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That we may not be overreached by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices. — *II Cor. 2:11.*

There will be false teachers among you, who will privately introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their impurities; on account of whom the way of truth will be reviled; and in covetousness with deceitful words they will make gain of you; whose judgment of old does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.— *II Pet. 2:1-3.*

Maintaining the true word in his teaching, so that he may be able both to exhort by the sound instruction, and to confute the opposers. For there are many unruly persons, foolish talkers and deceivers, . . . whom it is necessary to silence; who overturn whole families, teaching for sordid gain what is not proper. — *Titus 1:9-11.*

PREFACE

THE prophet Malachi [3:5] said that one of the special works of Messiah would be "swift testimony against the sorcerers," and it was so fulfilled. For some reason, the church, in continuing the work of Christ, has largely neglected this phase of needed testimony, until, disguised under other names, it goes little recognized or rebuked, and has actually invaded many individual churches. It is not generally known that sorcery is a large element in the modern revivals of oriental paganism and the psychic religions that are fad-rampant in this hour—the "mystery of iniquity" posing as science and philosophy.

Among the cults of this nature, one of the most subtle, active and disastrous is Modern Theosophy. Current literature abounds in enticing and deceptive sentiments adopted from theosophic teaching, directly or as corollaries, and of which readers do not know the origin or significance. In this way, as well as openly, does the propaganda go on slyly, undermining Christian faith, and substituting the "doctrines of demons," until, as a leading theosophist said, "the

ideas of theosophy now pervade individual life, literature, the pulpit, the stage, and many societies and organizations."

Not many realize how true this is. The invasion has been so covered by pretensions of interest in the cause of truth that it has not been properly recognized and repelled. Much theosophic literature, both labeled and disguised, is put into our public and school libraries, our book shops, and offered freely to any who will read. Newspapers and periodicals are adroitly worked into the service of promoting the cause, with articles and news items which, while omitting the word theosophy, give favorable impression of certain of the catchy and subtle doctrines. A theosophic journal became so bold as to advise school teachers to work the propaganda quietly among their pupils. Free lectures are given, to which the public is invited. Worst of all, the pernicious principles have infected not a few churches, until even evangelical pulpits teach them.

In all history, there have been strange admixtures of materialism and mysticism in thought and in systems of doctrine. The present is called a materialistic age, yet at no time, probably, have certain forms of mysticism and spiritism been more in evidence, nor so well disguised under a phraseology so closely imitative of truth as to mislead, if possible, the very elect. True

light and knowledge are in the world as never before, and by their side the flicker of an imitation that boasts the name of *gnosis* until many are deceived by it.

This book is much abridged from the original manuscript, offering only an outline for popular use. The element of occultism, which is a large item in the theosophic system, is mostly reserved for the more complete edition to follow. Certain of the oriental features which appeal to some minds with their jargon of mysterious-looking words, names and phrases that make a show of wisdom, are quite overlooked. It is not the intention to display academic knowledge. The subject is too serious and dangerous to handle usefully other than in simple directness in language that is clear to all. And it is handled with bare hands; for gloves are too soft for such. The former edition was pronounced "incisively critical," and it is intended to be such. The writer has made extensive study of the subject, has been, by force of circumstances, a close observer of its working, and has personally suffered from its inroad into his own family. He has had more than half a century of actual experience with the spiritistic and occult, and knows just what he is saying when he undertakes the discussion. The book is not written in the abstract style, but in personal testimony; in modesty, yet in the as-

surance of having the authority of first-hand knowledge, therefore not apologetic. It is hoped that the little book may be useful in warning and guidance amid the snares and pitfalls that endanger every pilgrim who seeks the spiritual way.

FOR OUR WRESTLING IS NOT WITH
BLOOD AND FLESH, BUT WITH THE
GOVERNMENTS, WITH THE AUTHOR-
ITIES, WITH THE WORLD-RULERS OF
THIS DARKNESS, WITH THE SPIRIT-
UAL FORCES OF WICKEDNESS IN
THE HEAVENLIES. —*Eph. 6:12.*

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