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PSEUDO-APOSTLES OF THE PRESENT DAY

Study of Church History in
Light of the Bible Proves
Claims of Church Dig-
nitaries Unfounded
In Fact.

Only Twelve Apostles of the Lamb—
Scriptures Show That No More
Were Purposed by God—St. Paul
Superseded Judas—Catholics and
Episcopalians Deceived—Apostolic
Bishops Unauthorized—How This
Great Error Was Foisted Upon
the Church—1200 Years Without the
Bible—The Reformation Movement
—Bible Gradually Restored, But
Entrenched Errors Still Hold
Gandy—So-Called Christian King-
doms Now Showing Their True
Character—Great Time of Trouble
Now Begun to Make Way for
Christ's Kingdom.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 27.—Pastor
Russell was here today, and delivered
a very forceful address, from the
text, "And thou hast tried them that
say they are Apostles, and are not,
and hast found them liars." (Revelation
2:2.) The Pastor said in part:

There has been a class of men in
the world for centuries past who
have been claiming to be Apostles,
but who are not Apostles, according
to our text. The Bible shows us un-
mistakably that God never purposed
more than twelve Apostles of the
Lamb. Let us refresh our memories
on this point: Our Lord Jesus said
to the Twelve, "Verily I say unto
you, that ye which have followed Me,
in the regeneration when the Son of
Man shall sit in the Throne of His
glory, shall also sit upon twelve
thrones, judging the twelve tribes of
Israel." (Matthew 19:28.) There
were to be only twelve Apostolic
thrones, no more. Again, in Revelation
12:1, the Church is shown as a
woman clothed with the sun (the
Gospel), having the moon (the
Jewish Law) under her feet, and
having on her head a crown of
TWELVE STARS (her Divinely ap-
pointed, inspired teachers). We see
that there were only twelve of these
stars authorized by God, St. Paul
taking the place of Judas.

We remind you of another picture
of this matter, given by our Lord
Jesus to John the Revelator. In
Revelation 21:1-5, 9-27, the glorified
Church is pictured as coming down
from Heaven to begin her great work
of blessing the world. Now note
particularly that this glorified
Church is shown as having twelve
foundations, and in them the names
of the TWELVE APOSTLES of the
Lamb.

So we see, dear friends, that it is
through some very serious blunder
that our Roman Catholic, Greek
Catholic, and Church of England
friends have Bishops claiming to be
Apostles.

**God's Word Must Be Spoken
Faithfully.**

Jesus says that those who make
claims of being Apostles when they
are not are lying. We are not to fol-
low what the customs of the past
centuries have taught us, but what
the Lord Jesus Himself says. He is
the authority. We have a measure
of sympathy for these gentlemen who
have dropped into certain positions
and have been taught for centuries
that they were Apostles, like the
original Twelve appointed by our
Lord, having the same inspiration
and speaking with the same author-
ity. We have sympathy for them in
that they are sadly deluded, but we
should remember what Jesus said
and take the right viewpoint. "Thou
hast tried them which say they are
Apostles, and are not, and hast found
them liars." We are not speaking
uncharitably, dear friends; for we
are to speak the Lord's Word. "He
that hath a dream (an imagination),
let him tell a dream; but he that
hath MY WORD, let him speak MY
WORD FAITHFULLY." (Jeremiah
23:28.) If we hold back for fear of
man, we shall share in the sin.

The great claims once made have
been discarded, or at least this class
do not attempt to speak with the
authority of former days; for man-
kind are becoming more enlightened
and their claims would appear
absurd. Yet they still claim that
they are the only ones who have the
right to authorize any to presume that

About 384 Bishops came together—
far from the entire number. This
conference was the first of what was
called an Ecumenical Church Council,
aside from one held at Jerusalem by
the Apostles of Jesus themselves.
This was claimed to be another meet-
ing of Apostles. The emperor, noting
that there was disagreement as to
doctrine, and supposing that the
Bishops were fully authorized, as
they claimed, made the proposition
to them that they agree among them-
selves as to what were the correct,
orthodox doctrines, and that there-
after whatever was taught by any
that was different from these
doctrines should be heterodox—here-
sr. He proposed to join the Church,
with the understanding that they
were to mutually support each other.
Then the pagan peoples would flock
into the Church by hordes. The
Emperor would back up their
doctrines and punish all heretics.

