

Age of Deception, Age of Delusion - Part 1

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Back in 1997 when I first wrote this series, I stated that as we drew closer to the year 2000 by the Western calendar, we should expect to hear and see more questionable material being propagated by those individuals who claim to have some special esoteric knowledge, or perhaps a special link with entities who are not of this world. In some cases, I stated, these entities would probably be presented as advanced alien civilizations from other worlds who are coming to help us in our transition to a higher order of consciousness. Within the world of New Age thought, this belief in acquiring a new spiritual awareness is referred to as "Ascension".

In other instances, I noted that the so-called "revelatory" material would be attributed to channeled "spirit helpers". As I point out in my two series entitled "The Urantia Book:

A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!" and "The Urantia Book: An Attack on the Blood Atonement!", the Urantia Book, which I personally refer to as the Unbelief Book, is one very good example of this kind of deception which has drawn a lot of people away from the truth of the Scriptures. It is totally antichrist in nature. If you are interested in learning why I consider that tome to be so blasphemous, please consider reading those two series.

In other instances, I mentioned that the so-called advanced knowledge would supposedly be delivered by different sages and philosophers from the past -- via channelers, of course -- who had presumably opened a channel of communication in order to illuminate the spiritual medium. One good example of this is the nonsense that continues to be espoused and promoted by one very deceived New Age woman named Dolores Cannon with her fictitious book called "Conversations With Nostradamus". You can learn about this subject in my 1997 two-part article called "Nostradamus: Prophet of God or Messenger of Satan?". It is just more invented deception.

Then, of course, we likewise have people who are supposedly being visited by angelic beings of light -- never mind what the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15 -- as well as supposedly recently discovered lost parchments and other lost sources which contain questionable information that outright contradicts and challenges the foundational truths which we find written in the pages of the Holy Bible.

Another example of this which I offered back in 1997, was that of a certain Mr. Sheldon Nidle. When I first became aware of the things that were being expounded by Mr. Nidle -- imminent UFO mass landings, the Photon Belt theory and the so-called "Ascension Point" -- I took some interest in certain of his predictions. Of course, being the cautious person that I tend to be, I viewed all of Mr. Nidle's ideas with a great deal of skepticism. He wasn't even the author of some of these concepts. He merely borrowed them from a number of other people -- such as Samael Aun Weor, Paul Otto Hesse and Shirley Kemp -- and then he promoted said ideas as his own inventions.

Well, time can certainly be a revealer of truth, and it can also expose the false prophets for what they really are. It has now been twenty-eight long years since I wrote the first version of this series, and no imminent UFO mass landings have occurred. Neither has the Earth passed through Nidle's

Photon Belt, bringing with it a shift in consciousness. So, as I question in such series as "Sorry, Jesus Is Not Coming at Any Moment", and in my article "The Day I Am Waiting For", how many times before have we seen prophecies or predictions with specific dates attached to them which ultimately fail? They are clearly too numerous to even mention here, and they originate from many different areas of both religion and the New Age thought movement.

However, one by one, these deceptive charlatans have been exposed for what they are when their predictions have failed to materialize in the time frames which they have attached to them. I am reminded of the following clear warnings from the Scriptures regarding such deceptive false prophets:

"But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

Deuteronomy 18:20-22, KJV

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Jeremiah 5:31, KJV

"For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD."

Jeremiah 29:9, KJV

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no

man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many . . . And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many . . . For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24, KJV

"For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."

Mark 13:22, KJV

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"

2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

2 Peter 2:1, KJV

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

1 John 4:1, KJV

"Believe not every spirit" John writes. Can it really be said any more clear than that? Those verses perfectly describe our current times in which we now have personal psychics galore, palm readers, necromancers, tarot card readers, tea readers, astrologists, and other charlatans. Sadly, as I point out in the aforementioned series, as well as in other series such as

"2012: New Age Deception and Psychobabble" and "Modern False Prophets and Worldly Ecumenism", even our Christian faith has not remained immune to these deceptive, evil spirits. It is truly an absolute shame and embarrassment how many "wannabe prophets" now infect our faith with their nonsense. They are all over Facebook, which is why I wrote the article entitled "Facebook False Prophets and Misguided Teachers". They give our faith a bad name; particularly when misguided Christians do it for money, as so many of them now love to do.

Back in 2011, I wondered what had happened to Sheldon Nidle after all of those years. And lo and behold -- not all that surprising in the least -- it appears that he had attached his star to the 2012 hype, and claimed the Earth would pass through the Photon Belt sometime in 2012. Well, I suppose we can add him to the list of deceivers who chose to use 2012 as a springboard to promote their ideas, or to earn money from it. One thing about these deceivers is that they are forced to constantly change their narrative, their predictions and their goals, because their "prophecies" fail repeatedly. In the case of Nidle, he seems to have partially disappeared from the radar since the early 2000s. At this current time, assuming he is still alive, he will be almost 79 years old.

I am also reminded of a host of other authors who mix their Christian faith with New Age thought and other nonsense. One charlatan who I mention in particular in the series "2012: New Age Deception and Psychobabble", is the deceased writer and charlatan, Tom Horn. That deceptive man wrote book after book in which he spouted off his nonsense, and no doubt made a handsome profit at the same time. He likewise appeared on a number of television shows with other charlatans similar to himself. As they say, birds of a feather flock together. Such characters feed off of each and promote each other in order to supposedly validate themselves and their bogus claims.

If there is one thing which I can surely say, it is that if the times have changed since 1997 when I originally penned this series, they have certainly changed for the worse. The spiritual deception in the world today is clearly growing stronger with each passing year. For example, about three months before I performed the first update on this series back in 2011, a certain news article appeared on the Yahoo news site called "Retired NORAD Officer's New Book Predicts a Tentative Worldwide UFO Display on October 13, 2010". I was rather surprised that Yahoo would even publish such a story. I was equally surprised that a retired professional

military officer would go so far out on the limb by making the controversial claims that he made. The September 14, 2010 news article stated the following in part:

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"A newly-published 352-page book by a retired Air Force officer, Stanley A. Fulham, tentatively predicts October 13, 2010 as the date for a massive UFO display over the world's principal cities. According to the author, the aliens will neither land nor communicate on that date; they are aware from eons of experience with other planets in similar conditions their sudden intervention would cause fear and panic.

The book, Challenges of Change (3rd ed.), reports this event will be the initial interaction in a process leading to mankind's acceptance of the alien reality and technologies for the removal of poisonous gases from the earth's atmosphere in 2015, if not sooner."

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Well, October 13th came and went, and obviously, absolutely nothing happened, unless it occurred while I was sleeping. I imagine that Mr. Fulham must have felt rather foolish when his predicted UFO flap did not materialize. I would too if I had written a foolish book that was based upon communicating with Outer Space aliens -- who Mr. Fulham referred to as the Transcendors -- by way of a channeler. Yes, my friends, by way of a channeler. Some people just never seem to learn. But that a highly disciplined military officer would be deceived by such a ruse? Wow! The same Yahoo news article also noted the following:

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"For more than a decade, through the services of a world renowned channeler, the author has communicated with an ethereal group of entities known as the Transcendors -- 43,000 very old souls who combine their vast experience and knowledge through eons of incarnations, providing advice and information to humans in search of basic realities of mankind's existence."

