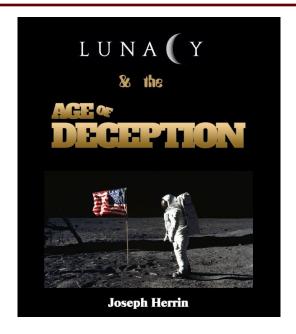


Parables Bookshelf - Series 1.21.1

This edition of the Parables Bookshelf Newsletters begins a new book. I am revisiting a subject I have taught on before—Deception. I am approaching it from a different perspective to accomplish the goal of demonstrating to the people of God that the world we live in is one of great illusions and grand deceptions.

I could think of no better subject to use than the Apollo Moon landings to demonstrate the point that deception is practiced routinely by the government and media, and that it is largely successful in its goals, for only a remnant ever see things as they really are. I hope this book will be



beneficial in opening the eyes of many to the pervasive nature of lies in this fallen world system which lies in the power of the evil one. Satan is called the "great de-

ceiver," the one "who deceives the whole world." Let none doubt the truth of this Biblical description.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding.

Food for Thought

Now I believe I can hear the philosophers protesting that it can only be misery to live in folly, illusion, deception and ignorance, but it isn't -it's human.

Desiderius Erasmus

If the whole church goes off into deception, that will in no way excuse us for not following Christ.

Leonard Ravenhill

Scripture Memory

Joshua 24:14

Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...

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Introduction

I have been contemplating this writing for some time. I have hesitated to begin this work for it is a daunting task to undertake. The subject to be addressed, and the conclusions set forth, will challenge some long held beliefs that are deeply cherished and emotionally defended by a great many people. Carl Sagan, a non-Christian scientist, science fiction writer, and host of the immensely popular PBS series titled *Cosmos*, spoke truth when he stated the following.

One of the saddest lessons of history is this: If we've been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We're no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It's simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we've been taken.

Carl Sagan may well have been making a personal confession, for he was in error about a great many things, some of fundamental and wide reaching importance. Gustave Le Bon in his book *The Crowd:* A Study of the Popular Mind, wrote:

Crowds have always undergone the influence of illusions. Whoever can supply them with illusions is easily their master; whoever attempts to destroy their illusions is always their victim.

It is a perilous task to attempt to dispel illusions, particularly those which are widely held. The majority of people will never admit to having been deceived. Their pride will not allow them to admit they have been duped, especially if the deception they have embraced is a big one. In 1841 a Scottish man named Charles Mackay wrote a history of popular folly. His book was titled *Extraordinary Delusions and the Madness of Crowds*. One hun-

dred-seventy years ago Mackay wrote about economic bubbles, alchemy (the attempt to transmute base elements into gold), crusades, witch-hunts, prophecies, fortune-telling, popular follies of great cities, and man's tendency to romanticize thieves and criminals, among other things. Two well known quotations from this book are as follows:

Men, it has been well said, think in herds; it will be seen that they go mad in herds, while they only recover their senses slowly, and one by one.

Of all the offspring of Time, Error is the most ancient, and is so old and familiar an acquaintance, that Truth, when discovered, comes upon most of us like an intruder, and meets the intruder's welcome.

Having been engaged in a public teaching ministry since 1999, I have experienced firsthand the blindness of men who refuse to acknowledge the light of truth when it is shining down upon them. The following saying is as true now as it was in the time of Christ 2,000 years ago.

John 3:19

"And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil."

Although this statement of Christ Yahshua is true of men in general, it should not be true of those who profess to be His disciples and followers. The Son of God identified Himself as "the Truth" (John 14:6). Those who follow Yahshua the Messiah are to love truth and eschew all lies and deception. It is Satan, the adversary, whose nature is marked by lies and deceit.

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father... Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.

I have learned from much bitter experience that there are a great many who self-identify as being Christians who do not love truth. A great many cling to their deceptions. They refuse to acknowledge truth and sound teaching when it is clearly and patiently presented to them. The apostle Paul prophesied that this would be the character of many in the church in the last days preceding the return of Christ.

II Timothy 4:3-4

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; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

The Amplified Bible expands and clarifies the last verse above in the following manner.

II Timothy 4:4

And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

There are a great number of man-made and devilmade fictions in this present hour. Indeed, there is no greater characteristic of the last days prior to the return of Christ than the darkness that manifests itself in the mind and character of humanity.

Isaiah 60:2

For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples...

We have already looked at the testimony contained in the book of Revelation. It was declared there that Satan is the great deceiver "who deceives the whole world." Brothers and sisters, the Bible describes the last days before the return of Christ as a time of widespread and universal deceit. This is the day you and I live in. The leaders of government cannot be believed. The media and mainstream news cannot be believed. Both government and media are populated by liars and deceivers.

In 2012 I wrote and published the book titled *Dragon Flood*. It has quickly become the most popular writing I have authored. The book is fo-

cused on exposing and dispelling the gross distortions of history that surround the founding of the United States, as well as revealing the policy of propaganda that is car-

Truth, when discovered, comes upon most of us like an intruder...

ried forth by the cooperative efforts of the government and media. The title of the book is taken from the following verses in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 12:15-16

And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.

Satan is the dragon, the winged serpent of the Bible. What is it that comes out of the mouth? Words. Being communicated through the symbolic speech of the book of Revelation is that Satan will use a flood of deception to sweep away the woman, the church of Christ. Seeing that God has seen fit to warn His sons and daughters that this will be the tactic of the adversary in the last days, should not the people of God make it a priority to exercise discernment in all things? Should they not develop their sense of discretion, testing and examining everything with the utmost care and attention? Yet we see just the opposite occurring in this hour. The church is abandoning all judgment. By doing so they are making themselves extremely vulnerable to the damning and destructive deceptions of Satan.

