can be found near the end of this book. Or is politics alone responsible? You are allowed to criticize Israel, right? When does criticism of Israel become anti-Semitism?

Important to know: Children of God can be found in the state of Israel as well as in the Gaza Strip or anywhere else in the world. Religious affiliation does not matter. They are believers who can be found in churches, kingdom halls, synagogues, mosques, temples, or other places of worship. Their maxim is, "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." Children of God believe with their hearts, which shows in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Even atheists can become children of God after a divine correction, and then they will confess Jesus (Based on Colossians 5:9–11).

Do you consider yourself to have an autonomous, affirmative, altruistic personality? Or are you an egoist? That would not be good, but life consists of change. So, you are afraid of a change? Are you afraid of losing something? Many people know this. Everyone has to keep an eye on how they develop. A person can improve as well as deteriorate. This is the reason why people need to be re-evaluated again and again. One fascinating story in the Bible is the life of Paul. After Jesus, Paul is THE MAN in the New Testament. Suppose a Christian who was a little lax about loving his neighbor had taken Paul (when he was still called Saul and brutally persecuted Christians) out of circulation without further ado by murdering him in

order to save his brothers and sisters. This would have ruined God's plan. This means that no one knows the plans that God has for a person. So it is possible that God can conjure up a sought-after, wise man from the biggest slob. No one should therefore take the law into their own hands; in the end, God will judge everything.

## **Greed**

The word “more” immediately makes me think of greed, which is one of the deadly sins. A more appropriate word for mortal sin would be capital vice. The desire to have more is one of the great vices of mankind. The other vices are pride, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth. Selfishness is a clear characteristic of all seven deadly sins. And selfishness divides people.

Is it not more blessed to give than to receive? Every discerning Christian should know that you cannot acknowledge the Creator God as the supreme boss if you are not humble at the same time. And this then manifests itself in renunciation and restriction. So less instead of more, but it doesn't really fit in with today's world. No house! No car! No boat! This message does not appeal to a society spoiled by consumerism. Okay, everyone should have a roof over their head, but does it have to be a feudal villa? Aspirational goals for a Christian should be: Drive less, eat less meat—it's good for the environment. Less air travel; preferably do without it altogether. Simply consume less. Consumption fuels the economy but is often not sustainable.

This unsustainable consumer behavior characterizes today's world, with money playing a major role. Is it necessary to fly to a dream beach in the Maldives? No, in a climate crisis, these things should be over. By the way, climate is the statistics of the weather. I can't forbid anyone from flying on a vacation plane, but I personally can do without air travel. The environmental destruction caused by vacation flights is then no longer on my tab. Climate change means a change in lifestyle. Anyone who continues to book non-essential flights in view of the current situation will have this added to their tab.

## **Dangerous Internet**

In the virtual world, you present yourself from your best side. Social media accounts make it easy to delete critical comments and block unpleasant users. This creates a distorted image. People have always been fascinated by the deceptive shine of the surface. Images are the most powerful medium for convincing people and influencing them. Manipulating images and videos is increasingly becoming child's play with the help of modern programs. Influence is in most cases deception! Deception is everywhere on the web. Deepfake videos are becoming more and more perfect with the help of artificial intelligence, making it almost impossible to recognize them as fake. This makes them a serious security risk. For my part, I can only advise everyone: Get out of the virtual world; there is no end of trickery here.

In 2018, internet pioneer Jaron Lanier presented his most recent book at the time. In it, he warns of the dangers of the internet because of the ominous forces that are dangerously influencing contemporary democracy. Facebook, which Lanier considers to have a perverse business model, initially made no comment. Well, so much is perverse in this depraved world, where the cry for justice grows ever louder. If you want to be a friend of this world, don't you enjoy injustice? Murder and penal camps are replacing justice in many countries. We live in a world where civilian populations suffer in the chaos of modern armed violence,

supported by arms supplies from rich countries. Dictators in Third World countries are backed by a lobby of multinational corporations. Justice begins in the heart.

