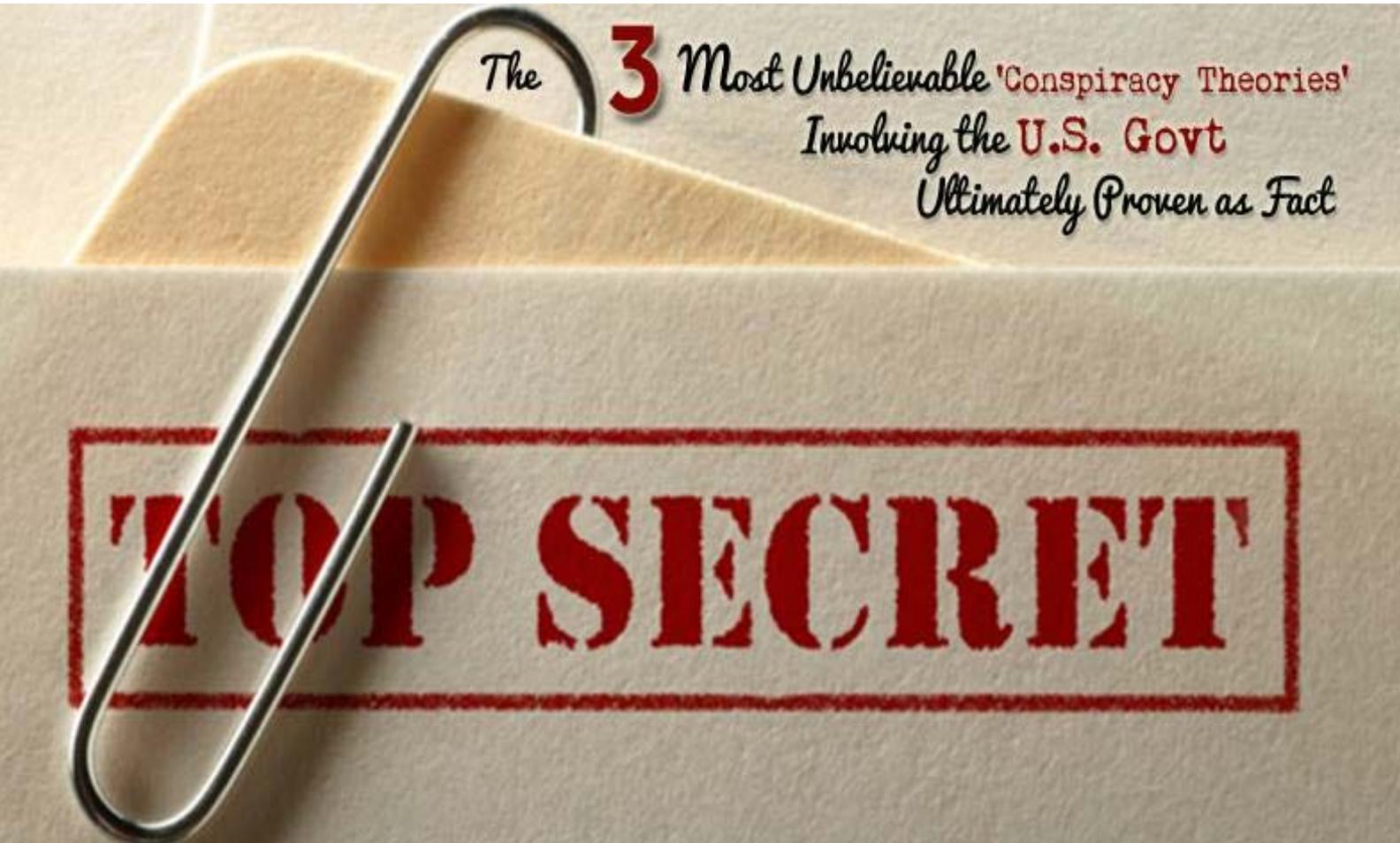


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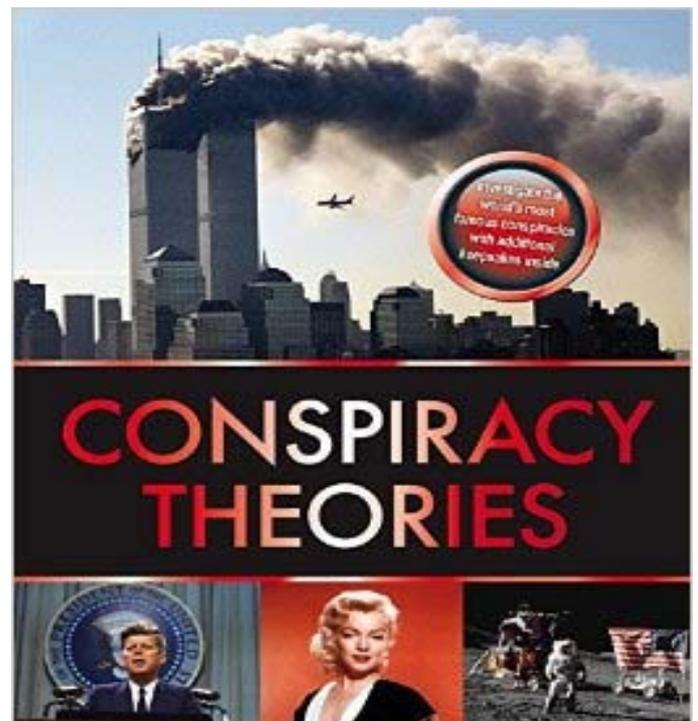


