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NEW AGE TRANCE

JESUS IS THE DELIVERER

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"Men have forgotten God," says Russian anti- communist dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. "The secret of healing our century's ills lies in the individual's daily choice of good over evil in the restoration of our lost religious faith."¹

SATAN HAS RELEASED AN ARMY OF EVIL SPIRITS

The Spirit of God revealed to John in a vision that in the last days, demon spirits would be released upon the earth which would go forth to deceive the world. (Rev. 16:13-14), "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."

These three spirits that John saw represent **lying, deceiving, seducing demon spirits** that are going to be released by Satan. (Rev. 16:14). "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

The Body of Christ is facing the most horrendous, Satanic and demonic greater confrontation than at any other time in history. It will be a time of intensified spiritual warfare where demons will manifest themselves and will fight in direct confrontation with God's people. The Lord Jesus told us in (Matt. 10:22), "And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." And then in (Matt. 6:33), He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness . . ."

It may be true that some Christians do not know that they are supporting witchcraft. Many have believed that by ignoring the Devil will make him disappear. The biggest problem in the Western Church is that they do not take the powers of witchcraft seriously. They generally believe that it is not real or just fantasy and make belief. Others believe that if witches and wizards were real

with demonic powers, it could not have any affect upon them because they are Christians. Actually, they are right. Witchcraft can only have power over a Christian only if he or she has open doors. These are doors of sin in their lives or doorways of stepping onto Satan's territory. Witchcraft is Satan's territory.

NEW AGE MOVEMENT

The new age movement is the most deceptive and damaging philosophy around today. It is entwined not only in witchcraft and Satanism, it is prevalent in all denominations of what the world calls Christianity. The belief system is deeply rooted in Eastern Mysticism and the Occult. Followers are told to awaken their God consciousness thru Transcendental Meditation, Yoga, Hypnosis, visualization etc. What most do not understand is, this is the same thing Satan said in the garden of Eden to Eve. "You will be as Gods" (Gen. 3:4,5). No one is a god. To think so puts you on the list of those going to hell. Big ole fat Buddha was demon possessed. Hinduism, Taoism and all the eastern philosophies are a result of demons talking to those who would allow them to. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, not through meditative practices, rituals and methods. "Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness," (Lk. 11:35).

WARNING TO THE SLEEPING CHURCH

John D. Morris, Ph.D. warns that even the Christian Church is sleeping concerning the vital issues of our times. He writes, "Meanwhile, all around us we see movements and counter movements, scientific discoveries of new truth and the refutation of widely held myth are, selfless commitment to causes and selfish desire for personal satisfaction."¹

Morris goes on to say, "**At the same time, abortion, promiscuity, drugs, homosexuality—are promoted at the expense of traditional values.** Even worse, the logical extensions' scientific evolutionist — cosmic consciousness, occultism, New Age thinking—are taking an unwary and uneducated public (and the Christian Church) by storm, many times **under the guise of science and with supposed scientific underpinnings.**"²

He goes to the heart of the problem when he bears a witness, to the highest degree, that in many instances, the Churches abdication of her responsibilities as a standard bearer of Jesus Christ, Most distressing of all is the fact that during this time of polarization, while black is so clearly black and white is so clearly white, many Christians are adopting aspects of the evolutionary/occultic/New Age world view, consistently choosing to come down on the "dark side of the gray."³

Christians and Christian churches everywhere are embracing evolution as God's method of creation, adapting the counseling and sel-help techniques of Eastern mysticism into "Christian" counseling, utilizing New Age music in their worship services, etc. This blurring of two irreconcilable world views is all one-sided. The anti-Christians are not becoming more accommodating to Christian beliefs. **Rather Christians are rushing to endorse, accommodate, and adopt ungodly practices and thought to their own detriment and ultimate demise. God's people everywhere need to be called back to the truth, indeed the Truth, before it is too late.**⁴

In the name of "unity," Christians are called to unite and believe, "that all pathways lead back to God." Yes, we are supposed to walk in unity with our Christian brothers and sisters. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," (Jn. 14:6).