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As I said, I honestly don't know what this man was thinking. Considering his military training, what would induce him to fall for such nonsense? Of course, as such people often tend to do, they will simply claim that the aliens changed their mind at the last minute, or some other such foolishness. In fact, it seems to be their standard practice to always leave an open door, just in case their predictions don't occur as they anticipate. In the case of Mr. Fulham, he used this very ploy by stating that if the aliens didn't appear by the end of 2010, we should blame the aliens, and not him. The article concluded with the following exit strategy:

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"Fulham clarifies there are no absolutes; the principal of free will and choice that exists with all souls precludes all absolute realities, and the aliens may decide to postpone their intervention -- but the Transcendors confirm it will nonetheless occur in 2010. Quoting the author, the event will "occur this year, in what will surely be one of the great dramas of our galaxy, the introduction of their alien civilizations and technologies to mankind. We are not alone, and our world will have changed forever."

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And blabbity, blah, blah. That's all folks, until next time. As I have said so many times before, it is time for everyone to wake up and stop being duped by these false prophets and false messiahs, these false seers and prognosticators, these alien and UFO promoters, these 2012 Mayan Calendar advocates, and all of the other subtle deceivers who seem to grow like weeds. The annoying thing about weeds is that if one chooses to chop them down, within a relatively short period, new ones appear in their place. It is a never-ending battle. However, Jesus offered us some very wise advice concerning spiritual weeds, when He stated the following in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath

done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn . . . Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 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; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, KJV

There are many such weeds -- or deceptive spirits and lying voices -- in the world right now, which some folks, due to their foolish rejection of the one true God and the truth of His Word, have sadly received with open arms and minds. In my view, I believe everyone should sincerely question how much of this current New Age material is actually God-inspired, and how much of it might be demon-inspired. How much of it agrees with the Bible, and how much of it contradicts what the Bible teaches us? As I have said before, God's Word is our only reliable measuring rod with which we should compare all things. When people choose to reject His Word, it serves as an open invitation for strong delusion. Furthermore, the Lord will oblige by sending delusion, if that is what people truly want. Consider the following Bible verses:

"I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not."

Isaiah 66:4, KJV

"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy."

Jonah 2:8, KJV

". . . because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:"

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, KJV

So to reiterate an earlier point, whenever anyone starts to make all kinds of predictions, whether they are a Christian, or a New Age psychic or channeler -- such as Sheldon Nidle, Gordon Scallion, Kryon Metatron, Oahspe, Ashtar, and a host of many others-- when they start attaching specific dates to their predictions, they are really asking for trouble. They are climbing out onto a limb and sawing it off. Unless they are absolutely convinced of the reliability of their source of information, and are certain of their understanding and interpretation of the information that they have been given, it is indeed a very foolish idea to provide specific dates. If you don't believe that this is so, then just look at all of the misguided Christians on Facebook who to this very day continue to make erroneous claims regarding the Rapture of the Saints, the Great Tribulation and the Return of Christ.

As we have now seen, not only do false predictions discredit them when they are wrong, but it also discredits who or what they claim to be their source of information. Furthermore, and even more importantly, failed predictions feed the fires of doubt in the would-be believers, while at the same time providing ungodly scoffers, debunkers and non-believers with more ammunition with which they try to discredit the truth of the Bible, when it is presented to people.

In other words, one of the problems with failed prophecies, misguided New Age predictions, silly psychic readings and such, is that they result in collateral damage by hardening and desensitizing people's hearts, and filling them with doubts about all things spiritual. Thus, when a Christian comes along and tries to share the Gospel message with them, because of the generalizations most people tend to make by lumping everything together and stereotyping people, this Christian is likewise thrown in with all the rest of the deceivers. He runs into a wall of resistance and is viewed as just being another one of many crazed, false messengers.

The sad end result of this foolish behavior -- particularly by Christians who give false prophecies and who make predictions which fail -- is that more and more people scoff at our faith. They think that we are nuts and have gone bonkers. As one good

example, consider the many misguided, gullible Christians who have been deceived by the so-called Flat Earth Theory. I have already written three articles regarding this subject, because I see how much damage it is causing to our faith. If you were not now a Believer in Jesus Christ, would you want to join a faith which believes that the Earth is as flat as a pancake? So false prophecies and predictions, misguided date setters, and fringe doctrines not only make us look like total fools, but they also deter people from even seriously considering our Christian faith. Do you see my point? Lord help us all!

Tragically, not only worldly people are negatively affected by these false prophets, false prognosticators foolish date setters and weird doctrine promoters. The sad truth is that even weak Christians can begin to question their faith when they blindly place their trust in those people who make such misguided prophecies and predictions, and then those things simply fail to materialize. Let's be honest here. It is not easy to admit to yourself, and to realize that you have been following someone's teachings -- perhaps for many years -- only to later discover that you were completely deceived by them. You may even begin to wonder if any other people who are in similar positions of Christian leadership are also wrong regarding some of the things that they say and teach. I am reminded of something which Jesus said, and which the Apostle Peter wrote. Consider the following Bible verses:

". . . Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"
Luke 18:8, KJV

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."
2 Peter 3:3-4, KJV

Personally, I have no doubt that Satan himself is behind this vile scheme. I believe that he purposely sends his demons to these false prophets, New Age advocates, psychics and seers, and even to Christians who are lifted up in their pride, and purposely has these demons lie to these people, just so he can purposely discredit them, and make fools out of them, in the end. Don't be so surprised. The Devil thinks nothing of destroying his own human pawns. So by raising up these false prophets, false messengers, false psychics, preachers of very

strange doctrines, date setters, etc., and then discrediting them in the end, Satan preempts, and neutralizes, any true Prophets and messengers who may come along later, by sowing strong doubt in people's hearts. This is indeed a very tricky but effective tactic.

There should be no doubt then that strong delusion is the order of our times. All of these false prophets and phony messengers certainly seem to be an indication of it. As I explain in articles such as "Faith and the Shroud of Turin", true faith should not require evidence, or great signs and wonders such as aerial displays of UFOs, images of Jesus on tortillas, so-called bleeding statues, channeled messages, fake healings, or any other gimmicks which are used by some rather deceptive people, before we choose to believe. True faith believes, just because God's Word says so. As people of faith, we should not require any physical proof of God's existence. Furthermore, as we are also told in the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, faith is believing without seeing, and not seeing and then choosing to believe. You will recall that Jesus also told Thomas that blessed are those who believe, without having ever seen. Consider these Bible verses:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1, KJV

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."
John 20:24-29, KJV

Sadly, as we have now seen, in this current age of apostasy -- or falling away from, or abandoning the truth of God's

Word -- some people require signs and wonders before they will even believe, or at least as a means to help strengthen their weak faith. As I point out in articles such as "Lying Wonders of Our Age", "Mary Worship, Christianity and Roman Catholicism", "Have You Been Slain In the Spirit?" and "God's Golden Teeth, Or Satan's Delusion?", Satan is more than happy to give these people whatever they want, if it means getting them into his bag. The Devil will go to any length, and will use any ruse, in order to deceive and trick naive, gullible, ignorant people. This includes a lot of weak Christians who should know better. After all, as the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."
2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

In fact, as I engaged in performing the first update of this series in 2011, I came across a news article which explained how Roman Catholics in the United States were finally able to boast that they likewise have a site which the Roman Catholic Church has officially recognized as a place where Mary -- the mother of Jesus -- is claimed to have appeared several times over 166 years ago in 1859. Headlined as "Wisconsin on the Map to Pray With Mary", this December 23, 2010 New York Times article states the following regarding the alleged apparitions in Champion, Wisconsin:

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Now, a little chapel among the dairy farms here, called Our Lady of Good Help, has joined that august company in terms of religious status, if not global fame. This month, it became one of only about a dozen sites worldwide, and the first in the United States, where apparitions of the Virgin Mary have been officially validated by the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1859, the year after Mary is said to have appeared in Lourdes, a Belgian immigrant here named Adele Brise said she was visited three times by Mary, who hovered between two trees in a bright light, clothed in dazzling white with a yellow sash around her waist and a crown of stars above her flowing blond locks. As instructed, Ms. Brise devoted her life to teaching Catholic beliefs to children.