Thus the Nicene Creed, the first of
the great creeds, was formulated—by
these self-appointed Apostolic
Bishops. So between the Bishops and
the Emperor a heavy hand was laid
upon the people. Being uneducated,
the Church leaders had them largely
at their mercy. That was the end of
Bible study; there was no more use
for the Bible. They were to follow
the Nicene Creed. They had Apostles
inspired by God right with them,
who could teach them all they need-
ed to know.

Bible Restored After 1200 Years.

From that time on for twelve
hundred years the Bible was an un-
known book to the masses. In the
year 1526, Professor Tyndale, a
scholarly Christian man, not satisfied
with the teachings of the Church
Bishops, translated the Greek New
Testament into English, that the peo-
ple might know what were the teach-
ings of Jesus and His Apostles. He
was compelled to go to Germany to
get his translation printed (printing-
presses then being in use), because
of the adverse influence of the
English Bishops. The Testaments
were then imported to London. The
people were anxious to get them. It
was proposed that Bible classes be
started and educated men employed
to read to the people.

What did the Bishops then do? They
heard about the movement, and they
bought up the entire edition and
burned the books in front of St.
Paul's Cathedral. The spot is mark-
ed to this day. And these were
Protestant Bishops of the Church of
England! They were worldly-wise
men and knew what would be the
effect if the people learned of the
real teachings of the Bible. Their own
power and influence would soon be
gone. The people would soon be
asking uncomfortable questions.
Tyndale later suffered martyrdom.

For forty years the people complain-
wondering why the Bible had been
taken from them. Finally the Bishops
concluded that policy demanded that
they let them have the Bible. So
they got out a special edition, which
they called "The Bishops' Bible." This
they gave to the people, warn-
ing them of the danger of giving it
any other interpretation than that
given by the Bishops, assuring them
that eternal torment awaited them
otherwise. The Catholic Bishops
were then practically forced to do
likewise, and they issued the Douay
Version for Catholics, giving their
people the same warnings. Thus the
influence of the Bible was largely
nullified.

But the Bible could not be fully
put down. Later, the entire Scrip-
tures were translated into the various
tongues of the people. After the
beginning of the Nineteenth Century
education began to be much more
general, and Bible Societies sprang
up. People began to read for them-
selves as never before. Since then
superstition has been gradually
breaking down, and people dare to
think. Some are still fettered by
superstition, but the number is less-
ening. These creeds are so absurd
that no intelligent minister, we be-
lieve, would think of defending the
creed of his own denomination.

**Bible Foretold the Great Falling
Away.**

It is the teaching of the Roman
Catholic Church that all of their own
people are to go to Purgatory at
death. No Catholic expects to go to
Heaven. They must first have cer-
tain experiences in Purgatory
tortures to fit them for Heaven. To
be a heretic, from the Catholic stand-
point, is to commit the worst of
crimes. Heretics are bound, not for
Purgatory, but for eternal torment.
So a devout Catholic has great fears
of being a heretic. Thus we find but
comparatively few Catholics even to-
day who dare to read the Bible.

How much trouble all this non-
sense has caused! The Bible fore-
told it all. The Apostle Paul de-
clared that "many would depart from
the faith, giving heed to seducing
spirits and doctrines of devils." (1
Timothy 4:1-3; Acts 20:29, 30.)
It is upon these seducing spirits that
we lay the blame—Satan and his
fallen angels. We are not claiming
that our Catholic and Episcopalian
friends have intended to perpetrate a
fraud, nor any of the others. But
with the Apostle Paul we claim that
they were deceived by the great Ad-
versary. We are beginning to see
that a God of Love would never have
such a Plan for His creatures as is
taught by the creeds. We are living
in a day when more light than ever
before is due upon God's Word. We
are living at the dawning of the
glorious New Dispensation. We are
nearing the time when, according to
the Bible, "all the blind eyes shall be

opened and the deaf ears unstopped."
Let us thank God!
Armageddon Near—God's Kingdom
To Follow.