God is a great God, omniscient (knowing all things), omnipotent (unlimited in power), omnipresent (present everywhere). "For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than

any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do," (Heb. 4:12,13).⁵

Since the Lord is going to judge our thoughts and attitudes of the heart, He surely is not going to overlook taking Him and His Word lightly, jesting, and foolish talking. Taking the name of God in vain, cursing, profanity, fornication, adultery, stealing, murder, idolatry, and witchcraft are sins that abominations to God. And furthermore, all hypocrisy, indifference, anger, hatred, reveling, drunkenness, emulation, uncleanness, lasciviousness, strife, sedition, heresies, envying, disobedience to parents, love of self, unholiness, covetousness, boasting, pride, blasphemy, unthankfulness, unnatural affections, truce breaking, false accusing, incontinence and fierce; this sins God will judge. Also, included are these: despising of those that are good, high-mindedness, loving pleasure more than God, denying the power of God, counting the blood of Christ as an unholy thing, sorcery and dishonesty, (Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:2-5; Rev. 21:8).⁶

The names of activities that are listed above are motivated by devils. The Church has the answers through the deliverance ministry and the teaching of the Bible and Christian character. However, the Church of Jesus Christ must have spiritual eyes to discern the spirits involved in a person's life. Ministers must ask the Lord to let them see which spirit is operating. Is it a devil? Is the human spirit controlling the person's flesh? Is it an emotional spirit controlling the nervous system? Is it a mental spirit in control? Is the Spirit of the Holy Spirit in control or is it a religious spirit of the Devil?⁷

TRANSFORMATION

The Christian Church has slept through the great occult witchcraft revival of the seventies, eighties, and nineties. Communion with God is a participation in eternal life by grace through by faith. Such communion is not achieved by imagination, visualizations, solitude, or mystical formulas. To purport any other communion with God apart from grace through faith is to attempt to overthrow the Gospel. False teachers have attempted to supplant the Gospel by seducing multitudes with doctrines that can damn their souls for eternity.

One such communication is presented her by New Age teacher Barbara Marx Hubbard. She is a "self-described futurist and '**conscious evolutionist**'. Ms. Barbara Marx Hubbard writes that in 1966 she heard an 'inner voice' that came in response to a question she had asked aloud and directed to God? 'What is our story? What in our age is comparable to the birth of Christ?' After asking the question she said she fell into a dreamlike state and was given an intense vision of the future."⁸

Metanoia is a favorite word of the Theosophists. New Age leader Barbara Marx Hubbard used the term, too. In the same manner that other New Agers such as, Willis Harman and Leonard Sweet used it, she has a twist. Her use of the word has to do with creating an alternative future for mankind. The Theosophists don't like the biblical scenario in the book of *Revelation* that speaks of endtime disasters and God's judgment. Instead, Hubbard wrote her own book *The Revelation* in which she proposed an **Armageddon** alternative called the "**Planetary Pentecost.**" She said: "In the twinkling of an eye, we are all changed by this experience. It is a mass **metanoia**, a shared spiritual experience for the human race, a peaceful second coming of the divine in us as us."⁹

This nutty woman teaches that can people rewrite the Bible through their new metanoia or transformations of their minds and spirits. What does a New Ager mean concerning these words

metanoia or transformation? Born Again (Rebirth): Personal or Planetary transformation and healing. The point at which a New Age believer "lets go" and allows his Higher Self or Inner Guide (translated: demons) to guide and direct his life. Some New Agers describe this as Kundalini, a Hindu term meaning "serpent power."¹⁰

Very interesting. The author has delivered many people ensnared in some of these New Age motivated "revivals." The Lord showed me through the gift of discerning of spirits, the powerful Kundalini spirit was in control of these people. When I called the spirit of Kundalini out, it came out screaming, "Hail Lucifer." (IPet. 5; 8) "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

"Webster is aptly describing the transformation occurring in American spirituality today, "millions of devout followers of Jesus Christ are repudiating tepid systems and practices of the Christian faith and introducing a wholesale shift in how faith is understood, integrated, and influencing the world. Because human beings become what they believe, and practicing what they believe is the swiftest and surest means of generating lasting change, this revolution of faith is the most significant transition you or I will experience during our lifetime."¹¹

For the past 30-40 years, there has been a massive undertaking to indoctrinate and train evangelical pastors and leaders through various entities such as, (Leadership Network) and para church organizations to become "**change agents**" for "**transformation.**" This leadership training, even though often done in the guise of "servant leader" (to make it more palatable), utilizes corporate business and marketing models.¹²

For example, leaders are trained to develop a company "vision" and then, by using sophisticated group marketing techniques, persuade the "customers" (people in the pews) to "buy into" this vision. This approach is top-down, not laity-initiated.¹³

GROUP OPERATIONS

Much of the subtle power of the new movements, theologies and agendas of neo evangelicalism relies upon this basic fact of human nature, (NOT JESUS AND THE BIBLE). The leaders of these movements have been well-trained in the arts of human manipulation.

