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"IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED"

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Satan the great deceiver "which deceiveth the whole world" knows the evidence and the proof of the Deity of Christ and the inspiration of the scriptures are in the Old Scripture. By persuading, even some Christians, to ignore and set aside the Old Scripture, the foundation of Christianity, as a divine revelation was undermined in the minds of millions of Christians.

Acts 17:2 and 3 states: "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." There is no other way to prove and convince people that Jesus is the Christ except by the Old Scripture prophecies fulfilled in the New Scripture. The only scripture at that time was the Old Scripture.

In John 5:39 we read: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." A Christian's personal testimony is helpful, but the proof of the Deity of Christ is in the prophecies concerning the Christ in the Old Scriptures fulfilled by Jesus in the New Scriptures.

In this same chapter Jesus said the following in verses 46 and 47 to the Jews who refused to believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. We read: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

The principle reason millions in Christendom do not believe on Christ is because they do not believe the writings of Moses. They do not believe the writings of Moses because they never have read them nor heard them preached. In fact, people are warned by Christian ministers to beware and avoid the writings of Moses and the Old Scriptures. Repeatedly in the Gospels we read that Jesus said: "Have ye not read this scripture?" "The scripture was fulfilled," "this day is this scripture fulfilled," "as the scripture hath said,"

"the scripture cannot be broken," "that the scripture might be fulfilled," and "how then shall the scripture be fulfilled?"

In Matthew 22:29 Jesus said: "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures." In all of the above quotes from the Christ, He had the Old Scriptures in mind. There were no New Scriptures at that time. Practically every error and unscriptural teaching and practice in Christendom today is due to the tragic fact that Christians do not know the Old Scriptures.

One of the last things the Christ did before His ascension is recorded in Luke 24:25-27 and 44-46:

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. . .

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

Note Christ's reference to and emphasis on the Old Scriptures both before and after His death and resurrection. We should also quote Luke 16:31: "And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Churchianity has been its own worst enemy during the last seventy to eighty years. If the Christian clergy had preached and expounded the Old Scriptures during this period, the antichrist forces would not have been able to establish modernism, evolution and atheism in institutions of learning built by Bible believing Christians. If the clergy had expounded the Old Scriptures, es-