The modus operandi behind contemporary theology involves the manipulation of language to suit the personal preferences of individuals. Biblical descriptions are separated from their context and given a new content. In this way the language of Scripture becomes a plastic medium for teaching almost anything.

“The recent trends in biblical studies demonstrate that we live in a creative and dynamic era ... biblical texts are being approached from every conceivable perspective. Biblical scholars have described this often perplexing array of approaches with words like “diversity,” “variety,” or “pluralism.” The best term to capture the true essence of current dialogues and debates, however, is heteroglossia. Heteroglossia, as used by the philosopher Mikhail Bakhtin, describes the dynamic interaction of a number of voices, ideologies, and positions, but none of them is pre-eminent; none rules or controls the others. Each ‘voice’ (or ‘discursive strata’) in this roiling mass of voices - even within the same national language - consists of a set of distinctive values and presuppositions. We may speak the same ‘language,’ but this apparently unified language contains both centripetal and centrifugal impulses; it actually consists of separate discourses.” (Review and Expositor 97 (2000): 443-66 David B Gowler, Heteroglossic Trends in Biblical Studies)

In this new paradigm instead of speaking with one voice the Scriptures have become a chorus of many voices all singing from a different song sheet. And in the prevailing confusion sincerity of opinion has become the dominant currency. The issue is no longer is a doctrine true but is it an honest belief? If it is, the prevailing conviction is that there is no need to change and that every belief has the same moral value.

In the contemporary promiscuous approach to Scripture many reject historicism as a valid method of interpretation. The bad news for them is God Himself is an historicist. “I am God, and there is none like Me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.” (Isaiah 46:9-10)

Historicism is God making known at “the beginning” in precise detail “what is still to come” at “the end.”

In Revelation 1:2 the prophetic content of Scripture is described as “the testimony of Jesus” which means anything bearing the label “the testimony of Jesus” is to be taken seriously and not to be tampered with. The essential nature of “the testimony of Jesus” as given through the prophets is clearly explained by Jesus in John 14:29; “I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe.”

Jesus defined the nature of Bible prophecy as telling it “before it happens so that when it happens you will believe.” If that is not an endorsement of the historicists’ interpretation of Scripture what is it? In 1Thessalonians 5:20 Paul says; “Do not treat prophecies with contempt.” Yet anybody who studies for themselves will soon discover the Scriptures have become a launching pad for multiple private opinion.

In the contemporary context heteroglossia means that everyone creates their own truth for themselves. It actually goes beyond that, heteroglossia represents the principle that everyone has the right to create their own truth for themselves. It means that the authority invested in the Scriptures has been transferred to the interpreter whoever they might be. In this way biblical authority no longer has a function in the church.

Now that we have defined the problem what is the answer? The answer is to accept the Scriptures unconditionally as God literally speaking to us individually through His written word. In the simplicity of following this biblical paradigm the Spirit will teach us to understand what is written just as it is written.
The Vatican and Marian Worship

As far back as 1928 H. G. Wells declared (The Open Conspiracy), “The political world of the Open Conspiracy (NWO) must weaken, efface, incorporate, and supersede existing governments. ... The character of the Open Conspiracy will now be plainly displayed. It will be a world religion.”

The biblical insights concerning the dynamics of the one-world religion are sketchy but they are clear as far as they go. But before we examine the Scriptures, just to provide a contemporary background to goddess worship, we should read the words of numerous popes. “Marian worship in the ecclesial community ... is based on the will of Christ.” (John Paul II, Vatican Information Service, May 7, 1997)

In a sermon October 25 1995 Pope John Paul II declared, “Mary is united to Christ in the whole work of Redemption, sharing, according to God's plan, in the Cross and suffering for our salvation...” (Cited Monsignor Arthur Burton The Mystery of Mary Coredemptrix in the Papal Magisterium)

