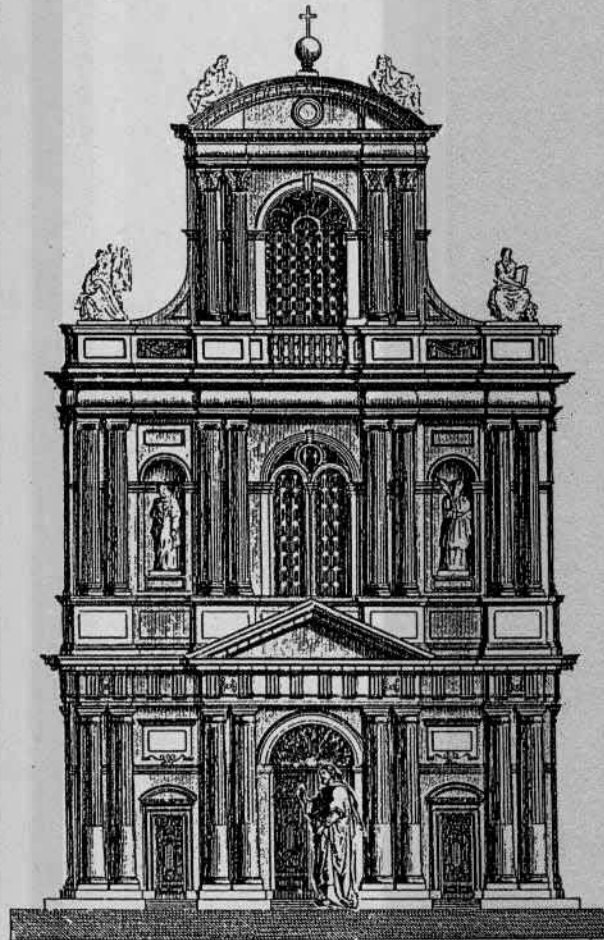


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" AS MANY AS I LOVE "

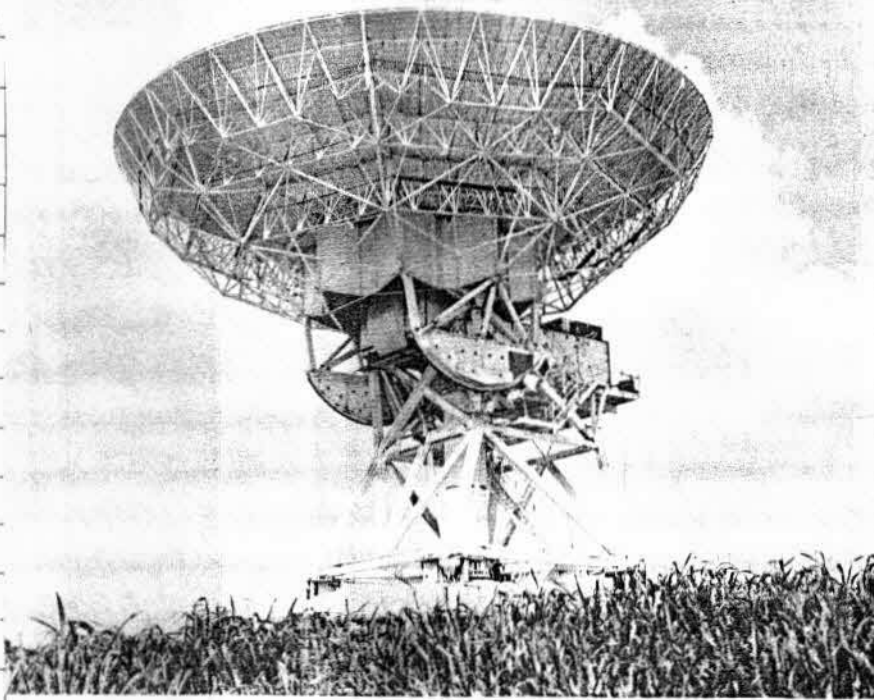
The purpose of this apologetics is an attempt to examine what is going on in the "church." I will use the word "church" because this word is more familiar to most people. The word is, ἐκκλησία - ekkleesia, better translated "assembly."

We have come to a period in which we are being greatly influenced by "feeling." Feeling, is the result of the impressions received through our 5 senses: sight, touch, taste, smell, and hearing. " --- Satan, the (one) leading-astray the total inhabited earth, " is very active; perhaps not so much individually, but collectively. (Rev. 12:9)

Satan has been quite successful during the past 1900+ years. I believe his major effort was made toward destroying the word of God. He has done this through various means: " --- out-of YOU yourselves men will-stand-up-for-themselves speaking things-having-been-and-still-TWISTED --- " (Acts 20:29:30); " --- evil MEN and wizards will-progress on the worse, leading-astray and being-led-astray. " (1 Tim. 3:13); " But the Spirit is-saying explicitly that in later seasons some will-depart of-the trust; paying attention to-misleading spirits and to-teachings of-little-demons in hypocrisy of-FALSE-WORDINGS; " (1 Tim. 4:1); " --- many ADULTERATING-FOR-FILTHY-LUCRE the word of-the God. " (2 Cor. 2:17); " And in covetousness with-FABRICATED WORDS they-will-merchandise YOU, --- " (2 Pet. 2:3). Until the invention of the printing press these things were not possible on a very large scale. Then came radio and now television. The greatest world wide communication became possible with the development of the satellites and the saucer-shaped antennas. →

Israeli postage stamp, June 6, 1972, tab, Ps. 19:4, "Their voice goes out through all the earth."





Israel's 30-meter dish-antenna.

← The whole inhabited earth is being led astray by false teachers in the church.

"--- among you there-will-be false-teachers, they-who will-introduce sects

of-destruction, and denying the Despot having-bought them, ---" (2 Pet. 2:1)

False-teaching, at the start, is not easily detected. False-teaching must not be confused with "mistakes" made in teaching. As a person reads scripture he will correct his own mistakes. The idea that

"God loves everybody" is a beginning of false-teaching that sounds acceptable, but ← is contrary to scripture.

(see Apologetics 12)

The next step too, sounds very nice, that "all men are brothers and God is everybody's father; but that too is a lie.

← Since most people do not agree on doctrine, the next step is to find a place where there is agreement. How about "praising" the Lord? That sounds good; but the verb "to-praise" only occurs once in any "church" letter. Well,

I CORINTHIANS 14

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face, he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.



JOHN 1

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

ROMANS 15

11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

at least we can "worship" together. "To-worship" occurs only once in a "church" letter. →

