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Inoculation Against Deception

Dear Friend,

We are so blessed today with the endless variety of ways with which we have to enjoy the Word of God. Our technological advancements have made accessing the scriptures possible virtually anywhere on the face of the earth. Those early church members would marvel to see how available God's Word has become. With such unfettered access to the scriptures, what could the enemy possibly do to stop the body of Christ from rising up in force all across the earth? How about mixing in a little bit of deception with that truth. Since all the best efforts of the devil to restrict the Word of God have failed so miserably, referring to the dark ages, wouldn't we be naive to think he isn't going to do something just as cunning and just as diabolical now to stop the body of Christ from expanding in the earth?

Look at the effort the enemy exerted during the time period known as the dark ages to stop the spread of the Truth. The Word of God was locked away in towering monasteries, inaccessible to the common man. Until 1440 A.D., a man by the name of Johannes Gutenberg created the Gutenberg press which produced the first Bible. This innovation paved the way for another man, Martin Luther, a priest as well as a professor of Theology, to spread his message of discontent with the well-established Catholic Church in 1517. Luther's ability to reproduce his "Ninety-Five Thesis" on this newly invented press enabled his message to spread across all of Europe, and began the Protestant Reformation paving the way for the emergence of the modern church. God's Word was once again on the move. Something worth noting, for the first time we see here where innovation and revelation are closely related.

With the enemy's failure to stop the spread of the scriptures, are we to believe that he just gave up and quit? Anyone who believes that doesn't have a clue as to the tenacity of the devil. The devil just changed his tactics. No longer could he hold the Word of God hostage in towering monasteries, as he did in the dark ages. The new attack would be to flood the landscape with a variety of interpretations, along with man's opinions and philosophies as to what the Word actually means. This has proved to be quite successful because of those in the church who have gladly replaced the truth of the Word of God with man-made doctrine. The result has been every kind of denomination and doctrine imaginable. "Women have to have long hair, no makeup and definitely no jewelry." "Music is good in a service." "NO! No music." "You can't go to heaven unless you are baptized." "You have to be baptized in the Name of Jesus."

“No, you have to be baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.” “God is everyone’s Father.” On and on it goes. Just open a phone book to the church section and feast your eyes on all the endless denominations. In most cases they were born out of a doctrinal disputes, which splintered into multitudes of factions, each proclaiming their version of “truth”. God never intended His body to be filled with such division and strife over doctrine. He only has one doctrine, His doctrine. The obvious question then is, “How can we be taught His doctrine?” That’s simple, make the Holy Ghost your Teacher and you can be assured of being taught the undefiled truth of the Word of God. That being the case, is it any wonder that the devil’s main assault has been against the ministry of the Holy Ghost?

To make matters worse, right on the heels of the devil’s assault against the ministry of the Holy Ghost, there are secular organizations conspiring to frame social policy by rewriting or totally eliminating scriptures that condemn their social agenda. Even to the point of producing their own versions of the Bible, which are clearly slanted to support their preferred “truth”. Some go as far as to eliminate any verses that directly contradict their false doctrine. In most cases, what these groups deem to be morally acceptable behavior is the same behavior that resulted in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Don’t be deceived, sin hasn’t changed in God’s eyes simply because society chooses to view moral depravity as acceptable behavior. Their attempts at “social engineering” and the resetting of societies moral compass will result in multitudes spending eternity in hell. Christians have enjoyed the blessing of being on the side of the majority for many years, when it comes to social issues. Those days are probably behind us now. Yet, even if we are counted in the minority, that doesn’t mean we are wrong or bigots or whatever else we might be called in the future. Don’t be surprised to see the day that a stand for righteousness leads to a jail sentence. God isn’t about to redefine sin just because some have arrived at a consensus as to what they believe is or is not sin. Frankly, God isn’t interested in their opinion.

How can we be inoculated against deception? What the devil has fought so hard to squash is the very answer to this dilemma, becoming one who prays extended periods in tongues. Since the attack of the enemy is to redefine truth, we must know how to arm ourselves with the uncompromising truth of the Word of God.

