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## ABSTRACT

In these pages is a pre-publication information brochure for the Second Edition of “The Serpent and the Cross” which became available as a paperback book on October 16th, 2025. This brochure contains a number of details and images from within the book. This brochure is being sent to pastors, reviewers, booksellers, and any individuals who could potentially be interested. Details of how to obtain further information or simply to register your interest in the book, for whatever reason, are given at the end of the brochure.

## Preamble

Welcome to this pre-publication information brochure for the upcoming, wholly revised and updated Second Edition of “*The Serpent and the Cross: Religious Corruption in an Evil Age*”. The First Edition was published in 1994, receiving many positive professional reviews. That First Edition contained 296,343 words in 640 pages. **The new updated Second Edition contains more than 424,000 words in 1,044 pages — an increase of more than 43% in wordcount.**

In order to give you an idea of the contents of the book, on the next pages you will find:

- An image of a page from the front matter.
- The sixteen Contents pages of the book.
- The Author’s Prefaces from both the 1994 edition and the 2025 edition.
- Extracts from ten professional Book Reviews of the first edition.
- Readers’ Reviews (four) from the Second Edition.
- An image of the rear cover containing information about both the book and the author. (The front cover is on the previous page).

Following the above, there will be information about how to contact the author and how to register your interest in obtaining this book when it has been published. The completed book has now been printed and is ready for distribution from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Details can be found at this link: <https://diakrisis-project.com/2025/10/15/the-second-edition-of-the-serpent-and-the-cross-paperback-is-now-ready-for-distribution-and-delivery-see-below-for-details-about-ordering/> . The book will be published initially as a large-format paperback-size physical book at a cost of £22 GBP (€25 euros or \$30 USD) plus postage. This is the cost price from the printer. No profit is being made. The print edition will be limited, and potential readers should register their interest as soon as possible. Details of how to do so will be given at the end of this brochure.

**Please feel free to send copies of this pre-publication information brochure to your friends, colleagues, associates, or anyone else you think may be interested** — either as a PDF document online, via email, or in printed format, if you can print it out. That would be really helpful. Thank you for reading this!

# The Serpent and The Cross

*Religious Corruption  
in an Evil Age*

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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION:

*The Author's 1994 Thoughts on the Book you Are Reading*



**T**his book has been more than eight years in the making, from its original conception in 1985 to the form in which it now appears. In its earliest draft in 1987, with the title “The New Babel”, it was an idea before its time, exposing trends which most Christians had never experienced, and of which many had never even heard. At that time, the New Age Movement was hardly known this side of the Atlantic, and such a dark view of the world and of today’s churches would not have been readily accepted in many Christian circles. Having been dissuaded from pursuing the project any further, I embarked on four years of intensive study at theological college. However, there was a wise providence in this delay; for I had a great deal more to learn and discover before the time would be ripe for publication.

It was my personal experience during the ensuing years which made me realise the need to revive this work. During my time at college and as a result of being involved with a number of churches, I became convinced that there was the need for far greater understanding and discernment concerning the meaning of the term “occult”.

In many Christian circles, the occult is perceived as consisting exclusively in Ouija-boards, séances, Hallowe’en, and open worship of the devil. Dangerous as these activities are, I propose to show that they act as ‘smoke-screens’ to obscure the *real* occult — the true extent of which many Christians seem to be completely unaware, either through natural or wilful ignorance. The second impulse to revive the book was the discovery that so many satanic influences which I had renounced on becoming a Christian were gaining increasing popularity within the Church and upheld as valid

Christian experience. When people run into a burning building filled with explosives, the knowing onlooker can do only one thing: sound a clear alarm. This book is that alarm.

A cosy, ‘chocolate-box’ Christianity has been propagated by the mainline churches for long enough, with its associated illusion that the Church can cooperate with the world in order to bring about an age of “peace and justice”. Many have forgotten what true discipleship involves, and from what it is that believers have been rescued.<sup>1</sup> **There is a ministry of discernment necessary today which involves the methodical undeceiving of the sheep from this stultifying mindset.** In this way, the Church will be equipped to stand its ground and continue to fulfil the Great Commission commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> Paul the Apostle would not have us ignorant of Satan’s devices,<sup>3</sup> and this book seeks to conform to that noble desire.

As soon as one begins to cut through the surface of human movements and world events, one discovers that they are not how they appear to the undiscerning eye. The word “occult” means hidden. Behind the facade of many developments, one will discover the evil designs of fallen angels headed up by Satan, that arch-enemy of all that is good and godly.