How was Lanier's book "Ten Arguments for Deleting Your Social Media Accounts Right Now" reviewed on Amazon? Wait, what is it actually about? It's about online portals that sell personal data to political actors. This harms democracy and promotes poverty, hatred, and alienation through constant, subtle MANIPULATION! "You are only manipulated and attacked to the extent that you allow it," writes a German reader who couldn't do anything with this book. Is that true? Do we even notice when we are being manipulated? Doesn't every commercial try to force us to make a certain decision? As I said, in the end times, mankind is being manipulated into worshiping the Antichrist.

Lanier's book is written in a flippant language that will not appeal to everyone. That brings us to humor. Don't humorous people have the ability to recognize things in this world as complex and contradictory? Not everyone likes my writing style, either. Well, for me, there is no better way to go through life than with love and humor, and this is reflected in my language.

Jaron Lanier also recommends spending as little time as possible on the Internet. Internet surfers who are not very careful will not notice when foreign computers gain control of their own computer, which is then used for attacks on servers or websites. As an average consumer, it is difficult to imagine how tracks can be followed and data spied on in a global network. Corporations use such personal data to persuade users to behave in a certain way. Hats off to people like the former NSA employee Snowden, who risked their lives and their freedom by shedding light on things in order to raise public awareness of what is possible on the data network and how state powers use it to try to gain control. I respect whoever opens the eyes of the world. The Bible also advises us to bring light into this dark world. God is light. How it ends with the Internet is not written in Lanier's books but in the Bible. You don't believe that? I think the whore of Babylon mentioned in Revelation, who spans the world, is the Internet.

## **Jesus and the Law**

The people of Israel made their own laws out of God's law, which unfortunately became rigid regulations in some cases. Jesus did not abolish the law of God but rather gave it back its original vitality and dynamism.

"Would you like some? Just take a bite." You have to say that a Jehovah's Witness and hold a black pudding in front of his nose. He won't touch this delicacy. Why? Because the Law of Moses does not allow it. They all insist on it, but this rule is no longer valid. Jesus abolished it when he said, "Man may eat anything." You should pay attention to the words you spit out, whether written or spoken (Mark 7). This is what matters in the world! On the day of divine judgment, man will be justified by his words and condemned by his words (Matthew 12). Therefore, a Christian does not need to abstain from blood sausage. This food, like all food, should be received with gratitude.

Through faith in Jesus, a person comes to true life and is justified before God. And no law is imposed on such a righteous person (1 Timothy 1). Alcoholic drinks are not generally forbidden for Christians. Jesus recommended drinking a little wine; after all, he also made wine from water. But God takes no pleasure in comrades who get drunk. Alcohol has always

been a highly dangerous drug, and every ten seconds, a person in this world dies as a result of alcohol consumption. As with many things, the same applies to alcohol: the dose makes the poison.

The trick of teachers of the law is to keep people from the way of life that makes true happiness possible. Doesn't love fulfill the law? Jesus spoke of two commandments that are attached to the entire law (Luke 10).

To love God above all else.  
To love your neighbor as yourself.

Strict scholars try to force others under the law of Moses so that they remain slaves to the law. Jesus, however, freed people from this curse with his death. Those who submit to the law must expect to be accused of double standards; they will not succeed in keeping all the laws. Jesus was the only one who managed to do this—he fulfilled the law because he never disobeyed God. Yes, love fulfills the law!

## **Joyce Meyer**

Joyce Meyer is an American televangelist and a person who is ahead of God. This is the view of her husband, Dave. Ahead of God? Total nonsense! How can anyone be ahead of God? Joyce Meyer considers herself to be an excellent preacher who can be trusted blindly.

