



2022 4Q On Death, Dying, and the Future Hope—Lesson 11 End Time Deceptions

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SABBATH

What comes to mind when you consider the title End-Time Deceptions?

What is the focus or purpose of the end-time deceptions? In other words, what is the goal of the end-time deceptions? Is there any particular truth that the end-time deceptions are intended to prevent people from embracing?

Of course all of Satan's deceptions are designed to prevent people from coming to salvation in Jesus Christ, but is there anything different about the end-time deceptions?

Would end-time deceptions be particularly designed to counter the end-time message from God?

God has been revealing truth to win people to salvation from the moment Adam sinned, but truth is unfolding and we are told God has a special end-time message to prepare people for the coming of Christ. Would Satan's end-time deceptions be specifically designed to counter God's final message of mercy to the world?

And what is God's end-time message? How would you describe it?

We have a magazine entitled *The Final Message Of Mercy To The World: The Three Angels*.

What is the purpose of this final end-time message?

- To advance the eternal gospel which is the eternal good news about God We do this by...
- Revering God for who He is the builder of reality, whose laws are design laws
- We glorifying Him in our character by living out His principles in how we treat others
- We return to worshiping the Creator whose laws are design laws, truth, love, liberty and reject the imperial dictator views of God that came through Rome and thus we judge God to be like Jesus revealed
- We call people to leave Babylon, the system of pagan god constructs who run their kingdoms on imposed law, with gods who inflict punishment on rule breakers and who require appeasement and payments to forgive, particularly payments of blood.
- And by leaving the false religions of this world, the systems that pursue justice through legal means and return to worshiping Him who made the heavens, earth, sea and fountains of water, we live out God's living law of love in how we treat others.



One of the founders of the SDA church described the final message of mercy, which is the truth about God that allows us to make a right judgment about God and leave the false system of this world in this way:

“It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy and truth... The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is the revelation of His character of love.” Christ's Object Lessons, p.415

The final message mercy is the eternal gospel, the good news about God that has always been true and will always be true that wins us back to trust, and it is returning to worship God as Creator, which means recognizing His laws as design laws and rejecting the imperial Roman dictator view of God, which means rejecting the penal legal infection to Christianity.

Will Satan's end-time deceptions be designed to counter this end-time message of mercy?

The end-time deception is designed to keep people loyal to Babylon, to prevent people from breaking out of the beastly system.

How many deceptions are there? Untold numbers, this is why Jesus said,

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it” (Matthew 7:13-14 NIV84).

There are never-ending number of lies and false paths, but only one truth and one true path to salvation.

This is why we fix our eyes on Christ, and do not fix our eyes on the multitude of falsehoods or false messiahs. Knowing the truth makes identifying the false easy.

But if we do not know the truth then identifying the false is difficult.

And the truth we must know goes beyond specific doctrines, the truth that protects us from deception is the truth about God which connects all true doctrines together into a cohesive whole. All true doctrines lead us back to God and enlighten us about His character, methods, design laws, principles, practices, and standards.

One of Satan's greatest deceptions is to get people:

- to focus on doctrinal truth while embracing functional lies



- to focus on being right about facts while embracing the wrong methods
- to focus on right beliefs while applying the wrong principles
- to focus on the right religion while harboring selfish attitudes
- to focus on the right fundamental beliefs and creed while developing a satanic character
- to focus on advancing the so-called right doctrinal beliefs and religious observations through the methods of this world, imposed law with imposed penalties and coercive pressure as a means of pursuing justice

Satan experienced great success with the Jewish nation 2000 years ago when he was able to deceive them into rejecting the Messiah that they had been waiting for their entire existence to receive. How?

Satan didn't achieve this rejection of Christ by getting them to reject the Bible, or God as Creator, or the Sabbath day, or the sanctuary message, or tithing, or the dietary message. It wasn't the list of fundamental beliefs that they got wrong, it was the truth of God's character, His methods, His principles, His design law that they exchanged for the imposed laws and coercive methods of this world.

They had set all of God's directions into the human law setting and came to view God as authoritarian, dictatorial, punishing, unforgiving, severe, a being who required appeasement. They viewed the use of law and punishment as the way to achieve justice and so they used external power and force to coerce people, even killing the innocent to advance their cause.

Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." (John 11:49-50 NIV84).

It is better to kill an innocent to save the nation. We have a people to protect, we can't let this man go if we want to save lives.

We have seen the same ungodly and evil methods in operation over the last two years, people being seduced into using coercion to advance a cause they view as just, we must save lives, it is therefore righteous and good to use imposed laws to intimidate, fine, restrict liberties, arrest, destroy reputations and careers.

It is better to hurt our employees and patients than to lose our government funding, we have a health message to advance, we have institutions to protect. It is better for a few to be inconvenienced and their liberties violated than for our organization to lose its institutions we have a special message to take to the world.

How many millions of faithful have been infected with these satanic methods of treating others because they have trusted church leadership to tell them what is right and wrong? How many have trusted governments to tell them and have gone along and have who have used these beastly methods on their own families?



I have heard multiple stories of families torn apart during the past two years because of fear, which inflames selfishness and results in the justification of the practice of the satanic self-centered methods on others.

Do we see what has happened over the last two years as part of Satan's end-time deception to lure people into embracing evil methods and incorporating those practices into their characters?

Over the last two years, as the world applied the methods of force, coercion, restriction of liberty, as families allowed fear to dominate, what has been the result? Have we reaped more love? Have people become more like Jesus in character? Has the fellowship of family and friends grown closer during this crisis as we pressed together supporting each other, recognizing the individuality of others and leaving them free to decide for themselves what is best in their life?

Or have millions, billions, been duped into believing this is "life and death" and those who won't do what the government says are enemies, are fools, are evil, are trying to kill the good people and they should be punished with limited freedoms, loss of jobs, and even the limited freedom to see their own families.

Do we recognize this as part of Satan's end-time deception, his way of implanting his methods into hearts and minds, of getting people to believe it is actually right to treat others like this, as long as it is to save lives or perhaps protect the planet, or some other greater good?

Some might counter, but we aren't doctors, we don't know the science, how are we to know not to do this when our doctors tell us and our government healthcare leaders tell us?

Because it wasn't about the science, it was about the methods being employed in how we treat others. Even if people didn't have access to the specific scientific evidence, every single reasoning person was capable of seeing and discerning the methods being employed by the two groups:

- Restrictions on liberties—liberty of travel, assembly, worship, speech
- Coercion—closure of business, terminating from jobs, arrests, fines, loss of licenses
- Accusation and vilification

These methods are not from God. They are from God's enemy and any reasoning person can see this and know it.

Why did so many collude?

- Because they were afraid
- Because they believed what they were told
- Because they worship a god who imposed uses law and external punishments
- Because they think God's justice is through imposed law and punishment
- Because they didn't trust God with the results of choosing to live out His methods and believed they needed to protect themselves and thus billions concluded with human governments and



chose the path that made them feel empowered and safe and which kept their organization funded and in good standing with the government.

And what was the result? Very predictable—whenever we violate God’s laws we injure and harm others. And the result of applying the methods of God’s enemy over the last two years has been untold amounts of injury, harm, and deaths that are still piling up. Let me say this very clearly—more lives have been lost by the mandates than were saved by the mandates, and the death toll continues cascade down from those mandates through multiple generations.

I am not saying any of this to change any government, or any governmental policy in the world. I am saying this to change the hearts and minds of those who have not been hardened into the methods of the beastly system, the methods of coercion and control, to fulfill our end-time mission of calling people out of Babylon.

Leaving Babylon is about leaving systems and methods of the beast behind, not mere doctrines, but practices in how we treat others. The people of God are the people of truth, which they present in love, while leaving other free. The people of God’s enemy may have some truth that they embrace and advance, but they will advance it with Satan’s methods, with propaganda, with selfishness, with coercion, force, and restrictions of liberty.

We cannot win God’s cause using Satan’s methods.

So, as we approach the end-time, we must look beyond specific doctrinal beliefs, and to the methods, character, and principles of God and make decisions in harmony with God’s principles in how we live and treat others and trust Him with how things turn out.

