

Subtle Deception

Sunday Morning, March 23, 2014

Thesis: Deception Can Lead To Eternal Separation From God!

Introduction:

Many things in life are imitated. They are made to look like the real thing.

- ✚ Silk Flowers imitate Real Flowers
- ✚ Products are imitated, such as the iPad imitated by Chromebook
- ✚ Fine Works of Art are imitated, such as the Mona Lisa. (The original is on the right, the one on the left is thought to have been a copy made at the exact same time by an apprentice of Leonardo da Vinci)

Sometimes without experience and knowledge we can be fooled by the imitations. It takes much study and knowledge to know the difference, to be able to pick out what is real. If we do not know the difference, we can be cheated.

The same is true of Christ. Satan's goal is to imitate Christ to deceive us and cheat us of the truth and blessings that come with knowing the real Christ.

(Matthew 24:24)

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

I. God's Desire is That Souls Are Saved!

(John 3:16)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(I John 5: 9 – 13)

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, & that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

(Matthew 18:11)

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

II. Satan's Desire is to Deceive People and Keep Them From Receiving the Truth

Oprah is on a mission. Repeatedly stated, her "mission" is, "I want people to see things on our show that makes them think differently about their lives...To be a light for people. To make a difference...to open their minds and see things differently...how to get in touch with the spiritual part of their life." Unfortunately, the "light" Oprah offers is the "angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14), and "opening their minds," in this case means their brains fall out-they become empty headed (Romans 1:21-25).

During the show Oprah related, "I was raised a Baptist and we were too hung up on traditional ways. I was sitting in church and heard that God is a jealous God. I asked 'Why?' Come on-let's get over it!" She related a "jealous God" to an insecure God.

In the program Oprah revealed that she doesn't think God is hung up on what you believe about God-whatever that "force" is, it doesn't care what you call it. He doesn't have an ego problem. She states, "I believe in the FORCE-I call it God." She also said if you believe in a rhythm of nature and in love, then you believe in God.
(From Jesus-is-Savior.com)

Jesus Calling

The Shack

Re-packaged New Age Philosophy

Quantum Christ

Or

Christ or the Power or God Within You

(II Timothy 4: 3 – 4)

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;
4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

They Turn From The Truth

(II Corinthians 11:4)

For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Another Jesus?!

(Galatians 5: 7 – 9)

7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Leaven Leaven's The Whole Lump!

(Matthew 24:5)

For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Many Deceived!

(Romans 1: 21 – 25)

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Exchanged Truth For A Lie!



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(Romans 9: 1 – 3)

1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

Anathema - Separated, Cast Out

(Exodus 32: 32)

Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

Blot Me Out

Revelation 14: 9 – 11 - Worshiping the Beast

Luke 16: 32 – 33 - Rich Man in Hell

(Revelation 19:20)

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The Beast & False Prophet

(Revelation 20: 11 – 15)

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, & books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Second Death

(Matthew 25:41)

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Prepared for the Devil and Fallen Angels

Conclusion:

(John 10:10)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.