The present great war in Europe is
the beginning of the Armageddon of
the Scriptures. (Revelation 16:
16-20.) It will eventuate in the
complete overthrow of all the
systems of error which have so long
oppressed the people of God and de-
luded the world. All iniquity of
every kind will go down. The glori-
ous Kingdom of Messiah is about to
be set up in the earth, for the de-
liverance of the world and the es-
tablishment of permanent righteous-
ness. We believe the present war
cannot last much longer until revolu-
tion shall break out. The nations
are rapidly impoverishing themselves.

Great Britain has already expended
thirteen billions of dollars in the war,
and her minister of finance says that
another year of war will require nine
billions more. That will make
twenty-two billions. At 5 per cent
interest, this would mean that one
billion, two hundred millions would
have to be raised each year by the
British people just to keep the interest
paid, to say nothing of the prin-
cipal. Do you think they can af-
ford to pay such an amount? Not
at all! We believe that all those
bonds will be repudiated. The same
is true of France and Russia. Ger-
many is impoverishing herself. All
these governments are madly at-
tempting to embargo future genera-
tions. All are saying, "We MUST
conquer!" Well, we shall see how it
will all end! We stake our opinion
on the Bible. All these nations will
soon pass away. There will not be a
kingdom left in all Europe. Then
Anarchy will follow.

None of these nations is Christian,
as their course unmistakably shows.
Every one has violated international
law. They are willing to barter
away millions of lives of their people
for the paltry gain of a little more
territory and commercial benefit.
Selfishness is rampant. If violation
of law is anarchy, then we already
have anarchy amongst the nations.
They are all under the denomination
of "the prince of this world"—Satan.
The Bible declares what is soon to
come—"every man's hand against his
neighbor."

How thankful we are that while
this awful trouble must come, be-
cause of man's sin and selfishness,
yet the Word of God points out that
upon the ruins of the present Order
shall come the Kingdom of God's
dear Son! Man's extremity will be
God's opportunity. The voice of
Messiah shall be heard. He will com-
mand, "Peace, be still!" and the
raging billows of human passion will
be calmed, and all tumult will cease.
He will bring order out of chaos.
When men have reached the point of
despair, deliverance will come; for
then they will begin to cry to the
Lord. And He will be entreated of
them and will help them. God's
Kingdom will assume full control of
the affairs of the world, and will
prove to be "the desire of all
nations."

CORFU SEIZED WHILE ASLEEP

Troops, Animals and Supplies Landed
From Warships in Night.

Not a transport was used in the sur-
prise landing of the French on the
island of Corfu. Every man, gun,
mule, horse, round of ammunition and
pound of forage was embarked on
French cruisers, which, convoyed by
a flotilla of destroyers, left an unnamed
port on Jan. 9.
Steaming at nineteen knots they sight-
ed Corfu on the night of Jan. 10. With
lights out they crept up the narrow
channel between Corfu and the main-
land, which had been infested by U
boats, and entered Corfu harbor at 2
o'clock in the morning.

Such is the account from the Daily
Chronicle's special correspondent at
Corfu, who says that the troops were
unloaded from four cruisers and rowed
ashore while the town slept.
The Italian and French consuls acted
as guides to a hotel where an alleged
German spy was arrested. Only just
before the landing did the consuls of-
ficially inform the prefect of the dis-
embarkation. The landing of the men
and munitions took only five hours.

PAPEN'S CLOTHES IN PERIL

Retained Them Only by the Grace of
the British Navy.

When Captain von Papen, the re-
called German military attaché at
Washington, was held up at Falmouth
he produced the safe conduct which
had been given to him by the British
government at the request of the United
States state department and de-
manded that he be allowed to proceed
unmolested.
The former attaché was politely in-
formed that the safe conduct only con-
cerned his body and that the fact that
he was allowed to retain his clothes
was entirely an act of grace of the
British navy. At that Captain von Pa-
pen used very uncomplimentary lan-
guage in English, the British report
said, and surrendered with bad grace
the documents he carried.

Wife Too Beautiful; Wants Divorce.
John F. Suits has filed suit for di-
vorce in the circuit court of Chicago
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