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**Lawlessness  
and its  
Mystery**

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## Lawlessness and its Mystery.

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The apostle Paul wrote:

- The mystery of lawlessness is already at work in the world. (2 Thess. 2:7).

I doubt the statement, "lawlessness is at work in the world," is a revelation to anyone, so why does Paul refer to it as a mystery? Common sense, reason, and logic understand that for all humanity to live in peace all they need to do is live according one single law, which James the half brother of Jesus calls the royal law (James 2:8) and Jesus said is the second greatest law, and sums up the entire law, which is, love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39), which means, treat each other with respect and decency.

### **We do not have to:**

- Have the same beliefs.
- Be the same.
- Hold the same political or world view.

Everyone on planet earth could live as an individual being true to themselves and their views whatever they maybe and live in peace, if they all lived according to this law, and treated each other with respect and decency. Simple, one might think, and they would be right, if sin (selfishness, pride, ego, greed, sexual lust, and lust for power, and worldly riches etc.), did not dwell in human nature like a cancerous virus, outwardly afflicting the populations of all nations with its destructive power.

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I suspect one of the reasons Paul refers to lawlessness as a mystery, is because it does not make sense to a sane mind that trillions of dollars are spent on weapons of mass destruction, rather than on providing homes food, clothing, and education for the populations of the world. Neither does it make sense that mankind cannot dwell together in harmony, when the primary passion of most of the world is to raise their families in a world of peace.

The fact there has been violence, murders, wars etc., from the beginning to time, evidences the reality of sin dwelling in the flesh (i.e., human nature), the world calls it the lower nature, in contrast to the higher nature). Lawlessness, leads to harm, hurt, violence, destruction, and wars, which no-one with a sane mind would choose to follow, yet all these things are running rampant across the face of the earth, and given enough time will lead to global chaos and collapse of the world, this I feel is one of the reasons why the Bible refers to lawlessness (i.e., sin) as a mystery.

The world's top scientists have no cure for it, there is no medicine that can remove it, and our best surgeons cannot cut it out. Christ's blood can cleanse us from it, but only death will totally-destroy it. Even though the apostle Paul was water baptised, filled with the Holy Spirit, and Jesus appeared to him, and gave him the Gospel to proclaim to the Gentiles, and his greatest desire was to be with Christ.

The following verses show sin remained in his flesh.

- **Romans 7:16-17:** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

- **Romans 7:20:** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

May we all be forever thankful that Jesus in great agony, prayed the words in the garden of Gethsemane, "not my will but yours be done," and willing gave his life, that we could be saved by his righteousness, and God's grace.

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