Conspiracy:

con·spir·a·cy noun/ kən-spir-ə-sē
a secret plan made by two or more people to do something that is harmful or illegal

Theory:

noun /thē-ə-rē, thir-ē/
an idea or set of ideas that is intended to explain facts or events



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Welcome to the Global Watch Weekly Report (GWW)

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The following statement was made last year by Josh Turansku, a pastor at *Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa* located in Costa Mesa, CA.

“Rick Warren promotes Chrislam.” “Billy Graham is a Freemason of the 33rd degree.” And pigs fly. I’m sure you’re seeing the crazy things that float around the Internet too. Unfortunately, part of my job is to read these insane theories, accusations and conspiracies and block those who perpetuate them on our church’s social media sites. Most of the time I’m able to laugh and shake my head, but when I see them shared across Facebook, I feel sad. Paul told Timothy “But refuse and avoid irreverent legends (profane and impure and godless fictions, mere grandmothers’ tales) and silly myths, and express your disapproval of them. Train yourself toward godliness” (1 Tim. 4:7 AMP). There is a group of Internet personalities who think they have a special dispensation of discernment about everything under the sun. And if that weren’t bad enough, they start websites to host their theories. Amazingly, most of them stay anonymous, use lime-green lettering on a black background and love pictures of dragons. Often the loudest people on the Internet have the least to lose—and this group is no different. Maybe you are a leader that has been a victim of their attack. Whether we want to compare them to Sanballat and Tobiah hassling Nehemiah as he rebuilt Jerusalem or compare them to the little foxes spoken of in Song of Solomon that ruin the vineyard of love, they are real and they hurt Jesus’ church.

When we first saw this statement we could see there was a dichotomy here that needed to be addressed.

Our first observation is that the Christian community at large is highly sensitive to the constant barrage of false prophecies, sensationalism and lone ranger doomsday speculators that have undermined the integrity of the Bible and further eroded the relevance that many Churches see with end time prophecy. One of them we mentioned just few months ago; a so called prophet called Ron Reese who had predicted that November and then December 2015 would witness the collapse of the world economy and massive invasion of the middle east by Russia.

Ron had been guilty of previous failed prophecies and to his credit did say that if none of the events revealed to him to happen towards the end of 2015 took place then he would have to seriously question where these revelations were coming from. Thankfully we are happy not to have received anymore emails from him yet there are concerns we have about his mental stability.

However the second observation we felt it was necessary to expound on when reading the above statement, is to affirm that we cannot have a “throw the baby out with the bath water approach” when it comes to approaching the study of the end times and current events. The underlining tone of the above statement from Josh Turansku of *Calvary Chapel Church* is that whilst he is concerned about the amount of prophecy/conspiratorial junk on the internet he seems to be doing this without recognizing that there still remains an un-deniable truth within particular elements of conspiracy theory which harmonizes with Christian eschatology.

In this edition of the global watch weekly we tackle the reasons why conspiracy theories have such an indifferent response from much of the Christian community and why we feel there is more value to legitimate conspiracies when applied in the right “non-biased” biblical context. Thanks to Gonzo Shimura for much of the insight provided in this edition.

Enjoy

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THE PARADOX

The image below was an advertisement used by Pastor Josh Turansky of *Calvary Chapel Church* Costa Mesa in California, where he and his team spent a week providing articles and insight into the arena of conspiracy theories and what the Christian response should be.



If you know anything about *Calvary Chapel* you will know that for many decades this denomination was led by Chuck Smith who passed away in 2013. Chuck Smith was a prolific leader who wrote a number of books including *The Soon To Be Revealed Antichrist* as well as *What is the World Coming to* and *The Final Act*.

That this was a church which historically had been active on Bible Eschatology was all the more confusing when in recent times a whole week at one of the branches of this organization was dedicated to a critical assessment of Christian conspiracy theory.

Not that critical assessment of any system of belief is wrong but when you examine deeper the context of the week, it was very much a dissociation from conspiracy theories about 911, the new world order and such the likes.

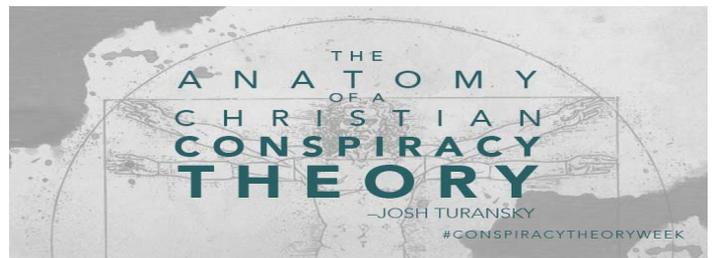
A similar experience was encountered when examining the website *raptureready.com*. *Raptureready.com* is a website that has been around for years committed to providing information about end time prophecy; albeit from a strong pre-tribulational perspective.

