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 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 fornication. 15So hast thou also AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 ever. them that hold the doctrine ‘of nication. \ So hast thou   
 also them that hold the   
 doctrine of the Nicolai.   
 the Nicolaitans, tin like manner. tanes, which thing I hate.   
 ‘ 16 Repent therefore t, or else I will \ Repent; or else I will   
 \* come unto thee quickly, and ‘ will come unto thee quickly,   
 tie fight against them with the sword and will fight against   
 them with the sword of   
 si of my mouth. 178 He that hath an my mouth. ™ He that   
 ear, let him hear what the Spirit hath an ear, let him hear   
 saith unto the churches. To him what the Spirit saith unto   
 that overcometh will I give ¢ of the the churches ; To him that   
 t toca \* hidden manna, and will give him a overcometh will I give to   
 omitted eat of the hidden manna,   
 land will give hima white   
   
 guilty. But seeing that the participation and eventually Balaam himself [Num.   
 was that which was common to both, our xxxi. 8] were slain: but seeing that the   
 Lord takes that as the point to he brought connexion with ch. i. 16 is so plainly   
 forward) and to commit fornication, asserted by our ver. 12, it seems better   
 15.] Thus thou also hast (as well as to confine the allusion to that sword, and   
 those of old: not, as the Church at not to streteh it to what after all is very   
 Ephesus, ver. 6) men holding (sce above) doubtful analogy).   
 the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like 17.] Conclusion. For the former clause   
 manner (viz. in eating things offered to see on ver. 7. We may notice that in   
 idols, and fornication. We may remark, these three first Epistles, proclamation   
 1) that it is most according to the sense precedes the promise to him that con-   
 of the passage to understand these sins in quereth: in the four last, it follows the   
 the case of the Nicolaitans, as in that of promise.—To him that conquereth I will   
 those whom Balaam tempted, literally, and give to him (sce above on ver. 7) of the   
 not mystically : 2) that the whole sense of manna which is hidden (in this manna,   
 the passage i8 against the idea of the iden- there is unmistakably an allusion to the   
 tity of the Balaamites and the Nicolaitans : proper and heavenly food of the children   
 and would be in fact by it. The of Israel, as contrasted with the unhal-   
 mere existence of the etymological relation lowed idol-offerings ; but beyond that,   
 is extremely doubtful tes aboye on ver. there is an allusion again [see above on   
 6]: and even granting it,—to suppose the ver. 7} to our Lord’s discourse in John   
 identical, would be to destroy the his- vi, where He describes Himself as the   
 sal illustration by which the present true bread from heaven: not that we need   
 existing sect is described). 16.] Re- here, any more than in ver. 7 [see note   
 pont therefore (the command is addressed there], confuse the present figure by lite-   
 not only to the Nicolaitans, but to the rally pressing the symbolism of that chap-   
 chureh, which did not, like that of ter. Christ’s gifts may all be summed up   
 hate them, but apparently tolerated them) : in the gift of Himself: on the other hand,   
 but if not, [will] come to thee quickly He may describe any of the manifold pro-   
 (here again,— though in the common phrase prieties of his own Person and office as His   
 which expresses the last day,—not said gift. This manna is hidden, in allusion   
 of the Lord’s final coming ; as indeed the partly perhaps to the fact of the pot of   
 language shews, for then He will no longer manna laid up in the ark in the holy of   
 “make war’), and will make war with holies (Exod. xvi. 83: compare our ch. xi.   
 them (the Nieolaitans) with (literally, in, 19: not to the Jewish fable, that a pot of   
 as arsed with or arrayed in) the sword. manna was hidden by Josiah before the   
 of my mouth (!any expositors suppose an wasting of the temple, and shall again be   
 allusion to the sword of the angel, armed produced in the time of the Messiah]: —but   
 with which he withstood Balaam in the principally to the fact that our spiritual   
 way [Nom. xxii. 23, 31], or to that and life, with its springs and nourishments, is   
 the sword by whieh those who sinned in hid with Christ in God, Col. ili. 3. See   
 tha matter of Baalpeor (Num. xxv. 5] also Ps, Inxvili. 243 ev. 40), and I will