The social scientists and psychologists have researched this aspect of the human personality for decades. They developed tools with which to manipulate behavior that rely upon the fear of rejection, ostracization, alienation, ridicule, and scorn. They conducted experiments which told them that humans would engage in behaviors to avoid these types of stressful situations. They discovered that humans would compromise their beliefs and values and activities just to fit into a pressure-filled group situation. The nature of man is such that he would rather "go with the flow" than risk suffering rejection.¹⁴

The scientists learned that people would want to fit in, to be accepted, to feel normal, and to adapt to a group. And that this group could then hold sway over people, exercising a power over them, causing them to make changes in their life.

The business psychologists incorporated a philosophy of change into these methods. They learned that if people came to believe that every aspect of life is in a state of constant fluctuation and inconstancy, they are easier to manipulate in groups.¹⁵

The terminology is important because the following words and phrases are used interchangeably to describe the same phenomena in the modern evangelical movement:

Reformation
Restoration
Revolution
New Reformation
New Apostolic Reformation
Transition
Transformation
Second Reformation
Renewal ¹⁶

CAN TRANSFORMED PEOPLE CHANGE THE BIBLE?

Getting back to the insane belief of New Ager, Ms. Hubbard says, "Armageddon is, dearly beloved, the dreadful script which you and I rewrite now."¹⁷

She goes on to write, "Here we are, now poised either on the brink of destruction greater than the world has ever seen, a destruction which will cripple planet Earth forever and release only the few to go on, or on the threshold of global co-creation wherein each person on Earth will be attracted to participate in his or her own evolution to godliness."¹⁸

It truly is mind boggling that this New Age promoter, as well as others, seems to see the end time prophecies as unfolding in their lifetimes. However, they believe that they can change what God has told us about the future by connecting in mass meditation of unity.

Why are these quotes from Barbara Marx Hubbard relevant to New Age evangelist, Willis Harman and his speech about the future to a group of evangelical leaders back in 1979? Because many of the leading New Age Theosophists have continued to find common ground with neo evangelicals over the past 25 years. And, particularly since 9/11, there has been a dramatic escalation in cooperation between New Age Theosophists and leading evangelicals ¹⁹

They are moving the Christian faith into a new world religion. Many Christian churches and leaders have fallen under their spells through brainwashing techniques. Christian terms that the New Age has twisted and perverted, along with a few terms unique to the New Age lexicon are used to capture the minds of those teachers who have need of true Christian teachers.

Noah Webster explained, "The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

Underlying the outward image of the United States of America as "the greatest nation on earth," a powerfully prosperous 'Christian nation', lies a spiritual force of unbelievable satanic power and influence, Humanism has emerged through one of the most powerful principalities ever devised by Satan. In this book I will lift the superficial cover of the United States to reveal a world of dark powers and rulers teeming below the surface.

The Bible says (Eph. 6:11), "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph. 6:12), "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual

wickedness in high places.” (Eph. 6:13), “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

The most profound truth that ultimately affects the life of every human being now on earth is: there is a spiritual war raging for their souls! The Kingdom of God Almighty and the Kingdom of Satan are battling for the ultimate control of every human life on this planet. While this spiritual war progressively rages, almost all the so-called spiritual shepherds, pastors, priests and prophets are proclaiming, “peace, peace, when there is no peace. Or they are selling a flesh Christianity of you and me, me, me.”

The United States has been slipping from its world renowned position as a “Christian nation” to one which increasingly condones, accepts, and even favors the philosophies of humanism. Nowhere is this trend more evident than in our educational system.

The New Age religion is the next transition stage. Satan has progressed with his plan to the point that we will not be able to put the true and living God back in the classroom or on the public throne. If we are successful in putting religion or prayer back into education, who will sit upon the throne? The angel of light, the real deceiver, Satan!" And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," (II Cor. 11:14). For instance, for years there have been some drives to put prayer back into the public schools.²⁰ But without hope. However, if they do put prayer back into the schools, it will not be the same type that was taken out. It will be a prayer “to whom it may concern.”

DOUBLE SPEAK

Here are their definitions of this New Age Religion that is rapidly capturing the hearts and minds of the Body of Christ.