The website provides a list of prophecy experts they believe you can trust and those they believe you shouldn't touch with a barge pole. In the latter list is the name of Texe Marrs who heads the *Power of Prophecy Ministry*.

Raptureready.com makes a series of accusations about the integrity of Marrs research and whilst some of their assertions about him may be justifiable based on a number of bizarre and eccentric actions by Marrs over the years, it is the following statement by *Raptureready.com* which really got our attention.

"I have a very hard time applying any credibility to people that promote conspiracy theories. The question I always ask, "If groups like the Masons, the Illuminati, and the Tri-Lateral Commission are so powerful, why don't they carry out their goal of enslaving the world."

So what we have here is a website devoted to providing end time prophecy insights actually questioning the influence of the Freemasons, Illuminati, Trilateral Commission etc. on the direction that the world is heading. The double contradiction here is that some of the individuals that this website supports actually teach about the role of the freemasons and other secret societies.



THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

When Christians make statements like "there is no global conspiracy" or "them conspiracy theorists", I have to laugh. The bible is full of conspiracies.

The first conspiracy we find in the book of Genesis is where the Serpent deceived Eve so that she and Adam would fall under a curse because of disobedience. This was a conspiracy to alter the relationship between God and Man so that mankind would no longer enjoy direct fellowship with God which was part of the original purpose for his creation.

Another conspiracy was one which involved the Sanhedrin and Judas Iscariot where they conspired to have Jesus brought to the roman rulers under fabricated accusations.

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So despite the bible being full of conspiracies and sub plots. many Christians have a hard time in being associated with belief systems that are somehow associated with conspiracy theories.



It would seem conspiracy theory has become a dirty word like the word “sales”.

One thing I remember working in the telecoms sector is that straight out sales guys would have business title such as Strategic Consultant, Business Development, Marketing Strategy, Global Strategy, Client Acquisitions and Account Management. Anything other than Sales.

And so there are very few folks who would consider themselves both a Christian, and a conspiracy theorist. The niche is limited and has been largely seen as a taboo for the Christian community. But my conviction is that these like minded Christians are some of the most “on fire” believers that we can find. This is largely due to the fact that these brothers and sisters in Christ have a clear picture of who the enemy is, and how he operates.

I want to explore what it means to be a Christian conspiracy theorist (CCT) the benefits, as well as the dangers. This edition will address the following 4 fundamental questions. They are:

1. *Who cares if you know about conspiracies?*
2. *What difference does it make to being a Christian? Isn't it saying you don't trust God?*
3. *What does knowing about conspiracies have to do with “loving your neighbor”?*
4. *What are the pros and cons of being a Christian Conspiracy Theorist?*

WHO CARES IF YOU KNOW ABOUT CONSPIRACIES?

The first question is often posed not only to CCT (*If the label Christian Conspiracy Theorists is still too strong for you then every time we use the term CCT simply apply the word Watcher instead*) but also to secular folks who adhere to conspiracies. I have heard many people argue that knowing about conspiracies really doesn't do a whole lot of good for anyone. In other words, who cares? So who cares if we know that the government is run by a bunch of Satan worshippers? Who cares if we know that evil men willingly compromise a majority of the population using manipulative measures? Who cares if we know that people around the world are slowly being killed by genetically modified foods?

Well, for the secular conspiracy theorist, it really only goes as far as, “to stop it!” Simply put, knowing about these conspiracies does nothing to change anything. It actually has a negative effect on the minds of such folks. They begin to have a superiority complex about having knowledge that others don't. Subsequently, they begin to have the same kind of occult mindset of those who actually are deeply in the occult, esoteric, Luciferic, and Satanic circles who happen to be running the economic, political, and ecumenical institutions of the world.

But there are very important reasons for knowing about conspiracies, especially if you are a Christian. First, it confirms the very claims of the Bible. In Luke chapter 4, we see Jesus being tempted by Satan. In verses 5-8, the Word reveals to us a startling revelation.

“The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” (Luke 4:5-8)

Satan clearly admits that the authority of the kingdoms of the world were given to him and that he can give it to anyone he pleases in exchange for worship. Now if Satan offered this to the Son

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of God, you can bet that he has offered it to the people who are in very high places here on earth.



These include world bankers, religious leaders, and political influencers. A remarkable quote by a man named Mayer Amschel Rothschild, one of the wealthiest families in the last several centuries, shows how this can be so.

“Give me control of a nation’s money, and I care not who makes her laws.” - Mayer Amschel Rothschild 1744-1812

The reality is that the network of people who are the so called, “movers and shakers” of this world are all getting their information from Satan himself. This is why organizations like the Illuminati and the Papacy do what they do. The orders come from Satan himself and trickle down to you and I.

