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TO THE
MARRIAGE**

*The omega of apostasy does away with
the necessity of the atonement and makes
man his own saviour. We need to
understand the final atonement if we do
not want to be involved in this apostasy*

Chapter 14

ALPHA AND OMEGA

"Already there are coming in among our people spiritualistic teachings that will undermine the faith of those who give heed to them. The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is one of Satan's most subtle devices. It misrepresents God and is a dishonor to His greatness and majesty.

"Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the word of God. The light of His truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies." 8T 291

These pantheistic theories were written out in a book called *Living Temple*. This book was called the alpha of deadly heresies.

"In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given." 1SM 200

"We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature." 1SM 197

"*Living Temple* contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people." 1SM 203

Definitions:

"Alpha"	1	The first letter A of the Greek alphabet.
	2	The first or beginning; . . .
"Omega"	1	The long O, the last letter of the Greek alphabet.
	2	The last; the end."

The book, *Living Temple*, was the alpha, or beginning of deadly heresies. These quotations are a warning because this book started some intellectual concepts that would attempt to do away with some of our fundamental doctrines. But the fact that these heresies were dangerous and where they would lead was not apparent to many at that time.

"Few can discern the result of entertaining the sophistries advocated by some at this time." 1SM 203, 204

The alpha was the beginning of deadly heresies. The omega means the end or conclusion. Since the omega was to follow, we need to be on guard against spiritualistic teachings.

"He will employ the power of mind over mind to carry out his designs. The most sorrowful thought of all is that under his deceptive influence men will have a form of godliness, without having a real connection with God. Like

Adam and Eve, who ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, many are even now feeding upon the deceptive morsels of error.

"Satanic agencies are clothing false theories in an attractive garb, even as Satan in the Garden of Eden concealed his identity from our first parents by speaking through the serpent. *These agencies are instilling into human minds that which in reality is deadly error.* The hypnotic influence of Satan will rest upon those who turn from the plain word of God to pleasing fables.

"It is those who have had the most light that Satan most assiduously seeks to ensnare. He knows that if he can deceive them, they will, under his control, clothe sin with garments of righteousness, and lead many astray.

"I say to all: Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give to the people of God the warning: 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked.' Galations 6:7." 8T 294 (Emphasis supplied)

The omega of heresies, that was to follow, would assume new forms.

"The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized." 8T 293

Satan's errors in the future will assume new forms. They will not come under the deception of pantheism. We have been warned that these theories would remove some of the pillars of our faith.

"Do you wonder that when I see the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith, I have something to say? I must obey the command, 'Meet it!'" 1SM 207,208

The alpha of heresies was "the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith." The omega would be the conclusion or end of these heresies. But remember, it stated that few could understand where these would end. The omega of apostasy would be theories attempting to remove the pillars of our faith.

"Few can discern the result of entertaining the sophistries advocated by some at this time. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me the result that would follow. The spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of

God, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science." 1SM 203, 204

The above statement tells us that these theories, followed to their logical conclusion, "estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to his people." These theories followed to their conclusion would be the omega of heresies and had to do with the book of *Revelation*.

"The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error"
1SM 204

"What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith-the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years. Do you wonder that when I see the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith, I have something to say? I must obey the command 'Meet it!'. . . We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word - especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of Heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation." 1 SM 207, 208

The above passage indicates that the pillars of our faith that would be removed, have to do with the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the three angels' messages. This would be the messages to John mentioned in 1 SM 203, 204.

"If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him.

These theories followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They do away with the necessity for the atonement and make man his own saviour.' 8T 291

The phrase "God is an essence pervading all nature," was the essence of pantheism. Pantheism was called the alpha of heresies. The word alpha in this setting means the beginning of heresies. The word omega means the last or end. We can assume

that the omega would be the end of these heresies. This would be so because of the phrase, "followed to their logical conclusion", would be the omega, or conclusion of heresies, started by the alpha of heresies. The omega, then, is theories that do away with the necessity for the atonement. The term "atonement" applies to Calvary, it applies to the atonement made during the daily service, and it applies to the atonement that is made during the yearly service. These theories sweep away the whole Christian economy. So the atonement that is done away with, would include Calvary and the daily atonement. We discussed in the chapter on "The Unmasking of Spiritualism" how we do away with the necessity of the atonement. (See pg. 72) These spiritualistic theories also do away with the atonement made during the yearly service. The reason this is the case is because the pillars that will be attacked have to do with the ministrations of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary and the three angels' messages. The three angels' messages pertain to the ministration of Christ in the most holy place. The atonement that is made in the most holy place is called the final atonement. The omega of deadly heresies are theories that do away with the necessity for the final atonement. The final atonement is called the work of atonement in the following quotation.

