### Acts 20:28-30 (Paul's last visit to the elders of the church at Ephesus)

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

# I Corinthians 1:11-13 (Paul to the believers at Corinth . . . This is the essence of denominationalism)

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

# Galatians 3:1-3; 24-27 (Paul's warning of going back to a system of bondage through works, while reminding the Galatian believers of the purpose of Old Testament law)

O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

#### Hebrews 8:10, 11 (Paul speaking to Jewish believers regarding God's fulfillment of his promises through the second covenant, secured by Jesus' crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's baptism)

10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

# II Peter 2:18-22 (Warning to supposed religious leaders rejecting Jesus' teachings and words)

18 For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

#### I John 2:27 (The Holy Spirit is our teacher)

26 These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

### Romans 2:28, 29 (The New Testament's definition of a Jew or believer in Jesus Christ)

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

#### **Romans 2:8, 9 (The flesh is contrary to the Spirit of Christ)** 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

### Acts 19:1, 2 (Paul's words to twelve disciples of John the Baptist . . . Belief is not enough!)

AND it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.



II Peter 1:20, 21 (A private interpretation uses subjective, personal criteria, while a biblical interpretation compares scripture with scripture—an objective comparison. A subjective interpretation is initiated by self, while a scriptural interpretation is under the perusal of the Holy Ghost)

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

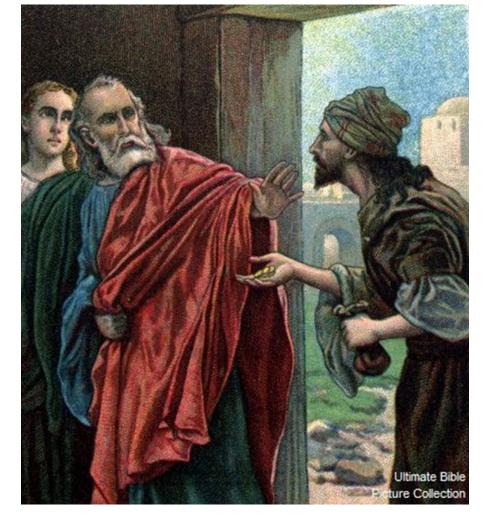


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The **witch's** hat, a throwback to the mystery religion of Babylon, is pointed like the sorcerer's hat. It is a reference to the tower of Babel where man wanted to exalt himself above God. The Santa Clause hat belongs to the 'innocent' fat man worshipped during the Roman holy day of Christ Mass or Christmas. The 25<sup>th</sup> of December is not Jesus' birthday, but the day Nimrod (Tammuz) is said to have been re-born (resurrected). Santa is said to be omniscient—he knows if you have been bad or good. He possesses the quality of *omnipresence*—"he sees you when you're sleeping." Santa's omnipresence is also suggested in the belief that in one night, he delivers packages to all 'good' (what criteria we are not told) children across the world. Santa's *omnipotence* comes from the fact he possesses supernatural qualities beyond mere mortals. The **hat worn by the pope of Rome**, hearkens back to Greek and Roman times, and whose respective gods of Poseidon and Neptune revealed those maritime divines were ultimately in subjection to the chief bridge builder, Pontifex Maximus. This implied there was one mightier than the pope who issued the ultimate ecclesiastical directives-the black pope, namely the Jesuit General, the military leader of a vast invisible army whose sole aim and ambition it is to see the governments of the world bow to Rome. While the position of the magician may appear somewhat innocent, the fact he enters into a mutual and unspoken pact with his audience to purposely deceive and mislead them is troubling to say the least. Much like the Mason whose motto is 'to always conceal and never reveal,' it is an understood rule among magicians to never reveal the tricks of their trade to 'outsiders.'

#### ACTS 8:9-11

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. 11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.



After Peter and John laid their hands on the Samaritans and they received the Holy Ghost, they were confronted by Simon who thought he could purchase this power, and therefore the will of God at his beck-and-call, with money. He was summarily rebuked by Peter, with Simon's urgent pleading that none of Peter's resolute and stern condemnation of Simon would materialize. Forgetting about all those he had spiritually shipwrecked in the past, Simon responding to Peter implores the apostle, "Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me." (Acts 8:24)

**bewitch**—Through the act of sorcery, a spell of moral alienation or spirit of confusion is invoked upon an individual or group, generally by a charismatic personality, substituting a lie for the truth, with the ultimate objective of keeping any and all parties involved, from discovering the sinister identity and goal of the religious charlatan. A close scriptural examination of this word suggests that to bewitch someone means to repeatedly lie regarding the truth, by which a subtle, yet incremental destruction of the <u>person</u>, <u>work</u>, and <u>words</u> of Christ, as well as the <u>existence</u> and <u>ministry</u> of the Holy Spirit are accomplished.

The act of bewitching is directed toward people whose opinions or personal beliefs are either not grounded in truth OR an audience that has been seduced by totalitarians masquerading as religious experts . . . Be they Catholic or Protestant ministers. Such individuals lack principle of character and conviction of belief. The sorcerers' spell involves the worship of an individual, believed by the deceived, as someone possessing an unblemished character. Simon the sorcerer for example, bewitched the Samaritans, and had made himself out as some great power of God (Acts 8:10).

Remember, this was only possible because the Samaritans had accepted a counterfeit Old Testament—the Samaritan Pentateuch. Why do you think the apostolic leadership in Jerusalem sent Peter and John? The apostles knew the Samaritans were ripe for sorcery because they had rejected the Old Testament witness.

The Samaritans had also corrupted the Jewish bloodline through intermarriage with non-believing Assyrian conquerors. In the book of Galatians, we learn two profound truths: unbelievers become fools when they say in their hearts 'there is no God'<sup>1</sup> OR they reject the historical eyewitness testimony of Jesus' resurrection—while over five hundred witnesses saw Christ in his glorified body (I Cor. 15:6).

1. To give lip service to Christ, while embracing another gospel, is what has happened to Protestantism