The Bible foretells of experiences at the end of this age when "if possible, even the elect" will be misled by the astonishing signs and wonders that will be revealed in these days (Matthew 24:24, Mark 13:22). Brothers and sisters, is not the church anticipating that "the coming of the lawless one," the one the Bible identifies as the antichrist, is near at hand? Consider then the manner in which the Holy Spirit has told us the appearing of this lawless one will manifest.

II Thessalonians 2:9-12

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Let us look once more to the Amplified Bible to bring forth further insight from this passage.

II Thessalonians 2:9

The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity and working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs and delusive marvels - [all of them] lying wonders...

When the apostle Paul wrote these words nearly 2,000 years ago, the television, the computer, and the Internet were beyond the imagination of mankind. Civilization has changed enormously as technology and industry have advanced and knowledge has increased. The words "pretended miracles and signs," "delusive marvels," and "lying wonders" are fitting descriptions of a great portion of the content that is broadcast through television and streamed across the Internet.

Although I believe there will be deceptive acts of miraculous proportion that Satan will carry out directly before the eyes of mankind in these last days, I am also persuaded that many of these deceptive, pretended, and delusive marvels will be fabrications that are broadcast through television and the Internet. Indeed, these media forms have already been used to perpetuate many lies, and they continue to be used in this manner to a profound extent every single day. A veritable flood of lies are coming forth from the mouth of the dragon, and those men and women who have both wittingly and unwittingly given themselves to the perpetuation of Satan's acts.

In this writing I am going to address one of the biggest deceptions of Satan and his human servants that have been perpetrated upon the mass of mankind in the last 50 years. This lie asserts that from July of 1969 to December of 1972, the American government's space agency (NASA) successfully conducted six manned lunar landings and then returned the men safely back to Earth. The vast majority of Americans, as well as people from across

the world, believe men actually walked on the Moon more than 40 years ago, and returned safely to the Earth. They believe these things primarily because the United States government told them these events were real, and the people saw with their own eyes the images of these events as they were broadcast on television. It seemed inconceivable to many then, even as it does today, that the U.S. government would with a bold face attempt to perpetuate such an enormous lie.

Have the United States government's elected and appointed officials ever lied? Have they ever acted deliberately to deceive the populace? Has television ever been used to make false events appear real?

Let me clarify from the start that the end goal of this writing is not to prove that the U.S. government perpetrated an immense deception and faked the Moon landings. Although I believe these things will indeed be proven beyond any reasonable doubt, the actual aim of the writing is to awaken Christians to the reality that we live in a world of illusion. This has been the case for many years, and the deception is increasing as we draw closer to the appearing of the lawless one and the subsequent return of Christ. My desire is to shock Christians into awareness of the pervasiveness of deception in this world

Satan is described in the Bible as "the god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4). What then would you expect to be the character of a world which lies in the power of the evil one, the deceiver who deceives the entire world? Would you not anticipate that the governments of this world, and the media under the control of men to whom Satan has given immense wealth and power, would be characterized by lies and deception?

I will present Biblical evidence of the character of

this present world, and Scriptural arguments that stand against man having ever journeyed to another heavenly body beyond the Earth. I will also present evidence and arguments which a Christian can test themselves that will help them to judge this matter of whether NASA faked the Moon landings, in order to enable Christ's disciples to arrive at the knowledge of the truth. As I set forth this evidence and arguments, I will furthermore establish principles and practices by which Christians can test all things in this hour of universal deceit.

George Orwell, the author of *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, famously stated the following.

In a time of universal deceit - telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

It should be apparent to the Christian that walking in truth and light is the exception, rather than the norm, for the disciple of Yahshua is an alien and a

stranger on this Earth. We are sent forth as lights in the midst of darkness. If your candle is burning brightly, will not those who have been raised in darkness and

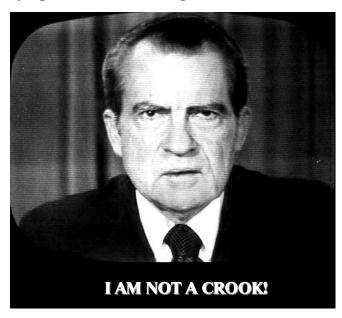
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who are unaccustomed to the light of truth react strongly to your presence? Some will hate you for shining a light and disturbing their darkness. This writing is offered for that remnant who upon seeing the light, rejoice in it, preferring even a disturbing truth for a pleasant lie.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days,

Joseph Herrin

Lying Liars and Deceiving Deceivers



President Richard Milhous Nixon

Name the man who was President of the United States during ALL of the Moon landings. If you said Richard M. Nixon, you are correct. He is also the only President of the United States to ever resign his office. He did so to avoid a vote on impeachment proceedings that had been recommended by the House Judiciary Committee for his role in the Watergate scandal. President Richard Nixon has come to represent dishonest government and lying politicians. He has famously been referred to as "Tricky Dick."

Although I do not believe President Nixon was any different than a great many other U.S. Presidents in practicing deceit and dishonesty, it seems fitting that it was during the tenure of this man who has come to epitomize political dishonesty that the NASA Moon missions took place. The lunar missions were, after all, arguably the biggest lie ever foisted upon a gullible and undiscerning populace.