The gospel will be proclaimed throughout the world. God warns us, “But in the latter days, there will be many false teachers who will falsify it. Beware of the hypocrisy of such liars; their shame is seared into their conscience.” So we have to be very, very careful with everything Joyce Meyer and co. tell us. The saying “Being ahead of God” is suspicious. For me, Joyce Meyer is running after the devil.

Is God, as a moral authority, the opposite of money? Who invented money? Since when have banks existed? Joyce Meyer teaches that you can serve mammon and God. Jesus' words on this subject are found in Matthew 6. What does mammon stand for? Mammon is Aramaic and refers to material possessions. Some go a step further and call dishonestly acquired wealth mammon.

Enjoying prosperity is the maxim of this serpent. And money ensures prosperity. This package conveys a sense of security—a fallacy! The capitalism associated with prosperity can never form the basis of ethics. We know advertising as a concentrated expression of capitalism. This has always contributed to people worshipping idols. These are made of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk. Nowadays, the artificial gods can hear, speak, and even move. Inside them is a computer containing rare earth elements. Mark 10 tells us how difficult it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. People who are financially well off should think carefully about what they do with their money. To be rich is not a sin but a burden.

“Make the decision today to steer your thoughts in the right direction,” writes Joyce Meyer in one of her books. I read two books by her. Joyce Meyer's books show strategies for a happy and blessed life with God. They are about money and overcoming crises. In other words, topics that move us humans. However, her guides have a lot to do with psychology, esotericism, the New Age, and positive thinking. I do not recommend reading any of these

books. Let me make this very clear: The only book I can recommend to anyone is the Holy Bible. And I do not recommend any religious community or Church. I don't belong to any religious group myself.

Of course, you should think positively. Those who are blessed with the spirit of truth automatically think positively. They have the certainty that Jesus will be with them until the end of time (Matthew 28). This blessing comes from God, who has mercy on his children. Whoever follows Jesus is on the right path. So anyone who reads the New Testament stays close to Jesus (to the truth). Those who close themselves off from the truth harden their hearts. Such a person loves lies and deceives himself.

“Make decisions that you can take responsibility for.” Joyce Meyer is not the only one to say that, because that's exactly how I see it. Every decision has consequences. The first wrong decision a man made was to listen to the serpent. This had serious consequences. In this day and age, people continue to listen to the serpent. In the meantime, the beast has disguised itself and is therefore not easy to recognize. Sometimes it appears in a fine suit; sometimes it wears a priestly robe or a T-shirt with the confession “I love Jesus.”

Jesus said, “Be wise as serpents.” The snake, as we know it today as a creeping creature, had a different appearance before it was punished by God. My guess is that it resembled a dragon. The ancient Greek word for snake is drakon. Now the snake creeps, and you hardly notice when it's beguiling you.

Joyce Meyer earns a lot from the topic of God. She is earthly-minded and, therefore, loves prosperity. Prosperity requires the mobility of people and goods. This all is not particularly sustainable. “A good preacher must also drive a good car,” she once said. Doesn't anyone notice how the devil's pride comes through here? I maintain that a good preacher does not need a good (expensive) car because he remains humble and does not fall prey to pride. He gives his saved money to the hungry. Those who are blessed with the Holy Spirit have no great desire for material, perishable things. He is concerned with righteousness, fear of God, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Joyce Meyer once trumpeted, “You don't need to give your tithe (no alms); you'll get to heaven that way too!” Enthusiasm about this sentence was evident among those who cling to money. How does Joyce Meyer know who goes to heaven and who doesn't? Only God knows that! Here Joyce Meyer was playing God. And who has always wanted to be like God?

Joyce Meyer doesn't get some things across badly; I'll give her that. However, it is sometimes a highly explosive cocktail of cool sayings, good advice, and deadly tips. It's easy to fall for her untruths. Of course, even dubious preachers are absolutely right on certain points. But watch out! The seductive potential of false teachers lies in the mixture of truth and lies. They follow the whispers of fallen angels, who wield the dark power of their wings over them. Incidentally, these angels have been extremely active on earth since Nine-Eleven.

