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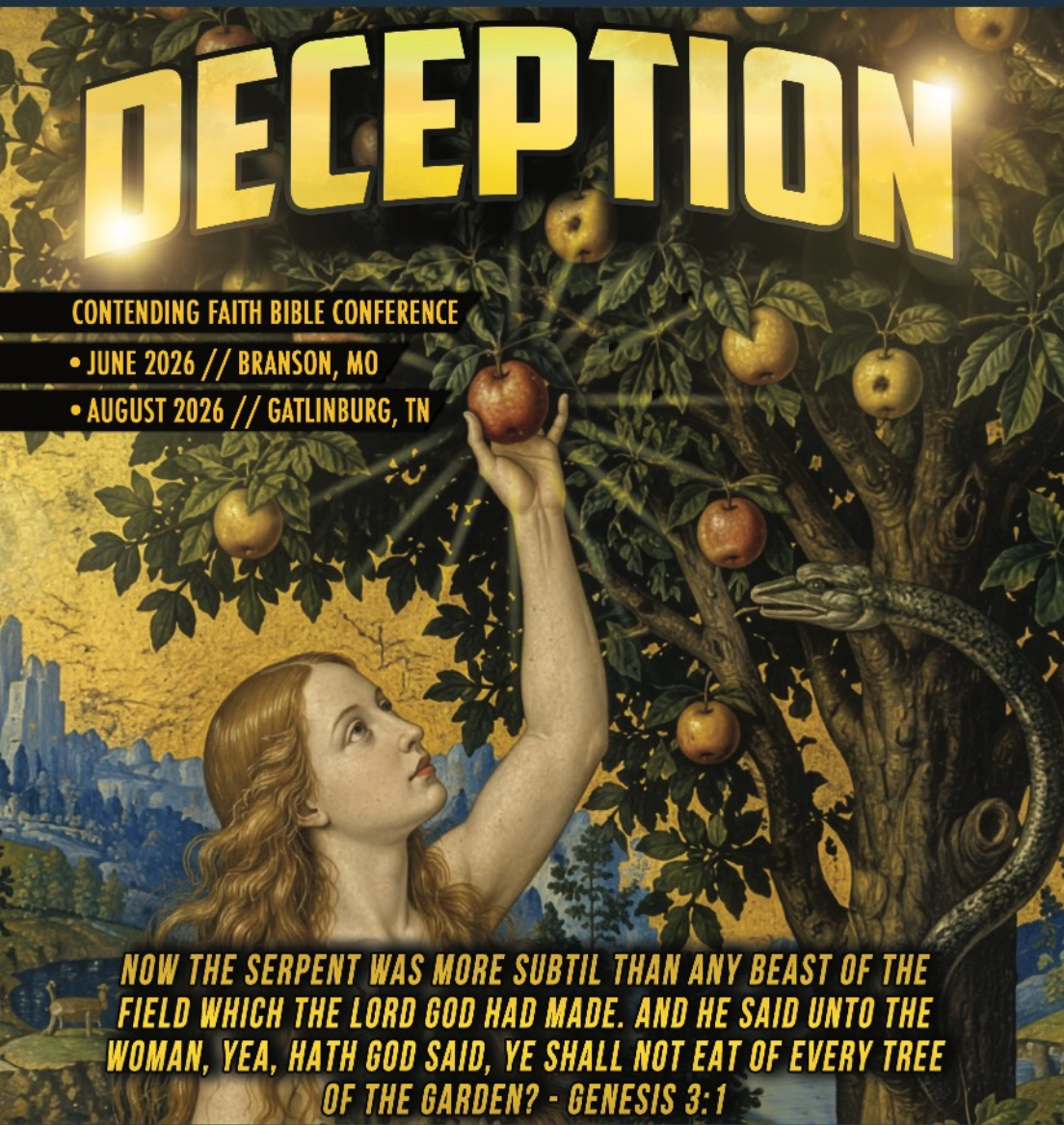
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Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1)

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)

The number one way that the devil deceives people is through someone else who is already deceived. It is usually through someone who is popular and well known among many. Entire nations have fallen victim to deception, resulting in the murder of millions.

Hitler is one that murdered millions and tried to take over the world through deception. He had a big following in Germany by deception (he was demon-possessed). On January 30, 1933, just 18 months after being appointed Chancellor, Hitler turned Germany into a dictatorship. He succeeded by exploiting economic despair, using propaganda, intimidation (via the SA and SS), and legal means to dismantle the Republic from within. He became the harsh, controlling dictator of Germany by means of deception.