Photo Op

The image above shows President Nixon greeting the returning Apollo 11 astronauts while they were in quarantine following their return from the Moon. As I mentioned, the purpose of this writing is not merely to demonstrate that the Moon landings were faked. My aim is to encourage Christians to exercise discernment in all things, for we live in an hour of great deception. As I begin this series of writings I want to focus on the need to beware of error and deception that is promoted by men. Deception is nothing new, particularly among politicians and national rulers. In 64 A.D. the Roman Emperor Nero set Rome ablaze and blamed the fire on Christians. This deceptive act precipitated the first persecution of Christians by the Roman government. Jesus Christ/Yahshua the Messiah warned His disciples that they would be targeted as victims by many evil men

Matthew 10:16-18

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents, and harmless as doves. But *beware of men*; for they will deliver you up to the courts, and scourge you in their synagogues; and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles."

If there is a central message to be extracted from the Scripture passage above, I believe it is the admonition to "beware of men." The Greek word translated as "beware" is "prosecho." *Strong's Concordance* defines this Greek word as "*pay attention to, be cautious about.*" This Greek word is also found in the following Scripture passages.

Matthew 7:15

"<u>Beware</u> of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves"

Luke 20:46-47

"<u>Beware</u> of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers."

We can discern much from these quotations. In the first one Christ speaks of false prophets who appear as sheep, but are actually ravening wolves. Apart from a very close scrutiny, it is difficult to see through a good disguise. We know that sheep are used as a type and symbol of the people of God. In another analogy Christ spoke of there being tares sown among the wheat. Tares were a waste crop of no value. It is difficult to distinguish tares from wheat until they come to maturity.



WHEAT: before it is fully ripe.



TARES: Lolium Temulentum

When wheat and tares come to maturity the wheat will bow its head, while the tares will not. This makes them easier to distinguish. There is a parable in this, of course, for bowing the head speaks of humility while remaining erect signifies pride.



Mature Wheat

A person can distinguish tares from wheat before they are fully mature, but it requires a close inspection to do so. The message that Christ repeatedly conveyed to His disciples is that the world is a very deceptive place. Many people and things appear true when they are false. If this is true of men, then it is also true of the acts of men. Even as there are many deceivers in this world, there are many deceptive acts. Deceivers perform deceptive works. That is what they do.

Christ also warned His disciples to "Beware of the Scribes." The Jewish Scribes were revered in their communities. They were the experts in the Scriptures. In an age before the advent of the printing press, it was they who meticulously copied the Hebrew Scriptures. They knew every jot and tittle. Yet, despite their great familiarity with the text of the Old Testament, the Scribes did not conform themselves to what was taught. They appeared pious on the outside, engaging in public displays of religious sanctity, but they were proud and covetous men of the top order. Christ described both the Scribes and Pharisees as "hypocrites." The Greek word "hupokrites" from which our English word

derives, described a person who was a stage actor. They were a performer, playing a part that was not real.

The realm of politics is replete with stage actors and staged events. Very little is as it seems to be. It appears to be an indication of the lateness of the hour that we are experiencing a merging of theater and politics. It may upset many American Christians to hear it declared, but President Ronald Reagan's greatest stage role was to play the President of the United States for 8 years. In that role he deceived many. He was a very good actor in the role of a politician.

Many Christians speak Ronald Reagan's name with reverence and affection. Although Reagan gave many speeches that convinced Evangelical Christians that he was one of their own, his life and actions revealed a very different reality. It has been publicly documented that both Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy consulted astrologers, had mediums as personal friends, and were into spiritism. Even the *New York Times* provided a sanitized version of their involvement in the occult.

http://www.nytimes.com/1988/05/04/us/white-house-confirms-reagans-follow-astrology-up-to-a-point.html

Donald Regan (don't be confused by the name similarity), the White House Chief of Staff under Ronald Reagan, in his book For the Record disclosed what he stated was "the most closely guarded secret of the Reagan White House." The secret was "Virtually every major decision the Reagans made during my time as White House Chief of Staff was cleared in advance with a woman in San Francisco who drew up horoscopes to make certain the planets were in a favorable alignment for the enterprise." The woman referred to was dis-

covered to be Joan Quigley. The following image shows Ronald and Nancy Reagan with another astrologer, Carroll Righter, in the 1960s. Their history of involvement with occult practitioners followed them from the Hollywood film industry to the California Governer's mansion to the White House



Image from People Magazine

It was no less a lie for Ronald Reagan to quote the Bible and pretend to be a devoted Christian while participating in the occult than it is for Barack Obama to speak of "my Christian faith" while promoting Islam, homosexuality, and the murder of the unborn. Christians, however, are not in the practice of examining men's lives. They are too easily swayed by men's words. Putting on a good act is sufficient for the majority of believers to embrace some famous or powerful person as one of their own.

If you have not read the book Dragon Flood, I

would recommend it to you, particularly the chapters dealing with Freemasonry and the founding father's practice of consulting astrological horoscopes before beginning significant events such as the construction and dedication of the White House, the Capitol Building, and the Washington Monument. The Luciferian history of the American government is set forth with much evidence in this book. It contradicts logic for any rational Christian to believe that, somehow, in the person of Ronald Reagan, a godly man and a champion of Christianity got into the White House. Satan appoints only those who are compliant with his will to positions of authority and power.

Some may object, "But Reagan appeared to be such a kind and moral man." Yes indeed! What I am seeking to demonstrate is that appearances are often deceiving. Christ warned His disciples of this fact. Men frequently appear as something they are not. The apostle Paul echoed this message.