## **Contradictions**

I have listened carefully to Joyce Meyer over a long period of time, with the result that she occasionally becomes entangled in contradictions. This is also true for other preachers. In my study of the Bible, however, it was exactly the opposite. Over time, solutions to contradictions emerged. What I never used to have an answer for were the last words of Jesus

before he died on the cross. Twice it says, “My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?” Once, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” And John wrote, “It is finished.” If we exclude the possibility that all three possibilities are wrong, then only one possibility can actually be right. How can these different statements be explained?

The Gospels are by no means contradictory because the same message comes across in all four scriptures. Jesus is the way and the truth. God the Father arranges everything so that Jesus is crucified for the transgressions of mankind. Jesus rises from death a few days later. What does it have to do with credibility if the story of Jesus is told differently? Isn't that normal, and does it prove that people are not infallible? The events surrounding Jesus were not recorded in writing immediately after his death. Here is a small example: Four contemporary witnesses independently describe a complex event that took place several years ago, with the result that everything is consistent down to the last detail. Would anyone believe that?

### **Which Bastard destroyed this Planet?**

Do you believe in climate change? If so, why does it exist? Fatal decisions were made in the past, and today we are feeling the consequences. The World Bank announced in 2017 that up to 140 million people worldwide could have to give up their homes in the near future if they do not adapt to climate change. City children breathe air that is a dangerous mix of particulate matter, industrial emissions, diesel exhaust fumes, and ozone. The earth is littered with the relics of our throwaway society. Here is a warning to everyone: God will destroy those who destroy the earth. Decaying plastics in the world's oceans are turning into toxic time bombs. Who is responsible for this? The industry? The politicians? The consumer? The battle for raw materials and drinking water has long since begun. Our planet is being desecrated, devastated, and plundered (Isaiah 24). This shows the brutality of man. We try to justify war and overexploitation with fine words and noble values. So which bastard has destroyed this planet? The beast that crushes everything.

### **Bible Twisting**

A German TV preacher from Hamburg constantly warns in his broadcasts about the distortion of the Bible and is outraged by what the world is making of the name of Jesus today. He knows about the seduction in the end times, which will be satanic. That sounds promising—really clever. But he doesn't seem to have noticed that this seduction is already in full swing. “O you hypocrites! You cannot discern the signs of the times!” To whom was Jesus addressing these harsh words? Incidentally, Jesus' chastisements against scribes / Pharisees can be found in Matthew 23.

Or has this pastor recognized the signs of the times and is hiding this from us? Is he not observing the market? Doesn't he watch sermons on television? If he has convicted someone of perverting the Bible, why doesn't he warn TV viewers about that person? A group has more power when it is organized. In business, there are illegal cartels in almost all industries that conspire to fix prices so that more profit can be made. That's the trump card today: getting the best possible out of something (profit maximization).

Transparency is needed to uncover a conspiracy. People who have something to hide don't like transparency—they are afraid of the truth. In my opinion, the lack of transparency today

is clearly underestimated, which makes it all the more dangerous. The devil is very clever, and people hardly notice when they are tempted and seduced by him.

In the past, I had regularly watched programs on a German church channel. They are very careful not to criticize the preachers harshly; instead, they are constantly praising them. So that no one takes a critical look at the sermons and their ideology, a comparison with other religions comes into play. Then Islam is attacked because human rights are being violated there. Taking potshots at Islam is a nice diversionary trick and relativizes one's own actions, because wealthy Christians in particular have made a major contribution to destroying this planet. Some violate human rights, others destroy creation. Neither is right.

### **Leading Figure**

Humans are social animals who form their opinions by asking selected people for their views. If you get the feeling that there is a majority opinion in one direction, it is easy to lean in that direction. If you have a different opinion from the majority in a group, you are quickly branded a renegade and a traitor to the common cause. Young people in particular, who are still searching for their identity, are easily influenced. It is therefore no wonder that Islamic hate preachers are constantly succeeding in persuading young people to carry out terrorist attacks.

