

# Truth from Two Tables?

*You cannot be partaking of “the table of Jehovah”  
and the table of demons. Or “are we inciting  
Jehovah to jealousy”? 1Cor.10:21,22 (NWT)*

**P**AUL warns Christians, in the text above, that God will not tolerate idolatry in any form. He uses Israel's fall as an example of what will inevitably happen when one attempts to partake of **two** tables -- the Lord's and the demons'.

Johannes Greber attempted to eat from two tables. Greber, a former Roman Catholic priest, published works in which he claimed inspiration from “God's Spirit World”. In his publicity pieces, and in his two books *Communication with the Spirit World* (1932) and *The New Testament -- A New Translation and Explanation*, Greber openly admits that his teachings derive from spirit mediums -- “God's Messengers”. His wife was one of these mediums.

Here is some of the “light” Greber received from “an Intelligence of a higher order” (quotations from *Communication with the Spirit World*, unless otherwise noted).

## **The churches and clergy are apostate**

We are not surprised that Greber's “Messengers”, in establishing their own authority, should first have to take away the authority of the churches. “That which the churches of today are preaching to the ignorant multitude is not the truth, and differs widely from the answers given by God's spirit-world to the questions put to it, regarding God, His Creation and its ultimate fate, Redemption, Christ and Christ's life and work; regarding the Church and the sacraments; regarding Heaven and Hell; and regarding the origin and purpose of the Universe.” (p.258; also pp.19-24,283,358)

## **The Bible has been changed**

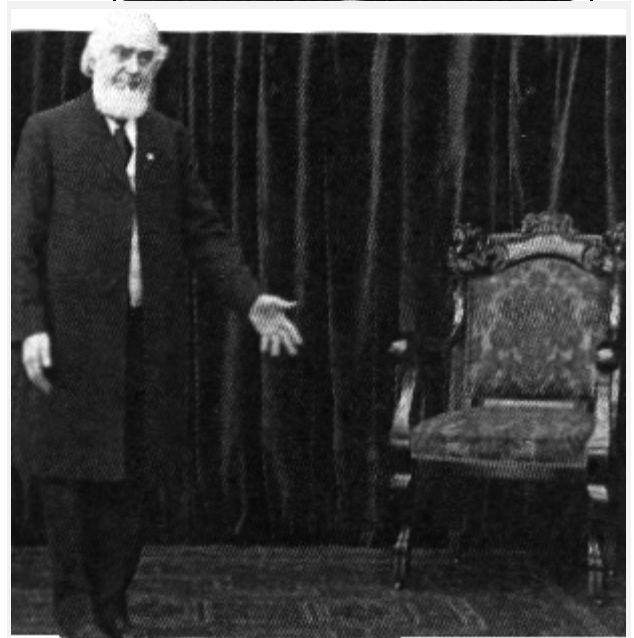
“The teachings of Christ are no longer to be found in their original purity and clearness ...” (p.19). “Erring mortals revised the Biblical accounts ... Much of what it should contain has been eliminated, and much of what it does contain should never have been admitted ...” (p.285).

## **God is limited, neither omnipresent nor omniscient**

Both clergy and (their) Bible now discredited, Greber's “Messengers” proceed to show that even God must rely upon His “Spirit World”. “... He is not omnipresent”, and although God is “aware of all things and of all events through the force that emanates from Him” (p.261), “the spirits of God stand watch over each living being and ... report on whatever happens. Hence nothing can take place without being known to God ... But He has no foreknowledge of those future events which men may shape by the exercise of their free will ... For this reason He tries His creatures” (p.262).