Take a look around and ask yourself if you believe this is true? Did you watch the 2015 Super Bowl halftime show? What about the Music and Entertainment Industry? How about the porn industry? The list goes on and on. We are inundated by Satanism.

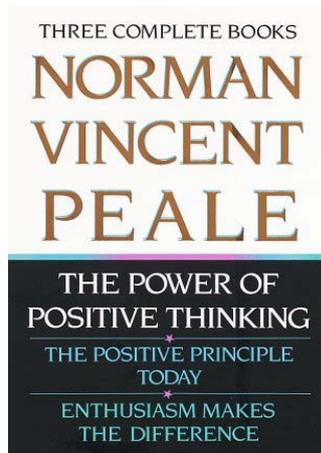
Now before you get all up in arms and call me crazy, consider the fact that in the last two centuries, the occult ideology have become the religion of America and much of the western world at large. Now please keep in mind, I am not saying all Americans are occultists, but I am saying that by default, our nation has become obsessed with the occult.

Without going into the entirety of the history of the occult explosion in America, I wanted to focus on two genres of influence infected by the occult explosion in the last few decades.

In the music industry, we saw the innocent and artistic hobby and pastime that was music turn into a commercial hypnotic hysteria starting with Elvis shaking his hips on television to the full blown occult spirituality pushed by groups like Black Sabbath and Led Zepplin.

Think about the mantra, “sex, drugs, and rock’n’roll” as an ideology pushed to younger generations to aspire to.

And then as the 90s came around, it was full blown gangsta rap hitting the mainstream talking about drive by shootings, stealing, exhorting women etc. These are all predicated on pride and selfish desires. Now if you are a skeptic, do you think this just happened? Was this simply supply and demand or something more?



This next example might be a little more surprising. The explosion of the occult in the business world. Yes, the business world. The aspiration for material wealth became the desired hope for many Americans and the people of the world. Everyone wanted to move to America to attain “the American Dream.”

And what does it have to do with the occult? The advent of the new age philosophy entering into the conduct of the business world. Things like positive-thinking, mind-power, and self-help are all rooted in the occult philosophies. Books like Napoleon Hill’s *Think and Grow Rich*, Norman Vincent Peale’s *The Power of Positive Thinking* all come from this same ideology. And it has only gotten worse in the last two decades.

Almost everything you see on television from Opera to Deepak Chopra, Dr. Phil, and even shows on the Disney channel like *Wizards of Waverly Place*, and *My Babysitter’s a Vampire*, all come from the occult! There is simply a mass deception of believing that success is only measured by economic gain and public notoriety. It simply is not true. The business world reflects these ideologies the worst because while the goal is to attain wealth and material success using positive-thinking, or mind-power, the consequences are that you trample over people,

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stab people in the back, and do whatever it takes to climb the corporate ladder. The consequences are that you trample over people, stab people in the back, and do whatever it takes to climb the corporate ladder.

So as you can see, knowing about conspiracies changes your perception of reality in a huge way. And while I didn't even touch on 99% of the conspiracies that are out there, I hope this will lay a foundation to understanding the principle of why we should care about conspiracies in the first place. It affects our lives, and the lives of our loved ones. It's as simple as that. And being a Christian without being aware and educated on these matters are only going to make you susceptible to fall.

While you might be saying, "I trust God in faith, therefore I don't need to know about these conspiracies," I would beg to differ. I leave you today with three scriptures to show how that attitude, while noble and true in many ways, simply does not apply to the Christian concerning conspiracy theories.

"My people are being destroyed because they don't know me. Since you priests refuse to know me, I refuse to recognize you as my priests. Since you have forgotten the laws of your God, I will forget to bless your children." (Hosea 4:6)

"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (Mark 12:30)

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7)

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO BEING A CHRISTIAN? ISN'T IT SAYING YOU DON'T TRUST GOD?

So far we have looked at why anyone should care about conspiracy theories. The conclusion was that we should become Christian Conspiracy Theorists (CCT) and aware of conspiracy theories because they confirm a central theme in the Bible which is that Satan is the ruler of this world. Today, I want to specifically look at not just what difference it makes for a Christian to know conspiracies or be aware of them, but also the

more central issue of, "doesn't it mean you don't trust God?"

The argument is as follows:

You look at conspiracies and spread fear about the world we live in. You warn people about impending danger and possible destruction of the political, economic, and even spiritual pillars of society as we know them. Therefore, you do not trust God that He will make all things right. Trusting in God means you shouldn't look or care about these conspiracies because ultimately God will take care of things.

It's a valid point. The danger certainly is that anyone, Christian or not, can get caught up in the web of conspiracy theories making them higher than Jesus. It is true that conspiracies can become an idol. But that's true for anything, not just conspiracies. Of course I don't believe that is the point to the CCT. I am going to make a bold claim and then back it up with Scripture. It is more Biblical to understand conspiracy theories and study them than to ignore them!



For the last two centuries, theologians have been very well versed in the realm of atheism, scientism, and secular philosophies in order to counter these arguments. The advent of modern day apologetics is great and an important tool for any believer to have in their intellectual arsenal. However, as we move into the 21st century, I believe it's time to gain a better understanding of the supernatural elements of Scripture.

