

## **WHAT'S RIGHT WITH CONSPIRACY THEORY?**

### **(The '*Hidden Truth*' Behind Conspiracy Theories)**

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**Isaiah 8:12**

*"Do not call 'conspiracy' what this people call 'conspiracy' nor fear what they fear, nor be in dread."*

**Thought Starter**

*"Follow a conspiracy theory can appear more exciting than the Lord Jesus Christ."*

## ***Introduction: Foul Plots and Ghastly Conspiracies***

Amidst today's many conflicts Christians need to know which works of Satan to tackle, which to gather information about (for possible future reference) and which to avoid. What they cannot afford to do is to behave like punch drunk boxers, indiscriminately lashing out at every perceived work of Satan. When this happens friends as well as enemies are sent sprawling. Conversely, Christians can no longer indulge in a naïve credulity, glibly assuming that everything *done 'in the name of Jesus'* is from Jesus. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Christian must find a clearly defined path, avoiding paranoid suspicion on the one hand or utter gullibility on the other. It must be remembered that believers will be given divine grace to tackle only those devilish works to which God has called them. Accurate discernment is a vital necessity. A good first question is "Am I being called to address this particular issue?" The old adage, 'If in doubt, don't' comes into its own here – the believer ignores legitimate, nagging doubts at his or her own peril.

In few areas is the discernment of God's will more important than in assessing the possible rise of a sinister New World Order. Its growing development has generated a whole plethora of 'conspiracy theories' on the Internet.<sup>1</sup> Despite the ridiculous characteristics of many of these theories, what needs to be made clear is that a global conspiracy led by Satan really does exist in the spiritual realm. His main aim is to entice the whole world into the worship of himself through the Anti-Christ. An important secondary aim of his is to destroy anything even remotely connected to Jesus – including both the Jews as a race and the Gentile Church. Lucifer is desperate to usurp the role of God the Father and isn't too bothered about the means uses. It must be remembered that Satan's craving for worship is far stronger than any human addiction, (Matthew 4:9 and Luke 4:6-8); it is driven by both his monstrous pride and his spiteful desire to grieve the Creator. Like the more intelligent kind of drug addict he will deploy great cunning to get his way; sometimes the Prince of Darkness will adopt a stance of fawning humility, whilst at others violently aggressive. Again, like most drug addicts he is also an extremely manipulative and compulsive liar. He's determined to destroy anything to do with Jesus because he till bitterly resents the fact that Christ's death annihilated any claim he may once have held over the world. The thought of the Lord's blood sacrifice for sin must send him into a gibbering fury. Clearly, in the cosmic realm some kind of long-term scheme is well under way. Satan wouldn't be Satan unless he was engaged in some foul plot or ghastly conspiracy. However, at the visible human, as distinct from the invisible spiritual realm, problems do emerge with the more lurid forms of conspiracy theory and it's here that caution must be exercised.

### ***Going Awry***

Where some of the more extreme conspiracy theorists go awry is the attributing to human agencies a level of guile and power which only Satan himself possesses.<sup>2</sup> They have ignored the warning of Isaiah 8:12 which warns; "*do not call 'conspiracy' what this people call a 'conspiracy' nor fear what they fear, nor be in dread.*" Through largely ignoring this wise advice, conspiracy theorists have invested secret Societies like the Illuminati and the Freemasons with a power and foresight which belong only to the devil. The pawns on the chessboard have been mistaken for the chess master. The reality is that Lucifer can use any group not submitted to the Holy Spirit to accomplish his purposes. If he can use the Illuminati and Freemasons to help build a New World Order suited for his own ends then he most certainly will, if not, then he can just as readily disregard them (as he did Judas Iscariot). He would simply look for more useful tools sought in their place. In Satan's kingdom, the 'human tools' he exploits are relatively unimportant. It really doesn't matter a jot to him whether the American President or British Prime Minister are well meaning Statesmen, trying to do their best or whether they secretly join hands with the Pope in order to perform a naked circle dance around an image of Satan; either way they can be manipulated to install a New World Order that will suit the devil's interests. The great majority of conspiracy theories concentrate mainly upon the devil's human instruments. At best, these play only a secondary role in the wider scheme of things. None of this is to deny that the Illuminati and Freemasons are dangerous groups to be actively avoided; neither is it to deny them having the ambition (or capacity) to establish a New World Order; the point being made is that the main battle between good and evil is being fought inside the Church and amongst the Jewish

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<sup>1</sup> Some of which have included unintentionally amusing drawings of beasties and monsters

<sup>2</sup> Should the devil bestow such qualities on his senior human servants, he would grant them only on his own selfish terms

people. The real action is in these two areas. In comparison, the Illuminati and Freemasons are a distracting sideshow. With those groups the battle was decided a long time ago – with the devil winning hands down!