“Mary is the Co-Mediator to whom we can entrust all our cares and petitions.” 1 “Our salvation is based upon the holy Virgin... so that if there is any hope and spiritual healing for us we receive it solely and uniquely from her.” 2 Pope Benedict XV said of Mary that, “one can justly say that with Christ, she herself redeemed mankind.” 3 In his Encyclical Ad Coeli Reginam Pius XII (p.210) refers to Mary as “Queen of Heaven and sovereign of the world.” 4 (Catholic Catechism 968-970, 2677, 5 Pope Pius IX, Ubi Primum, Feb. 2, 1849, 6 Cited, William Webster, The Church of Rome at the Bar of History, p.87)

In his first speech as Pope, delivered to the College of Cardinals gathered in the Sistine Chapel on April 20, 2005, Benedict XVI said: “In support of this promise, I invoke the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy, in whose hands I place the present and the future of my person and of the Church.” (Benedict XVI, a Pope of Christ, Communion, Collegiality, Vatican Information Service, April 20, 2005)

“The whole world was witness to an unprecedented outpouring of love and support for the late Pope John Paul II ... who dedicated his entire papacy to Our Lady. Was this show of unity, this convergence of the entire world at John Paul II's burial, perhaps a foretaste, a foreshadowing of a coming new Marian era, where the whole world comes back to the arms of the Father through the Lady, who will unite all the nations under her fold?” (Arthur Policarpio, Mary Mother of Jesus Mother of all People)

In Roman Catholic dogma when Jesus was crucified on the cross, as his mother, Mary experienced everything Jesus experienced, and since Mary's experience of the cross is identical to Jesus’ she becomes a co-mediator who God has chosen to mediate the benefits of the cross, through her as through Jesus.

“This unique Marian participation in Christ's mediation, specific to the Redemption of Jesus Christ, is climaxed at Calvary. At the cross, her spiritual suffering united to the redemptive sacrifice of her Son, as the New Eve with the New Adam. ... The Redeemer's gift of his own mother as spiritual mother to all humanity leads to the spiritual nourishment by the Mother to her children in the order of grace. This constitutes the distribution of the graces of Calvary by Mary to her spiritual children as Mediatrix of all graces, which perpetually continues her unique sharing in the one saving mediation of Jesus Christ.” (The Fifth Marian Dogma: As Explained by Our Lady http://www.all-about-the-virgin-mary.com/fifth-marian-dogma-explained.html)

As far back as the 14th century the apparition “Mary” asserted her role as a Co-Mediatrix with Christ.

“I boldly assert that His suffering became my suffering, because His heart was mine. And just as Adam and Eve sold the world for an apple, so in a certain sense my Son and I redeemed the world with one heart.” (Petrisko, Call of the Ages, p.247. Message from Mary to St. Bridget of Sweden, 14th century)
Signs and Wonders in the Heavens

According to The Thunder of Justice, (p.19) the papacy looks to Mary performing paranormal events in the heavens in support of setting up a universal papal authority as Mary's “final victory over Satan.”

“Pope John Paul II wrote in his 1987 encyclical Redemptoris Mater that Marian apparitions signify that the Blessed Virgin’s journey through time and space is a pilgrimage toward the Second Coming of Jesus and her final victory over Satan. This is her role now as it has been predestined from the beginning:”

Malachi Martin says Mary’s “victory” will create a religious dictatorship in which the pope will be the sole arbitrator on politics and economics; “John Paul's goal is a geopolitical structure for the society of nations designed and maintained according to the ethical plans and doctrinal outlines of Christianity as taught and propagated by the Roman Pontiff as the earthly Vicar of Christ.” (Keys of This Blood p.455)

John Paul II made Mary's soon to be cosmic appearances a pontifical theme. “On this universal level, if victory comes, it will be brought by Mary. Christ will conquer through her, because He wants the church's victories now and in the future, to be linked to her.” (Crossing the Threshold of Hope p.220)

The Marian apparitions are particularly vocal on forecasting a worldwide cosmic event seen by everyone.