Let me say this very clearly. The saved will not be a group of people who know all things; the saved will not be a group of people who believe every text of Scripture the same way; the saved will not be a group of people free from every misunderstanding or false idea; no, the saved will be those who:

- Know God and Jesus Christ whom God sent (John 17:3)
- Have God’s law of love, truth, and liberty written upon their hearts as the primary motive to action
- Who love the truth and are willing to grow in the truth as soon as they can comprehend it
- Who love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength
- Who love others more than self and would give their lives for others
- Who refuse to use the methods of coercion upon another person’s conscience
- Who practice the methods of God in governance of self
- Who trust God with how things turn out

Thus when it came to specific medical treatments over the last two years, there were/are people of God on both sides of the treatment question—because it wasn’t about a specific medical treatment, it was about how one advances what they believe to be the truth. The people of God who truly believed a certain medical treatment was the right thing to do, presented the evidence and their plea to get it to



others, but then left others free to decide for themselves. But those who were/are beastly use coercive tactics upon others to force others to do what they want them to do.

Jesus said, when it comes to separating the saved from the lost, the differentiating factor is not doctrinal beliefs, day of worship, faithful tithe, method of baptism, but how we treated others. Why?

Because the methods we choose to apply to ourselves in how we treat others determines what law gets written upon our hearts and minds! Are we practicing God's methods of truth, love, and liberty in how we treat others, or are we practicing Satan's methods of fear, self-preservation, self-deception and justification of using coercion and force as necessary for the greater good?

This application of coercive methods under the guise of doing good, to protect, to save lives, is a much greater and serious end-time deception than merely believing something wrong about the state of the dead.

With that in mind read the Memory Text:

And no wonder! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his ministers also disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness. Their end will match their deeds. (2 Corinthians 11:14-15 NRSV).

Their ends match their deeds—yes practice the methods of Satan in how you treat others, regardless of how sincerely you believe it is right to do so, and you will reap the satanic mold upon your character and end up hating God, the things of God, and the people of God.

This brings up another question that many often ask. What about sincerity, won't those who sincerely believe the wrong thing, but believe with an honest heart, still be saved?

And this is a great question because it affords the opportunity to differentiate what ultimately matters from what doesn't, facts from methods.

- If one sincerely believes something wrong about a fact, a doctrine, an idea such as the method of baptism, or whether the vax helped or harmed, either way, it won't matter in the end IF they practiced the methods of God in how they advanced their belief. The methods of truth, love and freedom.
- But, if one believes the truth on a doctrine, but sincerely believes that Satan's methods of the ends justifying the means and therefore they use propaganda, force, coercion of conscience, restrictions of liberties, to protect and save lives, then even if their doctrinal belief is right, their character is wrong and they will sincerely end up like Satan in character and be lost.

What I have unpacked for you here today is a revelation of why the end-time deception will be so powerful that if it were possible the very elect would be deceived. Because it will not primarily be a deception about a specific doctrine or idea, but a deception to embrace and practice the methods of



Satan as we advance a good cause, a just cause, a righteous cause, such as saving lives or saving our nation, saving our institutions, or saving the planet.

And sadly, far too many Christians are never taught the principles of God's design law methods and instead are taught doctrines through the lens of imposed law, with God using imposed punishments upon rule-breakers, so if the cause is right, and there is no specific Bible text against it, then they will conclude it is right to use these methods on others.

SUNDAY

Mysticism—the primary aspect of mysticism is an internal experience, which is believed to be supernatural in some way. The person experiences something within that they believe is from their god, their dead ancestors, some super-human force in the cosmos. This is most commonly pursued through some form of Eastern meditation or mindfulness practices.

These practices have real effects upon the brain and the person's experience, but those experiences are not balanced with Scripture and science.

Mysticism is the pursuit of some internal feeling to guide in one's decisions. This is why much of Mormonism is actually mysticism, the praying for the burning bosom. The idea that the Holy Spirit leads through internal impressions that are experienced through silencing the mind and waiting for the internal impression irrespective of truth, evidence, and revelation of God through Scripture and nature.