II Corinthians 11:14-15

For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

The evidence that Ronald Reagan lived a very debauched sexual life is available for any who care to search it out. His Presidency was further marked by a record number of political scandals. Yet he is the darling of "Christian conservatives" in America.

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Brothers and sisters, Ronald Reagan was an actor.

The entire American political system is a grand illusion. The same is true in England, France, Germany, Australia, Russia, etc.. Men, however, even Christian men, have demonstrated that they love their illusions. How will such ones stand in the coming hour when the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man who comes with "pretended miracles and signs," "delusive marvels," and "lying wonders"?

I would invite the reader to consider the idea that the period of the Apollo Moon missions, when Richard Nixon was President, was a time of great political theater. Consider the following. On February 21, 1967, just two years before NASA claimed to have put men on the Moon, astronaut Gus Grissom, along with astronauts Ed White and Roger Chaffee, were killed during a training simulation when the locked capsule they were in experienced a fire. One of the last transmissions of Gus Grissom, who was a vocal critic of the Apollo program, was "I said, how are we gonna get to the Moon if we can't talk between two or three buildings?" Yet, two years later NASA asked the world to believe they had not only corrected all of their rocket failure issues, and perfected all the technology to go to the Moon and back, but they were able to establish a telephone connection between President Nixon in the White House and the astronauts who were standing on the surface of the Moon.



E.T. Phone Home

Hey, it was on the television, so it must be true! For those who needed a little coaching, the network even added the words "WHITE HOUSE" and "LIVE FROM MOON" to the screen so that there would be no mistake that this was a real Earth to Moon connection. Of course, this massive hoax could not have been carried off without an equally massive amount of propaganda provided by the media. Have you ever wondered why America's big three networks (the only one's in existence at the time), all have names that declare their subservience to the Federal government: National Broadcasting Company (NBC), American Broadcasting Company (ABC), and Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)?

In 1951 CBS began using their "Eye Logo" as their brand image. The eye is the "all-seeing-eye" of the Illuminati. Yes, the Illuminati were around even in 1951. The all-seeing-eye on the back of the dollar bill has been present much longer.



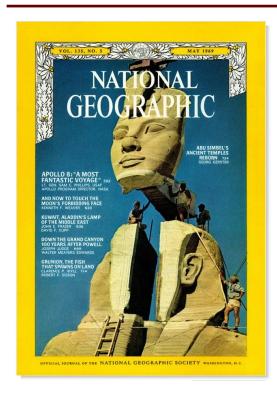
CBS Ad from 1951

Today, five media conglomerates control 90% of the media in America. These five conglomerates are Time Warner, Disney, Rupert Murdochs' News Corporation, Bertelsmann of Germany, and Viacom (formerly CBS). Disney owns ABC today, and NBC is owned by Viacom. The situation is more dire than this, however, for all of the five major media conglomerates have cross-linking relationships with people on the boards of one company serving on the boards of the other companies. They are all controlled by a small cabal of globalists who are working toward the same goals of bringing forth a New World Order. These same globalists control the Federal Reserve Bank in America as well as the Banking systems of other nations. They also control the governments.

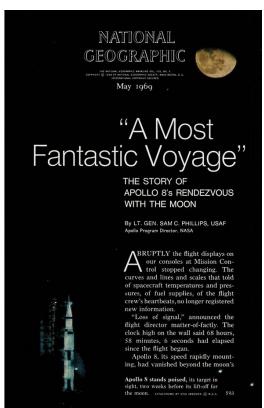
Knowing these things does not promote a sense of confidence in the information being disseminated by the media and the governments of this world. In light of these truths, the Christian should view everything coming from the network media and government with great skepticism.

Recently, I looked at some articles from *National Geographic Magazine* that reported on the Apollo Moon missions back in 1969. One need only look at who is paying for the advertising in National Geographic to know they too are servants of the global elite. *National Geographic*, as well as other prominent magazines of the time, played a large role in convincing people of the authenticity of the Moon landings. Much space (pardon the pun) was devoted in these periodicals to hyping the NASA missions. I have observed a subtlety present in the *National Geographic* publications that reveals the lie that was knowingly being perpetrated. This subtlety is revealed in the titles of the articles.

Following is the magazine cover from the May 1969 issue of *National Geographic*. There was an article in this edition that related the mission of Apollo 8, which reportedly sent astronauts to circle the Moon in December of 1968, but did not land on it. The first lunar landing would not take place until Apollo 11 in July of 1969. The article provided a step by step account of the Apollo 8 mission. The article was titled *A Most Fantastic Voyage*.

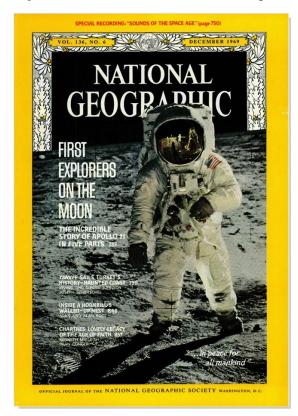


May 1969 National Geographic



Being a writer, I know what it is to labor over words. I want to always choose the correct word to express a matter. You can be certain that a major publication the size of *National Geographic*, when covering a story as important as the Apollo missions, also pays great attention to the words chosen for their articles. This is especially true in the titles of the articles.

The word "Fantastic" stood out immediately to me. I recognized that one of the meanings of the word is "a work of fantasy." The dictionary provides the following additional definitions. "imaginative or fanciful; remote from reality." Was someone at National Geographic in on the hoax and using subtlety to acknowledge it? In December of 1969 National Geographic devoted an entire magazine to the Apollo 11 landing. In the magazine were five major stories, all of them focused on Apollo 11.



