

TO THE KING OF FRANCE

Read this over, it concerns your general good, and all the powers that are under you, which are suitable things to this present age.

—By George Fox

Friend,—Let none in all your dominion under you be imprisoned until death, or persecuted, or banished concerning religion, church, or ministry, or about the scriptures, Christ's, the apostles', or saints' words; for those who do so, are out of the life of Christ, the apostles, and the saints. For all Christendom has been on heaps, killing and destroying one another about the ministry, church-worship, and scriptures; killing, imprisoning, banishing, whipping, and torturing the bodies of men. Now the cause is, that magistrates are out of the life of Christ, the prophets, and the apostles, (and now into that, from which the scriptures were given, the Lord God is bringing his people, in which they shall have unity, and fellowship with God, with the scriptures, and with one another). Therefore, because the magistrates are out of the life that gave forth the scripture, there are so many ways, opinions, and judgments about the scriptures; they lack the spirit that gave them forth, in which they shall all have fellowship, and in which is the bond of peace.

George Bailey was moved of the Lord to go over into France, and was imprisoned to death in Paris, whose innocent blood will be required at your hands, and lies upon your heads. You should have overcome evil with good, you should heap coals of fire upon your adversaries' heads, and you should love enemies, whether they are heretics, or whatever you call them, for this is the doctrine of Christ. You should receive strangers, you should not imprison them. You lack the life of which the scriptures speak; you have the words, but you lack the life and power. You are of those whom the apostle saw would come, and of whom the spirit speaks expressly, having said they would depart from the faith, and give heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; forbidding meats, and marriages, and their murdering about religion, has been the work of you and the pope, since the days of the apostles, and the true church fled into the wilderness. Rev 12. Christ told the Jews they were murderers, and persecutors, and had shed blood; and that all the righteous blood shed from Abel would be required at their hands, for Christ came to save men's lives, not to destroy them. When the apostles would have had fire to come down from heaven to burn men who would not listen to them, he rebuked their zeal. Now you, and the pope, instead of calling fire down from heaven, you have set up fires. Therefore consider your ways, so that the Lord may show to you mercy, and give you repentance, if you turn to him.

For the apostle saw such as you coming up, that should go in Cain's way, and Balaam's way, in envy and murder, and love the wages of unrighteousness, (for will not the pope sell pardons); and he saw them go in Core's way, such as had the form, but denied the power, who opposed the truth, and these the apostle saw come up before his decease; and Christ said false prophets should come, Mat7 and Mat 24, and antichrist which had the sheep's clothing, but inwardly ravening wolves; this Christ spoke to his apostles and disciples, which were to go and spread the truth in all nations, and before the apostles deceased, they saw that the wolves were come, and they went from them, 1 John 2:18-19,4:1-3, and they went into images, and idols, and he tells the saints and the true church keep themselves from idols; and they had the anointing within them, and they need not that any man teach them, but as the same anointing teaches them. So Christ said they should come, the false prophets and antichrist, that had the sheep's clothing, and John saw they had come, and these were the last times then; and such went forth from them, and such were the heretics, who drew people from the anointing within them, which anointing the apostle told them would teach them all things. So the false prophets, which went in Cain's and Core's and Balaam's way, (murderers and in sheep's clothing), went forth from the apostles into the world. These were the heretics and seducers that forbade eating of meats and marriages, and in the world they set up their churches, tithes, and temples, and ministers made by the will of man. These heretics and seducers went forth from the apostles, the true ministers, who had not been made ministers of man or by man, but had been made ministers by the will of God. Those who went forth from them, set up their churches in the world, killing with Cain's weapons, (they were in the dragon's power), and slaying the witnesses, Rev 11; and the dragon made war with the woman, the true church, and she fled into the wilderness, there to be fed for a time, and times, and half a time, and the man-child was caught up to God, then people worshipped the dragon, and the beast, and the dragon gave his power to him, and he made war with the saints, and overcame them, and killed them that kept the testimony of Jesus, and power was given to the beast over all kindreds, tongues and nations; [mark,] the beast having power over all kindreds, tongues, and nations, and the true ministers killed, and the true church fled into the wilderness; here stands the tongues the beast has the power over, the tongues which the world calls their original. So the beast had power over the tongues, and over the naturals, when he killed the saints, killed the true ministers; and then he having power over all tongues, kindreds, and nations, the beast and his names were set up with his lying signs and wonders. All that have lived upon earth have worshipped him, but who had their names written in the Lamb's book of life, slain from the foundation of the world. And then the whore she got upon the beast, that was in the dragon's power, and the nations drank the cup of her fornication, and she has corrupted the earth, made the inhabitants of the earth drunk. Now this whore, this false woman, mystery Babylon, this fenced city, this false church, gotten up since the true woman went into the wilderness, which all nations

embrace and reflect, and which cup of her fornications the kings of the earth drank; were not these kings and nations [supposedly] married to Christ? Just as the Jews, when they had transgressed the law of God, played the harlot, going among other nations and among the heathen, so the seducers, heretics, and false prophets, who had the sheep's clothing, went forth from the apostles. They whored and went forth from the apostles. They were inwardly ravaged from the spirit, and all nations drank her cup, and she sits upon the waters, and multitudes, and tongues. Now nations are waters; and people, multitudes, and tongues are waters, (this may all Christendom witness.) Now you may say, is the whore on our tongues, including our orthodox [those who read Greek and Hebrew] men, the pillars of our church? Tongues are natural, and the whore is upon them, and she drinks the blood of the martyrs, the blood of the saints, and the blood of the prophets. This whore, this false woman, this fenced city is guarded with Cain's weapons [murder and violence], the dragon's power, Core's gainsaying, and Balaam's stumbling blocks, images, and idols; but no such things were among the apostles, but got up since the days of the apostles, and the true woman fled into the wilderness, the true church. So the whore is on people's tongues, orthodox men, (so called) and why not the beast and the whore on your tongues, murderers, as well as Pilate the murderer? for when he had murdered Christ, he set upon him Hebrew, Greek and Latin, and there stands the orthodox men's original, the tongues of which Babel was the original, and which were never ministers of Christ, then (I say) they cried up that to be the original; but the word in the beginning was the original, before Babel was; and when the mother of harlots, the great whore, the beast, and the dragon, and Pilate is not, nor tongues neither, the word remains, and lives and abides forever.

