

...dangerous challenge to the Christian Church than full-fledged atheism is ever likely to be." After his retirement, the next General Secretary opened the doors of the World Council of Churches to non-Christian religions. The first Assembly of the World Council of Churches that included non-Christian religions was in Nairobi in November 1975, when representatives from Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Islam.

*Step 3: We are now at the beginning stages of the 3rd step -- to unite all people. Dr. Edward Norman, member of the World Council of Churches stated in 1978 the fact that: "The word ecumenical itself has changed its meaning, and is now used by the World Council of Churches to mean, not just fellowship within the different Christian bodies, but within the entire human race." According to Revelation 13, the ecumenical movement that began as just a belief in unity, will make a dramatic shift into a mandatory law that requires global worship under the Mark of the Beast!

6) How does the book of Revelation depict this modern day ecumenical movement? -Revelation 17:1-5, 13,14.

1 - John "saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns....upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

2 - "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb."

*Note: Revelation 17 is a depiction of what the ecumenical movement is going to look like in the very near future -- the Harlot will ride the beast! The Harlot, representing a false church (See Ephesians 5:25 and Jeremiah 6:2) will control the scarlet beast, which represents the political systems of the world. Every government in the world will soon submit to the will of the church and enforce religious Sunday laws to unite all of humanity, which will fulfill the 3rd stage of the ecumenical agenda. The political leaders of all nations will have "one mind" and will "give their kingdom" unto the New World Order and Papal Power!



The whore and scarlet beast of Revelation 17

***Question: What dangers do we see in President Donald Trump that could lead to the fulfillment of the 3rd Stage of the ecumenical agenda and bring about religious persecution?**



Is Donald Trump the next Constantine?

*Answer: As you saw previously, Emperor Constantine was the originator of the term "Ecumenical" as he invoked the 1st Ecumenical Council in 325 AD. Constantine was by no means a saint. He was an idolater and had women problems. Despite these issues, he outlawed the persecution of Christians in 313 and even gave Christians political power. We see these similar characteristics in Donald Trump. The evangelicals support Trump because he has promised to give them political power by bringing church and state closer together. This may appear to be a victory for Christianity, but the result in Constantine's day was the corruption of Christianity and religious persecution!

Appeal) Will you be faithful to Jesus Christ and stand apart from the ecumenical movement? _____.

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"Lesson 9 - The Ecumenical Movement Exposed"



We live in a world that has a growing number of different religions. Many feel that people need to just forget about their religious beliefs and just come together in unity and worship God. The movement is known as the Ecumenical Movement. Is the Ecumenical Movement according to God's will? The Bible speaks of two movements for unity in the last days. In fact, every person will ultimately fall under one of two groups before Jesus comes. Complete this lesson with KJV Bible and learn about the dangers of the Ecumenical Movement!

1) What is God's will for His church? -1 Corinthians 1:10.

1 - "God's will for the church is: "that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

*Note: God's will is that His church be perfectly joined together in one mind! Is Christianity joined together? Absolutely NOT! Contrary to this scripture, today, there are over 30,000 denominations of Christianity! This shows us that there are many who have strayed off the narrow path of following Bible Truth.

***Warning: There's all this division in Christianity, but we as God's people need to BEWARE of Satan's COUNTERFEIT movement for unity known as the ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT!**



*Note: The word "ecumenical" is defined: "Promoting or relating to unity among the world's Christian churches." -Google webdef. "The terms ecumenism and ecumenical come from the Greek oikoumene, which means 'the whole inhabited world', and was historically used with specific reference to the Roman Empire." -Wikipedia.com

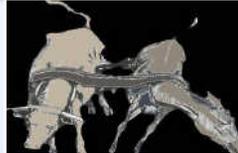
*Warning: When we as Christians hear about the ecumenical movement, we often think of Christian unity within all the 33,000 denominations, but we need to understand that, though, the ecumenical movement began with the goals of uniting Christian churches, it has opened the doors to uniting with non-Christian religions too, such as Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Jews!



2) Should God's people be ecumenical with those who believe and practice pagan teachings and false doctrine? -2 Corinthians 6:14-17.