On Dec. 8, after a two-year investigation by theologians who

found no evidence of fraud or heresy and a long history of shrine-related conversions, cures and other signs of divine intervention, Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay declared "with moral certainty" that Ms. Brise did indeed have encounters "of a supernatural character" that are "worthy of belief."

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Considering how long ago this occurred, I would say that it is a safe bet for the Roman Catholic Church, because there is no way to prove, or disprove, that the "miracle" actually occurred. No actual witnesses remain alive to talk about it; so all that remain are stories concerning the event, as well as the testimonies of people who attribute "cures and other signs of divine intervention" to the holiness of the place. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that within a matter of a few years after this story broke, brisk business occurred in the town of Champion, as new hotels and other tourist-related enterprises began to sprout up in the area, as has occurred at other Roman Catholic apparition sites around the world.

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Mary Apparition In Wisconsin And Decline Of Roman Catholicism
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Deception, Rejecting The Truth Of God's Word Leads To Strong Delusion, Jesus Is Our Only Mediator And The Only True Way To Salvation, Modern Thieves And Robbers Who Steal God's Sheep, We Forsake God's Mercy Upon Us When We Listen To Satan's Lies

Continuing our discussion from part one, I suspect -- but am obviously unable to prove -- that the actual reason why that Roman Catholic bishop may have approved Champion, Wisconsin as a verified Marian apparition site is in plain view in the previous paragraphs. You will notice that this news article uses the phrase "shrine-related conversions". In my opinion, that may possibly be what this is really all about. In other words, it is common knowledge that as a result of its strict doctrines concerning issues such as aspiring priests bound by celibacy, abortion, birth control, heterosexual marriage only, etc., not to mention the endless sexual scandals and financial scandals which have damaged the church in recent decades, membership in the Catholic Church has been in very serious decline.

So considering those developments, I would venture a guess and suggest that maybe the Roman Catholic Church was hoping that the "miracles" which supposedly occurred in Wisconsin would turn the tide, and bring more people back to the Roman Catholic fold. Well, at least in the United States which has long been a rather troublesome region for the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the Vatican. While I honestly do not know what occurred in Wisconsin in 1859, or at Lourdes, France in 1858, or at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, or outside of Mexico City, Mexico in 1531, or at any of the other alleged Roman Catholic apparition sites, as I explain in some of the aforementioned articles, based on what has resulted from these apparitions, I must express serious doubt concerning their divine origin. As Jesus plainly stated in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them."
Matthew 7:20, KJV

While many dedicated Roman Catholics vehemently reject this accusation, the fact of the matter remains that the alleged apparition of Mary in all of these places has resulted in this humble woman being elevated to almost the same status as Jesus Christ. In other words, contrary to what the Bible plainly teaches us concerning Jesus Christ being the only Mediator between God and man, Roman Catholics refer to Mary

as Co-Redemptrix and Co-Mediatrix. They have concocted this unbiblical belief that Salvation is obtained through Jesus and Mary together, and not through Christ alone.

Regardless of what the Vatican may or may not teach regarding Mary -- although it seems rather evident in so many photos of the popes kissing statues of Mary -- the fact of the matter remains that in practice, there are many Roman Catholics who clearly do worship Mary, who pray to Mary, and who honor Mary with statues, trinkets, yearly processions, etc. Furthermore, even here where I currently reside, Catholics do it as well, because Roman Catholicism is the most dominant and the most influential denomination here. However, these things ought not so to be. The Bible makes it very clear that we are only to honor and to pray to God the Father, and to Jesus His Son.

Returning to our primary theme concerning faith, and signs and lying wonders, upon a closer reading of the Gospels, we discover that Jesus chided those people who required some kind of a sign before they would believe in Him. In fact, the Lord plainly called them an evil generation, as we see by the following group of Bible verses:

"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Matthew 12:38-40, KJV

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."

Matthew 16:1-4, KJV

"And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he

sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation."

Mark 8:11-12, KJV

"And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. . . . And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation."

Luke 11:16, 29-30, KJV

"Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:18-19, KJV

"Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:"

Luke 22:67, KJV

"Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe."

John 4:48, KJV

"And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Luke 16:31, KJV

Jesus certainly knew the hearts of His unbelieving Jewish enemies. He realized that they were so yielded to Satan, and so blinded by the Devil's infernal lies, that even His own Resurrection from the dead would not convince them otherwise. Thus, acting in accordance with their own lack of faith, the Jewish religious hierarchy made a vain attempt to conceal the evidence of Jesus' Resurrection, as we see by the following set of Bible verses:

"Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the

governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day." Matthew 28:11-15, KJV

What we see then, is that unbelief today is the same as it was two thousand years ago. Some people simply don't possess the ability to believe by faith alone. Just like the Jewish religious elders of two millennia ago, they too demand a sign that will strengthen their weak faith. They want to see Jesus here and now in the flesh. They seem to think that this will convince them that the historical Jesus is real. But will it really? As we just learned by the previous verses, even after Jesus rose from the dead, those stubborn Jewish elders still foolishly rejected the miracle of Resurrection that occurred before their very eyes. In vain they tried to cover it up.

By the way, regarding historical proof for the existence of Jesus Christ, if you personally require such proof, please consider reading my article called "Proof for the Historical Jesus Christ". You will find it listed at the end of this same series, along with other related BBB articles. Simply click or tap on the link in order to be taken to the article.

If Jesus were to return today, not in power from Heaven with the Holy Angels, but just as He came two thousand years ago, -- that is to say, just as a regular human being -- I do not doubt for a moment that some modern skeptics would still put Him to the severest test. They too would demand signs of the miraculous, in order to prove His Divinity. I suspect that there would be plenty of accusations claiming that He is just one of so many modern charlatans. They would probably even require the King of Kings to submit Himself to a battery of laboratory tests. After all, science teaches us that the only things that are real, are those things which can be measured, tested, verified and reproduced in the lab. Such is the sad plight and state of the man who lacks faith, who always needs physical proof first before he will be convinced of anything, just like Thomas. However, please remember this Bible verse:

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6, KJV

Of course, Jesus would never submit Himself to such earthly humiliations by sinful men. He did that once before for our

sakes, and He is not going to do it again. So instead, some people demand apparitions, miracle cures, bleeding statues, strange lights in the sky, visions and voices, being slain in the spirit, gold dust in their churches, and other such nonsense; and that old serpent Satan is right there ready to fill their order for their next dose of strong delusion. So please beware! That vile serpentine deceiver has played the deception game for a very long time, and he's perfected his skill at snaring those people who foolishly let down their spiritual guard, and who demand signs from Heaven, due to their weak faith. Are you one of them? I hope not!