But dangers also lurk in Christian circles. The saying “Wealth is a sign of divine grace” is used to demand a sports car from God during praise and worship. What a devilish trap! So here's a warning to all young people: the desire to belong to a cool church can be dangerous. Don't be naive and believe everything a group tells you about Jesus. Show a healthy distrust when someone tries to push an ideology on you or make a biblical interpretation palatable. Do not adopt the opinions of others, but form your own judgments. Read the Bible intensively and with concentration. Luke 11 says, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” It is the words of God that matter, and not the words of preachers. I am not God! I already mentioned this fact in the foreword. So please be critical of my texts; I am hardly free of lies and deception.

God created man in his own image. The analysis of the Fall of Man shows that instead of listening to God and continuing to tend the garden, man wanted to become wise and instead trusted the serpent. Little has changed to this day. This generation is wicked and evil; it has tendencies towards vanity, jealousy, greed, and lust. The devil will exploit these weaknesses—the internet is ideal for this. Who knew that the abbreviation for the World Wide Web in Hebrew is the number 666?

### **Criminal Christians, Homosexuals and the Insight**

There are Christians who throw big stones at homosexual couples. They shout, “You will all burn in hellfire!” Those who judge like this should not be surprised if they end up in hell themselves. The warning against judging is found in Matthew 7. In America, there is an exceptionally awful kind of Christian, the evangelicals. They believe in white supremacy and are staunchly behind Donald Trump and his conspiracies. Isn't Trump like a dangerous animal that talks big and loves to lie? Anyone who believes differently is an enemy. With one hand, evangelicals hold up the Bible and emphasize the law, while their hatred of certain groups is already wrong and against the law. With the other hand, they hold a gun. They

would like to try it out on homosexuals, communists, Jews, or Muslims. Where is the love of neighbors here? Jesus would probably have said something like this today: He who is without sin should be the first to shoot the gay man!

Brazil is a country where many Christian nationalists live. They worship former President Jair Bolsonaro like God. But why was it tolerated that Bolsonaro destroyed the divine creation by deforesting the rainforests during his time in office? Bolsonaro and Trump are basically godless people who make themselves opportunists for evangelicals. Politicians simply need votes. Evangelicals not only worship God; they also worship capitalism. However, this system stands for soulless greed for profit through the exploitation of people, animals, and nature. Could the beast that crushes everything have something to do with capitalism?

Back to homosexual couples. Of course, God is not amused by same-sex love. Nevertheless, the salvation of homosexuals is not impossible, since Jesus Christ died for all sinners. They must be clearly diagnosed with sin, and if a patient becomes insightfully and tries to mend his ways, there is hope for salvation. Salvation therefore comes through repentance, a change of inner course. Whether people go to heaven ultimately depends on the grace of God. In the other world, beyond God's grace, madness and chaos reign.

Let's take a look at what happened on Golgotha (Luke 23). Two criminals were crucified together with Jesus. There is no account of how these two bad boys went astray, why they became criminals. One of them blasphemed God. Because of his lack of fear of God, he received a rebuke from the other. This other one showed himself to be insightful and confessed that he (himself) deserved the death penalty because his evil deeds were worth it. This led to the recognition and confession of sin. Furthermore, the person with insight believed in Jesus' innocence and asked him to remember him. The criminal turned to Jesus personally, who promised him the kingdom of heaven. God keeps his promises. You can rely on God if that doesn't give you hope.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Conversion proceeds as follows: self-knowledge and recognition of sin. Then comes confession of sin followed by surrendering one's life (turning) to Jesus Christ. If this path is taken, then a process of growth in faith begins. This leads to a life without unfounded fear and worry. The result of reverence for God is decent behavior towards one's fellow human beings and a considerate approach to nature. Indifference was yesterday.