So when the Holy Scriptures tell us that *“our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world’s darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”*,<sup>4</sup> this is not merely an admonition about the struggle with temptation to personal sin. It is a clear-sighted overview, through the medium of Divine revelation, of the cosmic backcloth to a titanic struggle which has continued since the beginnings of human history. This struggle began with the murderous lies of a serpent and climaxed in the life-giving Truth on a Cross. It was a movement from human catastrophe to Divine victory.

Although the means have taken many forms, the aims of the satanic realm have remained constant from the outset. Old heresies simply reassert themselves in different guises. More than eighteen hundred years ago, Irenaeus of Lyon sought to expose the Gnosticism of his era in his book, *“The Refutation of what is Called Falsely Knowledge”*. In the introductory note to a modern translation of this work, A. Cleveland Coxe states that Irenaeus’s principal task was twofold: *“To render it impossible for anyone to confound Gnosticism*

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Colossians 1:13.

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 28:18-20.

<sup>3</sup> 2 Corinthians 2:11.

<sup>4</sup> Ephesians 6:12.



*with Christianity, and to make it impossible for such a monstrous system to survive, or ever to rise again*".<sup>5</sup>

Although he certainly succeeded in his first aim, the sad fact is that the monstrous system of Gnosticism has never been laid to rest. Instead, it went underground and lay deceptively dormant for many centuries; and during the past one hundred and thirty years it has resurfaced in modern clothing with a vengeance. For just as the Gnostic movement of the first and second centuries burst upon the Church with singular ferocity as an expression of the rage and malice of Satan after his defeat by the Lord Jesus Christ, so we are witnessing in our own day the resurgence of this rage as a backlash against the mighty progress of the Gospel during the four hundred years since the European Reformation.

Contrary to the fashionable thinking of many in the churches today, this present book, therefore, sets out to show that the development that people call the New Age Movement is not just a cult which has suddenly blossomed at the end of the twentieth century. Neither is it confined to a small number of naïve idealists in search of a spiritual utopia. For it has pervaded a great many areas of cultural life today — science, the arts, the media, medicine, education, churches, business and world government — and is ardently promoted by the Princes, Presidents and Prime Ministers of many lands. The entire concept of a 'New Age', with its political counterpart the 'New World Order', fulfils every ambition of Satan in his long war against God and in his futile kingdom-building on earth.

Unless these modern religious developments can be seen in their historical (as well as their biblical) context, we will not grasp the true significance of their purpose in the world today. In so many of the current, modern antichristian influences — including those of the New Age Movement — we can see all the hallmarks of the ancient heresy of Gnosticism. Indeed, after studying the extent to which these influences have pervaded society today, one can only conclude that we are living in a Gnostic world. We are now living in a culture which scoffs at the devil, demons, angels, miracles, and Messiah of the Bible, yet which earnestly embraces the concepts of ETs, UFOs, spirit-guides, earth mysteries, cosmic consciousness, mind-control, leyline-portals, magic, witchcraft, self-hypnosis, spiritism, astrology, parapsychology, and a quantum leap in human 'evolution' leading to a 'Golden Age' on earth. *The Serpent and the Cross* is an encyclopaedic exposé of

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<sup>5</sup> A. Cleveland Coxe, "Introductory Note to Irenaeus Against Heresies" in Alexander Roberts and James Donaldson (eds.) *The Ante-Nicene Fathers: Translations of the Writings of the Fathers down to AD 325* (Eerdmans, 1977), Vol.1, p.310.

the historical development and vast modern growth of this ‘New Gnosticism’, in both the secular world and within the professing Church.

The description of this present age as being “evil”, as in the subtitle of the book, may appear somewhat pessimistic to many people; but this is the specific label given to it in the New Testament by the Apostle Paul,<sup>6</sup> to say nothing of the general remarks of both the Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles.<sup>7</sup> As this ‘evil age’ draws to its inevitable climax — the crisis-point of cosmic history — this book has been written in the prayerful hope that it will fulfil three purposes:

**First**, my heart’s desire is for the equipping of the saints that they may be wise, discerning, and knowledgeable apologists who will not be dumbstruck by the widespread delusions disseminated in the world and among the churches today. Every believer should feel great optimism concerning God’s saving work in the world, and an undergirding confidence that the victory is (and always has been) His alone.

**Second**, I see a great need to dispel the rife but erroneous notion that the world is building up to a glorious era of “peace and justice” on earth. To cling to that illusion will only bring heartache and bewilderment as the harrowing events of the coming years inevitably unfold.