However, there will be no true sign given, until it is too late for this unbelieving, rebellious world. For when that sign comes, it will mark a period of Divine Judgement, as God strongly reveals His displeasure from Heaven, when His Wrath shall be poured out upon the world, and the ungodly shall all be burned up and swept away like chaff. Consider the following powerful Bible verses and be warned:

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

2 Peter 3:7, KJV

"The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Psalms 1:4-6, KJV

"How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away."

Job 21:17-18, KJV

". . . he that cometh after me . . . will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:11-12, KJV

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God . . . For our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 10:31, 12:29, KJV

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 3:36, KJV

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"

Romans 1:18, KJV

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Ephesians 5:6, KJV

"And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

Revelation 6:16-17, KJV

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb . . . And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

Revelation 14:10, 19, KJV

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God . . . And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."

Revelation 15:1, 7, KJV

"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth . . . And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

Revelation 16:1, 19, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he

should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

Revelation 19:15, KJV

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:15, KJV

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Revelation 21:8, KJV

Thus we see the final fate of all hardcore and incorrigible unbelievers. But thank God for His everlasting mercy as well; for He has made a way of escape for us through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please note that I am personally convinced by the Scriptures, and by the historical record itself, that some of the previous verses were fulfilled during the latter half of the First Century when God poured out His wrath upon the unbelieving Jews during the First Jewish-Roman War. They were in fact the "children of disobedience" of whom Apostle Paul speaks. Please refer to such series as "Vespasian, Titus and the Fall of Jerusalem" and "The Great Tribulation and the Rapture" for more details. Thanks!

To continue then, as if all of the aforementioned deceptive signs and lying wonders are not bad enough, similar to the Greeks of the First Century who listened with a large degree of skepticism to those things which the Apostle Paul boldly preached, many people today also desire to hear a new thing, no matter how far-fetched it may sound, and regardless of how much it may contradict the truth of the Holy Scriptures. As I mentioned earlier, Satan is more than happy to fulfill their order by the boatloads. Regarding the Greeks, I am referring to the following incident concerning the Apostle Paul that is recorded in the seventeenth chapter of the Book of Acts:

"Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange

things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)"

Acts 17:18-21, KJV

So, just like the Greeks of old who desired to hear something new, the modern rejection of God's Word has led to a plethora of false teachers -- including within our Christian faith -- so-called New Age spiritual gurus and channelers, phone line psychics, fake healers, alien and UFO fanatics, bogus miracle workers, astrologers and tarot card readers, and many other charlatans who teach new ideas, new ways and even new paths which they claim likewise lead to fulfillment, happiness and even salvation. Tragically, many are the naive and gullible folks who have fallen under their deceptive, powerful spell, and who have given these deceivers a listening ear.

Even former American president -- Barack Obama -- foolishly claimed that America is no longer just a Christian nation. Likewise, there are some famous celebrities -- such as Oprah Winfrey, for example -- who embrace the very misguided "many paths" mentality. I discuss Oprah Winfrey's deception in the series called "Apostasy of Oprah Winfrey: America's False Prophetess?". I'm reminded of something the Apostle Paul was inspired to write in his second Epistle to Timothy. Consider the following Bible verse:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"

2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

In this day and age, people have itching ears for anything which will help them to block out the truth of God's Word. Sadly, the false teachers, gurus, holy men, channelers and false prophets are more than willing to fill the spiritual vacuum that has been created by those who have rejected the true Word of God. We have but to look at the ongoing debate between evolutionists and creationists to see how true this really is. Serious compromise, deception and strong delusion abound in many places, from ungodly educational institutions, to government agencies, to our places of worship, to online social networks and forums, to the publishing industry, to the vast entertainment industry in all its forms, to mailing lists and messaging apps, and to just about every place in between.

As we read in part one, Paul tells us in his second Epistle to the Thessalonians that this strong delusion results from people forsaking their love of the truth. There is simply no away around it, my friends. You either accept the truth of God's Word and choose to believe it and also live by it, or else you knowingly and willingly choose to be deceived. Let me share those verses with you again:

". . . because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved . . . and for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, KJV

Please notice in those verses that Paul specifically states that it is our love of the truth which saves us. And exactly what is that truth? As every Bible-believing Christian knows, it is that contrary to the modern spirit of liberalism which claims that there are many ways and many paths which lead to Salvation, there's in fact only one way. That way is nothing less than the narrow path which leads through Jesus Christ. For our non-believing readers, please consider the following verses. They are but a small sampling of the many Scriptures which explain God's wonderful plan of Salvation, and describe the Sacrifice that Jesus Christ was willing to endure for our sakes, so that our relationship with our Heavenly Father can be restored:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Matthew 7:13-14, KJV

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

John 10:7-9, KJV

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6, KJV

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none

other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12, KJV

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

1 Timothy 2:5, KJV

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

John 6:37, KJV

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

John 10:28, KJV

So as Jesus plainly states in the previous verses, not only is He the only Way to Salvation, but by making such a claim -- which is in fact true -- He is also letting us know that all of these other modern teachers, gurus, channelers, false prophets, psychics, tarot card readers and other charlatans who erroneously claim that there are many different ways and paths to Salvation, are in fact thieves and robbers. How so? Well, by stealing souls from God's Kingdom through deception, and in fact sending them straight on their way to their own destruction. In case you were not aware of it, both Jesus and the Apostle Paul made the very same accusations against the unbelieving Jews of their own day. If you don't believe it, then consider the following Bible verses:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are THIEVES AND ROBBERS: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

John 10:1-9, KJV

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: FOR YE NEITHER GO IN YOURSELVES, NEITHER SUFFER YE THEM THAT ARE ENTERING TO GO IN . . . Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

Matthew 23:13, 15, KJV

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: FORBIDDING US TO SPEAK TO THE GENTILES THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16, KJV

"And when they had brought them [the Apostles], they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, DID NOT WE STRAITLY COMMAND YOU THAT YE SHOULD NOT TEACH IN THIS NAME? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

Acts 5:27-28, KJV

"Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, HIS DISCIPLES CAME BY NIGHT, AND STOLE HIM AWAY WHILE WE SLEPT. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."

Matthew 28:11-15, KJV

When the Prophet Jonah disobeyed the voice of the Lord, and failed to fulfill the mission of warning that God had given to him, he eventually found himself trapped in the belly of a great fish. It was only then, after God had dealt severely with him as he suffered in the belly of that fish for three days and three nights, that Jonah finally cried out in his desperation with the following anguishing words of profound truth and repentance:

"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy."
Jonah 2:8, KJV

What a profound statement to make in the midst of his own suffering. It was like Jonah's confession to God. In modern terminology, it was like saying "Uncle!" to God. Jonah had realized his error, and he repented of his disobedience. In similar fashion, when a person, society or nation chooses to reject God's truth, and instead listens to the lying voices and deceptions of our spiritual enemy -- Satan, the adversary of God -- they are in essence rejecting the very mercy that God wishes to have upon them. It seems that God's mercy and protection are removed from those people who foolishly refuse to acknowledge His existence, and who reject the truth that is plainly revealed in His Word through His many Prophets, as well as by His own dear Son. In such a case, they become open targets for attacks from our spiritual enemy and his minions.