“Soon, I [Mary] will come, my children! Soon, I will be in your midst with a great light. … I will pass above everyone in a cloud and everyone will see me. … I will give a great sign in the sky for those who will still want to be saved. All those who have recourse to me who have a look of repentance, this will be sufficient to save them.” (Timothy Beckley & Art Crockett, Secret Prophecy of Fatima Revealed, pp. 106, 107)

“I wish to also tell you that before my apparitions end completely ... I will be seen among all people, not for just a moment, but everyone will have a chance to see me. As I appeared in Zeitoun, [visibly in the sky] I shall appear again so everyone may see me.”(Cited Queen of Rome, Queen of Islam, Queen of All)

Predictive prophecy is something like a jigsaw puzzle with certain pieces missing. There are enough pieces to get a broad outline of coming events but there are always elements within the fulfillment of prophecy that are not contained in the prophecy itself that cannot be known until the prophecy is fulfilled.

However, what we do know is that in the endtime the entire world will be deceived by “lying signs and wonders”1 and by “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, the Almighty.”2 (12Thess. 2:9, 2Rev.16:14)

We also know from Jesus the endtime generation will experience “terrors and great signs from heaven.”

“Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens. Although the nations are terrified by them.”1 “There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.”2 (1Jeremiah 10:2, 2Luke 21:11)

Adventists own prophet predicted these things; “The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.” (RH, Sept 10, 1903)

“Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived.” (GC 624)
The Goddess of Towers

According to Malachi Martin (Keys of This Blood p.183), when the apparition “Mary” does her big thing in the heavens the reigning pope of that time will “emerge as the most powerful man alive in his time.”

“The Pope will be crammed with a success never registered in the life of any preceding pope. ... in the sight of all nations his authority ... will be declared in the skies above every nation so that across the face of the earth all men and women will see clearly where they stand in relation to the one he shared his blood to make those keys perdurable until the end of all human time.” (Keys of This Blood pp. 464-465)

There is biblical backup for the Roman Catholic assertion that a cosmic Mary, making pronouncements from the heavens, will impose the “Marian worship” of Pope John Paul II (and others) on a global basis and install whoever then is pope to the high office of Gott auf der Erde worthy of practical latria worship.

“And the king [of the North] shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.” (Daniel 11:36-45, 12:1)

In this prophecy we are told the endtime “king of the north” (Babylon) will worship the deity known as “the god of fortresses” and that with assistance from this deity; “He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god.” Bearing in mind that the Hebrew text has no chapters and verses the timeframe for the fulfillment of this prophecy is found in Daniel 12:1. “At that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people ... will be rescued.”

Based on linguistics the identity of the “god of fortresses” can be easily established from biblical history.

Israel worshiped the Canaanite goddess Astarte and according to Alexander Hislop (The Two Babylons p.229) the root meaning of Ast-tart is “The woman that made towers.” Astarte is linked to the Babylonian goddess Ishtar who was historically linked to Semeramis. In Jeremiah (7:18-27) the contemporary “goddess of towers” was the Canaanite deity Ashtoreth (or Astarte) who was also a clone of Semiramis.

Semiramis acquired the title of the god of towers (or fortresses) because of events within her history.

“Semiramis was forced to build a system of walls, towers, and gates around Babylon to defend herself. She was thus the first to build fortifications and her crown afterwards was in the form of the turreted walls of Babylon. To oppose the accusations of ‘mere’ womanhood laid against her, she had herself deified ... and installed as ‘The Queen of Heaven’.” (Bryce Self, Semiramis, Queen of Heaven)

On the basis of the biblical testimony we can say with certainty that the endtime “king of Babylon” will worship a goddess bearing the title “The Queen of Heaven” and that is precisely how it has turned out.