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Approximately 70 to 85 million people died because of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime he led. This is the broad consensus estimate for total deaths linked to World War II, which Hitler started in 1939. Hitler

bears primary responsibility for the deadliest conflict in human history. He also had over 6 million Jewish men, women and children murdered through various diabolical means.

Follow The Word and Spirit

When people fail to think for themselves and not question what they are being told, they are easily deceived. This is the pattern of many in the church world. I personally question everything I hear, because of my background. I do not listen to people, in the church world, because they are popular. I prove everything by the Word of God and what the Spirit of God teaches me about what I hear. Sometimes the Spirit of God will tell me not to follow a certain minister and *I won't know why*. He doesn't have to tell me why unless He wants to. I always listen to that inward witness and it always proves out. It may take multiple years for me to know why, but I am always glad I listened when the fault is exposed.

Several of my best Christian friends were murdered because they would not deny Jesus Christ. For several years, I lived under the constant threat of being killed because I served the Lord Jesus Christ. Many days, I would pray seven to ten hours without stopping. My life depended on it. Perhaps, if I had not been in that situation, I would not have prayed like that. I would either be dead or not serving God today. I also would not know the Lord like I know Him now.

One thing I realized, after the Lord Jesus Christ set me free from prison, was that most who called themselves Christians were not led by His Spirit. Most had religious ways but church was a social interaction with other people, not an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. They knew very little of what the Bible actually said and most did not know anything about the Spirit of God. I only met a few who really knew the Lord and the leading of His Spirit.

The born again Christians I was around, in prison, knew the Bible and prayed continuously. They were always in Bible study or prayer. Always. Nothing was more important to them. The Lord Jesus Christ was the center of their attention. The Spirit and power of God radiated through them. I look back and see how prison was not a curse to me but a blessing. I had no hope as I was facing life in prison when I turned myself in while on my third escape. I committed my life to Him and His Word and Spirit.

It was not an emotional experience or just a fuzzy feeling. It was a dedication for the rest of my life. I was born again. I say this not to find fault, but to expose a very large problem in the church. Many really don't know the Lord or His Spirit.

Sound Doctrine

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

In 1986, I was walking along behind a very popular Word of Faith minister. I admired him and was sort of enamored with him because he was so popular and had a large following. Dad Hagin, had just prophesied to him that he needed to make an adjustment in his ministry about 15 minutes earlier. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit said to me, "Do not follow his teachings closely or you will get into the same error he has. He tries to exhaust too much revelation out of a Bible truth and he goes to the extreme, which is doctrinal error." I have watched that prove true, numerous times, with millions following him since 1986.

My thoughts are, "Didn't the Lord warn others?" Either He did or didn't. If He did tell them, did they listen or could they even hear because they didn't know His voice? He told everyone but they did not hear and they did not obey if they did.

Some years back there was a church meeting that broke out in Florida. The claim was that God was moving in a supernatural way like we have not seen in years. People started coming from all over the world, and the meeting was moved to a much larger building that could house the multiple thousands that attended. I heard about it and thought about going there. As soon as I thought that, the Spirit of God said, "The minister is yielding to evil spirits. If you attend, these evil spirits will try to influence you." That settled it for me. Notice, the Spirit of God warned me. I listened and obeyed.

During this time, I was invited to speak at a large camp meeting. There were other very well known, popular speakers, with very large followings, speaking at this camp meeting. We were setting in the speakers room together and the other speakers got to talking about the Florida meeting.

They were thinking it was of the Lord and wondering if it really was or not. I kept my mouth shut! They were my senior by many years and I looked up to them. I was astonished they did not know it was a meeting where people were being deceived by evil spirits. Finally, a senior minister said, "Randy you have been quite. What do you think?" I said, "The Lord told me it was of the devil." Their faces turned red and they got up and left the room.

I was left sitting there all by myself. As they all walked away, they were talking quietly. I happened to overhear one of them questioning whether I had heard from God or not. It seemed to me they all thought I had missed it and I was talking badly about the Florida meeting. If one of them had not asked me what I thought I would have never said a word about the meeting.

It was not long after this that the Florida minister got caught running around with a woman who was not his wife. The whole meeting was exposed and fell apart. The devil had deceived thousands upon thousands of Christians because they did not know the Lord or the leading of His Spirit. I humbly submit that my elders did not know it was not of God. I say this, not to put them down, but to point out that we have a problem in the church of Christians not knowing the Lord or His voice. The antichrist will deceive billions of people because of this.