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Continuing our discussion from part two, as we have clearly seen, these subtle attacks abound in so many different forms within our own Christian faith, as well as within all of the non-Christian religions, within the New Age movement, within our governments, within national educational systems, within the publishing industry, within the entertainment industry, and within alien and UFO circles. In short, this spiritual onslaught is being fought everywhere, and at all levels. We are constantly being blasted with, bombarded by, brainwashed with, and indoctrinated with the ungodly lies and delusions of Satan, who, according to the Lord Himself, is the actual father of lies, deception and delusion, as we see by the following Bible verse:

". . . He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
John 8:44, KJV

So the warning is very clear. The influence of these false prophets, seers, channelers, prognosticators, astrologers, etc., can be so strong and so convincing, that unless we are very careful, even God's own people can become deceived by them. It is imperative then that we each know and understand to the best of our ability, the Word of God. Why? Because it is the only thing that can protect us from the deception and delusion of this current dark age, and reveal to us the way forward. We must cast off the works of darkness, and walk in the light of the Lord and in the truth of His Word. Consider the following group of Bible verses:

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Romans 13:12, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7, KJV

"Neither give place to the devil."

Ephesians 4:27, KJV

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

John 3:19-20, KJV

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

1 John 4:4, KJV

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:6, KJV

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light . . . And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Ephesians 5:8, 11, KJV

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

Colossians 1:13, KJV

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"

1 John 1:6, KJV

So what about Sheldon Nidle and other charlatans who have gone around in the past, or who even continue to do so now, and predict mass UFO landings? Quite frankly, as I point out in articles such as "Nature of the Alien: ETs, Demons or a Government Plot?", I suspect that one of these days there may possibly be an "invasion" from Outer Space. However, it is important to consider from exactly where this "invasion" will truly originate, assuming, of course, that it actually does occur. Will it be evil? Will this supposed otherworldly invasion really be from Outer Space? Or is it possible that it will actually originate from Inner Space? That is to say, from the Dark Side of the Spirit Realm? Or might it be of human invention, and merely be presented to the world as a visitation from technologically-advanced beings from Outer Space?

And what about the New Age psychics and channelers who claim to be in communication with wise men, philosophers and other personages from the past? What about the astrologers and the tarot card readers who give you their readings which can fill your heart with worry or perhaps with delight? What about the so-called prophets within our own Christian circles who claim to speak for the Lord and who say "Thus saith the Lord"? What about the Urantia Book believers who foolishly dare to deny the necessity of the Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ? What about the fake healers who in reality heal no one? What about the prosperity preachers who falsely claim that they can make you rich if you just give, give, give? What about the popular preachers who claim to slay people in the spirit? What about the misguided Christians who constantly claim that Jesus is coming at any moment? What about the deceived Christians who say that God took them to Hell and showed them such-and-such? What about the Christians who go to church on Sunday and then live like the children of the world for the rest of the week?

What? Are some of you offended? Am I hitting a nerve with some of my Christian brethren because I dare to expose the lies and

deceptions which exist within our own faith as well? Did you really think that Satan is just trying to deceive the rest of the world and not us Christians too? Shame on you if that is what you were thinking. If anything, that foul fiend probably attacks Christians more than any of the others, because they have already swallowed his lies and deceptions. They pose no threat to his plans because they don't even embrace Jesus as their Lord and Savior. It is live Christians such as you and I who are his primary targets. It is us who he wants to try to silence most. If you doubt that this is so, just look at all of the shadow banning that occurs on the social networks.

Let me also remind my readers that the Apostle Peter wrote that judgment begins first at the house of God. We cannot point the finger at and judge the world, when we refuse to look at our own Christian lives first. In fact, the Apostle Paul clearly admonished his readers to examine themselves in order to ensure that they were really walking in the faith. Lastly, the Apostle James writes that we deceive ourselves when we fail to live by what we preach to others. We in fact become hypocrites. As you may know, the Lord stated the very same thing concerning the hypocritical and self-righteous religious leaders of His own day. Consider the following Bible verses as evidence of these powerful truths:

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

1 Peter 4:4-5, 17, KJV

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

2 Corinthians 13:5, KJV

"For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

James 1:23-24, KJV

"Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not."

Matthew 23:1-3, KJV

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Luke 6:46, KJV

Having now unloaded those truth bombs on you, and continuing with our main discussion, over the past three decades plus since I first began this online writing ministry, there has been such a dramatic change in societal attitudes. In fact, this change becomes even more apparent when I compare it to what social attitudes were like when I was growing up some sixty years ago as a pre-teen boy. As we have seen, part of this liberal attitude has included replacing the God of the Bible, and the holy truths of His Word with many misguided, man-made doctrines, belief systems and dangerous practices.

This, of course, includes deceptive philosophies such as New Age thought, a variety of oriental religions, UFOlogy, and similar ideologies and theologies. It includes channeling, tarot card reading, seances -- a.k.a. necromancy -- psychic readings, practicing yoga and other foolish things. This is in addition to the questionable things which now sadly occur within our own Christian faith as well, as we discussed in previous paragraphs.

I won't even get into the so-called sexual revolution which many years later has resulted in the ungodly LGBTQ+ agenda being thrown right in our faces at every possible turn. I have already written about that issue in a number of other Bill's Bible Basics articles. Please don't misunderstand me. The devilish spirit of rebellion has been in this world for an extremely long time. Even when I was a young kid, it was present. But the difference is that it was pretty much kept under wraps. The same sins that exist today, also existed back then as well. However, the rebellion against God and His holy Laws and Word was not so blatant, defiant, and out in the open as it is today.

As many of my readers will already know, now the workers of darkness don't even take shame in what they do, and they no longer try to hide their ungodly, wicked deeds. They in fact boast about them and defy God to His very face, which I view as utter madness. So the point is, no matter how you choose to look at it, in a spiritual sense, we Christians today are living in very dark and very rebellious times. Furthermore, I can confidently say that it is the darkest period I have ever witnessed in my seventy plus years of life. Tragically,

I do not see it getting any better. If anything, the world will only continue to grow darker with each passing year.

And that, my friends, is where the contradiction occurs. You see, what I just described to you is totally contrary, and a far cry from the delusion which is being promoted by New Age false prophets and others of their ilk. Those deceivers just love to paint this rosy picture of the Earth's people moving into a higher dimension -- the so-called "Ascension" -- or of a miraculous "Photon Belt" originating from the Pleiades star cluster which will in some miraculous way catapult humanity into a higher state of consciousness -- that is to say, the so-called "galactic level" -- as has been proposed by Sheldon Nidle and certain New Age channelers. I am not certain, being as I have not looked into him in quite a while, but UFOlogist Steven Greer may possibly hold to similar views. But please don't quote me on that.