**Third**, and above all other aims, I want to give supreme glory to our great God and Saviour at a time in earth history when His holy name has been horridly eclipsed by a defiant and blasphemous quasi-religious humanism. This book could never have been accomplished without His continual encouragement — sometimes through the most unexpected of human instruments. Neither could its completion have been achieved without His invincible protection from the dark forces which have so often, like Bunyan’s Apollyon, stood menacingly in the way of my labours.

A good deal of prayerful consideration has gone into the making of this book, and it is with the greatest trepidation that I send these words out into the world.<sup>8</sup> If you find that there is anything of value in them, account it to the work of my Master. All the rest — the ramblings, ruminations and inevitable wrongnesses — are mine alone; and for these I ask your forbearance.

**Alan Morrison,  
Derbyshire, UK,  
February 1994.**

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<sup>6</sup> Galatians 1:4.

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 24:37; John 15:18-19; Ephesians 6:12; 1 John 5:19.

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 12:36-37.

## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION: *The Author's 2025 Thoughts on the Book you Are Reading*



The first edition of *“The Serpent and the Cross”* has long been out of print, especially since the passing of Michael Kimmit, the astute and gentlemanly publisher at K & M Books in Birmingham, UK, who had the courage to publish it in 1994. So here I present a completely revised and updated second edition. As the original text dates back more than 30 years, having been written in long-obsolete software, I have only been able to retrieve it as vast blocks of semi-formatted text, sometimes with no clear paragraph markers, so each chapter has had to be formatted paragraph by paragraph with the thousands of footnote references needing to be individually reassembled. However, I believe that it has been a worthwhile pursuit, and it has been encouraged by many.

I have been amazed at the extent to which what I wrote about between 1985 and 1993 — often spending many long-hour days doing research (with no internet, so all in hardcopy through notetaking) in well-stocked libraries such as the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh or the Bodleian Library in Oxford — has all these years later been shown to have developed just as predicted. Nothing has changed for the better and the darkness has only deepened, while this mostly godless world must surely now be ripe for some far-reaching global developments (which will really be Divine judgements in disguise, if those developments are perceived correctly).

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since I wrote the first edition. In personal terms, the original publication of *“The Serpent and the Cross”* cost me a great deal — and I do not mean financially. I was relatively naïve in those days and still had much to learn (and I still do!). In academic circles, the



responses to the book ranged from 1) A ‘celebrated’ theology professor pointedly handling my partially-completed manuscript in 1989 with as much disgust as if it were a piece of used toilet paper, to 2) A courageous professor of Greek and New Testament in a Reformed theological seminary in the USA inviting me in 1997 to give a lecture tour over there, purely as a result of the contents of the book. That was a revealing contrast!

Even though I had written a huge tome about the working of the forces of darkness throughout the ages, I was still so naïve at that stage of my journey that I never anticipated the demonic backlash which would occur in my own life as a result of it — and not only the result of that but also as a result of my determined, uncompromising pulpit-stance denouncing the so-called “Toronto Blessing” which had burst onto the church scene in the same year as the publication of the first edition of *“The Serpent and the Cross”* and it was plainly a manifestation of the same neo-Gnosticism about which I was writing in the book.

When I first came to Christ and encountered church life, I thought I had entered the ‘suburbs of heaven’; but I had failed sufficiently to discern the difference between the body of Christ and the ‘visible church’. I eventually became disillusioned with the church scene in general, not only because of the backlash and the fallout described above, but also because of my discovery that people calling themselves ‘Christians’ (falsely or not, I do not know) could be so nasty, spreading lies and gossip at the drop of a hat because they disagreed with some aspects of my teaching, or because I wasn’t a fan of theirs or, in one case, because I referred to myself as a “troubadour”! As a result of all this and more, I entered an acute spiritual crisis and dark night of the soul which took its toll on my spiritual life for a number of years, beginning around 2011, although I had felt it stirring a few years earlier.