December 1969, National Geographic

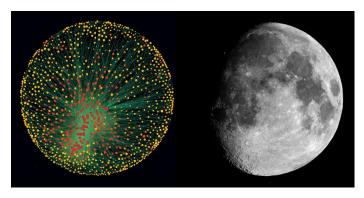
Note the title on the cover. It states *FIRST EX-PLORERS ON THE MOON*. Beneath this is the subheading, *THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF APOLLO 11 IN FIVE PARTS*. Once again, I was struck with the magazine's word choice. "Incredible" is defined as "impossible to believe." The word incredible literally means "not credible." Why not use the word "amazing," or "aweinspiring"? Why choose words that convey dubious meanings? Was it a subtle means for the magazine's publishers and editors to announce their duplicity in joining in the hoax being perpetrated by NASA and the U.S. government? I believe it was.

The world we live in is one of profound and abundant illusions. I am reminded of an event that I reported on in October of 2014. A young woman with the remarkable name of Christian Faith died of heart failure when she was frightened to death in a horror attraction at a theme park. The theme park was called Land of Illusion. The article I posted was titled *Christian Faith Dies in the Land of Illusion*.

http://parablesblog.blogspot.com/2014/10/christian-faith-dies-in-land-of-illusion.html

Brothers and sisters, Satan is a murderer and a liar. So are his human servants. If you would avoid becoming prey to their deceptions it is necessary to test all things. It would prove encouraging to me if those who read these words would begin looking at everything around them with a critical eye. Begin to test everything. Understand that the world lies in the power of lying liars and deceiving deceivers. The governments and media are in their power. When they speak, treat their words as you would those who have given themselves to the practice of deception. Look for the lie. Naivete is not a Christian virtue, nor is gullibility. Christ admonished His disciples to be wise as serpents, yet harmless as doves. Beware of men.

Network of Deception



The image above of a globe formed of points of light is taken from a scientific report published by systems theorists at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland. The points of light represent 1,318 transnational corporations (TNCs) which form the core of the world economy. Strongly Connected Components (corporations) are depicted as red lights, while very connected companies are yellow. The size of the dot represents revenue.

In the journal PLOS One, the report titled The Network of Global Corporate Control was published on October 26, 2011. This scholarly article has proven to be a boon to "truthers" who have long asserted that there is a cabal of global financiers and industrialists who constitute an invisible government which dictates the policies of nations, controls the global economy, foments wars, and is responsible for a myriad of deceptions foisted upon mankind, including numerous false flag events such as 911, the London subway bombings, the Boston Marathon bombings, etc.. The men and women who control these transnational corporations are able to get away with their heinous atrocities and acts of deception due to the fact that they also control the global media. This gives them control over the news narrative. They also control a majority of politicians and government officials, providing them with immunity from any prosecution.

I am going to cite sections of this landmark study published in 2011, for although the corporate land-scape appears different today than it did in the 1960s and 1970s, the situation present today also existed during the years in which the Apollo Moon missions were conducted. There has long been an interlinking network of corporate entities which constitute an unseen hand that rules over the affairs of nations. These corporations are experiencing a continual merging into a smaller number of colossal super-corporations, but the network has been present for centuries.

It is important that Christians see the world as it really is, not as it is portrayed by the media, public and private education systems, educational textbooks, and the government. The journal *PLOS ONE* features reports of original research from all disciplines within science and medicine. They are an independent, peer-reviewed journal for scholarly research. Excerpts from the article they published appear below.

The Network of Global Corporate Control

Stefania Vitali, James B. Glattfelder, Stefano Battiston

Published: October 26, 2011

Introduction

A common intuition among scholars and in the media sees the global economy as being dominated by a handful of powerful transnational corporations (TNCs). However, this has not been confirmed or rejected with explicit numbers. A quantitative investigation is not a trivial task because firms may exert control over other firms via a web of direct and indirect ownership relations which extends over many countries. Therefore, a complex network analysis is needed in order to uncover the structure of control and its implications...

Network Topology

In terms of connectivity, the network consists of many small connected components, but the largest one (3/4 of all nodes) contains all the top TNCs by economic value, accounting for 94.2% of the total TNC operating revenue...

A generalization is a strongly connected component (SCC), i.e., a set of firms in which every member owns directly and/or indirectly shares in every other member... The second characteristics (sic) is that the largest connect component contains only one dominant strongly connected component (1347 nodes). Thus, similar to the WWW (World Wide Web), the TNC network has a bow-tie structure. Its peculiarity is that the strongly connected component, or core, is very small compared to the other sections of the bow-tie... The core is also very densely connected, with members having, on average, ties to 20 other members. As a result, about 3/4 of the ownership of firms in the core remains in the hands of firms of the core itself. In other words, this is a tightly-knit group of corporations that cumulatively hold the majority share of each other.

Discussion

In detail, nearly 4/10 of the control over the economic value of TNCs in the world is held, via a complicated web of ownership relations, by a group of 147 TNCs in the core, which has almost full control over itself. The top holders within the core can thus be thought of as an economic "superentity" in the global network of corporations. A relevant additional fact at this point is that 3/4 of the core are financial intermediaries. Figure 2 D shows a small subset of well-known financial players and their links, providing an idea of the level of entanglement of the entire core.