God gave us His Word and He gave us a Teacher, the Holy Ghost, to help us understand His Word. He did not leave it up to an angel to teach us. He provided us with the third member of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost, to guide us into all truth. That’s what John said in John 16:13,

**”Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.”**

He never pushes us nor does He force us, but instead He leads us into all truth. So, is His leading us into all truth automatic, as some might believe? How could everyone be automatically led by the Holy Ghost into all truth and come up with such opposing

beliefs? The answer has to be that **not** everyone is being led by the Holy Ghost. So, we must assume that His leadership is **not automatic**. Therefore, we need to know how we can access the ministry of the Holy Ghost so that He can lead us into all truth.

Let's go back two chapters in John for what appears to be a clue as to this leadership available to us by the Holy Ghost. Look at John 14:26,

**“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”**

Now we see how it is that the Holy Ghost is going to guide us into all truth, by becoming our Teacher. This word “Teacher” isn't just referring to a teacher standing in the front of the class. It is also referring to the kind of teaching that happens one on one. The Holy Ghost will be our personal tutor, teaching us exactly what the Word of God means. Look at what Paul said in I Corinthians 14:2,

**”For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God; for no man understands Him, howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”**

Those mysteries are everything God is in you, to you and through you. They are the same mysteries that have been sealed away for centuries in the form of revelations hidden in the Word of God. They weren't meant to be hidden from us, but rather for us. So, as we pray and meditate God's Word, the Holy Ghost begins to unravel those mysteries until finally the understanding goes from our spirit to our mind and revelation knowledge is the result. Now we have the uncompromising truth of the Word of God. Not based on man's opinion or man's desire to deceive, this is the Truth of God's Word. It has no substitutes.

As we pray in tongues the Holy Ghost becomes our Teacher and He teaches us the Word of God, one way and not two. Our inoculation against deception is praying in other tongues.

It is much easier to understand this process when we see the Holy Ghost as our Teacher and we realize that by praying in other tongues we are empowering Him to teach us. Consequently, when we see one scripture being preached forty different ways it is a safe bet that the ministry of the Holy Ghost is not being utilized.

An example of this would be a math teacher walking into a class room full of bright eyed students, ready to learn all about math, and then walking up to each student individually and telling them something directly opposite to what they told the person sitting right next to them. Then, going to the next person and telling them something completely opposite to what he told the last person, and so on down the line. That is not the way a teacher teaches. A teacher teaches the same lesson to everyone. That way, when the tests are taken the students all have the same answers. Let's say the lesson was on

simple addition and the students have to give the answer to the following equation,  $2+2=$  \_\_\_\_\_. Now, if the student was paying attention and learned what the teacher taught, they would answer 4. But, if the student paid no attention to the teacher, because they thought they already knew everything there was to know about math, then their answer might be 5 and they would be wrong. No matter how loudly and emphatically they proclaimed to be right, they would still be wrong. Clearly, the evidence they presented of their learning experience would obviously show that they in fact were not taught by the teacher. Whose fault was this lack of learning? Can we blame the teacher? The teacher was there and available, but it was the student's fault for not utilizing the teacher's ability. The student might even suggest that this was some kind of "new math" that allows them to make up their own answers, but they would still be wrong.  $2+2$  will always equal 4. It will never equal anything else, no matter who tries to say otherwise. Just like sin will always be sin no matter what society tries to say about it. God is not interested in society's opinion on what is or is not sin. A just and righteous God has established what is and is not sin. There is no changing it. There is no voting on it.

Equally so, the Word of God has one and only one interpretation. Not every church that hangs a sign out front and claims to preach "truth" really preaches the truth of the Word of God. Unless a person knows how to empower the Holy Ghost to be their Teacher, they are at the mercy of whoever is standing in front of them proclaiming their version of "truth". Remember, we can access God Himself to become our personal tutor and to reveal the hidden mysteries in His Word. Without a doubt, He will teach us exactly what it means.

We should only be listening to those voices that teach us how to turn ourselves over to the true Teacher, the Holy Ghost, for our instruction. If that isn't happening, it's a sure thing that they themselves haven't been taught by the Holy Ghost, which means their version of truth may or may not have any connection with what God says is truth. What they propose to be truth could very easily be what their denomination has voted on as their standard of truth. Again, the truth of the Word of God is not up to someone's opinion. We don't get to vote on it in the light of public opinion. Truth is Truth and it will never be anything but Truth.

