



# You Shall Be as Gods

Spiritualism's End-time Deception



## THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST ENCOUNTER

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### **Overt vs. Discreet Spiritualism**

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- Immortality of the Soul
- Satan speaks through a medium

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**None are in greater danger** from the influence of evil spirits than those who, notwithstanding the direct and ample testimony of the Scriptures, **deny the existence and agency of the devil and his angels.** So long as we are ignorant of their wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they **suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom.**

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This is why, as we approach the close of time, when Satan is to work with greatest power to deceive and destroy, **he spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist.** It is his policy to conceal himself and his manner of working.

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# A Global Pandemic

The very name of witchcraft is now held in contempt. The claim that men can hold intercourse with evil spirits is regarded as a fable of the Dark Ages. **But spiritualism, which numbers its converts by hundreds of thousands, yea, by millions, which has made its way into scientific circles, which has invaded churches, and has found favor in legislative bodies, and even in the courts of kings**—this mammoth deception is but a revival, in a new disguise, of the witchcraft condemned and prohibited of old.

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# The Church is Not Immune

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.**

1 Timothy 4:1

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# Review

- Spiritualism may be manifested overtly or discreetly.
  - Spiritualism affects especially those who don't believe in the supernatural.
  - Spiritualism is pervasive in all levels of society.
  - Spiritualism will affect the church.
  - Spiritualism is the means to transmit the "doctrines of devils."
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# The Virus of Spiritualism

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And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

**Genesis 3:4-5**

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How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart...**I will be like the most High.**

**Isaiah 14:12-14**

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**Satan beguiles men now as he beguiled Eve in Eden by flattery, by kindling a desire to obtain forbidden knowledge, by exciting ambition for self-exaltation. It was cherishing these evils that caused his fall, and through them he aims to compass the ruin of men. “Ye shall be as gods,” he declares, “knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:5. Spiritualism teaches “that man is the creature of progression; that it is his destiny from his birth to progress, even to eternity, toward the Godhead.”**

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And again: “Each mind will judge itself and not another...Thus, in place of the righteousness and perfection of the infinite God...**Satan has substituted the sinful, erring nature of man himself as the only object of adoration, the only rule of judgment, or standard of character.** This is progress, not upward, but downward.

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Spiritualism is the means by which Satan seeks to transform man into his image.

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# The Viral Marker

Satan's DNA

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# The Virus at the End

And the great dragon was cast out, **that old serpent**, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...

And **the dragon [serpent]** was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:9,17

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# The Papacy & Spiritualism's Viral Marker

- And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. - Daniel 7:25
  - Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. - 2 Thessalonians 2:4
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# The Papacy & Spiritualism's Viral Marker

- The dragon (Satan) gave him (Papacy) his power, and his seat, and great authority. - Revelation 13:2
  - In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in church and state had for centuries been **controlled by Satan through the medium of the papacy.** - GC 268.3
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# Secularism & Spiritualism's Viral Marker

- **Atheism, Skepticism, Naturalism, Evolution** - There is no God. We are results of pure naturalistic processes, therefore there is no divine law giver. Man's reason is supreme.
  - **Hedonism, Sensualism** - Selfish pleasure-seeking, worldliness, licentiousness. Our pleasure is the greatest objective.
  - **Post-modernism** - There is no objective truth. There is only "my truth". Only my lived experience is true.
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I was directed to this scripture as **especially applying to modern spiritualism**: Colossians 2:8: “Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments (principles) of the world, and not after Christ.**”

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## **THE CHURCH OF SATAN**

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### **Why do Satanists worship The Devil?**

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We don't. **Satanists are atheists.** We see the universe as being indifferent to us, and so **all morals and values are subjective human constructions.** Our position is to be **self-centered,** with **ourselves being the most important person (the "God")** of our subjective universe, so we are sometimes said to **worship ourselves.**



## THE SATANIC TEMPLE

### **What does Satan mean to TST?**

**Satan is a symbol of the Eternal Rebel in opposition to arbitrary authority, forever defending personal sovereignty** even in the face of insurmountable odds. Satan is an icon for the unbowed will of the unsilenced inquirer - **the heretic who questions sacred laws** and rejects all tyrannical impositions.