Read the last paragraph,

Those who think that it matters not what they believe in doctrine, so long as they believe in Jesus Christ, are on dangerous ground. The Roman Inquisitors who condemned to death untold numbers of Protestants believed in Jesus Christ. Those who had “cast out demons” in Christ's name (Matt. 7:22, NKJV). had believed in Him. “The position that it is of no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions. He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute false theories, fables, another gospel.” — Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 520.

What is the point of this paragraph, what is the idea the authors want us to learn from this paragraph?

Does it seem the authors, with the support of a quote from EGW, are emphasizing the importance of ensuring we have the right doctrines?

Is there a subtle error introduced with this line of thinking?



What is the primary purpose of all doctrines? To lead us to the knowledge of God, to advance the eternal gospel. As the EGW quote referenced above says, Satan introduces error to introduce another gospel, a false gospel, which means a false conception of God.

And the primary doctrine introduced into Christianity that undermines the gospel is the idea that God's law functions like human law; then you take the 28 fundamental beliefs, set them into a human law construct, and you have introduced another gospel, a false gospel, because you have introduced a false god who is an imperial dictator, the source of imposed pain, suffering and death upon rule-breakers.

Remember what we already discussed about the doctrines of the Jews 2000 years ago—they had right individual doctrines, but the wrong understanding of God and His law and thus they rejected and crucified Christ.

EGW wrote that our own church leadership did the same thing at the 1888 conference:

On many occasions the Holy Spirit did work, but those who resisted the Spirit of God at Minneapolis were waiting for a chance to travel over the same ground again, because their spirit was the same. Afterward, when they had evidence heaped upon evidence, some were convicted, but those who were not softened and subdued by the Holy Spirit's working, put their own interpretation upon every manifestation of the grace of God, and they have lost much. They pronounced in their heart and soul and words that this manifestation of the Holy Spirit was fanaticism and delusion. They stood like a rock, the waves of mercy flowing upon and around them, but beaten back by their hard and wicked hearts, which resisted the Holy Spirit's working. Had this been received, it would have made them wise unto salvation; holier men, prepared to do the work of God with sanctified ability. **But all the universe of heaven witnessed the disgraceful treatment of Jesus Christ, represented by the Holy Spirit. Had Christ been before them, they would have treated him in a manner similar to that in which the Jews treated Christ.** {1888 1478.2}

In 1888 what doctrines did these leaders of the SDA church have wrong? Did they have the wrong Sabbath, the wrong state of the dead, the wrong sanctuary, the wrong health message, the wrong tithing practices, the wrong Bible, the wrong belief about Creation? They embraced and clung to the wrong law, the imposed law, that was the issue. Waggoner's book was entitled *The Gospel in Galatians* whereas the GC President GI Butler wrote a book advancing the view of those who rejected the 1888 message and his book was entitled, *The Law in Galatians*.

Sadly, we are still stuck in the wilderness of imposed law, the desert devoid of the water of life, devoid of the latter rain, devoid of the design laws of God, the living law of love that emanates from God and flows out in rejuvenating streams into the hearts and minds of all who trust God.

MONDAY

Near death experiences—any questions about these?



These experiences are presented by some as evidence of consciousness after death.

And for those with eyes to see and ears to hear, i.e. discernment, these experiences expose themselves as being completely contradictory to what they claim. How?

What do they claim? They claim to be able to give some insight into what happens at death, but they are called, “near death experiences.” If something is near death, is that the same thing as death?

And that is the key to understanding these experiences. No one, not one single person, has ever died and come back to tell us their experience.

Death is not the transient pausing of the functioning of one of the body’s organs, such as the heart stopping for a short period and then restarting. Death is necrosis, cellular decay and rot. Until cellular decay and rot happens, death of the body has not occurred.

A person can donate organs, such as their heart, and that heart stops beating, is put on ice, is shipped across country, is implanted into another person and it starts beating again. That heart is not dead—likewise when a person has an arrhythmia and their heart stops beating and they receive CPR and cardioversion and their heart starts beating again, the heart never died and the person never died.

So, these so-called near-death experiences cannot tell us anything about what happens at death, they can tell us the experience of a person when various bodily systems fail to operate properly, but that isn’t death.