Now all the blood that has been shed since the days of the apostles has been by this fenced city, this whore, this mystery Babylon, this false church that was set up; and the kings of the earth have drunk her cup, which are in the fornication, by the beast, and by the dragon, about religion, since the days of the apostles and since the true church fled into the wilderness. So now all the killing and slaying in the whole Christendom has been by the whore's, the beast's, and dragon's power; who has wrestled with flesh and blood, who has racked, tortured, burned, banished, and whipped creatures, and defaced the workmanship of God; for the creature is the workmanship of God. The apostles did not wrestle with flesh and blood, they did not strike at creatures, but they strove to bring people up into the liberty of the sons of God. The apostles wrestled with principalities, and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places, and rulers in darkness, and said, there was a glory of the first body, and a glory of the second, and their weapons were spiritual and not carnal. Christ was made manifest to destroy the works of the devil and death, (in death, the devil had his authority and works, which he set up), and to save men's lives, who came to condemn sin in the flesh, that people by him might become the sons of God, [mark that]. So, since the days of the apostles and Christ, and the woman that

had fled into the wilderness, all this blood has been shed by the beast and false prophet; this woman, the false church, has been fenced with Cain's weapons, murderers, sacrificers. Having the form of godliness, they take of the earth, and sacrifice of the earth; and these are Cain's weapons, for whatever is not received from God and from his spirit is from the earth. By this have all the righteous blood been shed by these wolves, seducers, heretics, false prophets, beast, dragon, great whore, mother of harlots, the false church; who went forth from the apostles, made up this church, and the true church has been in the wilderness, and the man-child caught up to God, and the true prophet slain. So your field is a field of blood, and much blood has been shed among you in the whole of Christendom, on pretence of the victims being heretics, and blasphemers; and was that not the same pretence for which Christ was slain, as well as the apostles and prophets? Did Christ and the apostles ever give any such command that those who dissented with them, should be put to death and killed. On the contrary, Christ commanded to love enemies; and he prophesied that those who kept his testimony would be killed, as well he prophesied that all, who dwelled upon the earth, would worship the beast, except those who had their names written in the Lamb's book of life before the foundation of the world. Those who would raven and tear and were inwardly raveners, would rack and fry the flesh with fire, and mangle the creatures; these were the inwardly ravening wolves and false prophets, who had the sheep's clothing, which went forth from the apostles into the world. These did not have the Father or the Son; but they told the world that Christ was in the sacrament, and Christ was in the bread and wine, and that was his body and his blood. They erred, for the scriptures say, that bread and wine is only a memory and a show until he comes. The apostle said, examine, and so eat, and then examine again after he has eaten; and know you not yourselves, how that Christ is in you except you are reprobates; If he is witnessed within, and known within, then he has come; so then what need do you have of bread and wine to put you in remembrance of him? These things have gotten up since the days of the apostles, namely: setting up all these schools and colleges to make ministers; setting up these temples east and west; and setting up these jewels, beads, pictures, nunneries, holy-days, crosses, and saints' days. Since the days of the apostles has this false church, this whore, who has been fenced [protected and supported] with Cain's weapons; and all the covetous teachers for filthy lucre with the love of money, all the strikers, and all the quickly angry are found in her. These kind of ministers were forbidden by the apostle; ministers must be first proved before they can minister; therefore is it like that God should send a company of men to destroy his workmanship, to imprison, destroy, banish, kill his creatures? Christ came to save men's lives, and the apostles brings them to the liberty of the sons of God; and these false church ministers destroy creatures. They are the false church of false christians, who are not likely to bring any to the glory of the first body, or the second either. Since the days of the apostles, the woman has been in the wilderness, and the prophets, martyrs, and true ministers have been killed. The false ministers got

up and spread over the world, and this false church is the beast in the dragon's power, the antichrist and false prophet in the beast's power; but now is the man-child brought forth into the world, to rule all nations with a rod of iron. The kings of the earth, the beast, the dragon, the whore have risen against the saints, but the Lamb and the saints shall have the victory; they shall kill and slay with the sword, which is the word of his mouth. The beast and the false prophet shall be taken alive and cast into the lake of fire, that burns with fire and brimstone. The judgment of the great whore is come; this false woman, mystery Babylon, shall be confounded; her flesh shall be burnt with fire; and the Lamb and the saints shall have the victory. The everlasting gospel shall be preached again to them that dwell upon the earth, to all nations, tongues, kindreds, and people; and the bride, the Lamb's wife, is known again. This is the day the marriage of the Lamb is come, that the bride and the Lamb's wife is known. So the true church is known again, whereby people are brought into that which the apostles were in. The age is come that the kindness of the Lord, and the riches that he showed forth to the apostle, is seen in this the day of the Lamb's power, which over you all is stretched, and which enlightens everyone of you that comes into the world; with which light you will see all your evil deeds that you have ever done, all your evil ways you have walked in, all your ungodly words you have spoken, and all your unrighteous thoughts you have thought. That is the light, with which Christ the Savior of the soul has enlightened you; loving it and believing in it, you shall feel the springs of life spring up in you to eternal life, and it will be your teacher; but hating it, it will be your condemnation. This is the word of the Lord to you.

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