## **Jesus Christ is not God, but a created Spirit**

Among the spirit creatures God must depend on, foremost is Jesus Christ: “Christ is the highest Spirit which the omnipotent God could create ... not God, as is so generally taught today, but the first created ‘son of God’, and, as such, His highest and most perfect Creature” (p.267). The created Son “begged” (p.298) to get the first opportunity to come to earth to accomplish “the dangerous mission of being born of woman, and as a human being, vanquishing the Prince of Darkness”. This mission was [OVER>>>]



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dangerous because the one undertaking it “would incur the risk of being overpowered” by Satan (p.297). In order to paint this heavenly fantasy Greber’s “Messengers” insist that “Christ was therefore the Son of God, and claimed to be nothing more. He was not the Deity. Not once did He say: ‘I am God’” (p.330). But what about New Testament texts that say Christ WAS God? “If therefore there is any part of your present Bible which can be construed into something else than the truth that only the Father is God, then the fault lies either in the translation, or in a falsification of the Greek text from which that translation was made and in some cases in a combination of both” (p.367). Only Greber’s New Testament translation, verified by “God’s Spirit World” and “Clearly composed with divine inspiration” (dust jacket), can be trusted.

## **The Holy Spirit is not God; the Trinity is a false doctrine**

Greber’s “Messengers” reveal to him the following “truth”: “Due to the fact that your translators have, in countless passages, used the expression, ‘the Holy Spirit’, whereas the Greek text reads: ‘a holy spirit’ ... they have caused such confusion regarding the meaning of the term, ‘holy spirit’, as to give rise to the false doctrine that the Holy Spirit is a Divinity” (p.151). What, then, is the Holy Spirit? “Only the Father is God. All other holy spirits are God’s creatures” (p.265).

Among other “truths” offered to Greber by his Spirit guides as part of “The revelation of the Whole Truth” (p.28): Romans 13 “superior powers” are not governments, but “spiritual” authorities (pp.414-15); there is no “eternal hell” (pp.263, 376-318); “common sense” “clear-cut reasoning” and “convincing logic” must be used to evaluate Bible doctrine, including the Trinity and hell (pp. 29,371); men must “strive to make themselves worthy of the gift” of life, and even then “How long this life may last depends upon yourselves. If you remain faithful to God, that life will be, in truth, eternal” (pp.329,379).

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While Johannes Greber received his “Spirit-communications” in the 1920s, Joseph F. Rutherford, *The Watchtower’s* second president, was masterminding an unprecedented campaign to “advertise, advertise, advertise” God’s “present truth”. In millions of books, magazines and tracts, the world read: The churches and clergy are apostate; The Bible has been changed; God is limited, neither omnipresent nor omniscient; Jesus Christ is not God, but a created spirit; the Holy Spirit is not God; also the Trinity is a false doctrine; there is no eternal hell; only faithful humans will receive the “gift” of everlasting life. Another “present truth” revealed by Rutherford -- **how** God guides his people. Wrote Rutherford:

**Since 1918 the angels of the Lord have had to do with showing to the Ezekiel class [the 144,000 remnant] the truth ... Vindication (1932, Vol.3, p.316)**

**Certain duties and Kingdom interests have been committed by the Lord to his angels, which include the transmission of information to God’s anointed people on the earth ... Preparation (1933, p.36)**

Why would “God’s anointed” need *angels* to guide them when Christ promised regarding the Holy Spirit that “HE WILL GUIDE You into ALL the truth” (John 16:13, NWT)? Greber was told that EVEN GOD depended on angels -- what more natural than we should? Greber called spiritism the “only path to the truth, ... the shortest road that leads to God” (p.138).

How is it that Johannes Greber, by a mediumistic “short cut”, and J.F. Rutherford, by “angelic” guidance, learned the same “good news” -- a gospel that **doesn’t** include Christ’s bodily resurrection?

**The “resurrection of the dead” has therefore not the slightest reference to the resurrection of the physical body ... Communication with the Spirit World (p.385)**

The Apostle Paul, however, laid **the entire weight of our salvation** on the truth of Christ’s bodily resurrection. “This is the good news ... through which you are also being saved ... if you are holding it fast, unless you became **believers** to no purpose ... He was buried ... He has been raised up ... He appeared ...” (1 Cor. 15:1-5, NWT)

Unless you believe the MAN Jesus was raised from the dead, Paul reasons, “your faith is useless; you are yet in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17, NWT; see also Acts 17:31; 1 Timothy 2:5). Our eternal destiny rests on the resurrection faith. Whom shall we trust? Johannes Greber’s “Messengers”? Joseph F. Rutherford’s “angels”? Or the Apostle Paul’s gospel?