“Christians are sinners and saints at the same time.” You often hear this contradictory statement from preachers. I also like this saying, but this one is even better, “Christians are sinners and hypocrites.” I find it quite astonishing who calls himself a Christian these days. Not everyone who wears a cross around their neck is a Christian. Not everyone who goes to church regularly is a Christian. And not everyone who holds up a Bible and swears by this book is a Christian. Donald Trump has already done this; that says it all. Jesus was completely innocent. Trump has been impeached many times, and each time the guy boldly claims he is completely innocent. Does Trump think he's God?

### **The two Witnesses**

In sermons about the end times, one event is often not mentioned at all before the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, returns. It is the mighty appearance of two prophets and their battle

against the beast that crushes everything. Satan never tells us the whole truth.

The ascension of Jesus can be found in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. After Jesus had disappeared in the cloud, two men in white clothing suddenly stood before the apostles. If you look at this backwards, two men first appear before Jesus returns. According to Revelation 11, these prophets appear in sackcloth and will prophesy for 1260 days, preparing humanity for the end-time scenario. Nobody really wants to hear these tormenting spirits. When they fall silent, people clap their hands and send each other gift packages. What will happen on this earth in the end times?

People are turning away from God.

Evil and lawlessness are on the rise.

People's hearts harden.

For nation shall rise against nation, and group against group.

Wars, epidemics, famines, and natural disasters such as fires and floods characterize the time.

All of this is the beginning of the labor pains; at the end, a tremendous time of tribulation is predicted. This is necessary so that the children of God will stand pure and purified at the end.

The two end-time prophets will prophesy for a certain time and fight against a power that is hostile to God, i.e., against the last world empire (rising from the sea - Daniel 7, Revelation 13). This power is a powerful, ruthless system inspired by the devil that will influence the world. This diabolical system works in an extremely sophisticated way and causes people to turn their backs on God. The anti-God beast uses the media to manipulate people. This brings us back to Jaron Lanier's thesis about the ominous forces that use fake identities on the internet to create a distorted social perception.

Everyone knows that the web is now a hotspot for criminals and the lewd—it has become a dwelling place for demons. My initial enthusiasm for the Internet has long since vanished because speculation and fantasies are presented here as absolute truth. The inventors of the Internet were also very enthusiastic at the time, as information could now be exchanged worldwide. However, as it soon turned out, not every piece of information was true, and that became a big problem.

The internet has become a gigantic cesspool of sin. Won't every Sodom and Gomorrah be destroyed by God at some point? With the appearance of the two end-time prophets, the condemnation of this world begins, which does not make the duo particularly popular with the people. The gala of unmasking begins. It comes to an end with the return of Jesus, when everything comes to light. His reward is with him, to give every man according as his work shall be.

## **The two Beasts**

Not only money and the church go hand in hand, but also propaganda and manipulation. The NT warns of the seduction of the Antichrist. Strangely enough, this term Antichrist no longer appears in the text of the last book of the Bible. At least not in my translations of the Bible. Instead, there is talk of a great dragon, who is also referred to as the old serpent or devil (Satan). At the beginning of chapter 13, the figure of the beast hostile to God is described, which rises from the sea and receives all power from the dragon. The dragon that has fallen to

earth gives the beast authority. What is striking about this beast is a mortal wound on one of its heads, which has been healed. The beast speaks great words and blasphemies and insults God and his people. Nevertheless, the dragon and the beast are worshiped, but only by people who are not registered in the Book of Life.

From the middle of chapter 13, a second beast appears, this time from the earth, which is referred to later in the text as the false prophet. This beast has two horns like a lamb, and no other details are given about its appearance. This beast speaks like a dragon and receives the authority of the beast with the death wound. When exercising power, this second beast stands before the eyes of the first beast.