“Among all the women who have ever lived, the mother of Jesus Christ is the most celebrated, the most venerated. ... Among Roman Catholics, the Madonna is recognized not only as the Mother of God, but also, according to modern Popes, as the Queen of the Universe, Queen of Heaven, Seat of Wisdom, and even the Spouse of the Holy Spirit.” (Time Magazine, ‘Handmaid or Feminist?’ Dec. 30, 1991, p. 62-66)
United Religions Initiative president Episcopal Bishop William Swing says, “There will have to be a godly cease-fire, a temporary truce where the absolute exclusive claims of each [religion] will be honored but an agreed-upon neutrality will be exercised in terms of proselytizing, [which ]will not be tolerated in the United Religions zone.” The United Religions Initiative rejection of proselytizing is because, “the URI promotes religious relativism the notion that all religions are equally true and are equally paths to God.”

Annie Kirkwood, popular New Age Guru, claims she received the following message from Mary; “It does not matter what your religious affiliation is. There is only One God, who is the Creator of all. In all parts of the world He is known by different names. In different religions He is known by different names… The name you use to address this Creator is not important.” (Mary’s Message to the World p.151)

“The Belgian Jesuit theologian Fr. Dupuis told the conference October 11 ‘we should not refer to the other religions as 'non-Christian' …we should refer to them as 'the others'.’ Dupuis added ‘Christians and 'the others' are co-members of the Reign of God in history,’ and ‘the Holy Spirit is present and operative in the sacred books of Hinduism or of Buddhism,’ as well as in ‘the sacred rites of Hinduism.’ ... 'The religion of the future will be a general converging of religions in a universal Christ that will satisfy all.'” (Fatima Turning into an Interfaith Shrine http://www.byzcath.org/forums/ubbthreads.php/topics/76202/2)

According to Wayne Weible every religion is Mary's religion. “Wherever she appears, the Queen of Heaven makes it clear that she has come for all her children, not just Catholics. Protestants, Muslims, and individuals from other religious affiliations often go to apparition sites sceptical only to find that they too have been touched by Mary. Many non-Catholics have actually converted to the Roman Catholic faith after an apparition experience.” (Medjugorje The Message, Brewster, MA, Paraclette Press, 1989, p.344)

Says Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, (Mary and the Moslems): “I believe that the Blessed Virgin chose to be known as Our Lady of Fatima as a pledge and a sign of hope to the Moslem people, and as an assurance that they, who show her so much respect, will one day accept her divine Son, too. Mary is the portal for Moslems to accept Christ. … It is our firm belief the fears some entertain concerning the Muslims are not to be realized, but that Islam, instead, will eventually be converted to Christianity and in a way that even some of our missionaries never suspect. It is our belief that this will happen not through the direct teaching of Christianity but through a summoning of the Muslims to a veneration of the Mother of God.”

According to the Hadiths (prophetic sayings of Muhammad) it is reported Muhammad said, “Paradise is at the feet of the Mother.” In other special ways Muhammad is linked to the feminist principle in deity.

“Muhammad’s peak defining experience, called the Meraj, saw him elevated through the seven heavens to the realm of God Almighty. .... Muhammad was escorted by the archangel Gabriel (a masculine force) but the vehicle upon which Muhammad rode was the beautiful ‘Buraq.’ The Buraq was a white horse with wings and the face of a woman! Clearly suggesting that the great power by which Muhammad was elevated to the level of supreme consciousness was ultimately feminine in nature! Some scholars say that the Buraq is an Islamic symbol of the Kundalini, a force that Eastern Yogis describe as the Goddess or Divine Mother.” (Fatimah, Mary and the Divine Feminine in Islam, http://www.sol.com.au/kor/22_02.htm)

In the near future universal Marian worship will be established under the iron fisted jurisdiction of a new age papacy. And it will not be friendly to those who practice biblical Christianity. Then we will know who truly believes in the Lord Jesus. The entire matter is spelt out in the prophetic writings of Scripture.