The Bible is a supernatural book full of God's providential information, but also exposing the counterfeit spiritual practices and entities. To ignore them, and not take time to relate these revelations to the world around us, would be ignoring much of what God wants us to know!

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As a general consensus, conspiracies are everywhere. They have been a part of our history. Here are a list of just twelve conspiracies that have been proven to be true in our known recorded history!

1. 63 BC The Second Catiline conspiracy
2. 44 BC Caesar assassination plot
3. 1605 Gunpowder plot
4. 1763 Small pox infected blankets to the Native Americans
5. 1865 Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
6. 1894 The Dreyfus affair
7. 1913 Federal Reserve Act (If you don't know about this one, you need to!)
8. 1919 Black Sox Scandal
9. 1945 Nazi Gold
10. 1950 Project MKULTRA
11. 1964 Gulf of Tonkin incident
12. 1972 Watergate scandal

The key element to any conspiracy is the element of deception. Lies upon lies create a web and fog so thick that one would have to get their hands dirty to arrive at the truth of any given matter. But luckily for us, God has given us the true source of these lies. It's Satan.

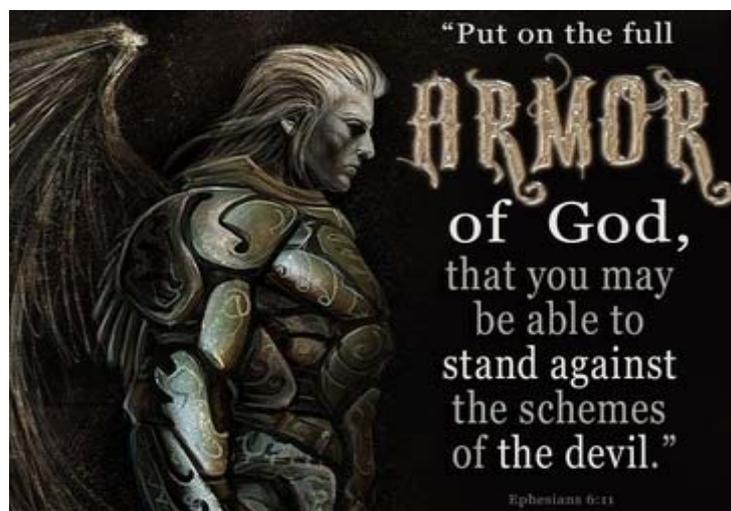
"For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)

So as you can see, the very characteristic of any conspiracy is of the fallen cherub himself. So it's no surprise that he would be behind most or all conspiracies.

The Bible also tells us to put on the full armor of God to be able to stand against the "schemes of the devil."

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)

The Greek word for "schemes" is *methodeia* of which we get our English word "method." It simply means "craft, deceit." This means that Satan is going to use deception as a way to carry out his agenda.



And if we are not aware of the methods and schemes of Satan, than we are going to be eaten alive! In conjunction with this verse, one of my favorite verses is found in the chapter prior to this one when Paul states:

"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." (Ephesians 5:12)

The Greek word for expose here is *elegchó*, and it means to rebuke, reprove, convict or expose. The message here is to not just sit idle, but expose what is not of Christ. But how can we expose anything if we do not know what we are exposing? This is where we can go back to Ephesians 6:12 and find out the what's really going on here.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the core issue here. Our war is not carnal, it is spiritual. Because the CCT knows this, it allows them to be much better prepared to investigate and learn about the methods of Satan, as well as expose them. If we neglect to do these things, then we're really not following a major part of what we are called to do. Of course this is all in the name and authority of Jesus Christ.

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And to answer the criticism of not trusting God, I would say, it's quite the opposite. The CCT requires tremendous trust in God. This is simply because we are the ones who infiltrate and investigate the dark places that most shy away from. Without a complete and utter trust in God, this research and investigation would be in vain. Without the protection of Christ, none of the work of the CCT is worth anything. Throughout Scripture, we find folks who trust God when it seems ridiculous or outright insane to the world. Remember what 1 John 2 tells us:

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)

And remember what David said in trusting the Lord:

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

I could go on and on. The point is that we live in a world that is ruled by Satan and influenced by Satan for his ends. This is where I can go off into why I believe end times prophecy is important to look at. Without going too far down this rabbit trail, let me just point out one verse that lets us know what we are dealing with when it comes to the Satanic kingdom that we are living in today.

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

The fact that the verse starts off with the words, "Be sober-minded; be watchful," is indicative of what the CCT is doing. Looking at the world conspiracies, and understanding what's behind it all takes a sober mind. It is also being watchful because we are keeping an eye on the enemy. Something I haven't brought up which I should have is that the CCT is essentially a watchmen. I certainly consider myself a watchmen, but I can't tell you how many times I can relate to this verse:

"I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not pay attention.'" (Jeremiah 6:17)

The church at large, and those who ridicule or ignore the warning that we are in a very important and integral time in history could very well be deceived. And this deception may end up with many who might call themselves Christians to believe the lie and possibly lose their salvation!

"Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day (The day of the Lord) will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." ~2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 (emphasis added)

There's a lot there in these verses. Some parts of these verses are classic rapture verses, but I beg to differ on those points. Nevertheless, I want to focus on the key points that are emphasized.

First, the word for "rebellion" as rendered by the ESV here is actually the word apostasia, the falling away. While pre-tribulation rapture folks use this as meaning "rapture", the reality is that the word apostasy means "a departure" or again as the KJV and NKJV puts it, a falling away.

I find it interesting that most Christians don't get as alarmed when seeing this verse. I don't think it is simply talking about the unbelieving world. In fact, I believe because this is a letter from Paul to the church in Thessalonica, it can be looked at as a letter to the body of Christ as well. And what seems to be implied here, is that many people who call themselves Christians are going to be deceived! This will be comes more apparent as we continue.

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The next portion I emphasized is also very alarming. First off, it states clearly that the coming of Satan incarnate is going to be marked by “all power and false signs and wonders.” This is the biggest lie that is going to manifest in human history. And again, isn't it alarming that Paul states, “Therefore, God sends a strong delusion.” Think about this for a moment. God is going to send a strong delusion that even those of us who are believers could believe the lie. This is not going to be a politician promising “change.” This is going to be something much bigger, and far more supernatural.

If we couple 2 Thessalonians with the following verse we find from Jesus directly, who says:

“For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.” (Matthew 24:24)

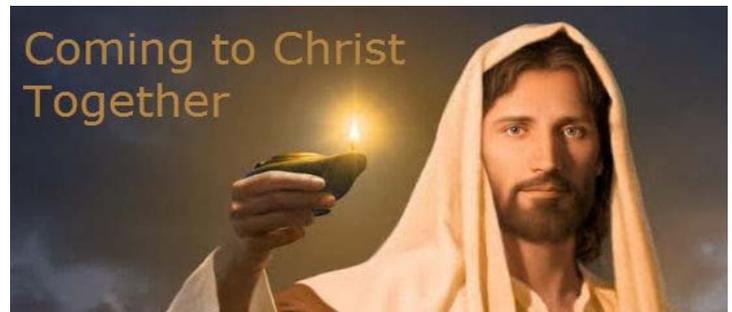
We find ourselves coming to the conclusion that whatever is going to happen in the very near future, it is going to be highly deceptive, and quite possibly something that will deceive our brother and sisters in Christ who were not warned or educated on the matter.



So what difference does conspiracy theories make for Christians? Everything. I hope you're beginning to see that it's not a far fetched, tin foil hat, fear mongering tactic to sell books. Rather, for the Christian who investigates and studies Conspiracy Theories, it is the catapult that gives us more reason to hold onto the Lord.

Every little conspiracy that we uncover is another thread in the fabric of the great deception, one led by Satan, with his goal to bring down the church which is the body of Christ.

If you think about it, one soul giving up their faith in Christ when the lawless one is revealed and Satan has in essence, a glimpse of victory. The Lord desires all to come to the knowledge of truth and so be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) and the CCT takes the same attitude when learning about such topics.



And about trusting God? Well again, I think I've demonstrated enough times that learning about the enemy requires a tremendous amount of trust in God. It requires us to lean on God for protection in infiltrating enemy territory to gain intelligence. It requires us to hold steadfast to God's promise that in the end He wins and we glory with Him! It requires us to trust God in this calling and this ministry because we certainly know that it's not for everyone.

Our Lord is powerful and true. We have victory in Christ. But learning about the enemy and bringing people out of the current deception, as well as warning the body of Christ for the coming Great deception is a tall order. Being a CCT means that you are going to get opposition from both sides; the secular world, and the church at large. But there is one verse that we must keep in mind when coming face to face with such opposition:

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. Love Your Enemies, “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” (Luke 6:26-28)

This nicely leads us to the next and final section when we look at the question: *What does knowing about conspiracies have to do with “loving your neighbor”?* and *What are the pros and cons of being a Christian Conspiracy Theorist?*

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WHAT DOES KNOWING ABOUT CONSPIRACIES HAVE TO DO WITH “LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR”?

We find in several verses in the Scriptures that talk about treating your neighbor as yourself. It's an important lesson and one that is simple and straightforward. I've often said that if everyone in the world adopted this philosophy, wars would cease to exist and true, sustainable, genuine world peace would transpire.

However, we know that we don't live in a world where such things are possible. In fact, every single one of us has broken this simple principle several times in our lives. And so it stands that our Messiah, Yeshua being the only one who has never sinned, is of the Father Himself and is gracious and merciful enough to forgive us for our transgressions.

But part of the act of being saved requires that we do something. It requires us to take action and become the salt and the light unto the world in dire need for the One who delivered us from bondage.

While this attitude is simply something that we will naturally adopt inherently into our own nature of being as children of God, our westernized society has institutionalized it, creating a good-will service that is called, “outreach.”