Gold Dust Devil

About twenty-five years ago, a lady was introduced to the church world who had manifestations of yellow looking dust falling on people in the audience. Two well-known ministers, a woman and a man, promoted her in their meetings. They claimed it was the great power of God causing this manifestation.

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I had heard of it but didn't pay much attention to it. One Friday morning, I was in a church service leading a prayer meeting. Suddenly, the Spirit of God said to me, "The gold dust is of demonic origin, and My people are being deceived by this devil. I have given the leaders of these meetings space to repent, and they have failed to do so. Because of this, they will both die." The following Friday, the lady leader died, and a few months later, the male leader of the meetings died.

I was invited to speak at a minister's meeting right after this and told them what the Lord said. To my shock, most of them wanted the gold dust lady in their churches. They were fully deceived.

Again, there is a problem, in the church world, of Christians not knowing the Lord or the leading of His Spirit. Many are following their own desires and dreams. The best advice I have ever received is, *"If the Lord hasn't told you what, when, and how to do something, don't do anything. Wait in His presence until He speaks to you and gives you clear, specific direction, then obey that. That is the key to success."* Dad Hagin told me that, and I have followed it for many, many years. That is what true spiritual and biblical success really is but many don't know that. There are many things done that are not the will of God at all. Millions of dollars are wasted that way also.

Your Desires

I would like to address a subject, that will help many, if they will listen. The Lord Himself taught me this, about 30 years ago, while I was praying. He said, *"Inherent in every human being is the great need that they long to belong and desire to feel wanted and needed. Demons know this and will drive people to do almost anything for it."* To fill this yearning, some will even become serial killers, even though it is twisted thinking. Others will set out to achieve seemingly impossible tasks to get notoriety. Others will lie, cheat etc.

Many women will strip off their clothes and reveal themselves to gain attention. Men will do similar things but it seems it is more common with girls and women. Church girls and women don't go as far, but some will dress as revealingly as they think they can get away with.

Some church women dress in a way that you would think they are strippers. That yearning drives them to get attention, even if they have to dress revealing to get it. Demons are driving them to do this, and they have absolutely no idea. They are deceived spiritual prostitutes. I have left church services because of this in the past. I refused to be influenced by it. I came from a lifestyle where this was common before I got born again. I could tell you some stories that would give you a free permanent wave for eternity. I know the depths of Satan and his works but many don't.

This flows over into ministers lives also. They have these yearnings. Some will do anything to get close to a minister that is very popular to feed off their success, notoriety and crowds. Just a crumb of recognition from that popular minister towards them will fuel their desire for more. They will even follow someone who is off somewhat doctrinally because they feel approved of. They will give them great sums of money if they are promoted by this person. Seek to please Jesus Christ, not a minister.

They will know, by the inward witness, this person is off but disregard that witness. They will actually disobey what the Lord is telling them to do. Some leave the ministry because they are driven to fulfill that desire within them. It opens the door to the devil, and I have watched them die prematurely over the years. Do not be led by those fleshly desires. You will miss God and you will die prematurely because that is the devil driving you to seek it. He wants to kill you and destroy your ministry. Don't be deceived. Wait on the Lord in prayer, and He will fulfill your greatest desires. *It takes time and many do not want to do that.* Repent if you need to, and turn your eyes upon Jesus, and it will pay great dividends!

Those involved in music, especially those who lead praise and worship, are subject to these spirits. The devil can drive them into a place of performance to get attention.

They can be seduced into thinking they are God's greatest gift to the church and start craving notoriety, applause and recognition for their skills. Most all who yield to this end up going into secular music where there is the capability of unlimited praise, notoriety, fame and fortune. They also wind up shipwrecked, so to speak, or die young.

Years ago, I was preaching in a church on the west coast. The pastor was leading praise and worship, even though he had many other capable people to do that. When I first heard his voice, I knew something was wrong about him. It was a good-sized church also. I watched his actions and realized he was acting like a rock star would in a big performance. He was doing all kinds of whoop t doops with his voice. It seemed a few people glorified his voice and actions.

I realized he craved their attention, and he loved the notoriety and greatly desired their appreciation for his actions and voice. He was yielding to a demon, on stage, in that church and no one else seemed to notice it. Later, I learned he left his wife, children and church. The devil deceived him.

The Bible says it will be like the days of Noah when Jesus comes back. Many give different scenarios about what that will be. The truth is, in Noah's day it was a time of the greatest deception that was ever known. ONLY eight people knew God and were saved. All the rest were deceived. The days of Noah, at the second coming of Jesus, will be a time of very great deception in the church and the world. *If you follow the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and Jesus, you will not be deceived.*

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