

I Corinthians 2:12) We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God.” Andrew Murray stated, “The greatest danger to a child of God is from the spirit of this world secretly and unconsciously influencing his judgment and conduct.” The world we live in constitutes an environment that is estranged from God and hostile to His kingdom. Jesus said the world hates those who follow Him. Christians are not of the world (John 15:17). Most saints have no idea how much the evil in this world hinders their spiritual life. The Spirit of God living in our hearts enables us to entirely dispossess the spirit of the world if we will to. Instead of listening to the Holy Spirit we listen to the spirit of the world. We are in great need of revival, because we have ignored the Spirit of Christ and embraced the spirit of the world. Think of it! We love the same world that crucified our Savior. The coming of the Spirit at Pentecost brought the power of Christ to the church. The Spirit of Christ dwells in believers so we can live in this world and not be a part of it. The 21st century church is not known for its difference from the world, but for its deference to it. We are commanded not to love the world, but we do. The Christian church today smacks of worldliness. Churches are more like theaters than temples. Pastors perform, but they don’t pray. Prayer is given no time in most churches. They are seeker friendly and forget seekers are sinners. They preach on prosperity, miracles, and destiny, then go to lunch without mentioning the Gospel. We have replaced the way of the Spirit with the way of the world. The god of this world is blessed beyond his own hopes. The God of Heaven weeps. Revival is the answer to worldliness. Revival brings in the rule of the Spirit. Revival casts out all rivals to the Savior. Revival rejects the errors of the gurus. Revival restores the truth of the Gospel. During the civil war a certain man didn’t want to take sides, so he wore confederate pants and a union shirt. He got shot by both sides. The way to defeat the world is to overcome it, not compromise with it. Pray for the Holy Spirit to come down in revival. Even the world will then know what side we are on. Better yet, we will know. HA