Outreach, in the context of the Church is defined in this way:

“Social welfare any systematic effort to provide unsolicited and predefined help to groups or individuals deemed to need it” <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/outreach>

The typical model for any outreach ministry, at least in my church which is known for its far reaching...outreach, goes something like this: You gather together at the church on a particular day, usually early in the morning. A group of any size comes together, prays, and then debriefs on the details of what the intentions of the outreach for the day are. Then they hop on busses or cars, drive to the location where they will be serving and proceed to carry out their outreach service.

After they are done, they hop back into the van, drive back to the church, and discuss “how God spoke to them” during their experience of serving the less fortunate, the needy, the forgotten, the marginalized.

On a grander scale, this type of activity would be labelled as a mission, where the group would go to another country. While the impact is powerful and certainly eye opening, especially for the “blessed” and well off persons, it is my contention that this type of “outreach” is too systematic and controlled.

This is not to denounce or to frown upon those who are genuinely out to serve others. But the problem is that these institutionalized forms of outreach are made in order to give people a sense of achievement and a marking off of the checklist of things we ought to be doing. In this type of outreach, there is something very pharisaic about the entire experience. Something is missing here. I think it's called the Gospel!

What I've found is that the truly passionate follower of Yeshua find their niche and passionately go after that group to treat them with the love and kindness of God, but also preach the Gospel message in the process, which is the central issue.

In fact, a great way to test the spirit of outreach is to ask whether the Gospel comes first, or second. In other words, are people going out and doing these acts of outreach because of their faith in Yeshua and the grace of God? Or are they seeking a need, finding out ways to fill it, then creating the Biblical wallpaper to dress it up as church?

So why am I rambling on about outreach when this is suppose to be about the Christian Conspiracy Theorist (CCT)? Because I believe when the CCT learns about the inner workings and the various aspects of society, they ultimately become the most awesome and unique outreach minister there can be. Why? Because they have a deeper level of understanding to the injustice found on earth.

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As mentioned the CCT understands that the rulers of this dark world is Satan himself. Now that's not to say Satan is behind every curtain and under every rock. Although in some regard, he is because he was the one who deceived humanity into becoming fallen in nature. But it's a deeper issue.

For example, when the CCT sees the homeless man, the thought that comes to mind is that this man could not sustain and play the game of capitalism, which is run by Luciferians, and ultimately lands at the foot of Satan's throne.

Or if you go to a third world nation that is oppressed, you can understand that Satan, having been the source of pride and greed has seeped into the minds of the nation's leaders, starving their people for the well being of the few.

Or (this one might hit close to home) if you see or know someone with cancer, you understand that there has been an agenda to manipulate our food and water supply to bring about health issues to the masses in a systematic agenda for the purposes of eugenics and population reduction.

The information alone is not the factor here. It's actually the response to it. One would never have to vocalize their thoughts to the victims, rather, our compassion and our heart simply churns in agony as we somehow are able to connect and understand at a much deeper level, the kinds of trials and tribulations these fellow brethren are going through.

Coming full circle in explaining what being a CCT has to do with "loving your neighbor," it simply means that "outreach" becomes a lifestyle and not a weekend occupation. This casts a far wider spiritual net because outreach would be to the new ager, the satanist, the luciferian, the ones who are drenched in the occult, the atheist, the agnostic, the buddhist, and on and on and on.

There are no boundaries because the poverty we would be seeking to fill with God's love would NOT be physical in nature but spiritual. We have all been endowed with various amount of resources and lifestyles. But ultimately it is about

how we can use them to spread the Gospel message in love. It's the spiritual poverty that the CCT is most concerned about. If we are able to instill God's love, God's providence, God's Word and get that person spiritually saved for eternity under Messiah Yeshua, I believe that is more valuable than simply becoming a giant dispenser of goods to those who need it.

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS OF BEING A CHRISTIAN CONSPIRACY THEORIST?

As you might be able to tell already, being a CCT is not for everyone and certainly not something you can force upon anyone. The views held by CCT are always going to be "out there" and "out of the box" as someone close to me once put it. But the beauty is that there is a need for people like us. There is a need for the mind that is drenched in curiosity that they have to look beyond the veil. This in turn plays right into the concept of being a watchman for the Lord. But as far as pros and cons are concerned, they go hand in hand.



For most folks, being a CCT or for that matter a watchman is not a desired position to hold. Why on earth would anyone want to dig through the darkest and most twisted corners of the human mind? It's much more desirable to be that popular author, or pastor that a whole community relies on as the spiritual spokesman and representative of your faith.

Others simply want to be left alone professing his or her faith under the blanket of normalcy, minimizing the impact that one's faith should have on an individual in exchange for the acceptance of social status or self image.

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Yet it's these very people who seem to scoff at the advent of someone who is a Christian and an investigator of the darker side of humanity. This is a fine balance the CCT must handle.

A great example is an interview seen online with William Ramsey who has done a marvelous job of looking into the life of Aleister Crowley. As soon as the interviewer posted the episode on Youtube, comments came flying in. One in particular set the tone of the conversation to follow:

"if you really were a christian you wouldn't be studying satanism"

What an interesting thing to say in context of Ephesians 5:11.