During the ensuing years of semi-wilderness wandering, I absorbed myself in the world of music composition and performance, mostly in Sweden, which was an educational part of my journey in many ways and through which I learned a great deal about the state and direction of my own heart as well as the ways of the world. However, throughout that time, the underlying thread of faith was always there, but with an element of conundrum which was both confusing and debilitating. To overcome this quandary, I had to go right back to the drawing-board of faith and re-establish the building-blocks on which it had its original foundation, independent of any church or humanly-organised setting; and it paid off in many surprising ways. When I got wholly back on track in the year 2017, I began writing again and eventually reestablished my moniker of ‘Diakrisis’ (which is the Greek word for “discernment” — being able to judge between choices) with the establishment of the ‘Diakrisis Project’ website. **Interestingly, I found that**

**I was stronger and more determined than ever before in the ground of my now newly bolstered and unfettered faith.**

**Since that time, no matter what adversity I could possibly encounter in life, I have been in a state of mind in which I know that I have nothing whatsoever left to lose and everything to live and die for.** I now experience a freedom in Christ which I never had to this extent before and have become immune to the human foolishness which seems to be so endemic in the ‘visible church’ scene. Having written more than five hundred articles and fourteen books since then,<sup>9</sup> I further crystalized this renaissance in the fulfilment of a long-desired ambition through the writing of a commentary on the Book of Revelation, completed in its eBook first edition in 2022 and a second edition in 2024, now available in both eBook and physical paperback formats.<sup>10</sup>

I realise now that in one way or another all those books and articles are continuations of everything that I was writing about in “*The Serpent and the Cross*” which I initially began writing nearly forty years ago using my own huge library of mystical, esoteric, psychological and neo-Gnostic literature from my pre-conversion life as the initial research material. I can honestly say that the first edition of this book and everything else that I have written since its publication are interchangeably linked. The underlying caveat, from that first edition of the book onwards, has been this:

**That this present creation is not building up to a euphoric utopia, ‘Golden Age’, ‘global revival’, or one-thousand-year reign of Christ on this present earth, but it is degenerating into a debauched dystopia, just as it was in the days of Noah before the Flood and in the days of Lot in the city of Sodom, as the Lord Jesus revealed that it would be,<sup>11</sup> in which evil masquerading as ‘good’, and chaos masquerading as “peace and safety”,<sup>12</sup> will come to their inevitable climax so that after a Divine cosmic intervention of cataclysmic proportions, a new creation can finally be inaugurated.**

The qualification right now in this present fallen creation for becoming part of that new creation (which will be the kingdom of God in its full consummation) is to renounce being a part of this satanic world-system, to cease leading a godless way of being, to turn one’s life around completely and

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<sup>9</sup> All available on my website at <https://diakrisis-project.com> .

<sup>10</sup> This book is available here: <https://diakrisis-project.com/2025/03/12/second-edition-of-the-essential-apocalypse-is-now-available-as-an-e-book-in-pdf-format/> .

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 24:37.

<sup>12</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

to pledge oneself wholly to being a disciple of the Christ, God manifested in the flesh, who came to this earth to overthrow the fallen archangel Satan and all his works — primarily, sin, deception and death,<sup>13</sup> which will be wholly ratified when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. To have all that initiated in your life is the great work of God in the hearts of humans which is known as ‘repentance’, or *metanoia* in the Greek, when the carpet is pulled out from under one’s old, ignorant and spiritually dead way of life and recarpeted with one fashioned in all the “*newness of life*”.<sup>14</sup> If you are reading these words out of curiosity but have not yet become a disciple of Christ, I urge you to apply this paragraph to yourself, to call on the name of the Lord and follow its proposed pathway. As a result of that, the rest of this book will mean so much more to you.

Therefore, writing the subject matter of this book, or any of the other books and articles I have written, is not merely a gruelling indulgence in exposing darkness but is also an urgent forthtelling to the world about the need to be undeceived by that darkness and to be dedicated to the Source of all Light, the Divine Logos who came to gather in the population of the new creation to come, the *true* new age which has been hideously counterfeited by the New Gnosticism which you will find copiously revealed within the pages of this book, as manifested in both the secular world and in the ‘visible church’.

The text of the first edition of “*The Serpent and the Cross*” has almost all been preserved. If any of the original research material has not come up to the highest standard of irrefutability (for example, if the citations are no longer in existence), it has been erased. I have subjected my text to the utmost scrutiny, and my proofreaders have been encouraged to adopt the same approach and to leave no stone unturned. More recent research material has been inserted where necessary so as to bring the book up-to-date. There has also been much additional general material weaved into the main text, where appropriate, leading to a 43% increase on the first edition in the number of words in the book.

I commit the new edition of this book to you in the sincere hope that it will either strengthen your current faith and bolster your discernment, or be a human nudge toward the miracle of faith taking root in your heart for the first time.

**Alan Morrison,  
Somerset, UK,  
September 2025.**

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<sup>13</sup> 1 John 3:7-8; John 8:44.