# DISNEY'S FROZEN

## Let it Go

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**"No right, no wrong, no rules  
for me, I'm free!"**

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# Spiritualism & the French Revolution

- And when they (the Two Witnesses of God) shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. - Revelation 11:7
  - And at **the time of the end (1798)** shall the **king of the south** push at him: and **the king of the north** shall come against him like a whirlwind... - Daniel 11:40
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The same master-spirit that urged in the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, led also in the scenes of the French Revolution. **Satan** seemed to triumph...**Now he appeared in a new guise.** In France arose an atheistical power that **openly declared war against the authority of Heaven.**

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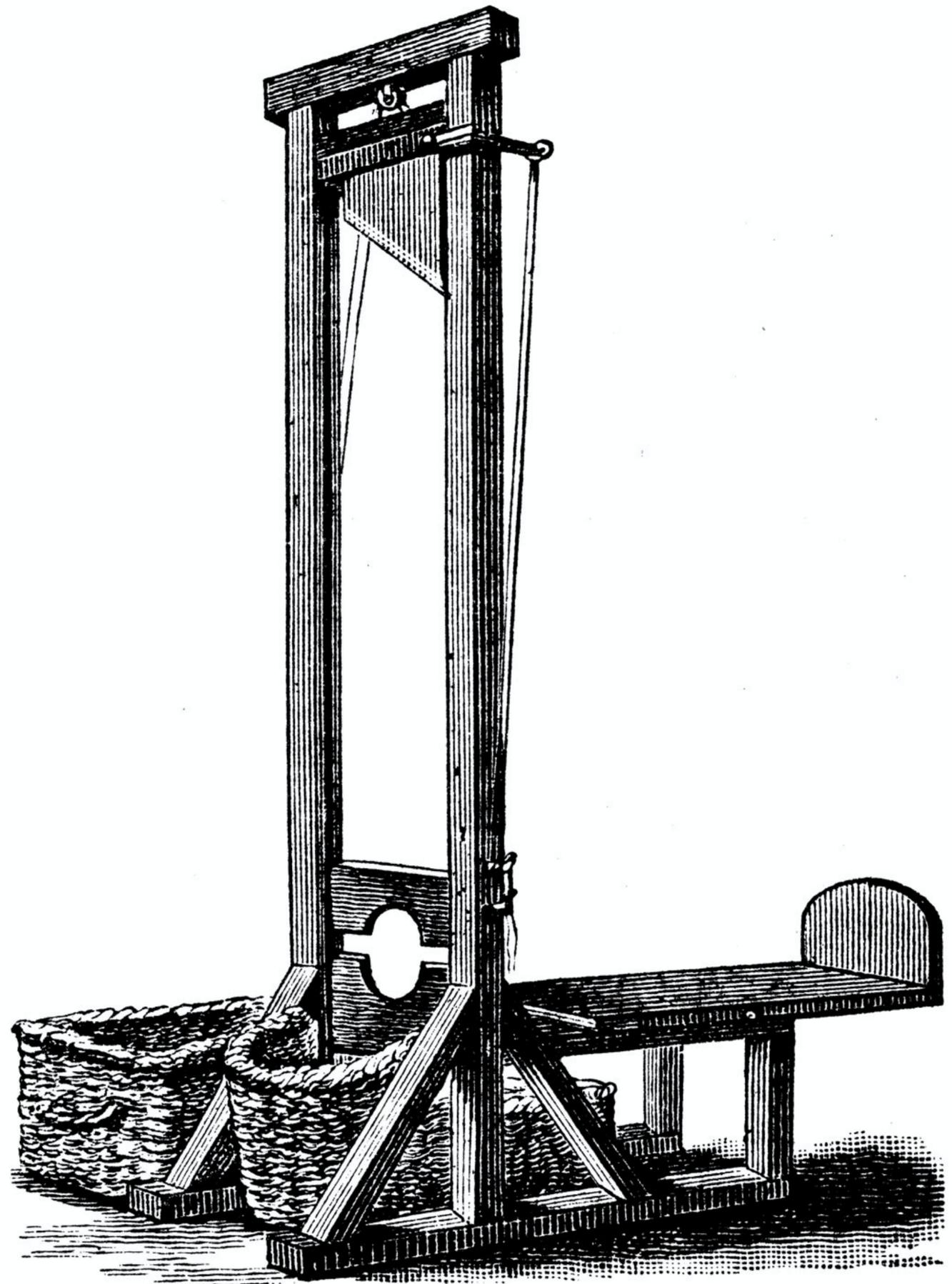
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Such men as **Voltaire, Hume, Rousseau, and Byron, were under the training of Satan...**  
[they] were under the training of the great enemy of God and man, the acknowledged leader of the principalities, the powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world...