The second beast is a symbol for propaganda by false prophets from various areas, such as politics, business, and the church. For example, there are people in a church who claim to serve God but, in reality, do not align themselves with his standards. All such people are vassals of the devil and convey false facts and values—worldly values such as success, status, and prosperity. This works perfectly in a society characterized by capitalism. The propaganda leads humanity to erect a statue in honor of the beast from the sea and to worship it. This statue has been given a spirit so that it can speak. Is there artificial intelligence behind the spirit? The animal becomes the model for all those who worship success, capital, and consumption. The beast controls trade—only those who have certain marks or the number 666 can buy and sell in its name.

## **Armageddon**

In the battle of the end times, which in my opinion will be a spiritual battle, the beast that crushes everything, the false prophet, and the kings of the earth are on one side. This alliance fights against Jesus and his called ones, his chosen ones, and his faithful followers who have heeded the word of God. Before this final battle, the kings gather in a place called Armageddon in Hebrew. This legendary place is only mentioned once in the Bible, in chapter 16 of Revelation. The book of Revelation should definitely be studied. Blessed are those who read these words of prophecy and remember what is written there. The devil himself is bound and initially imprisoned for 1000 years.

## **National Pride and Division**

Jesus said, “Anyone who loves his father and mother more than me is not worthy of me.” I conclude from this: Anyone who loves their fatherland above all else will probably not accept Jesus. Certain state powers incite hatred against minorities and violate human rights. Kings use this ploy to try to restore pride and honor to their nation. This trend can now be seen in many countries that are increasingly becoming chauvinistic nations. Let's put it another way: fascism is back! Populism has to do with hatred, and that is the opposite of Christian charity. The commitment to love one's neighbor leads to division (Matthew 10).

When the New Testament comes into force, every injury to a person, whether physical or emotional, is also an attack on Jesus. When wealth is achieved through exploitation, you can call it mammon. And people worship this mammon like a god. Watch out! All gods will perish who did not create the heavens and the earth (Jeremiah 10).

## **The Whore of Babylon**

I am of the opinion that the kingdom of the internet is referred to in the Bible as the city of Babylon. This whore has amassed enormous wealth and exercises dominion over the kings of the world. The whore of Babylon must be judged. God will put it into the hearts of ten kings to carry out his purpose. Within an hour, the entire Internet will be shut down forever and ever. What a scenario! Then the merchants of this world will lament, and the fruits that a human soul coveted will no longer be found there, nor will any artist of any art. The world as we know it will no longer exist. The nations have been seduced by the magic of the internet, and the fall of Babylon is probably the beginning of a global economic crisis.

People who lived lavishly are now experiencing agony and suffering. Now they have to suffer because they can't pay their tabs! It's coming thick and fast for all those who have desecrated, ravaged and plundered this earth—who have not put their faith in God. Loosely based on Isaiah 24, I have written the following poem.

### **Enough with the Fun**

The land is withering, alarm bells are ringing,  
Every party is over.  
The merry revelers sigh,  
Now the ominous turn threatens.

The cheerful sound of the musicians has fallen silent.  
And the revelers with their singing.

The beer tastes bitter in the drinkers' mouths.  
In summer, the sun scorches the earth.  
People worry about warmth in the cold winter.

The jokes of the funny chaps have faded.  
Everyone seeks shelter, and no one laughs anymore.

The proud fall, the rich become impoverished.  
Things will turn around,  
When God passes judgment on all  
Who did not think it necessary to honor him.

### **The Time of Urge**

The end-time tribulation begins when the daily sacrifices are abolished and the sanctuary is desecrated by the setting up of a terrible abomination (Daniel 11; Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21). During the tribulation, all those who profess Jesus (love of neighbor) or are committed to the preservation of creation are hated, tortured, or even killed by heartless people.

The climax of the end-time tribulation begins with the abolition of the daily sacrifices. The abolition of the daily sacrifices—what could that mean? I'll have to pass! But it is clear to me that during the tribulation period scenario, a huge multitude from all nations will become

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