"The great plan of redemption, as revealed in the closing work for these last days, should receive close examination. The scenes connected with the sanctuary above should make such an impression upon the minds and hearts of all that they may be able to impress others. All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the atonement, which is going on in the sanctuary above. When this grand truth is seen and understood, those who hold it will work in harmony with Christ to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God, and their efforts will be successful." 5T 575 (Emphasis supplied)

The following statement in *Testimonies* Volume 8 describes the pantheistic theories that was the alpha of deadly heresies as follows:

"If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him." 8T 291

This is the alpha or beginning of deadly heresies. Few people could see where those theories would lead. They were to take on new forms, but notice that it was these theories that followed to their logical conclusion, would "do away with the necessity for the atonement and make man his own saviour". So the omega of heresies would be these theories followed to their logical conclusion or end. It needs to be demonstrated how the alpha theories described above do away with the necessity for the final atonement. It also needs to be demonstrated that the end result or the omega of heresies is a spiritualistic theory that also makes man his own savior. But since it would assume new forms, it would not state that God is an essence, but would contain the basic theory that we need only to develop the power that is within us to attain holiness.

Let us review how Satan works to deceive man now. We want to discover the omega of heresies.

"Satan beguiles men now as he beguiled Eve. . . 'Ye shall be as gods. . . knowing good and evil;' Genesis 3:5. Spiritualism teaches 'that man is the creature of progression; that it is his destiny from birth to progress, even to eternity, toward the Godhead.'" GC 554

Satan is telling Eve that she shall be as gods knowing good and evil. This infers that she will be holy with a knowledge of good and evil. A knowledge of evil gave Eve a bent to sin. (Ed. 29) Satan is telling Eve that she can be perfect, holy, like God with a bent to or knowledge of evil. Spiritualism teaches "That man is a creature of progression; that it is his destiny from birth to progress, even to the Godhead."

This is the same theory quoted above; "to attain holiness man has only to develop the power that is within him." These theories taught that God was within man, so it would be logical to assume that the power that was being developed within him was the power of God.

But these theories state that man has only to develop the power within him. This ignores or counts as nothing the work of the final atonement. It is not needed or necessary in order to arrive at perfection. Satan is telling Eve that she can be holy with a knowledge of evil. If a person can be holy with a bent or propensity to sin (knowledge of evil) then there is no need to have it removed. Let us review the final atonement.

"As in the final atonement the sins of the truly penitent are to be blotted from the records of heaven, no more to be remembered or come into mind, so in the type they were borne away into the wilderness, forever separated from the congregation." PP 358

"The righteous will not cease their earnest agonizing cries for deliverance. They cannot bring to mind any particular sins, but in their whole life they can see but little good. Their sins had gone beforehand to judgment, and pardon had been written. Their sins had been borne away into the land of forgetfulness, and they could not bring them to remembrance." 3SG 135

These statements make it clear that in the final atonement, the sins are borne away into the land of forgetfulness. They are no more to be remembered or come into mind. When a person forgets something, he does not know it any more. So, the knowledge of evil is removed. The bent or propensity is taken away. The term 'final atonement' suggests perfection. Without the final atonement, the knowledge of evil remains until the second advent. We found from our study on spiritualism, that if man has a sinful nature with the propensity to sin at the second advent, then that would have been the standard or goal for the judgment. Thus, instead of having the perfect righteous character of Christ as our standard of judgment, man has substituted the sinful, erring nature of man as his goal or standard at the judgment. The nature of Satan, who is also pictured as man, is filled

with a knowledge of evil. This means that Satan is named as Christ our Righteousness because his nature is set up as our standard at the judgment.

"I question whether genuine rebellion is ever curable. . . And if men and women who have the knowledge of the truth are so far separated from their great Leader, that they will take the great leader of apostasy, and name him Christ our Righteousness, it is because they have not sunk the shaft deep into the mines of truth." IBC 1114

Man cannot be perfect without the final atonement. The knowledge of evil must be removed for him to be restored to the perfection that Adam had before he fell. Spiritualism is trying to teach that a person can be like God with a knowledge of evil. The final atonement is the blotting out of sin. If a person can be perfect with a knowledge of evil, then the daily service would bring him to perfection. There would be no need of the final atonement, because he could be holy with a knowledge of evil. This belief removes some of the pillars of our faith. The final atonement is the cleansing of the sanctuary. The third angel points to the final atonement. The final atonement is also referred to as the marriage. (Matt. 22, 25) These are all referring to the work of Christ in the most holy place. The omega is an attempt to remove these pillars.

The fact that these pillars will be rejected by the many professed Adventists can be further demonstrated by the following passages.

"We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain." TM 399

"Some have turned from the message of the righteousness of Christ to criticize the men. . . The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory. The work that might have been done, will be left undone by the rejectors of truth, because of their unbelief. We entreat of you who oppose the light of truth, to stand out of the way of God's people. Let heaven-sent light shine forth upon them in clear steady rays." RH 5/27/1890

"There is to be in the churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. 'Why,' they say,

'should not we know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?'--Because they did not respond to the warning, the entreaties, of the messages of God, but persistently said, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.'" RH 12/23/1890

These are the pillars that the alpha and omega heresies would remove. These quotes also state they would be rejected as error.

Why do they reject the above mentioned messages?

"What is it that constitutes the wretchedness, the nakedness of those who feel rich and increased with goods? - It is the want of the righteousness of Christ. In their own righteousness they are represented as clothed with filthy rags, and yet in this condition they flatter themselves that they are clothed upon with Christ's righteousness. Could deception be greater?" RH 8/7/1894