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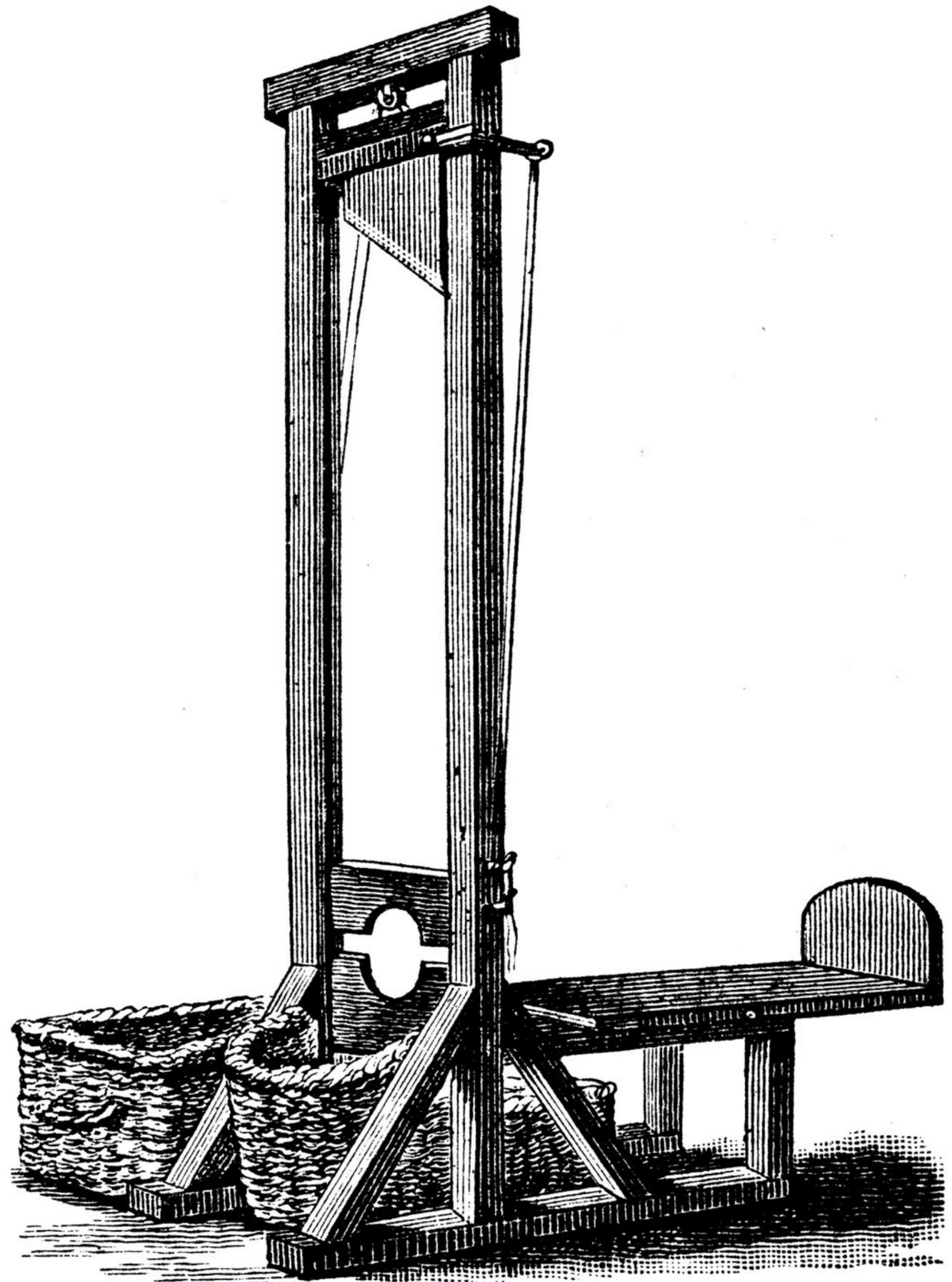
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