GREATEST 1 COMMAND

"Love one another as I have loved you." (St. John 13: 34)

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When the "Man of Lawlessness," as Paul refers to him is revealed, Jesus will also appear. But in truth, this man has already appeared, and even existed throughout history, but was not clearly understood by St. Paul and St. John. (2 Thessalonians Ch. 2) (1 John 1: 18) His first appearance was when mankind *began* to believe he needed a mediator between him and God. But to stay in context with St. Paul's and St. John's writings, the "Man of Lawlessness" appeared about 1, 900 years ago when humanity *returned* back to a system of many laws and lost sight of Jesus' essential message, his Greatest 1 Command to love each other. (St. John 13: 34) (2 Peter 2: 21 & 3: 2) (1 John 2: 7 & 3: 11) In addition, when John and Paul used the word "antichrist," it is not to be confused with the "Man of Lawlessness." Antichrist was used in a broader term denoting a spiritual disposition, for it states in 1 John 4: 3, "... This is the *spirit* of the antichrist, which you heard is coming and even now is *already* in the world." Also, antichrist can mean one person or a group of persons, or even an entity that is not pro-Christ, but is against him anti-Christ. However, "The Man of Lawlessness" which Paul alludes to will be revealed, or better said, unveiled (because he's right under people's very nose) during a time of rebellion/Armageddon. This lawless one is really, the great awaited and misunderstood Antichrist person at the end of the age.

Thus, with respect to the institution of pastors and priests and the clergy as a whole, we write this essay. In Document # 5, we stated that our pastors and priests have held the Christian church together for the last 2,000 years and have done a great service. We still stand by this statement, and assert that Christianity held together due to their efforts. They functioned similar to what Greek scholars, and Robert D. Brinsmead in his Journal "Jesus and the Law" deemed the Law and the Old Testament as a whole: a pedagogues. But, was the priesthood in its present hierarchical form necessary for these past two millenniums? With the coming of Christ, was not the Institution of Pastors, Priests and Imams exposed, superseded and transformed? In Colossians chapter 2 verse 15, St. Paul states, "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." Paul is speaking of all authorities, but specifically, he is speaking of the religious authorities. Also, does not scripture say that all believers have become priests? (Rev. 1: 6) (1 Peter 2: 5 & 9) Therefore, we believe that the Institution of Pastors, Priest and Imams was a temporary measure *until* the coming of Christ, just as the Law was a *temporary* measure *until* his coming as well. (Gal. 3: 19, 23-25) For the earlier times, we are referring to the Pharisees, Sadducees and the teachers of the Law, but in regards to the past 2,000, we are talking about modern day Pastors, Priests and Bible teachers. This latter group has similarly been a temporary measure until the rediscovery of the understanding that Jesus replaces the Law and the priesthood, by his person and his Greatest 1 Command/admonition. (St. John 13: 34 & 15: 12) (Please see photo below on page 3.)

In addition, we are aware that St. Paul, speaking of the different gifts of the spirit in 1st Corinthians chapter 12 and Ephesians 4, mentions some to be "pastors." But this *some* does not nullify the fact that every believer

becomes a "pastor" in due time, for in Ephesians 4:13, it states, "...until we all reach the unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become *mature*, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." The Gospel is the fullness of God. Once attained or received by an individual, it fulfills what Jeremiah 31: 33-34 states, "No longer will a *man* teach his neighbor...because they will all know me, from the least/last to the greatest/first...". This will not come about because they are filled with esoteric knowledge that comes from a Bible Seminary, but rather filled with the simple message of Jesus that anyone can attain, even while one is nailed to the cross, as was the crucified thief on Jesus' right. Going to a Bible Seminary does not give one the license to *buy* [simony] the Holy Spirit, just because one pays the college tuition fee. Most importantly, it is the *freely* given Holy Spirit of Love that one must be filled with. To love each other *as* Jesus loved us is what a true pastor would foster in his flock; anything short of this is neglecting his duty and his commission to humanity.

However, we can't over emphasize the importance of having a pastor, especially at the beginning of a new fellowship of believers. But it will not end this way if there is real spiritual growth among them. For example, when Jesus held fellowship, he would always work towards building up the rest of his friends. (St. John 15: 14, 15) Even though he was first, having received the information first (and they were all second which is similar to being last), he would make himself last, so that they could be first and be treated as first. (Matt 19: 30 & 20: 16) He withheld no information from them, which made them equal in status and in relation to him. His treatment of them, and especially his sharing of information with them, caused the Apostles to grow and mature in the knowledge of Christ. Ironically, Jesus' disclosure of information to the Apostles mimics a mother cell passing its DNA information. It will create other mature and informed individuals, such as the two new daughter cells created by the process of mitosis. They, in turn, will pass their DNA information equally to two new cells, which in turn will also divide, and so on—Christianity began this way. If there was no sharing of information equally, there would have been no early Christianity, just as there would be no body, if there were no sharing of information in totality by each cell of the body. But, with the esoteric development of the priesthood, Christianity fell from grace and returned to a vertical and impersonal system of law. This quenched the Holy Spirit of love, causing hell on earth for 2,000 years. Also, the Office of the Clergy gives the laity the idea that they are inferior to the clergy, and therefore, not as responsible as the clergy is to the body of Christ, nor to the community. It is another human excuse for not being truly human. (Rom. 2: 15/ "The Living Bible")