This obsession with conspiracy theories sidetracks from the leading of fruitful Christian lives – seriously muting their gospel witness and causing them to waste time trying to ‘*second guess*’ the devil. Their outlook begins to become somewhat paranoid and a little weird with interest in the ‘*bad news*’ of global conspiracy outweighing interest in the ‘*good news*’ of Jesus Christ. Such Christians fail to see that God usually has Lucifer on a very tight leash, (Job 1:6-12 & 2:1-6).<sup>3</sup> There’s always the temptation to proudly assert ‘*I know something you don’t know.*’ Akin to earlier deceptions like Gnosticism, Conspiracy Theory has a tendency to boost human pride through persuading its adherents that they have access to some secret ‘*Gnosis*’ (knowledge), not understood by nor available to, the ordinary Christian. Also, those who are determinedly obsessed with conspiracy theories tend also to have an unhealthy interest in demonic powers, causing them to “*speak evil of those things which they don’t understand,*” (Jude 10). Underlying much of conspiracy theory is an outright failure to really believe that Jesus can deal with any global conspiracy in His own way and time. Psalm 2 is completely ignored. At worst, conspiracy theory represents a breakdown in faith, with those indulging in it needing to be asked, ‘*Who do you believe is in ultimate control of human affairs – God or the devil?*’<sup>4</sup> Even where a paranoid condition is avoided conspiracy theorists may still suffer from an unhealthy spiritual voyeurism, Sometimes, they deriving a prurient excitement each time news of another error breaks. Their smug ‘*I told you so*’ attitude gives them away. They are constantly on the lookout for the latest ‘*Cyberspace gossip.*’ Theirs is an inner craving for ‘*excitement now.*’ wherein the rise of the New World Order and even the fall of Christianity itself are treated as entertaining ‘*soap operas.*’ Such voyeurism has affinities with the ‘*grubby raincoat*’ brigade queuing outside a Soho peepshow. What is largely ignored is the fact that an unhealthy obsession with deception can itself be a deception!

A further criticism is that most conspiracy theories adopt an over-deterministic view of human nature. People are seen as mere puppets; their lives totally governed by outside forces, with little regard for human freewill or personal accountability. Conspiracy theorists ignore the fact that human beings, within divinely pre-ordained limits, can drive their own affairs and most certainly do possess personal responsibility for their own sins. Nevertheless, common sense observation would suggest that, for the first time ever in human history, Satan’s ambition to gain the worship of the whole world is now within his grasp. New technologies, fresh forms of government and growing economic integration are all combining to make this possible. To some extent, all the devil has to do is to wait for human affairs to further ripen in his favour.

Also overlooked is the fact that conspiracies are very difficult to organise. Their success depends upon exceptionally favourable preconditions, which the conspirators themselves are not always able to control. Such preconditions include the presence of a definite target (along with the means to reach that target), a handful of deeply committed people (with the required technical skills to execute the conspiracy), the successful maintenance of secrecy, a short time span (of no more than a year, or two at the most)<sup>5</sup> and the opportunity to carry out the conspiracy. Most conspiracies fail through a lack of one or more of these preconditions. In practical terms, the kind of long-term plotting described by conspiracy theorists is simply not feasible. Besides, their ‘*cover*’ must surely have already been long since ‘*blown*’ by every conspiracy theory web site on the World Wide Web! One can only suppose that those groups currently plotting and scheming to take over the world are not doing a very good job of concealing their nefarious activities.

Each and every conspiracy theory also distracts attention from where the real danger lies. Those seriously promoting a New World Order are not engaging in some ‘*grand plot to take over the world*’ but are quietly planting and promoting ideas inside people’s heads.<sup>6</sup> This ‘*drip feed*’ approach is aimed at creating a generally favourable consensus to create toward New World Order. If enough

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<sup>3</sup> This restraint may occur either directly through the work of God’s Holy Spirit and his Angels or indirectly through God’s work on the human conscience and in human institutions like the judiciary

<sup>4</sup> The writer once knew someone whose obsession with conspiracy theory made him almost mentally ill and in September 2003 it created a hazardous situation, from which the writer had to rapidly withdraw. He also knew a once promising discernment ministry ruined by an obsession with this type of theory. It ended up being a pathetic embarrassment.