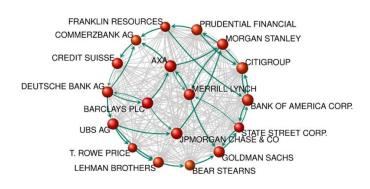
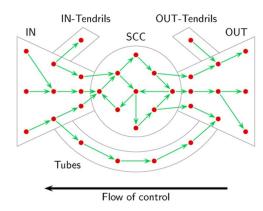


Figure 2 D

[Source:

http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0025995]

The image below represents the transnational corporations' control relationships, with the power being primarily held by the small number of entities in the center of the bow-tie.



The Strongly Connected Components in the center number 147 corporations at the time the report was published. This number has since shrunk as power is even more concentrated now due to the shakeup in the financial and corporate world which began in 2008. Following the publication of this study, it was commented on by numerous other magazines and Internet websites. Immediately below is an excerpt from an article posted on the *Forbes* website.

The 147 Companies That Control Everything

Bruce Upbin, October 22, 2011

Three systems theorists at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich have taken a database listing 37 million companies and investors worldwide and analyzed all 43,060 transnational corporations and share ownerships linking them. They built a model of who owns what and what their revenues are and mapped the whole edifice of economic power.

They discovered that global corporate control has a distinct bow-tie shape, with a dominant core of 147 firms radiating out from the middle. Each of these 147 own interlocking stakes of one another and together they control 40% of the wealth in the network. A total of 737 control 80% of it all... This is, say the paper's authors, the first map of the structure of global corporate control.

[Source:

http://www.forbes.com/sites/bruceupbin/2011/10/2 2/the-147-companies-that-control-everything/]

Next is an extract from an article published by *New Scientist*.

Revealed – the capitalist network that runs the world

New Scientist, October 19, 2011

As protests against financial power sweep the world this week, science may have confirmed the protesters' worst fears. An analysis of the relationships between 43,000 transnational corporations has identified a relatively small group of companies, mainly banks, with disproportionate power over the global economy...

The idea that a few bankers control a large chunk of the global economy might not seem like news to New York's Occupy Wall Street movement and protesters elsewhere. But the study, by a trio of complex systems theorists at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, is the first to go beyond ideology to empirically identify such a network of power. It combines the mathematics long used to model natural systems with comprehensive corporate data to map ownership among the world's transnational corporations (TNCs)...

When the team further untangled the web of ownership, it found much of it tracked back to a "superentity" of 147 even more tightly knit companies—all of their ownership was held by other members of the super-entity—that controlled 40 per cent of the total wealth in the network. "In effect, less than 1 per cent of the companies were able to control 40 per cent of the entire network," says Glattfelder. Most were financial institutions. The top 20 included Barclays Bank, JPMorgan Chase & Co, and The Goldman Sachs Group.

[Source:

https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21228354-500-revealed-the-capitalist-network-that-runs-the-world/]

The last article I will cite was published on the website of *Global Research Canada*.

Bankers Rule the World: "The Network of Global Corporate Control"

Stephen Lendman, December 16, 2011

The study says 147 powerful companies control an inordinate amount of economic activity – about 40%. Among the top 50, 45 are financial firms. They include Barclays PLC (called most influential), JPMorgan Chase, UBS, and other familiar and less known names...

Moreover, "top ranked" companies "hold a control ten times bigger than what could be expected based on their wealth."

As a result, they have enormous influence over political, financial, and economic activity...

Transnational giants are the dominant institution of our time - especially financial ones with money power control of everything.

They decide who governs and how, who serves on courts, what laws are enacted, and whether or not wars are waged. Corporate dominance, especially financial power, and democratic values are incompatible.

They operate ruthlessly as private tyrannies...

Nothing in America's Constitution or statute laws endow corporations with their rights. They usurped them by co-opting Washington, the nation's courts, state capitals, and city halls.

As a result, over half the world's largest economies are corporations. Financial ones controlling the power of money are most dominant.

Corporate personhood enhanced their power, yet imagine: Although corporations aren't human, they can live forever, change their identity, reside in many places globally, can't be imprisoned for wrongdoing, and can transform themselves into new entities for any reason.

[Source: http://www.globalresearch.ca/bankers-rule-the-world-the-network-of-global-corporate-control/28235]

I found some of the statements in this last review to be thought provoking. Consider how well the entity known as a corporation meets the needs, and serves the plans, of Satan. He too is not human. He can live forever. He changes his identity to suit the situation. He resides in many places globally, and he is beyond the reach of the justice system of man. Satan is the ultimate architect of the corporation, for it serves his purposes well. He wanted to create an entity that did not suffer the limitations imposed upon mankind. By placing power and wealth into the hands of corporations, his schemes can continue on without interruption when key men die.

Why is it important to know that the world is controlled by a network of transnational corporations? Men and women interpret the information they are confronted with through the filter of their world-view. If their understanding of the world is skewed, inaccurate, or false, then so will their interpretation of the events in the world around them be wrongly understood.

As an example, if you are a Christian residing in the United States, a deception has been promulgated that asserts that America is a democracy with free elections, and any citizen of the nation can run for, and be elected to, public office. Any Joe on the street has the potential to become President of the United States. The idea that the individual citizen's vote counts, and that government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people" is believed by a great many who have had this notion taught to them since their earliest days in school.

There were many years that I walked in naivete, believing what I had been taught, a false worldview reinforced to me even by spiritual leaders who urged their congregations to get out and vote. The scales fell off of my eyes in 1992 when the Presidential race was between three men: George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and H. Ross Perot. With a little

investigation I learned that all three men had direct ties to the Rockefeller money trust in America. No matter who Americans voted for, they were electing a Rockefeller agent. I realized at that time that the elections were a charade and I have not voted since. Americans do not actually choose the candidates they get to vote on. They are handpicked by the powers-that-be.