Interestingly, a person does not have to be near death to experience a NDE. A 1990 study at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center in Charlottesville of 58 people who had experienced NDEs found that half would have survived without medical care. Something as innocuous as fainting can produce an NDE.

Other experiments documented people can induce these experiences by a series of hyperventilation and breath holding and rapid changes in position, which changes blood flow to the brain.

TUESDAY

Reincarnation is the belief that a person’s individuality recycles through many lives on its way to purification and eternity.

This belief is advanced through the idea of the first law of thermodynamics that energy is neither created or destroyed but retained. Meaning that energy changes forms, but isn’t increased or decreased.



A Hindu doctor once used this argument on me, that energy isn't created or destroyed but continues on. So the energy in his body will continue on in a new form, in a new body after he dies and thus he will be reincarnated.

He is right about the energy continuing on, but is wrong about the nature of humankind and our individuality.

This is where Jesus and the Biblical view is more scientific than the Eastern view. The Eastern view merges energy with individuality and suggests that when energy recycles so does the person.

The Biblical view describes humans as having three parts, body, soul, spirit. We use the analogy of a computer to understand this, hardware, software, and energy.

The Bible teaches that at death the body/hardware turns back to dust, the energy goes back to God is conserved in harmony with the first law of thermodynamics, but the software, the individuality, the soul, sleeps, is safely stored in the Lamb's book of life waiting for the resurrection. We could say stored on the heavenly servers. So the Biblical view is much more scientific and accurate than the Eastern view.

WEDNESDAY

Read first paragraph:

The word "necromancy" derives from the Greek terms nekros (dead) and manteia (divination). Practiced since ancient times, necromancy is a form of summoning the alleged active spirits of the dead in order to get knowledge, often about future events. Ancestor worship, meanwhile, is the custom of venerating deceased ancestors because they are still considered family and whose spirits can, it is believed, influence the affairs of the living. These pagan practices can be very attractive to those who believe in an immortal soul and who also miss their deceased loved ones.

This is a form of spiritualism, let's review a definition of spiritualism. If you know this definition you can identify spiritualism in all its forms, whether necromancy, voodoo, tarot cards, tea leaves, palm reading, astrology or any other form.

Spiritualism is the pursuit of knowledge without the investigation of evidence or the use of reason.

All spiritualism practices what to know something, the future, what happens after death, what decision to make, what their dead loved one thought of something etc. It is the pursuit of knowledge without investigating the evidence God has given and using our God-given reasoning powers to comprehend and understand the truth.



Satan has no truth on his side so he must sideline the pursuit of God's truth, the evidence God has given and our reasoning powers. Thus Satan introduces practices and methods that set aside the truth and reasonableness for mystical and supernatural experiences.

THURSDAY

The lesson focuses upon fallen angels, Satan's demonic allies, presenting themselves in a supernatural way pretending to be a messenger from God, whether in a séance, a voice, automatic writing, or in physical manifestation and in person.

Satan appeared as an angel from heaven to Jesus during Christ's temptations in the wilderness.

And Satan will one day impersonate Christ claiming to be our Messiah.

How can we tell the difference between Jesus and Satan's impersonation of Him?

Will we be able to tell by:

- Miracles?
- Signs and wonders?
- The melodiousness of his voice?
- The testimony of church leaders?
- Whether he quotes Bible texts or not?
- What foods he eats?
- Whether his feet touch the ground?

Satan will not have truth on his side, but more importantly, Satan will use satanic methods, the methods of imposed law and coercive force. Satan will present himself as a being of love, here to save, and who only wants to protect, as long as we worship him and recognize him as our leader. We will do this by embracing and practicing his methods in pursuing a course is stated to save the planet, protect lives, and bring in a new era of peace. But those who refuse, must be punished, first with restrictions, limited buying and selling, loss of property, imprisonment, but if they won't repent, then justice requires that rebellion and sin be punished. He will cry, and plead, and remind you of how he has already given his life for you, but if you won't follow, justice requires that you be put to death and pay the death penalty yourself because you have rejected the penalty he paid in your behalf.

How many Christians will accept this being?

How many SDA will accept him if he also endorses and enforces the 7th day Sabbath?



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