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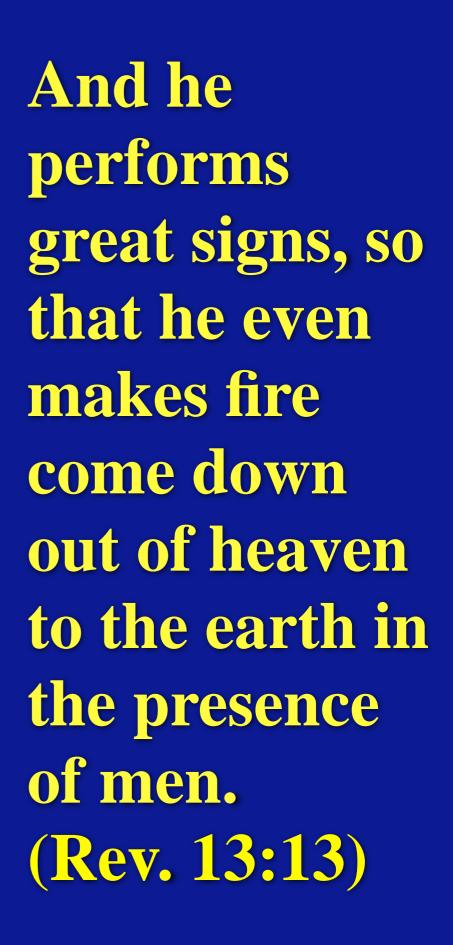
Caryl Matrisciana in a video series exposing the new emerging Christianity entitled: *Wide is the Gate,* says at the beginning of her presentation, "There are really only two basic worldviews. The Eastern mysticism of Hinduism . . . and the biblical worldview."

Samuel J. Andrews wrote a book entitled Christianity and Anti-Christianity in Their Final Conflict (1898). Andrews believes that the polar-opposite of biblical Christianity is what he calls pantheism and the church of his day was moving in that direction. Pantheism, which means that everything is god, is an excellent single-term description of Hinduism.

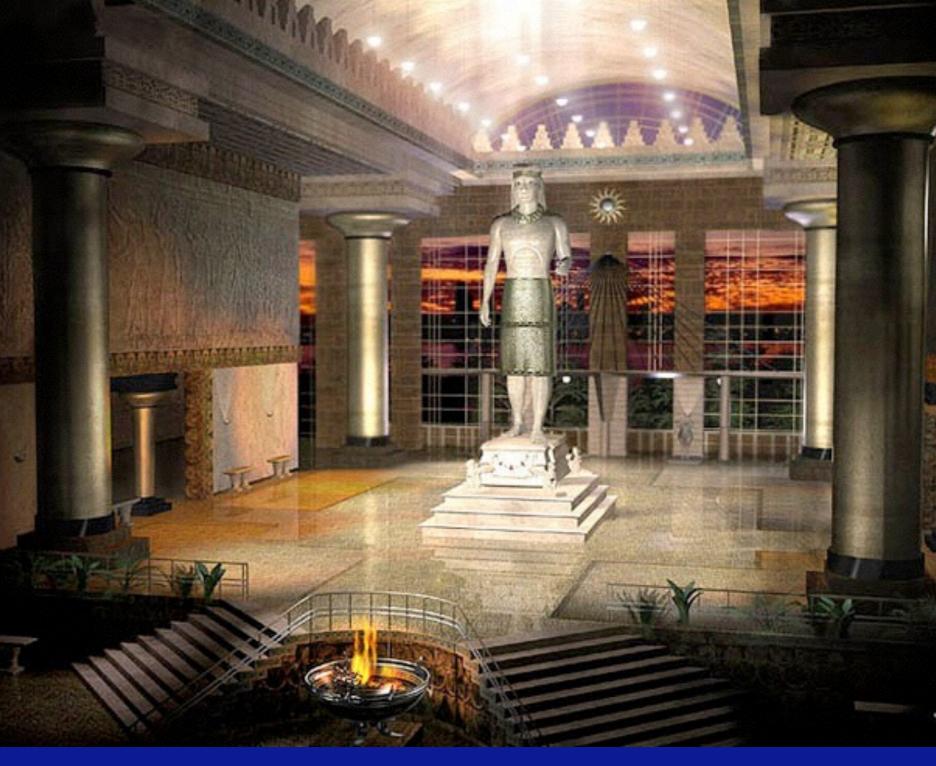
Andrews noted that there are three stages in the history of ideas. "First, their origin the minds of individual thinkers, ... Secondly, their popularization and general diffusion.... Thirdly, when generally diffused, these ideas find their embodiment in laws and institutions." Andrews believed that the nineteenth century in which he lived was the second stage of transition to pantheism, which means that we are clearly in the third and final stage of transition.

When I look at the final form of the apostasy, which will occur during the seven-year tribulation in which the antichrist will be dominate, it appears to be a false system along the line of pantheism or some form of mysticism. There will be false signs and wonders that will be the basis upon which the False Prophet supports the Beast or the antichrist as noted in Revelation 13:13–15.

And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. (Rev. 13:11) And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. (Rev. 13:12)



And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast,



telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. (Rev. 13:14)

And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. (**Rev. 13:15**)

**"EARTH-DWELLER'S" RESPONSE** And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts. -Revelation 9:20-21

## SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT Revelation 16:12–14

And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, th Almighty

This is reiterated in 2 Thessalonians 2:9 when speaking of the man of lawlessness, "the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders." This will be the mysticism and magic of Satan himself. This deceptive apex is said to occur because unbelievers in the tribulation "did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved" (2 Thess. 2:10). One other passage of note in 2 Thessalonians 2 is verse 7 that tells us that "the mystery of lawlessness is already at work" during the current church age preparing the world for the entrance of the antichrist who is currently being restrained from making a full appearance until after the rapture.

And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. -2 Thessalonians 2:8–12