In the book *Dragon Flood* I wrote of the deception carried out by powerful men who have followed a carefully crafted plan of deception. These ruling elite convince the average citizen that the power to rule themselves is a reality guaranteed to them by the U.S. Constitution. The citizens are led to believe that they are the ones in charge of choosing their elected officials and approving the laws of the land. Edward Bernays, a nephew of Sigmund Freud, and considered the father of American advertising and political propaganda, revealed the truth of the matter. Following is an excerpt from the book *Dragon Flood*.

Bernays had a true "insider's" perspective into the machinations of government. Stuart Ewen in his book *PR! A Social History of Spin*, describes a visit he paid to Bernays at his home.

He led me through a dark room off the landing. Its walls were covered with scores of framed black and white photographs, many of them inscribed. Wordlessly, yet eloquently, the pictures placed my ancient host close to the heartbeat of a century. Bernays on his way to the Paris Peace Conference, 1919. Bernays standing with Enrico Caruso. Bernays and Henry Ford. Bernays and Thomas Edison. Bernays and Dwight David Eisenhower. An inscribed photo portrait of his uncle, Freud, was also conspicuous. Bernays with the "great men" at the "great events" of the twentieth century.

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Bernays and President Eisenhower

Bernays wrote of the power a small group has in selecting even those candidates who will become President of the United States.

A presidential candidate may be "drafted" in response to "overwhelming popular demand," but it is well known that his name may be decided upon by half a dozen men sitting around a table in a hotel room.

[Source: Propaganda, Edward Bernays]

Things have not changed much since the day in which the above statement was written. Much has been written about the Bilderberger Group in recent years. This group of extremely wealthy and powerful global persons derives their name from the hotel they met at for their first annual meeting. It is true that a small number of men and women still meet today in hotel rooms to determine who will be given the rule of the nations. Both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama were whisked away during the midst of campaigning for the Presidential nomination of their party in 2008. Their sudden absence was the subject of much speculation. It became known that they were taken to attend the annual Bilderberger conference, at which it was determined that Obama would become President and Hillary Clinton Secretary of State. Those elected to

public positions are acting as the pawns of the true powers that have placed them there.

There are invisible rulers who control the destinies of millions. It is not generally realized to what extent the words and actions of our most influential public men are dictated by shrewd persons operating behind the scenes.

[Source: Propaganda, Edward Bernays]

As one reads the writings of men like Edward Bernays, Walter Lippman, Ivy Lee, and other pioneers of modern propaganda, it becomes evident just how pervasive the practice of manipulating public opinion has become. The following statement of Bernays, written in 1928, could have been written as a commentary on America's current President.

Again, the objection is raised that propaganda is utilized to manufacture our leading political personalities. It is asked whether, in fact, the leader makes the propaganda, or whether propaganda makes the leader. There is a widespread impression that a good press agent can puff up a nobody into a great man.

[Source: Ibid]

Truly, there has seldom been a less accomplished man who was portrayed as a great statesman, than the current President (Barack Obama). Many were astonished when after his election to the Presidency he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. There was no basis for the award. He had not brokered any peace agreements. He had no political history of accomplishment. All the awards and popular press he was receiving were part of a massive, organized plan to manufacture an image of a great man out of a nobody. The ruling elite chose Obama as a figure-head to accomplish their purposes. They manufactured a false history for his life, and the public by

and large has accepted it due to the universal and continuous flood of propaganda that has attended his ascension to public office.

Although Obama is a willing instrument of men in carrying out the destruction of America as a wealthy nation of great liberty, he is not the one making decisions. Those who created his public image and arranged his election to the Presidency are the true powers behind the throne. As far back as 1928 Edward Bernays wrote:

The public actions of America's chief executive are, if one chooses to put it that way, stagemanaged.

[Source: Ibid]

Edward Bernays did not apologize for his views. He believed that it was right and necessary for an enlightened minority to guide the masses.

Ours must be a leadership democracy administered by the intelligent minority who know how to regiment and guide the masses. Is this government by propaganda?... It must be enlightened, expert propaganda through the creation of circumstances, through the high-spotting of significant events, and the dramatization of important issues.

[Source: Ibid]

Consider carefully what is declared here. An "intelligent minority," a global elite, believe it is their right and duty to regiment human behavior. They accomplish this control of mankind through creating events and circumstances

that will provide a context to move the masses in a particular direction. That which passes for spontaneous news events today are seldom spontaneous, or news. They are dramatizations played out on a world stage with the intent of manipulating mankind. The global elite need the masses to consent to their schemes leading to a one world government. They refer to the work of propagandizing the masses as "manufacturing consent." By deceiving and manipulating the people, the consent of the nations is gained.

Do you perceive this deception all around you? Are your eyes opened to perceive the hidden hand that guides events? Or do you still believe that America is a nation where the government serves the people? Are you so blinded by propaganda that you believe America can be changed by electing a Republican instead of a Democrat for President? Do you perceive that the candidates of both parties have been hand picked, and they are equally servants of an invisible government?

[End Excerpt]

I groan inwardly when I hear from Christians today who speak with effusive praise of men like Donald Trump. Trump is saying all the things that patriotic American conservatives want to hear. He appears to be a champion of the common man. Brothers and sisters, it is all an ILLUSION. We live in a world where many illusions are manufactured to deceive the people. It is necessary that you practice the discernment needed to determine what is true and what is a lie. Donald Trump is a servant of the global elite. He is a corporation man. He has received financing amounting to billions of dol-

lars for his real estate investments from the same transnational banking interests that control the policies of national governments.

