

## THE VOICE OF RELIGIOUS ERROR AND HERESY

Heresy - is error, a departure from biblical truth, a denial of some of its fundamental, essential doctrines; it is a belief or practice that explicitly undermines the Gospel

Apostasy - is the spiritual climate through which the voice of religious error and heresy operates

1. This voice masquerades as the Spirit of Truth; it attempts to redefine grace and redemption and leads people away from sound biblical doctrine into lies; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Pet. 2:1, 20-22
2. This voice can speak to those who have heard the voice of the Holy Spirit, who have the revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God (it's one thing to "hear" this voice, but it's another thing to "follow" this voice); Matthew 16:17-18, 21-23
3. The one who listens to, and follows the voice of religious error, is ignorant of the scriptures and does not recognize the true power of God; Matthew 22:29; Acts 17:30
4. It deceives those who do not have a love of the truth; the denial of biblical truth may consist of just a single element of truth or all scriptural truth; 2 Thess. 2:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:1-4
5. This voice seduces, causing one to commit "spiritual adultery", which includes idolatry, apostasy, worldliness, false teaching; Judges 2:11, 17; Rev. 2:14-15, 20-22; 17:1-5; James 4:4
6. This voice is in agreement with the spirit of antichrist, which appeals to the carnal man; it delivers a man-centered, seeker-friendly message, suggesting that we can ascend through our own efforts, that we are the "master" of our own destiny; Isaiah 14:12-14; Matthew 23:8, 10
7. The voice of religious error is responsible for the misguided expectation of God's people today as in Jesus' first coming: they expected Him to set up His Kingdom then, they expected Him to give them prosperity, and they wanted Him to put on a show exhibiting signs and wonders; Matthew 1:21; 21:4-11; Acts 15:14
8. The voice of heresy will be heard within apostate assemblies, where entertainment pretends to be worship, where hype replaces the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and purpose-driven messages have replaced the exposition of biblical doctrine; 2 Pet. 2:2; 2 Tim. 4:1-4
9. This voice mocks those who insist upon strict adherence to, and obedience to the Word of God; it perverts the truth by introducing another (a different) Jesus, another spirit and another gospel; 2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6-8
10. The voice of religious error binds people to its own laws and ordinances, and imposes outward religious practices of where, when and how to worship. It clings to "forms" and teaches that "rituals" having saving power; John 4:20-24; 2 Tim. 3:5; Matt. 15:9; Mark 7:6-9
11. A religious spirit "drives" the people to performance and the voice of religious error will attempt to turn the Church's focus from the Great Commission to other pursuits; Mark 16:15-18
12. The voice of religious error does not "rightfully divide" the Word of Truth and it fails to declare all the counsel of God; Acts 20:27; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:15
13. It teaches a counterfeit grace message: unconditional, eternal security, once saved always saved; (but God says a man's name can be "blotted out" of the Book of Life); Ps. 69:28; Rev. 3:5
14. This voice promotes inter-faith (ecumenical) unity and "Chrislam": the union of Christianity and Islam; it speaks through organizations such as the World Council of Churches, which will be controlled by the False Prophet working in cooperation with the coming Antichrist; Genesis 10:10; 11:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 7-8
15. This voice represents itself as being Judeo-Christian, but is in fact, a mixture of Christianity, secular humanism, Talmudic Judaism, paganism and other cults; Leviticus 18:3; Jeremiah 10:2

16. The voice of heresy can lead Christians astray, who have opened themselves to “alternate pathways to truth”, including Gnosticism (rooted in Babylonian mystery religion), through which they seek to gain esoteric wisdom and “deep, secret knowledge”; Acts 17:18-23; 1 Tim. 6:20-21
17. This voice speaks through false prophets who give false prophecies; their messages are false because their doctrine is wrong and wrong doctrine begets wrong conduct; Jer. 23:14-22; Jude 3
18. This voice encourages people to incorporate “the practices of the East” and New Age spiritual exercises, including Kundalini, yoga, mantras, visualization, mysticism, divination, contacting spirit guides, etc. into its belief system and “ministry”; Isaiah 2:6; Deut. 18:9-14
19. This voice speaks through occultists, who utilize demonic power to gain control over people; they solicit angelic visitations, receive new “redemptive truth” and information through dreams and visions (which are not examined in the light of scripture); 2 John 9; 2 Cor. 6:16-17; 11:14-15
20. The voice of religious error speaks through “angels of light”, who offer progressive, “new doctrine”, which they say is equal to, or as valid as the Word of God. It attempts to add to, take away from or change the canon of Scripture; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Rev. 22:18-19
21. This voice teaches the heresy of a prosperity gospel, which springs from the self-indulgent influence of Laodicea, a misuse of “faith” to acquire riches, which is rooted in covetousness and the love of mammon; Rev. 3:15-18; Matthew 6:24; 2 Peter 2:3, 15-19
22. This voice teaches that godliness is a means of “gain”; a con artist uses manipulation and coercion to collect offerings, to build his own kingdom; 1 Tim. 6:5-10; Mic. 3:11; John 2:14-16
23. While biblical love increasingly abounds in real knowledge, depth of insight and discernment, the voice of religious error and heresy leads people away from these; Phil. 1:9-10
24. This voice teaches the heresy of Dominionist Kingdom Now theology, (NAR, Seven Mountain theology), that a triumphant church must reform society and subdue the world for Christ prior to His return, when in fact, it is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ that delivers the final victory to the saints; Luke 17:20-21; 19:11; John 6:14-15; Rom. 16:20
25. It is not the woman (the Church), but the “Seed” of the woman (Jesus) Who crushes the serpent’s head; Gen. 3:15. The voice of religious error says a people must conquer the world for Christ before He comes, but scripture teaches the Lord is coming WITH a triumphant Church that has been taken up in the “Harpazo” (Rapture), who will return with Christ to rule in the Millennial Kingdom; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:1-6
26. Even as the spirit and power of Elijah was upon John the Baptist, who prepared people for the ministry of Jesus at His first coming, the voice of religious error and heresy speaking through false messengers (and the False Prophet), prepares the Harlot church to welcome and accept a counterfeit, deified ruler (Antichrist) in place of the true Messiah; Luke 1:17; John 5:33-43
27. This voice is heard where people crave miraculous demonstrations, and place an emphasis upon the supernatural and “spiritual experiences”, where they seek power instead of repentance, where they preach “your best life now” instead of the message of the Cross; Matt. 12:38-39
28. Individuals like Phinehas, who confront idolatry, whose zeal “cut off” the spiritual adultery within the camp, are enemies of the voice of error and heresy; Numbers 25:1-13; Ps. 106:28-31
29. The harlot Church has yielded to the voice of religious error and heresy; it is rebellious and out of order: Jezebel controls Ahab, it accepts “Zedekiah” but rejects “Micaiah”, it utilizes witchcraft to gain power and control; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 22:6-24; Rev. 2:20; chapters 17-18
30. While the Bride of Christ is acquiring understanding of the apocalypse and the progressive unveiling of biblical, end-time events, the voice of religious error and heresy can only deepen the influence of darkness and spiritual blindness among the apostates; Matt. 15:14; John 9:39-41

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