Yet while these New Age false prophets, seers and channelers often talk about a coming time of peace and brotherhood, of spiritual enlightenment and transformation, of human beings acquiring a higher level of consciousness, and all of their other New Age rubbish, as responsible Christians, we need to stop and ask what kind of spiritual enlightenment they are talking about. Exactly what is the source of their so-called "light"? Well, if you have been paying close attention, then you will know that I have already given you the answer. In case you missed it, allow me to share those verses with you again from part one, along with another very relevant verse:

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

And there you have it, my friends. In actuality, their light is really darkness which they try to pass off as light. Why do I say this? Quite simply, because many New Age advocates whose websites, work and comments I have read, reveal a very

clear inclination to leave God and Jesus out of the picture for the most part. I have also noticed that some of them will even borrow certain ideas from the Bible, but then they will either twist their meaning out of their original context, or else rather than point to Jesus as the one and only solution to our current problems, they will point to the arrival of benevolent aliens from Outer Space, who they love to refer to as their "Space Brothers".

So you see, as far as many of the New Agers and UFO fanatics are concerned, the true author of their "light", and their one and only savior, is NOT Jesus Christ. It is in fact the Space Brothers who they are convinced are coming to save us, and to lift us into a higher dimension. That is the lowdown on much of New Age philosophy. We can't save ourselves from ourselves, so we need some technologically advanced aliens from Outer Space to do it for us. At least so they believe.

As we have already discussed, there exist certain persons -- the channelers -- who claim to be in direct contact -- that is to say, in psychic contact -- with these advanced alien beings. According to their misguided beliefs, these beings will soon visit the Earth via a mass UFO landing, in order to help humanity through our difficult transition period, so that we can attain a higher level of consciousness. Some of these people even claim to be in real physical contact with these beings as well, and supposedly have even boarded their ships and gone places. As we learned earlier, this scenario of a mass UFO landing is exactly what Stanley Fulham was also promoting with his "Transcendors" nonsense. It likewise goes right along with Sheldon Nidle's many misguided predictions regarding mass UFO landings. But as we have also seen, those poor, deceived folks have been promoting their illusions for at least three decades now.

Well, as a serious student of God's Word for many years now, it is obvious to me why these mass UFO landing predictions have all failed so miserably. I can tell you right now with full confidence that there is no mention of any intervention or visitation by aliens from Outer Space in the pages of the Bible. As we have already seen, while Satan may possibly use precisely this kind of deception as a means to deceive the people of the Earth, if visitors do arrive at some point in the near future, I remain convinced that they won't be from Outer Space. Rather, they will originate from Inner Space. In other words, they may be demons who are simply masquerading as alien beings from Outer Space. Let me refer you again to

my lengthy series entitled "Nature of the Alien: Demons, ETs or a Government Plot?".

Taking into consideration the previous Scriptural evidence, as well as additional information which I provide in other BBB articles, it should be plain to see that anyone who is really expecting some kind of miraculous transformation of the Earth, and all of its inhabitants, through any kind of mechanism other than the direct, powerful intervention of Jesus Christ, in accordance with His Father's divine will, is obviously living under very strong delusion. Such people have either knowingly -- or in certain cases perhaps even ignorantly -- allowed themselves to be seriously led astray by the subtle deceptions of the New Age movement, or maybe by other similar cultists, self-proclaimed prophets, gurus, psychics, channelers, false religionists, and other ilk who plague our modern age, and who prey upon naive and gullible people.

Furthermore, it is my personal conviction that such people who blindly, naively and perhaps ignorantly accept the false predictions and twisted lies of these so-called modern-day prophets, seers, astrologers, channelers, etc., are bound to face disappointment sooner or later, when said predictions do not come to pass. It is my belief that if a person is truly a Prophet of God, who is really inspired by the Spirit of God, they will be right on the mark concerning their predictions. Why do I say this? Because God's Spirit simply does NOT make mistakes. Something is either yea or nay, and there is simply no in-between. As I also note in the series "The Office of Prophets and Teachers", when a bona fide Prophet of God says something, their words will come to pass. Furthermore, God will do exactly as He says He will do. Consider this group of Bible verses which offer clear evidence of this point:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"
Numbers 23:19, KJV

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"
Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

"And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them."

Ezekiel 33:33, KJV

Now, THAT, my friends, is the mark of a true Prophet of God. In stark contrast to the above scriptures, as I mentioned in part one, what we are experiencing today within the New Age Movement, and to our own embarrassment even amongst a number of Christian churches and organizations -- and perhaps to an even greater and more alarming degree on the social networks such as Facebook -- is a lot of hit and miss. Clearly, this is NOT true prophecy, or even God-inspired prophecy. Again, God knows the finest details of the future, and He simply does NOT make mistakes when He bestows the Gift of Prophecy upon a person, and gives them a message to share with the Body of Christ.

Thus, what we can conclude then, is that all of the prophetic misses that we have heard and read over the years, is nothing short of mass deception on a grand scale, by persons who were not truly anointed by the Spirit of God. More than likely due to their own pride, they were speaking from their own minds, and from their own spirits, and NOT truly from the Lord. As I shared with you in part one, Jesus Himself said the following concerning false prophets:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

So, as Jesus said, all we have to do is look at the fruit of these modern New Age -- and even Christian -- prophets. That alone will immediately inform us regarding whether or not they are truly sent by God -- and speak by God's will -- or simply come in their own name due to some vain and glorified image they have of themselves.

In my view, there can only be one source for anything which is not really God's truth. That is our own human pride which has been influenced by the master of deception and delusion

himself. That is to say, the Devil. When we, out of our own pride and rebellious hearts refuse to submit to God's will and authority in our lives, we leave ourselves wide open to every kind of lie and deception. Not only can we become very deluded and corrupted in our own ways, but we can become the perfect channels and voices for the very enemies of God. We can in fact be transformed into the Devil's very mouthpieces if we are not careful. I believe that this is precisely what we are seeing at this current time, both within the New Age movement, as well as within Christianity itself to a certain degree. Again, I see this happening all the time on Facebook, and it really disturbs me. Everyone wants to be a prophet, it seems.

Truly, we are living in an age of deception, and an age of very strong delusion. As I mentioned earlier, I suspect that this deception will only continue to grow worse as the years move forward, precisely as we saw in part one. Allow me to remind you again of what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy:

"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;"
1 Timothy 4:1-2, KJV

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."
2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

Stated in plain and precise terms, personally, I am more than convinced that there will be no utopia or an earthly paradise resulting from our planet passing through an imaginary Photon Belt, or due to the visitation of so-called "Space Brothers" from an alien race. To reiterate my previous point, as far as I know, the Photon Belt is a New Age invention and a fantasy, and the so-called "Space Brothers" may turn out to be demons from hell, if they ever arrive at all. I am not holding my breath.

If, contrary to my personal expectations, a mass UFO landing were to unexpectedly occur tomorrow, or perhaps next week or maybe even next year as Sheldon Nidle, Stanley A. Fulham and other UFO advocates have claimed for so many years, given my current understanding of the Bible, my advice to everyone is that you should really be on your guard. As I mention in the series "Nature of the Alien", such a display could possibly

be a rather convincing deception being perpetrated by some government of the world, or perhaps even by a number of the world's governments. Who knows. At this point in time, I do believe that they possess the means to pull off such a huge deception. On the other hand, it could also be the Father of Lies himself -- Satan the deceiver -- who is also known as the Devil, the serpent, the dragon, Lucifer, Beelzebub, and by many other names and faces as well.