God: An impersonal energy force, immanent in all things. To the New Age, "God" can be referred to either as she or he, mother or father, god or goddess. Most New Age teachers hold that Mother Earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars - indeed all of nature - can be worshiped as "God."

Christ: A reincarnated avatar, Messiah, or messenger sent from the "hierarchy" (see Angels below) to give the living on earth spiritually advanced revelation. The New Age contends that Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, Jesus, and many others were "Christs," but one greater than all of them will soon come to usher in the New Age. To the Christian, this coming New Age "Christ" is, in fact, the Antichrist.

The Bible says, (Jn. 10:36), “Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God ?”

Angels: More frequently called "Ascended Masters, masters of Wisdom, Ancient masters, spirit guides, inner guides, spirit counsellors, one's Higher Self, the Self, super beings, aeons, muses or walkins." Collectively called the "hierarchy." Whichever term is used, the discerning Christian will recognize these shadowy entities not as "angels," but as demons.

(The Bible calls these entities as follows: Mrs. Jesse Penn-Lewis defines the satanic forces described in (Eph. 6:12) as: “**Principalities** - force and dominion dealing with nations and governments; **Powers** - having authority and power of action in all the spheres open to them, **World rulers** - governing the darkness and blindness of the world at large; **Wicked Spirits** in heavenly places - the forces being directed in and upon the Church of Jesus Christ in wiles, fiery darts, onslaught, and ever conceivable deception and about doctrine which they are capable of planning.)²¹

(Matt 13:41-42), "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Born Again (Rebirth-New Age): Personal or Planetary transformation and healing. The point at which a New Age believer "lets go" and allows his Higher Self or Inner Guide (translated: demons) to guide and direct his life. Some New Agers describe this as Kundalini, a Hindu term meaning "serpent power."

Christians that are born again cannot bring about this experience about themselves. It is a supernatural act that given to them by God. (Jn. 3:3), "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The Second coming: It is claimed that at the Second Coming a New Age believer achieves "Christ consciousness," an exalted, higher state in which he is spiritually transformed into a divine being. This phrase also can mean the appearance on earth of the New Age messiah, or "Christ," and his hierarchy of demons.

Jesus is not a Christ consciousness. He is God in the flesh according to the first chapter of John. He is coming again to take dominion over the world after the tribulation period.

Heaven/Kingdom of God: The New Age, or Aquarian Age, is expected to be the era when heaven and the Kingdom of God are realized on earth. The reincarnated "Christ" (the Antichrist) is to reign over the new Age, bringing in a One World Religion and consolidating all nations into one monolithic government.

Heaven/Kingdom of God. (Gen 1:1), "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth." The Bible teaches that Heaven is a different place than earth. Jesus is not sitting at the right hand of God. (Eph 1:20-21), "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."

Hell: New Agers deny the existence of hell and a judgement. They also deny that sin and evil exist. God is alleged to be beyond good and evil.²² (Rev 1:18), "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Notice how the New Age Movement have incorporated Christian terminology into their messages but have skillfully changed the original Christian language into new spiritual meanings. We call this double-speak. It is an irrefutable indictment of those who subvert language to distort the truth. In the above cited New Age definition of their belief system, I have cited a comparison of the Christian concepts of these double-speak words of the New Age and revealed the original meaning according to the Bible. The use of double-speak by the New Age is not a slip of the tongue, or language used out of ignorance, but is instead a very conscious use of language as a weapon or tool by those in power to achieve their ends at our expense. George Orwell saw so clearly when he wrote, "the great weapon of power, exploitation, manipulation, and oppression is language. It is only

by being aware of the pervasiveness of doublespeak and its function as a tool of social, economic (religious), and political control that we can begin to fight those who would use language against us.”²³

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

A great man of God, Howard Carter, said: "If one was informed about a spirit but had no vision of the spirit, he would not discern it. but, by the discerning of a spirit we see beyond the sphere for which we have been created since we are a natural being. The discerning of spirit is only by the revelation of the Holy Spirit that we can perceive the things that live in the spirit world."

The Church, in many instances has no spiritual discernment. Many believe if you ignore the Devil, or if you don't believe in him, he can have no effect over you "because you are a Christian. Wrong! Dead wrong. The Christian Church is being taken over by deceivers who are using mind control and eastern religious techniques. It is truly the case of the blind leading the blind.

The New Testament was written for the believer. It shows a definite spiritual warfare of defense for the Christian. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded," (Jam. 4:7-8).