<sup>14</sup> Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

## **Extracts from Book Reviews for the First Edition**

“This is a well-researched and documented book, which avoids the speculation often found in works of this kind. It may be read with profit by those who wish to have a detailed analysis of the New Age Gnostic influence on the present state of the Christian church and our Western society”.

**Rev. Hywel Roberts,  
The Banner of Truth,  
October 1995.**

“This is a tract for the times, a block-busting apologia for revealed religion, a bulldozer to clear away pseudo-Christianity and bring the Church back to her Founder... For reference and for up-to-date quotations, this heavyweight should be in every Minister’s study and every public library — now”.

**David C.C. Watson,  
The English Churchman,  
May 1994.**

“This is a monumental work on the way in which New Age teachings are becoming increasingly influential in the nations and in the churches and ‘Christian’ books. An important work for ministers and all Christians who are concerned about the spirit of the age”.

**Blythwood Book News,  
July 1994.**

“This is both an unusual and rewarding book to read... It contains penetrating insights... If you are prepared to read carefully and in-depth, are interested in apologetics, and are willing to analyse critically the bewildering array of spiritual claims being made by many groups today that have their root more in Gnostic teachings than in the Bible, then this book will certainly set you thinking. And to make us think, and think biblically, about these matters is no small feat”.

**Rev. S.R. Cunah,  
Evangelical Magazine of Wales,  
February 1995.**

“Here you will find a keen, talented author who knows what he is talking about... The 20-page bibliography is astounding... This encyclopaedia of false religions is highly recommended. A Best Books in Print book”.

**J.P. Green Sr.,  
Christian Literature World,  
April-June 1994.**



“This is a monumental work on the subject of the links between the occult and the increasing power of anti-Christian world forces. I must congratulate you on a most impressive work that we can only hope will open the eyes of Christians to what is really going on at these present times”.

**Malcolm Bowden,**  
**Author of *The Rise of the Evolution Fraud*, etc.**  
**October 1994.**

“Much helpful material appears on the nature of Satan... and the subsequent implantation of satanic roots in world religion... The book will be most timely for parents with school-age children embroiled in the study of Comparative Religion... His conclusion is that *“we are now living on the threshold of one of the greatest deceptions ever to manifest in the world but through which the vast majority of Christians are sleep-walking”*. A major work”.

**The Gospel Standard,**  
**June 1994.**

“This is a book which merits serious attention by all ministers, and much of it could be used fruitfully in study and nurture groups... It will take hard work to read through it and study it — but study it we must — all ministers should have a copy... Have I said enough here to persuade you of the vital importance of buying this book and inwardly digesting it?”

**Rev. Kenneth Brown,**  
**The Baptist Times,**  
**September 1994.**

“A soundly researched book which is almost encyclopaedic in its content. The contents of *The Serpent and the Cross* may surprise and even alarm many, but it should be read by every Minister and Christian”.

**Peter Gatward,**  
**European Christian Bookstore Journal,**  
**July 1995.**

“A truth-packed book written by one who has been on the inside of many of today’s false ideas. Few are so well-equipped to expose them and courteously but firmly tell us what we should be believing instead. You will find it a veritable treasure store, very up-to-date and enlightening. No one will find it complicated to understand; the style is so clear, the illustrations so apt, and the conclusions so plainly stated”.

**Leith Samuel,**  
**Author of *Time to Wake Up*, etc.**  
**February 1995.**

## Readers' Reviews for the Second Edition

In this book Alan Morrison reveals very clearly what Satan's strategy throughout the ages of human existence has been, and it is a very simple strategy. Alan shows that because it worked so well with our first parents in Eden, he has just been continuing working with the same offers he presented to Adam and Eve: 1. Immortality, 2. The gaining of secret wisdom, and 3. Being gods equal to God. The outworking of this strategy throughout the ages becomes extremely apparent throughout this book — and not just the outworking in the 'world', but also in the 'church'. It becomes very plain through reading this book that if one is not a lover of the truth, one will be taken in by all these lies which the enemy, Satan, gladly offers to all.

Alan is not just a very clear and insightful teacher who has done a massive amount of research, but he is also a pastor at heart, and all who love the truth will find much comfort and guidance in his writings. Personally I found this book not just very insightful and informative, but also very encouraging to love the truth all the more, and to know that there is a huge chasm between Satan's lies and the truth that is in Christ.