As we discussed earlier, the Apostle Paul clearly informs us that the Devil can indeed appear as an angel of light. He can seem to be something which he is not. You need to recognize that just because you see a being dressed in dazzling "space garb" does not necessarily mean that he is who and what he says he is. For all we know, Satan may very well be directly connected to those strange lights that so many people claim to see in the sky. Perhaps he is already preparing people for some future arrival. Again, who knows. Let me remind you one more time of exactly what the Apostle Paul wrote:

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

Now, while I have emphasized only two options in this series -- that is to say, that aliens and UFOs are either a modern, man-made invention created by some unknown human entity, or an actual demonic manifestation -- to add a degree of balance to my statements, allow me to inform you that there does remain a third possible option which I amply discuss in the "Nature of the Alien" series. Now while some of my Christian brethren may judge me, and perhaps even condemn me for embracing this view, please note that I do NOT discount the possibility that intelligent, technologically-advanced alien races may exist in some other part of our galaxy, or at the very least, in some other region of our great universe.

I do not wish to spend a lot of time discussing this subject in this current series, being as I already explore it quite considerably in the aforementioned series, as well as in my eight-part series entitled "Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement". Suffice it to say that I think it would be a tremendous waste of real estate for God to create

such a vast universe, and then to only populate one planet out of billions of stars and planets with intelligent life. Perhaps I have given you something to think about. I really don't see how this position is a contradiction of our faith, or that it in any way challenges our faith. Let us never be so arrogant as to think that we are the only ones, and that God stopped with us. After all, He is a creator God, is He not?

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Clarification Of My Personal Position, Adam And Eve Were Created By God And Not By Aliens, If Alien Intelligent Life Does Exist, Blind Leading The Blind, Test The Spirits, Judge Things According To God's Word, New Age Deception Concerning Reincarnation, The Alien-Human Hybrid Deception, Great White Brotherhood Ascended Masters And Avatars, The Name Of Jesus Is Highly Exalted Above Every Name, Light And Truth Of God's Word, Jesus Is The Only Light Of The World, Forsake Deception And Turn To Truth Of The Scriptures, God Speaks Through His Word And Never Contradicts It Or Causes Confusion Through It, Spiritual Confusion Results From Many False Voices, Only One God One Voice Of God One Word Of God One Truth Of God, We're Unified By One Truth Not By Many Versions Of Truth, Satan's Tares Infiltrate To Cause Confusion, Do We Look To Jesus Or To Ourselves?, Jesus Alone Is The Way Truth And Life And The Light Of The World, Jesus Is All That We Need, Accept Jesus Today, Let Jesus Set You Free From Your Current Delusion And Spiritual Bondage, The Apostle Paul's Physical And Spiritual Vision Is Restored, Your Decision To Make, Suggested Reading

Continuing our discussion from part three, now while I hold to the opinion that it is quite probable that in His wisdom, God -- who according to the Scriptures is the Creator of all things, who made everything through His Son, Jesus Christ -- created intelligent life in other parts of our galaxy, or at the very least in some other region of the universe, please understand that I most certainly do NOT embrace all of the foolish nonsense which I've described to you in this series. In fact, I have not even told you the worst of it. You see, according to some of the UFO fanatics, some of these aliens have supposedly informed them that they -- that is to say, the aliens -- were the architects of the human race. Yes, I know. That is complete blasphemy which outright contradicts the narrative which we find in the Book of Genesis, which is obviously the following:

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Genesis 1:26-27, KJV

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul . . . And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him . . . And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-23, KJV

So, I just want to make the distinction that while I believe God may have created intelligent life elsewhere beyond the planet Earth, I do NOT accept all of the other silly baggage which the New Age crowd and other deceived individuals have attached to the basic premise of intelligent life existing in some other region of Outer Space. Now, assuming that such sentient, intelligent life really does exist, whether or not it possesses the advanced technology which would be required

in order to reach our planet is another matter altogether.

For all we know, they could be considerably younger than our own human race. This suggests that they might not be nearly as technologically advanced as we are at this point in time. On the other hand, they could also be hundreds, thousands or millions of years older than ourselves. If the latter is the case, they may possess capabilities which we can only dream of at this stage. What if traveling through wormholes is a simple feat for them and they zip around traveling from star system to star system, and from galaxy to galaxy?

At any rate, it is deep issues such as these which I discuss in the aforementioned series called "Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement". But concerning all of the other nonsense, to embrace those deceptive New Age beliefs is one thing, but to teach them to others is to cause those people who accept them to likewise fall into the very same dark pit of deception and delusion. As we are told in the Gospels, it is similar to the blind leading the blind, so that both of them fall into the very same ditch, as we see by the following Bible verse:

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."
Matthew 15:14, KJV

As we also discussed in part one, the Bible admonishes us to not be too quick to believe every spirit, but rather to try -- that is to say, to test or prove -- the spirits in order to determine whether or not they are really of God and speak His truth. To refresh your memory, the Apostle John wrote as follows:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."
1 John 4:1, KJV

The very best way that we can test these spirits and the New Age prophets, is simply by comparing what they have to say, with what the proven Word of God tells us. If they contradict the Bible in any way, then you can be certain that they are liars and deceivers, and certainly not of God. For example, contrary to New Age and Eastern religious beliefs, nowhere in the Bible do we find any mention of reincarnation. That is to say, the misguided belief that we human beings live multiple,

consecutive lives; that we can take on various forms, which in itself depends on our past deeds; and that with each new life, we can rise to a higher plane of existence. However, quite to the contrary, the Bible clearly states that we each live only one time, and that is it, as we see by this verse:

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

Hebrews 9:27, KJV

Neither does the Bible speak of human beings being some kind of alien/human hybrid as the "Space Brother" advocates like to claim. As we saw a moment ago, the Book of Genesis states that God created humanity in His own image. Personally, I understand this to mean in a physical sense with a head, a neck, a torso, two arms, two legs, two hands, two feet, etc. This becomes rather obvious just from examining the Bible. When the Angels appeared to Biblical characters, they had human form. When the Son of Man suddenly joined Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace, He too appeared as a human being. The captain of the Lord's host who the brave Israelite warrior Joshua saw as they fought against the city of Jericho, was also in human form with a sword in his hand.

Even in the Book of Revelation we discover that while Jesus obviously had a very exotic form, nevertheless, the Lord still possessed a very human form. So this point is beyond dispute. In fact, Angels can blend in so well with humanity, that the Apostle Paul tells us that we do not even realize when they are walking amongst us. Now there's a thought for you! Consider the following Bible verse:

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Hebrews 13:2, KJV

If you are interested in learning more about this subject, I suggest you consider reading my article called "Sex, a Bowl of Soup and the Nature of Angels". In part three, I mentioned to you that many New Age advocates seem to have an inclination to leave God and Jesus out of the picture for the most part. But this is not true in every case. There are some New Agers who do embrace Jesus. However, even they do NOT view Jesus in the same manner as we Christians do. In fact, as I mention in a number of my other UFOlogy-related articles, to those people, Jesus is NOT the Son of God or the Savior of the world. He's

simply an enlightened human being and an "Ascended Master" who is now a member of the so-called "Great White Brotherhood".

