

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY IDENTIFIED

There is a mystery (or secret power) of iniquity called Ignorance that has totally eluded mankind by which they are kept in bondage in the world. Iniquity is of lawlessness (or rebellion against the authorities that be). And the man of lawlessness, in the likeness of the serpent, activated that power in his initial interaction with the Woman in the garden of Eden at the beginning.

All he did was to ask the Woman a question that revealed her ignorance by the response she gave in her answer. And till date Many are not aware of the error in her answer to the serpent yet accentuating the ignorance that we talk about even in Believers talk less of the whole of mankind, the seeds of the Woman.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **Vr.2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **Vr.3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Immediately the hedge was broken, the serpent struck or lashed out to bite in deceiving Eve unto committing rebellion against God's commandment cum law. When the serpent saw that the Woman had lied against the truth, he sent to her heart the fiery dart of foolishness that appeared as wisdom, the opening of her eyes unto committing error. **Eph 6:16**

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **Vr.5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Through ignorance the Woman was then caught in the web of lawlessness of Satan unto transgressing the law of the garden and Adam joined her subsequently. The Woman's eyes were opened unto the wisdom that is from beneath contrary to the wisdom that was from above given to Adam for the garden operation. Adam failed to exercise the shield of faith needed to ward off the fiery dart of the enemy unlike the last Adam in his own wilderness temptation at his own time. **Mtt 4:1-11**

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [*but foolish in God's*

eyes], she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Adam and Eve forsook the wisdom of God unto embracing the wisdom of Satan from the moment they hearkened unto the voice of the serpent in disobeying the voice of God.

Jam 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **Vr.15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

The wisdom that Adam and Eve displayed after having eaten the forbidden fruit was not repentance, but a foolish and vain attempt at hiding their transgression from the all seeing God, a manifestation of their falling into ignorance of the true nature of God and the knowledge of the truth from thence. **Hebr 4:12-13; Ps 139:1-12**

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons [*their own invention by their new found devilish wisdom*]. **Vr.8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Job 31:33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

Ignorance is at the root of foolishness. And foolishness manifests lawlessness in the form of wickedness or wicked deeds outwardly, a manifest demonstration of unbelief. This comprised the satanic strategy employed by the serpent in the garden episode against Adam and Eve that brought about the Fall. This, we call the Mystery of Iniquity as it were, which is still at work against mankind in the world by which they are kept in deception till date. **Rev 12:9**

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? **Vr.10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. **Vr.11** And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **Vr.12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD IS AT THE CAPTIVITY OF MANKIND

The work of iniquity is still very much at play in the world in which Adam and Eve were cast out into, to be bearing offspring steeped in iniquity from birth as it were. Ignorance --> Foolishness --> Wickedness(Unbelief) - the Mystery of Iniquity at work by the Deceiver, the god of this world.

2 Thess 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **Vr.11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **Vr.12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Cain as a child of the Wicked one, the first man child of Adam and Eve, manifested this work of Satan in his ways even as his progenitor did in their time. Cain also tried to hide his murderous act from the all seeing God. This is the very same thing that the children of darkness in their ignorance try to do from God till date. **Mtt 10:26**

Gen 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **Vr.5** But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. **Vr.7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. **Vr.8** And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. **Vr.9** And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother' keeper? **Vr.10** And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother' blood crieth unto me from the ground [where you have hid his body].

I Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Isa 29:15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? **Vr.16** Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter' clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

Ps 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? **Vr.8** If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. **Vr.9** If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; **Vr.10** Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. **Vr.11** If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. **Vr.12** Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Unfortunately, the children of the world even the religious ones are ignorant of who the only true God is and His Son, Jesus Christ. They walk on in hypocrisy and iniquity.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [*due to ignorance*]:

IGNORANCE CUM FOOLISHNESS AT HEART

At the heart of every human born of Woman as a baby into this world is ignorance which matures into foolishness and then manifests as wickedness in the world. This is of carnality found with mortals that make for the sin of the world as it were.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Babies are brought up in the wisdom of this world as children of the world. Through worldly training and schooling, parents attempt at preparing children to face the challenges of this world in order for them to “make it” or succeed therein. But the wisdom of this world is devilish and foolishness in the sight of God as it were.

Every child of the world is brought up to operate the system of the world by men of the world. By which system, ignorance, foolishness and wickedness is sustained in them by the god of this world as it were.

Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go [*the way of the world*]: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. **Vr.7** The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. **Vr.8** He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: **Vr.15** Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. **Vr.28** Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set [*that is the foundation that is laid in men*].

By the wisdom of the world, which is from beneath, men from birth are kept ignorant and at enmity with God in their minds and hearts full of iniquity. By the wisdom of this world, men are kept ignorant of or far from the wisdom of God for all times, that wisdom required for you to know and access the kingdom of God and His righteousness is devoid in them.

I Cor 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. **Vr.20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **Vr.21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Christ in his doctrine identified foolishness as one of the objects of iniquity at heart that defiles a man spiritually.

Mk 7:20 And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **Vr.21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **Vr.22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **Vr.23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Ignorance is the seed of iniquity found in the heart of every one born of Woman into this world as a child of the world. But the Many are ignorant of this because it is yet a mystery at work among man that walk foolishly in the wisdom of this world.

Prov 24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin:

Ignorance as an unseen seed sown in the heart that manifests foolishness as a seen fruit in the flesh for all to see and identify. Ignorance is at the root of foolishness. Sinners are ignorant, disobedient and foolish, not having the knowledge of the true God in them.

The currency of this world is ignorance, whereas the currency of the kingdom of heaven is the wisdom of God. Unfortunately, many glory in the former while despising the latter.

CHRIST CAME TO DEAL WITH IGNORANCE IN MEN

Christ came full of grace and truth in order to deal with the works of Satan from the root even the mystery of iniquity. He exposed that mystery at the cross. And his sacrifice thereon God granted us access to the grace and truth needed to defeat and overcome sin.

Lk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do [*for they are ignorant being devoid of the knowledge of the Truth*].

Jn 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. **Vr.17** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The grace of God appeared in order to teach us the truth by which we defeat ignorance that hath held us bound in sin and death by satanic operations.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **Vr.14** Who gave himself for us, that he

might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Mtt 15:16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? **Vr.17** Do not ye yet understand,

For the grace and the gift by grace came to teach us the truth in order to bring us out from the bondage of ignorance and lies that breed unbelief of the truth in us - the mystery of iniquity at work in men - unto the liberty that is in Christ Jesus.

Jn 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **Vr.8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **Vr.12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **Vr.13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **Vr.14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. **Vr.17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

The parting commandment of Christ to his apostles was geared at eradicating ignorance; for them to go and make disciples of all nations through his teachings.

Mtt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Vr.20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.