With a word these financial rulers could bring Trump's empire crashing to the ground. He could be left financially destitute, his reputation sullied, and his life ruined at the whim of the corporate masters. Although he speaks defiantly, and gives an appearance of being independent, he is in reality a corporate slave. Donald Trump is playing the role that has been assigned to him. He will do the will of those who hold the reins of power, for he knows very well the consequences of defying them. Donald Trump's real estate empire is heavily leveraged with debt. The debtor is always slave to the lender.

Like Ronald Reagan, Trump is an actor. His words do not match his life and actions. He is a godless, proud, sexually immoral, dishonest, scheming individual who has risen to wealth and power through the assistance of the Luciferian financial corporations that dictate the course of nations. If Trump were elected he would betray every promise made while campaigning, in the same manner that Barack Obama did after his election. There are a large number of videos on YouTube which have juxtaposed Obama's campaign promises with his words and actions after he was elected President, revealing that he has done just the opposite of what he promised to those who voted for him.

Brothers and sisters, if you are engaged in watching the American political process on corporate media, you are observing political theater. It is play-acting. It is hypocrisy. There is no truth in it. It is an illusion that has been pulled over people's eyes. Edward Bernays spoke the truth when he stated that the actions of America's Presidents are "stage-managed." The political world set before the eyes of the populace is puppet theater for the sleeping masses. Hollywood has been surreptitiously telling people this for many years. They know the public is so bewitched by illusion as they stumble sleepily through the dream world they are living in, that no one will take notice.

In the film clip below from the science fiction movie *Serenity* based on the television show *Firefly*, there is a scene when the crew of the ship seek information from Mr. Universe. Mr. Universe is a computer expert who is tapped into all forms of communications of the Empire which spans 30 worlds. Mr. Universe informs the crew that there is "the signal" which is raw and unedited, and then there is the "puppet theater" to entertain the somnambulant masses.

Serenity - Puppet Theater Clip

Mr. Universe: Do you think you are in a hot place?

Crew Member: That is what we are looking to learn. Is there any follow-up on News wave?

Mr. Universe: There is no news. There is the truth of the signal - what I see. And, there is the puppet theater, the Parliament jester's voice for the somnambulant public.

Crew Member: Well what about this? Did this make the puppet theater?



Mr. Universe - The Truth of the Signal

The movie *Serenity* was released in 2005. Significant to the subject at hand, the movie's plot revolves around the crew of the Serenity uncovering a government plot to add a drug called Pax, or Paxilon Hydrochlorate, to the air processors of one of the worlds they have terraformed. The drug was intended to render the citizens of this world passive so they would not resist the control of the interplanetary government. The drug had an unintended effect, however, as most of the people lost the will to do anything. They even quit eating and just laid down and died.

There is a parallel present in this movie to the unseen government of our world, a government which is using the airwaves to render the populace amenable to their control. In Latin, the word Pax means Peace. The illusions that the global elite are spreading through the airwaves and various media are intended to render the populace pliable to their will and cooperative with their goals, even if those goals mean the ultimate death of the majority of mankind.

Mr. Universe stated, "there is the puppet theater, the Parliament jester's voice for the somnambulant public." The word "somnambulant" is defined as "walking or having the habit of

walking while asleep, resembling or having the characteristics of a sleepwalker." Sadly, this word describes not only the majority of people in this world, it also is a fitting description of most Christians. The apostle Paul wrote:

I Thessalonians 5:5-6

We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

Brothers and sisters, if you are not perceiving the world of illusion all around you, you are neither alert nor sober. You are stumbling sleepily through this world and doing so can only result in great harm for there are evil men and devils who seek to devour you.

I will mention one other well known and often quoted Hollywood reference to the deception that has been perpetrated by men and devils upon humanity. These words come from the movie *The Matrix*.



Morpheus: The Matrix is everywhere. It is all around us. Even now, in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window, or when you turn on your television. You can feel

it when you go to work... when you go to church... when you pay your taxes. It is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth.

Neo: What truth?

Morpheus: That you are a slave, Neo. Like everyone else you were born into bondage, into a prison that you cannot taste or see or touch. A prison for your mind.

What is expressed here is true. There is an illusory world that has been pulled over the minds of men. Like a drug, the deception being poured forth through the media, through entertainment, from the government, from advertising, even from the church pulpits, induces men and women to see the world as something it is not. This was equally true in the 1960s and 1970s. The government and media, even religious leaders, acted in concert to persuade humanity that America's space agency was able to repeatedly send men to the Moon and return them safely back to Earth.

I have not yet begun to present the evidence of this deception. It is necessary at the beginning to show you the level of control present in this world system. A control that reaches into every facet of society, controlling the flow of information, shaping the ideas and beliefs that are required for an "intelligent minority... to regiment and guide the masses." This intelligent minority see themselves as the Illumined ones, the Illuminati. In their minds, those who are deceived by the illusions of the ruling elite deserve to be deceived and to experience the consequences brought on by their lack of discernment.

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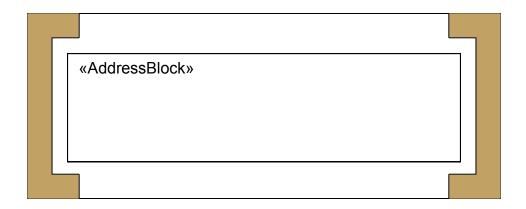
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