1 - "Be ye not une_____ly y_____ed together with unbeli_____ers: for what fel_____ship hath righteousness with unrigh_____usness? and what communion hath l_____ht with d_____kness?And what agreement hath the _____ple of God with i_____ls?..... come o_____ from among them, and be ye se_____rate, saith the Lord, and touch not the uncl_____n thing; and I will receive you."

*Note: The word "yoked" means to join up with. God forbids His people to join up with those who don't believe and practice the principles of the Bible. There are two spiritual powers that exist -- God and Satan. When the church joins with the unbeliever in worship, God is neither with the unbeliever, nor the church, because the church has compromised with the world!



A "yoke" is a harness that joins animals together.

3) What important principle does Jesus and Paul state about worship? -John 4:24, 1 Corinthians 10:20, 21.

1 - "God is a S_____rit: and they that w_____ship him must worship him in spi_____t and in t_____th."

2 - "But I say, that the things which the G_____tiles sacrifice, they s_____rifice to d_____ils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fel_____ship with devils. Ye cannot dr_____k the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's t_____le, and of the table of d_____ls."

*Note: God's rule for worship is that we must worship Him according to the teachings of the Bible and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To join with the heathen means to compromise Bible principles, which invites demons into the worship service. Therefore, we cannot join all religions and still have God's blessing.

4) What is the origin of Satan's ecumenical movement? -Genesis 11:4-6.

1 - "And they said, Go to, let us build us a c_____y and a t_____er, whose top may reach unto h_____ven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scat_____red abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the to_____r, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is _____e, and they have all _____e lan_____age; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."



*Note: After the flood in Noah's day, the descendants of Ham decided to unite and build a city and tower in rebellion against God. Under the leadership of Nimrod, they sought to oikoumene – UNITE THE WHOLE INHABITED WORLD! God had to scatter them abroad by dividing the tongues! This was the origin of the ecumenical movement!

*Fact: The word ecumenical originated from the 7 Ecumenical Councils that took place within the church, which led to the formation of the modern day Roman Catholic Church. The first of the seven councils was called by Emperor Constantine and known as the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. The purpose of the council was to unite

....the church on doctrine. Seeing that Christianity had become the new Roman State Religion under Constantine's leadership, it wasn't long before the doctrines of the church were enforced by laws by the state. This led to the religious persecution of the Dark Ages by the Catholic Church!



General Berthier imprisons the Pope for the first and only time in history

*Note: Historically, God put a temporary end to Catholic supremacy and their ecumenical movement! God raised up reformers like John Wycliffe, Martin Luther and Huss and Jerome and others who started the Protestant Reformation! God also temporarily removed the Papal supremacy by having the Pope imprisoned by Berthier during the French Revolution in 1798.

5) Though, Satan's ecumenical movement met division and was shut down in 1798, what does the Bible say Satan will do in the very last days? -Revelation 16:13, 14.

1 - "And I saw three unc_____n spirits like f_____gs come out of the mouth of the d_____gon, and out of the mouth of the b_____st, and out of the mouth of the false p_____phet. For they are the spirits of d_____ls, working m_____cles, which go forth unto the kings of the e_____th and of the whole w_____ld, to g_____er them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

*Note: In this prophecy, the Beast represents the Catholic Church. The False Prophet represents apostate Protestants. The Dragon represents Satan and all the eastern occult religions, such as Buddhism and Hinduism. According to the Bible, they will all be joined together against God and His people in an ecumenical movement. Presently, we see Catholics, Protestants and the Eastern Religions all meeting and joining together in fulfillment of Revelation 16:13, 14.



*Note: Notice 3 Steps in the modern day ecumenical movement to unite the world:

- 1 – Unite Protestant Christians with Catholics
- 2 – Unite All World Religions with Christians / Catholics
- 3 – Unite all People



*Step 1: This modern movement to Unite Protestants and Catholic began at the gathering of 1355 delegates in Edinburgh at the World Missionary Conference on June 14th in 1910. This was the true fountainhead of what we today call the 'Ecumenical Movement'. These meetings led to the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948 and the National Council of Churches in America in 1950.

*Step 2: The movement to unite Christians with non-Christians came about as a result of a change in the leadership of the World Council of Churches. This change took place after the retirement in 1966 of the first General Secretary of the WCC, Dr. Willem Visser 't Hooft. He believed joining with non-Christian religions was "a far more