Moreover, one long held Christian tradition about the Antichrist is: "That he will be one individual who will appear and openly confess that he is God. He will fool the world by pretending to be a Holy man, for he will come from within the House of God/church." In contrast, we see it differently, for we believe it will not be *one* person, but many acting in one accord. For anyone who rejects Jesus' ideology is not for Jesus, and therefore, he or she is an anti-Christ. In addition, contrary to Christianity's misunderstanding, when Paul wrote of "The man of Lawlessness" in 2 Thessalonians, we believe it is an *entity* with many members, like an Institution. It is an institution, with an ideology that prohibits the newest member of a group from sharing equally, what they wrongly reserved to be only for the seniority of the group. Jesus' parable about the workers condemns this treatment of people. In the parable, the last to enter the work received the same amount of wages, and were treated as the one who had been there the full day. (Matt. 20: 1-16)

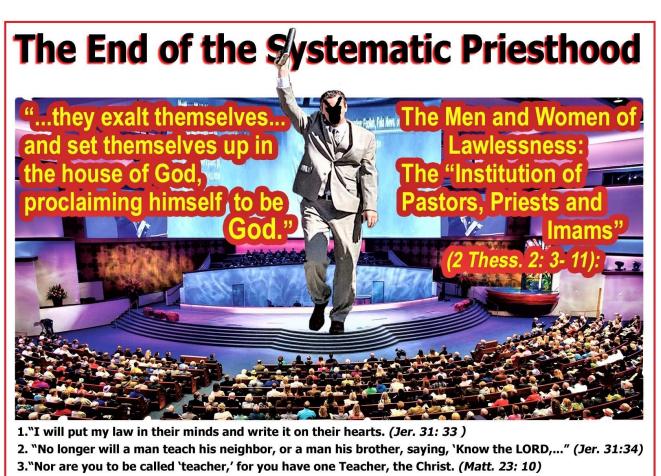
In conclusion, President Bush is not the real problem. He is though, a voice for the real figure which is the problem. Revelation 17: 12 & 13 states that the 10 horns or 10 commandments, which represents religious conservatism based on law, will give power to the beast, which represents Christianity of which President Bush is its mouth. (Rev. 13: 5, 6) As President Bush creates more laws and restrictions to fight crime, it arouses the sinful nature, thus creating the opposite effect which leads to the creation of more laws and restrictions. (Rom. 7: 5 - 11) As we stated in Document # 18, the Church will bring the State/American government to ruin. (Rev.17: 16) We would blame the priest Billy Graham and others like him, way before we would blame President Bush. For it was Holy man like Billy Graham, Pat Robertson and their Institution of Pastors and Priest who gave their blessings for this foolish war. They should have known better, for they are the nurturers of society's psyche, as was Billy Graham towards President Bush. Anyone who believes that the *sword* will make the world better is truly a *lawless* individual! Nevertheless, good and sincere people in their

youth have felt a calling to be part of the clergy. To a degree they are innocent, because they are taught what no one person designed. It was tradition, and tradition can continue for hundreds of years without being noticed for what it really is. This would also include the clergy of non-Christian religions such as the Moslem and the Jewish system. Therefore, we believe this "Man of Lawlessness" will confess to be God indirectly, and most likely, without knowing he is acting as a God; especially when this senior member sets himself up above the congregation, and no ones dares to question his preaching, as if, he were an infallible God. (2 Thessalonians 2: 4)

NOTE: Now that probably the last named storm or "Kings of the East/hurricanes": Epsilon, which means *end* in Greek, is now in the Atlantic Ocean, the second phase of the 6th Bowl will probably go into affect. (Rev. 16: 12-16) This is presuming that 2005 will be the last of the birth pangs, because there could be another cycle of the Kings of the East/Hurricanes in 2006. Nevertheless, now that we have *revealed* the "Man of Lawlessness" and his roots, surely this is a sign that the great Rebellion/Armageddon will commence between the *true* spiritual Priests and the religious establishment's modern day Pharisees and Sadducees. (Rev. 16: 16) Ironically, every true preacher of this message would end up fighting (in a spiritual way) as the character Neo did in the second movie of the trilogy: "Matrix Reloaded". He fought in the court yard with all the corporate and conservative looking individuals, who really represent the system's Pastors and Priests. Therefore, we say, as the ring announcer in Las Vegas would exclaim before a boxing match, "Let's- get- ready- to- rumble".

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