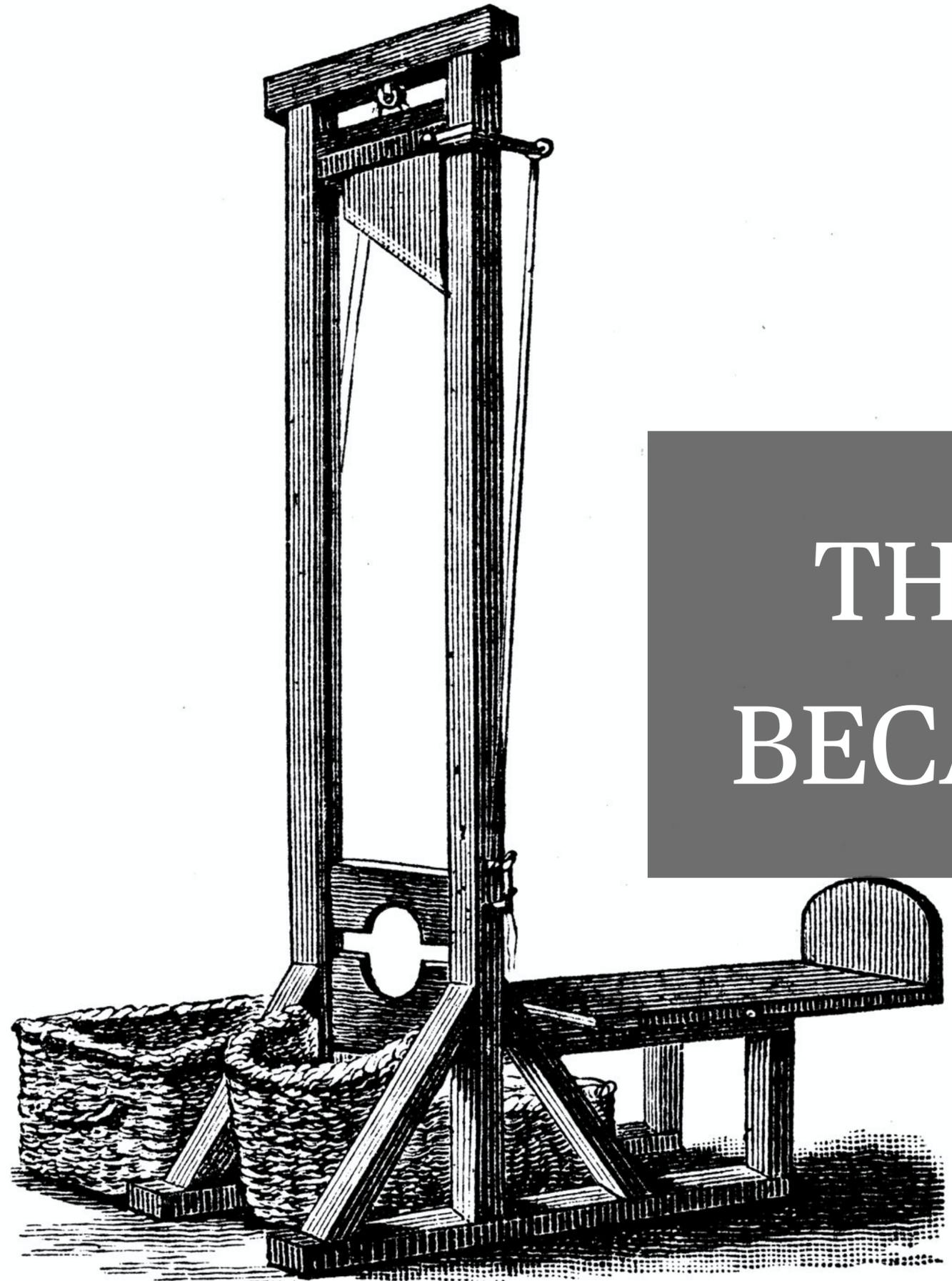
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## The Viral Marker in the French Revolution