INFILTRATION FROM WITHIN

DRAW CHRISTIANS TO BACKSLIDE

Witchcraft has entered the American Churches in many manifestations and forms. Many leaders do not discern it because they mainly do not believe that witchcraft even exists! It is time that the Church shake itself out of the spiritual stupor that it finds itself. The Church is so fragmented, it seems that Satan's army is foraging ahead with his well-organized plan to bring the entire world into rebellion against God! Better homes and garden Christianity is everywhere. At the same time, many are living in deep sin but still go to church every Sunday and dance and praise the Lord.

Recently we had a man come to our church. He was being tormented by evil spirits. The author spoke about the spirit of Jezebel operating in churches. I'll call this man "Mitch." After the meeting, Mitch came up for prayer.

"You have just described my girl friend. When we first started dating, we kept our relationship pure. Soon we became engaged and fell into sexual sin. She asked me to move into her house at the beach. Our relationship has lasted for a year. I loved her very much but last week she told me that she was bored and tired of me. She kicked me out."

Mitch went on to say, "I am the music minister in the church and the preacher is having affairs with three different women. We sing and praise the Lord for about 2 ½ hours. There is not enough Word of God being preached to convict us.

The author explained to Mitch that if he would repent, I could deliver him from these sexual spirits. He blinked his eyes and stood on one foot then the other. He said, "Well, let me go back and see if she's still in the Church."

Mitch has never returned for deliverance and freedom from these spirits.

The spirit of Jezebel is operating over the country in many churches. The New Testament describes this type of woman in the church. “Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works,” (Rev. 2:20-23).

In the book, *Witch Doctor and the Man*, the author wrote about how these Jezebel are used by the Devil as his agents in Africa.

When indulging in witchcraft, I was an absolute spiritual slave. The agents that live mostly in the sea are ardent haters of Christianity. They will go to great lengths to war against the Church of Jesus Christ. Believers are the targets. Guru had venomous hatred for God and His people. He told us that the reason that he hated God was because he drove him out of his place. His hatred seems to saturate us with the same spirit. He was hungry for souls and our jobs were to get them for him.

Former witches and wizards have given many testimonies that they are taught to go into Christian churches and pretend to be Christians so that they can destroy the ministry. I know for a fact that Satan will lead a person into the church of Jesus Christ for the sole purpose of destroying the leadership.

Our targets were to seek out sincere Christians to tempt them to sin. He vocalized that hypocrites were already subjects of his kingdom and how they are used to make weak Christians fall. He continued to instruct us that we should only fight born again Christians because all the other people in the world belonged to him! The name of Jesus was never mentioned in this underwater city.

In the demonic world, the very day that a Christian gives his or her life to Jesus as Lord and Savior, the demons mark the first day of the fifty-two days — they have seven times in a cycle which is fifty two days after fifty-two days, then they will form another cycle and will release two demons and about two hundred or three hundred evil spirits to track that person. In the beginning when the person accepts Jesus, they are so zealous and on fire. The demons will not come near because the person is so powerful.

After a time, these demons will begin to recall the person’s past. When they want to read the Word, they speak to his/her mind, the sins that they loved. If a person is a smoker and has not stopped, a doper and has not stopped, the demons will use these open spiritual doors to draw him back. They will distract the person and stir up his flesh to desire every sin of the past again. If a person has not gone through deliverance, the sins of the flesh still control him. Then the demons will work to draw him back.

Later on, they will just trail the person for five, ten years. Because the Christian was previously with the devil, he knows them. He will begin to dwell on their past by projecting these images upon their minds or in their dreams. The demons cannot get the Christian for the first five years, but at six years, they began to work against the person’s zeal. They will use little demons to bring to the people’s self-esteem, laziness, and coldness toward attending church. The demons have time. They will work these little things gradually. If the Christian accepts the demon’s idea into their minds, soon the demons will be able to lead them away from God.²⁴