**Steven Andrews,  
Halver, Germany.**

I first met Alan in the mid-1980s, not long before he started writing the first edition of this book (which I also proofread). Coming from a Christian home, I had a unique perspective as my father was a Wesleyan Methodist, a Lutheran scholar, and a professor of systematic theology. But at 17, I ran headlong into the New Age and Gnosticism, full of the arrogance that comes so easily in youth. I thought I knew so much. But looking back, I knew very little other than that I was searching for something intangible. Eventually, once converted, I got into the Charismatic movement, and eventually out of all that and into Covenant Theology and the doctrines of grace. Reading this second edition, I recognize so much of my own journey in its pages.

The truths in "*The Serpent and the Cross*" are often hard, but necessary. This book is a deep dive into the long war between good and evil, played out not just in the world but even in the church. From Genesis 3:15, this battle has raged, and the threads Alan traces here are as real and relevant today as ever. To anyone asking how we ended up where we are, this book offers a roadmap of answers. It shows where things went wrong, where we are now, and calls us to repentance and vigilance, to stand firm in the fight against the powers we've always been up against, but where the outcome is absolutely certain.

**Peter Watson,  
Downingtown, PA., USA.**

Simply stated, this authoritative, yet loving book, reveals that there are only two sources of spiritual direction: Gnostics seek to *be* “God” through hidden or secret knowledge, mimicking the desire of Adam and Eve for knowledge, godhood, and living forever. Christ-seekers fall at the foot of the Cross in repentance and faith, seeking to *know* God in the present, through His Word, and to live with Him forever. Reading this book has brought new light to my current beliefs, emboldening truth and throwing deep question marks at some things I thought were true. I have now become aware of undue ‘tiny concepts’ that have crept into my Christian walk through psychology and so-called “Christian” self-help books. Now I see how false they were. I must be on guard against ideas I have picked up from past sermons I have heard that may not have contained as much truth as I once thought. This book has alerted me to many beguiling dangers. Lord, purify my head and my heart.

**Patricia Ragan,**  
Tyler, Texas, USA.

In 1994, the first edition of this volume was reviewed favourably by several stalwarts of the faith. In the Church, society, and worldwide culture, there had been changes before the first edition was published and arguably those changes have often accelerated in the time since then. Hence the need for a revised and updated edition.

One of the great strengths of this volume is the way in which the roots (often occult or satanic) of different streams are identified. So science has become increasingly and often militantly atheistic in its underlying philosophy. This is also reflected in art and virtually every other subject of study.

The author’s argument taken as a whole from the falsifying of origins to the planned future is compelling and holds together consistently. It is particularly helpful to see ‘the great reset’ biblically evaluated and critiqued as it is to see the way in which modern science can effectively take on board witchcraft. Science fiction often becomes magical implicitly, but here, as Alan shows, science itself has been influenced.

The author’s intention throughout is best summed up in his own words: “*The Christian who is rooted in Scripture has no problem accepting [God’s sovereignty as the great Orderer and Controller of evil], coming to understand, through the revelation of the Spirit, why evil exists, why God permits it to do so, and how it will finally be done away with by Him*”. This volume is a valuable update and expansion to the original to reinforce believers in facing the inevitable challenges to their faith. You may not agree with everything you read but you’d better have thought things through biblically in order to disagree with most of the author’s reasoning.

**Pastor Mike Coles,**  
Falmouth, UK.



# The Serpent and the Cross

**It is widely believed today** that the world is now moving into a 'Post-Christian Era', and that this will ultimately be an age of 'peace, justice and human brotherhood'. But the spirituality giving rise to this 'New Consciousness' has all the hallmarks of a new version of the Gnosticism which so plagued the early Christian Church. Not only have these ideas penetrated many areas of cultural life today — science, the arts, the media, medicine, education, churches, business and world government — but they are also being promoted by the Princes, Presidents and Prime Ministers of many lands. We are now living in a world which scoffs at the devil, demons, angels, miracles and Messiah of the Bible, yet which earnestly embraces the concepts of ETs, UFOs, spirit-guides, earth mysteries, cosmic consciousness, mind-control, magic, witchcraft, self-hypnosis, spiritism, astrology, parapsychology, and a quantum leap in 'evolution' leading to that old occult dream of a so-called 'Golden Age' on earth.

This book is an encyclopaedic exposé of the historical development and modern growth of this neo-Gnosticism in both the secular world and the visible Church. What you are holding in your hands is essentially a compendium revealing the battle between light and darkness from the beginning of human history to the present time. With a thorough grasp of the spiritual warfare waged by occult forces against disciples of Christ throughout the present Age, the Church will be better equipped to fulfil its evangelistic mission in what is becoming an increasingly wayward and hostile world.



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