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Coercing the  
Conscience





THE STATE  
BECAME GOD.



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Let all who would understand the meaning of these things read the **eleventh chapter of Revelation**. Read every verse, and learn the things that are **yet to take place in the cities**.

**LDE 95.4**

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At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; **the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution— all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.**

**Ed 228.2**

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**Spiritualism** asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that “each mind will judge itself;” that “true knowledge places men above all law;” that “all sins committed are innocent;” for “whatever is, is right,” and “God doth not condemn...” Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and **that man is accountable only to himself.**

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# Spiritualism in the Final Crisis

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# Spiritualism in the End

- Spiritualism in Christianity and paganism
  - Spiritualism in philosophies and ideologies
  - Spiritualism in scientific circles
  - Spiritualism in legislative bodies and states
  - Spiritualism in popular culture
  - Spiritualism in secularism
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The **Protestants** of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of **spiritualism**; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the **Roman power**; and under the influence of **this threefold union**, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in **trampling on the rights of conscience**.

GC 588.1

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**Papists, Protestants, and worldlings** will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in **this union** a grand movement for the conversion of the world..

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# Three-fold Union

- ...saying to **them that dwell on the earth**, that **they** should make an image to the beast... - Revelation 13:14
  - ...even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the **popular demand** for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. - GC 592.3
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When **Protestantism** shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the **Roman power**, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with **spiritualism**, when, under the influence of this **threefold union**, our country shall **repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government**, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

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**Image to the Beast  
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Spiritualism is  
the glue.

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# **Beware the Virus of Spiritualism**

- Man's standards of morality in place of God's?
  - Self-interest and pleasure in place of God?
  - Reason/philosophy/ideology in place of God?
  - Naturalistic science in place of God?
  - Church/religious leaders in place of God?
  - Political party/government in place of God?
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# God's Treatment Plan

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1. Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. - Revelation 14:7
  2. And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. - Revelation 14:8
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# Come Out of Babylon

- And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** and is become **the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit,** and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. - Revelation 18:2
  - And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people,** that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. - Revelation 18:4
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# God's Treatment Plan

- Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus. - Revelation 14:12
  - Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of **justification by faith** is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "**It is the third angel's message, in verity.**" – 1SM 372.2
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# God's Treatment Plan

- What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in **laying the glory of man in the dust**, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself. **When men see their own nothingness**, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. - FLB 111.2
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# God's Treatment Plan

1. Fear God, Give Glory to Him, He is Judge, Worship Him.
  2. Call people out of Babylon, reject her sorceries.
  3. Keep all of God's commandments. (Includes the first four!)
  4. Justification by faith: Lay our glory in the dust, recognize our nothingness and our entire dependence on Jesus.
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# The Antidote: The 3 Angels' Message

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