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### Conspiracy Against Christ?—P4

**“Yet for us there is *but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him*” (1 Corinthians 8:6).**

The Father has exalted His Son above all powers, subjecting ALL THINGS to Him. Mankind in his rebellion is seeking to cast off Jesus (Psalm 2)—a necessary step to successfully rebel against Him, *“for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together”* (Colossians 1:16-17). Jesus *“is the radiance of [the Father’s] glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power”* (Hebrews 1:3), and He *“will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself”* (Philippians 3:21), *“for from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen”* (Romans 11:36). He is God’s Salvation for us!

Under the influence of satan’s government, man believes he can “cast off” Christ’s rule (Psalm 2), wresting power over “all things” into his own hands—saving himself. As futurist Mark Pesce explains, man’s goal is to save himself “with perfect knowledge and perfect will; **To become as gods**, take the universe in hand, **and transform it in our image—for our own delight...salvation – attained by good works.**” There are many examples of man’s “good works” to this end—one such is the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Switzerland, backed by all the world powers. The

largest, most expensive (\$13 billion) scientific machine ever made, the LHC smashes tiny pieces of matter together at near the speed of light to “break them apart.” “Its purpose is simple but ambitious: to **crack the code of the physical world**; to figure out what the universe is made of; in other words, to get to the very bottom of things” (National Geographic). In 2012, the LHC found “the elusive ‘*God particle*’ that gives matter mass and **holds the physical fabric of the universe together**” (UK Telegraph), allowing it to exist.

In 2003, man “cracked the code of life” - the human genome, which allows him to manipulate the laws of life. If man can now crack the code of the physical world, he could manipulate many of the physical laws that govern all of nature, which he has been powerless to change. Man believes “knowledge is power,” and the ultimate motivation behind the LHC and man’s increase in “knowledge” (Daniel 3:4) is his pursuit to become a **Power**—a man-god. As science writer Arthur C. Clarke said: “It may be that our role on this planet is not to worship God - but to create him.” It is man’s conspiracy against God and Christ that has always been paving the way for the revelation of the Anti-Christ—a “god-man” who can “cast off” Christ and “save” mankind in the way he wants to be saved. This is *“the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God”* (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). He will intend *“to make alterations in times and in law”* (Daniel 7:25b), and he speaks *“monstrous [or marvelous] things against the God of gods”* (Daniel 11:36a).

*“Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him”* (Daniel 11:45b) and his followers, for Jesus will return with *“power and great glory”* (Luke 21:27) to *“break them with a rod of iron”* (Psalm 2:9a). Even so, Amen.

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