Bishop Kanco goes on to say,

We can see that the Devil does inspire false signs and wonders and false prophecies in the Church. Since the Devil desires to control people's lives, he finds willing human agents who are filled with ambition for power to do his work. Then he sows his agents in the Church of Jesus Christ. Also, he has millions in the world that he uses to work evil powers, such as hexes, spells and animal and human blood sacrifices against the Church. Believe me, if a Christian Church or an individual Christian has an open door through hidden sin, these powers of destruction will be successful. His infiltrators that are sown in the church will usurp the authority of leadership and work in the background to catch people in a web of deceit. The Bible clearly shows these bewitching people serve other gods, and work with seducing spirits. Let us look at (I Tim. 4:1-3). "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with Thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Remember this, Satan is helpless with his destructive powers unless there are open doors of sin that put a person in agreement with his power. His agents work through sensational attractions and fascinations by false prophets, false signs and wonders, etc., (Mk. 13:22). People who are drawn away from the truth are shown to have seared consciences, (I Tim. 4:1), deceived, (I Jn. 2: 18, 26; II Tim. 3:13); fascination to evil ways, objects, or persons, (Prov. 12:25) and/or seduced, enticed, (I Tim. 4:1,2; 2 Tim. 3:13).²⁵

The means of seduction are his agents' use spirits of divination, psychology, New Age religions and sexual sins of adultery, fornication, pornography. This is worked through people who are inspired by the spirit of the Antichrist by their hunger for personal ambition. I have experience working in this invisible world of demons as one of his agents using Satan's power. I remember how the powers and principalities operate with their underlings.²⁶

The Bishop says that female agents are sent into churches to lead men into adultery. He tells us, "In my country, once a person becomes born again, they hardly ever return to their sin life. The reason is that the leadership of the church really goes after them if they backslide. Another matter, if a Christian backslides in Africa, they are open to strong-serious demonic attack by the witches and wizards. These evil agents quickly rush in and try to kill them before they can repent. First they will tempt him or her to do wrong. As the cold Christian obeys, he or she becomes open for a spirit to enter and take control."

Kanco goes on to say, "Secondly, if the sin is continually indulged in after professed conversion, not repented, such a person is wide open to demonic oppression in its many forms. In this way, Satan's agents (witches and wizards) can see their spiritual condition and quickly move to take control. Christians are generally blind concerning the gift of discerning of spirits. In other words, spiritual discerning of spirits is needed to help protect these weak people. Moreover, we try to bring them to repentance. It is very dangerous and delusional to think Satan's demons adopt a hands off policy to believers. In fact, they can affect and afflict believers. They buffet them, oppose and seek to tempt or deceive and lead them astray. To sum up, they look for and quickly seize any advantage to hinder believers."²⁷

The Bible makes it clear in both the Old and New Testaments that occult (New Age), practices are an abomination to the Lord. (Deut. 18:10-12), "There shall not be found among you any . . . that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD."

Another scripture passage that points out just how seriously God views the occult and wizardry (New Age) is (Acts 13:10), The Apostle Paul indicts Elymas the sorcerer with these words, "O full of all subtlety (deceit) and all mischief (maliciousness), thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

The fact is, we should not mimic things that are an abomination to the Lord. No one should even pretend to be a child of the devil, an enemy of righteousness. When they do, they pervert the acceptable ways of the Lord!

TRUTH

Return the Lord your God. Follow Jesus and He will get you through these perilous times.

"Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day." (Ps. 25:5).

Charles Spurgeon writes, "When the believer has begun with trembling feet to walk in the way of the Lord, he asks to be still led onward like a little child upheld by its parent's helping hand, and he craves to be further instructed in the alphabet of truth. Experimental teaching is the burden of this prayer. David knew much, but he felt his ignorance, and desired to be still in the Lord's school: four times over in two verses he applies for a scholarship in the college of grace. It were well for many professors if instead of following their own devices, and cutting out new paths of thought for themselves, they would enquire for the good old ways of God's own truth, and beseech the Holy Ghost to give them sanctified understandings and teachable spirits. "*For thou art the God of my salvation.*" The Three-One Jehovah is the Author and Perfecter of salvation to His people. Reader, is He the God of *your* salvation? Do you find in the Father's election, in the Son's atonement, and in the Spirit's quickening, all the grounds of your eternal hopes? If so, you may use this as an argument for obtaining further blessings; if the Lord has ordained to save you, surely He will not refuse to instruct you in His ways. It is a happy thing when we can address the Lord with the confidence which David here manifests, it gives us great power in prayer, and comfort in trial. "*On Thee do I wait all the day.*" Patience is the fair handmaid and daughter of faith; we cheerfully wait when we are certain that we shall not wait in vain. It is our duty and our privilege to wait upon the Lord in service, in worship, in expectancy, in trust all the days of our life. Our faith will be tried faith, and if it be of the true kind, it will bear continued trial without yielding. We shall not grow weary of waiting upon God if we remember how long and how graciously He once waited for us."²⁸

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