

Christ or Conspiracy*

Many people, who believe that they represent true righteousness, are still Satanists, because they firmly believe that the past, present, and future are controlled by a secret cabal of Jews, Germans, international bankers, secret societies, or other similar groups of conspirators.

The biblical faith is that man's conspiracies are a "vain thing" because God absolutely predestines and governs all history (Psalm 2; Romans chapters 8 and 9). To ascribe the government of history to a conspiracy is to renounce the triune God and to worship Satan. All history, including its conspiracies, move entirely in terms of God's purposes. The Scripture cites, as the classic example of man's conspiracy serving God in a total way, the condemnation of Jesus by the Sanhedrin (John 11:46-53): God, by His sovereign and total power, made Caiaphas prophesy to God's purposes and to serve Him.

The Sabbath is a reminder of God's sovereignty, of His role as creator, redeemer, sustainer, and judge. It affirms that all power belongs to God, and the redeemed rest from their labors, because their salvation depends, not on their works, but on the finished work of Jesus Christ. Man rests in His victory. The Christian works in gratitude, in confidence that the victory is accomplished and that man's labor must be, not to *attain* victory but to *manifest* victory. The Sabbath is thus an antidote to Satanism when it is kept in truth.

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