According to the misguided beliefs of these New Agers, this Great White Brotherhood is comprised of Earth's best sages, philosophers, spiritual teachers and luminaries from our own past. They include figures such as Moses, Muhammad, Buddha, Confucius, and I am not sure who else. Jesus is counted with these Ascended Masters, who New Agers also refer to as the Avatars. But here is the real clincher. In this hierarchy of elevated entities, Jesus is NOT above any of them. He is an equal to them and on par with them. Now, as Bible-believing Christians, we know how utterly false this belief truly is. After all, God's Word clearly informs us that due to His very loving Sacrifice for our sakes, Jesus has been highly exalted and elevated above all, and His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father. This Scriptural truth becomes evident by the following Bible verses:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11, KJV

"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

Romans 14:11, KJV

You see, all a person has to do is to begin reading the Bible, and the light and truth of God's Word will begin to flood his or her being, and the spiritual darkness and deception will be driven away. It doesn't require chants, or sitting in a lotus position, or taking mind-altering drugs, or anything else. If you happen to be a sincere seeker of the truth, many of your questions can and will be answered just by opening the Bible. It is as simple as that. As we learned in part three, light and darkness cannot coexist. When the light is present, then the darkness must yield to it and flee. As King David writes, that light is found in the very Word of God, as we see by the following Bible verse:

"NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psalms 119:105, KJV

Furthermore, in the Gospels, Jesus likewise plainly tells us that He alone is the one true Light of the world, because He is the Living Word of God incarnate. That is to say, in the flesh. As John clearly wrote at the beginning of his Gospel, the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. Consider this set of Bible verses which clearly confirm these various points:

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

John 1:4-9, 14, KJV

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 8:12, KJV

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9:5, KJV

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth . . . I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

John 12:35, 46, KJV

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Isaiah 9:2, KJV

"And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;"

Isaiah 10:17, KJV

"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for

brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."
Isaiah 60:19-20, KJV

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."
Revelation 21:23-25, KJV

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."
Revelation 22:16, KJV

"Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:"
Psalm 104:2, KJV

So, dear reader, I ask you to carefully consider these words. If you are one who has found yourself caught up in the lies and deceptions of the New Age movement; or if some eastern religion has got you in its clutches; or if the UFO fanatics have you waiting for a mass UFO landing; or if you've become deceived by the blatant lies of the Urantia Book which deny the absolute necessity of Jesus Christ's Atonement; or if the misguided words of the many wannabe false prophets who now plague our own Christian faith have got you mesmerized; then I urge you to begin questioning the voices that you are now listening to. Don't allow yourself to continue to be deceived by any of them. Shut them out and turn to God's Word.

My personal belief has long been that God speaks to us quite loudly and clearly through His written Word. If you hear or read or even receive something that does not conform to God's Word, or that even outright contradicts it, then you need to throw it out immediately, and rebuke its source. I simply do not believe that God will contradict what He has already said in His written Word. The Bible informs us that God is not the author of confusion. As we learned earlier, Satan is, because he is in fact the Father of Lies. Please consider this group

of Bible verses which concern the Gift of Prophecy:

"Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

1 Corinthians 14:29-33, KJV

There are now so many so-called "prophets", gurus, spiritual teachers, psychics, channelers, holy men, etc., in the world today, that it has in fact resulted in great confusion both within and without the Body of Christ. God's Word, and God's Voice, is one, just as He is one. He will not say one thing through one of His true prophets or teachers, and then turn around and contradict Himself by saying something entirely different through another one of His prophets or teachers, because His truth is also one, and not many truths. We can only be truly unified by one truth, and not by many versions of the truth. It may have been for this very reason that the Apostle Paul was inspired to write the following lines:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 1:10, KJV

It is for this reason that I am convinced that the spiritual confusion which has resulted from so many religions, and so many different voices, and so many different holy books, is Satan's doing, and certainly not God's doing. As I explained in part one of this series, it is Satan's tactic of mixing the tares in with the good wheat, in order to confuse and to divide, and that is exactly what we see in the world today.

So much of what is promoted by the New Age movement, as well as by some of the Eastern religions points inward to self. In contrast, the Bible admonishes us to look outward and upward to Christ; for in Him alone do we find our hope. This alone is a major difference between Christian theology and all of these other false belief systems. God's Word plainly declares that Jesus is the answer and our only hope of Salvation, while all other belief systems falsely teach us that the answers can be found within ourselves. In the Epistle to the Hebrews we find

the following verse:

"LOOKING UNTO JESUS the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2, KJV

If Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, as well as the one true Light of the world, and our only means of obtaining true Salvation, then He is all that we truly need. We do NOT need the confusing psychobabble of the New Age movement; or the tiresome introspection of Eastern religions; or a bogus form of salvation coming by way of some advanced alien race; or the antichrist, blatant lies of the Urantia Book; or even the deceptive words of the fast-talking, American television preachers and the online wannabe false prophets. Again, all that we actually need is Jesus and His Word. So if you truly want to be filled with the spiritual light which comes from God alone, and not with Satan's false light, please embrace Jesus today if you haven't already done so. He patiently and lovingly stands at the door of your heart, waiting for you to invite Him into fellowship with you. As we read in the Book of Revelation:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Revelation 3:20, KJV

Jesus desires to forgive you for your sins of rebellion and unbelief, but you must be willing to take the first step. You must recognize that you have missed the mark, and that you have been deceived by the misguided philosophies of men. Until one recognizes that there is something wrong, he can't possibly obtain the cure. If you had cancer, would you deny that you did, or would you seek a cure? In similar fashion, sin is like a cancer which grows and spreads, and ultimately destroys our lives, unless we ask for help from the Great Physician: Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is time for you to recognize that you must forsake all of these other voices, because they simply are not of God. They are in fact the voices and spirits of doubt, delusion and deception, sent by Satan himself. Through feeding his lies to your mind, he knowingly keeps you in bondage to his will. It is time for you to allow Jesus to set you free from your

prison of spiritual darkness, because this is exactly one of the things that He came to do. Consider these Bible verses:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Luke 4:18-21, KJV

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30, KJV

So as you can see, God wants to liberate you, and to restore your spiritual vision, but the choice is up to you. You must be willing to allow Him to remove the scales of deception and delusion from your eyes, just as He did with the Apostle Paul some two thousand years ago. Consider these Bible verses:

"And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."

Acts 9:17-18, KJV

What you need to understand is that the miracle of having his physical eyesight restored was actually accompanied by an even more important spiritual miracle. As I explain in other articles, prior to that time in his life, due to his own self-righteous pride at being a law-abiding Pharisee, Paul's hatred toward the young Christian Church led him to persecute and kill the followers of Christ. However, once the Lord struck down Paul during that well-known journey on the road to Damascus, his life changed in a major way, and he became a burning ember for the Lord. Your life can change

as well. That is, if you are willing to abandon any false beliefs that you may currently embrace, and accept Christ today. Will you? I certainly hope so, because He is waiting for you to make the right decision.

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were either mentioned in this article, or which contain topics which are related to this article. All of these articles are likewise located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server. To read these articles, simply click or tap on any link you see below.

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