"have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them" You can't expose what you don't know." (Ephesians 5:11)

But think about the accusation made here. This fellow brother in Christ was declaring that anyone who studies satanism, or any other dark subject matter is not a real Christian. That's a very harsh thing to say to someone.

If it weren't for my confidence in what I feel God has called me to do and be in this world, such comments would certainly affect me in the most negative way. But it's clear that the logic does not follow.

It would be akin to suggesting that a player on the LA Lakers is not a true Laker because he studies the plays of another team. It simply does not make sense. So while such accusations do seem harsh, it should only deepen your faith in God and what He has trusted you to do.

Another possible con to being a CCT minded brother or sister in Christ is a sense of isolation. Now this is a dangerous factor because such feelings can very quickly lead to deeper emotional troubles like low self esteem or even depression. Because there aren't many folks who think like the CCT, it's likely that these people will feel alone and left out of the "normal" crowd. A sense of feeling misunderstood or even ostracized is common.

The worst part about all of this is the fact that the backlash seems to come more from the church than anywhere else. This to me is startling because avoiding the darker topics and sweeping them under the rug is akin to lying. Why do you think so many young people leave the church? I believe it's because real life issues, and real world issues are not addressed properly within the Church. The focus on the fine and dandy things and ignoring the darker things makes for a very biased understanding of the Scriptures as well.

We as CCT are able to hold steadfast to the Word of God and have confidence in Him that this is what He has called us to do. None of us should get to the point of depression or isolation that can be wildly destructive for not only yourself, but those around you. The danger though is not to get bitter towards the church community. We must understand that all the issues we see in the institutionalized church is something that God will deal with. We are the watchmen. We cannot change these things. We can however warn them, and that should be our focus.

There are many other cons that could be brought up, but I believe all of them stem from these two factors. Getting criticized and as a result, feeling isolated. As a result, some CCT I know have become jaded and disenchanted with everything and everyone. This feeling leads to the same sort of exclusivity the occult have. In other words, feeling like they understand the world with this secret knowledge, while the other people are blind, no matter how true it might be, will become the focus of contention rather than the focus on God. Be aware of these traps.

But I believe that the most positive aspect of being a CCT is that your own walk with God will change. It will become deeper and stronger. God will tell you personally when He wants to step back from the research and focus entirely on Him. In the end we are all responsible for our actions before God and He will know the heart of the person who is the CCT. We should desire to expose the darkness to glorify the Lord.

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We should want the evils of this world expelled so that the Gospel can spread truth to people's hearts.

We should seek Him and Him alone in the pursuit of truth no matter how dark, deep, and destructive it may seem. Always remember that the most important part of being a CCT is that God alone is the one who saves. Not us!

FINAL THOUGHTS

The lack of attention to conspiracy theories in mainstream Christianity means that most of Christendom is generally fed a diet of bible prophecy that is so watered down that most Christians have a very holistic, vague and flowery understanding of how bible prophecy relates to the world we live in. This can lead to a loss of the sense of urgency and the seriousness of the times we live in because of a hindered understanding.

If you have no exposure to some of the most sinister conspiracies called by the apostle Paul "spiritual wickedness in high places", then there is the potential to accept things being pushed at us as just the norm without understanding that there is a completely different and far more sinister agenda behind it.

This is why in these last days God is raising up a wave of people who have embarked on a tremendous path of enlightening us about what is happening all around of us. It is fair to say that not all of these people are the traditional theological, distinctive type, researchers but they do occupy a ministry known as "watchers".



In closing I hope I was able to shed some light on what it might mean to be a CCT. Again, some people are naturally formed to do such research and exposition while others are not. Don't hold

anything against those who disagree with you, or accuse you of not doing God's work.

Also, I believe it's important to remember to be a good researcher. Make sure your information is solid and documented. The worst thing you can do is come up with wild ideas that has no foundation in anything; not the Bible, not government documents, etc. This type of conspiracy theorist, while may be popular, are simply sensationalists and are making claims to draw attention to themselves.

Our goal should be to draw attention to God.

Also please note we are not saying all conspiracy theories are correct. Some are downright garbage, others are simply conjecture, whereas the ones we feel are of importance are those for which there is clear documented proof and which actually harmonize with what the Bible actually prophesied over 2000 years ago about a luciferian agenda to create a false utopia on earth through a restoration of a modern day tower of babel; One World Government.

Finally, be in prayer as you do your research. The deeper you begin to look at the occult, the more prayer you should be in. Ask friends and family to cover you with prayer when diving into dark spiritual topics. Letting them know that you are doing such research to glorify the Kingdom will earn their respect as well as your own, as you will be held accountable for what you dig up.

May God bless all of you who consider yourselves Christians and a Conspiracy Theorist.

And remember, after all you have just read its not the name "Conspiracy Theorist" that's of importance. What's of importance is that you fulfill the biblical definition of a Watcher which means to research, investigate and expose the works of darkness as a true watchmen on the wall. I leave you with this encouraging verse to keep in mind:

"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:26-27)