God has made it so easy to have direct access to the Teacher, and yet nothing seems to be more contentious when talking to religious minded people. Just pray in other tongues. The instant a person is born again they are eligible to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Now they have access anytime, anywhere, to the real Teacher, the Holy Ghost. By uttering those tongues it is as though they are taking their seat in the classroom of the Holy Ghost and He moves to the chalkboard and begins to teach their reborn human spirit, one on one. Their capacity to be taught is finally being introduced to the Teacher Himself. The mysteries of everything God is in us, to us and through us are being expounded upon in minute detail by the Holy Spirit to our reborn human spirit. Hold on tight because the revelation knowledge of the Word of God is about to pour through your spirit man. As we do what Jude explains in Jude 20, faith rises up.

**“But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”**

As we pray in tongues and read the Word of God the Holy Ghost begins to bring the understanding to our spirit and faith rises up inside of us. Eventually, the understanding of the scriptures passes from our spirit to our natural mind, that's revelation knowledge. Once revelation knowledge comes there is absolutely no shaking that truth out of us. The moment a person sees what a scripture really means there is no convincing them otherwise. That is how true meditation works. That is how true bible interpretation works and it doesn't work any other way. Relying on man's human reasoning to determine what the Word of God means is the very reason we have so many different denominations. Don't ever get the impression that Jesus is in favor of having all these denominations each touting their idea of truth based on human reasoning. That has done nothing more than to produce division in His body. Up till now, the differences from one denomination to the next have generally not been "Heaven and hell" issues. That is changing. As secularism creeps more and more into the church and man's opinions of what is acceptable doctrine increase, going to the wrong church and following man made, secularized doctrine, could very easily lead a person right into hell for eternity.

In conclusion, in the days ahead there is going to be an increase in those who teach false doctrine. Paul wrote in I Timothy 4:1,

**”Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”**

These “seducing spirits and doctrines of devils” are specifically designed to side track anyone it can. No one should be fooled into believing that they are immune or beyond these types of attacks, especially when taking into consideration the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:24,

**”For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect,”**

When Jesus referred to the “very elect” He was showing just how deceptive these attacks would be. A person's vulnerability comes from the fact that when what they believe to be truth is found to be nothing more than a powerless, man contrived doctrine, in the face of a lying sign and wonder; the lying sign will draw them into greater deception. This has already begun with the “gold dusting” and “angelic visitations” which were nothing more than attempts by the devil to side track well-meaning believers.

We can have our own personal inoculation against deception by empowering the Holy Ghost to be our Teacher through praying in other tongues. You can't pray too much in tongues. Every moment spent praying in tongues is a moment spent praying out the perfect will, plan and purpose of God for our lives. There are no wasted moments praying in tongues. Do it while you're driving in your car, waiting in line, reading your bible. You are exercising one of the most power spiritual truths available.

~Grace be with you

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Please join Debbie and me in prayer about the following:

I have recently completed an extended "seeking time" in which the Lord began giving me some new instructions regarding our next step in His plan. His instructions were for us to go into cities that He directs us to and hold meetings especially designed for those who have become disenchanted with the status quo in their spiritual lives. We will introduce the people to the true ministry of the Holy Ghost and show them how their lives will be revolutionized as they empower Him to become their Teacher. Please pray for us as we take this next step. These meetings will in no way take away from the teaching I am already doing at the Prayer Center. This will be in addition to what we are already doing. Wherever possible, I believe I am to partner with liked minded pastors. But, if the Lord directs us to a place where no pastors choose to participate, we will hold the meetings in a neutral facility and direct those who come to the websites of the ministries of the Prayer Center.

Please pray with us about this and believe that we have the mind of the Lord in every situation. Believe with us that we will have favor with those we come in contact with as we go about setting up these meetings. We will be making our first "fact finding" trip to scout out the land of what might just be our first meeting. Check our itinerary page in the months ahead for dates and locations of any meetings that we have.

These meetings will be called: "Rediscovering The Holy Ghost". I believe a strong healing anointing will also be present as Debbie and I lay hands on the sick and see them recover.

If you would like for us to pray about doing one of these meetings in your area, please use our "Contact" link and notify us.