<sup>5</sup> The longer a conspiracy takes to organize the more likely it is to be betrayed. This means that highly complex conspiracies lasting over the course of decades and involving different generations of participants are simply not feasible.

<sup>6</sup> One such idea being the notion of global citizenship

influential, similar-minded people exist and form groups then, given time, they could continue to instill the concept of a New World Order amongst a sufficiently diverse range. It should then *'take hold'* once favourable, external circumstances are in place. The role of such groups is primarily educational, *'feeding-in'* the idea of a New World Order – their success depending upon the impact of the external circumstances.<sup>7</sup> It's these circumstances alone which can create a widespread demand for that Order. Consequently, these groups must adopt an opportunistic rather than a conspiratorial strategy. Hence, an individual or particular group has no real need to compulsively plot and scheme to install a New World Order – what's needed is the constant implanting of ideas, all contributing to the general acceptance of a New World Order amongst influential people. However, these ideas will only come into their own when the conditions are right and a sufficient proportion of the world's population is desperate enough to embrace them.

The above points would suggest that conspiracy theory is the wrong tool to explain how humanity will eventually find itself trapped in a sinister New World Order. A far better analytical tool is the theory of demand and supply. This would suggest that threats like war, terrorism and climate change are the external factors (or *'triggers'*) creating the global demand for a New World Order – the concept of which will have already been instilled by a diverse network of groups, private organisations and government institutions. Ruling administrative, intellectual and media elites will be able to install and establish such an Order with the minimum of resistance simply because most of the world's population will want it (desperation having made them totally receptive to it). The rise of the anti-Christ will owe more to favourable market forces than to any long-term plotting by the *'Illuminate,'* Freemasons or any other such group. The sinister nature of these groups lies not in their conspiratorial ability to *'plot and scheme'* but in their capacity to implant their ideas into the heads of influential people. The role of market forces is to ensure that these ideas eventually embed, take root and grow.

Conspiracy theory is a crude and wholly incorrect model to use, simply because it is not the major agent that will bring about a NWO. Indeed, it could lower people's defences by causing them not to take such a development seriously.

### ***Dangerous Demonization***

Particularly dangerous is the way an obsessive pre-occupation with conspiracy theory can lead to a *'demonising'* of those who adhere to different beliefs. Not all deceived people are wilful heretics – some are genuinely misguided and are often more than willing to engage in reasoned debate. However, should they be summarily branded as *'demonised'* they could well be driven further into error! What is a horribly pernicious in nature are the anti-Semitic variations of conspiracy theory which tend to display the following line of reasoning: -

**Assumption: Some Jews are committed to installing a New World Order**



**Deduction: There is a Jewish World Conspiracy**



**Conclusion: Kill all the Jews**



**Application: Treblinka Extermination Camp**

Such a fatal and totally flawed logic could be applied to any other group (be it secular or religious), erroneously viewed as being committed to installing a New World Order. It should at least give sober pause for thought. No conspiracy theory should ever be accepted at face value. A wise question to ask is *'Would any acceptance of this 'theory' divert me from witnessing to the Gospel and from following God's purpose for my life?'* If the answer is *'yes'* then it should be rejected. Also, a fact to remember is that the devil is willing to employ any number of ways to sidetrack unwary Christians. Sadly, conspiracy theory can one such attractive avenue because it offers a simplistic world view and neatly places the blame for all sorts of troubles or any convenient scapegoat it chooses. It also provides a means to legitimise violence. Conspiracy theory is especially popular among those who

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<sup>7</sup> Examples of such external forces include; a failure in political leadership, war, widespread disease, economic breakdown, famine and climate change – all having the potential to produce that sense of desperation which could culminate in the widespread acceptance of, if not active demand for, a New World Order.

feel that they have received a *'raw deal from society.'* Psychologically, it can act as a compensation mechanism for a deep sense of failure. The feelings of self-loathing deriving from this condition are conveniently transferred to some convenient pariah group. Anti-Semitism in particular can reflect the self-hatred of the anti-Semite. In the short term, conspiracy theory can perform a therapeutic function in that it gives meaning to otherwise meaningless and futile lives. Hatred can for a while instil a strong sense of purpose and solidarity with other people. That's why it can be such an attractive option. A pre-occupation with conspiracy theory is one sign of an alienated soul – one which is at variance with both to God and fellow human beings.

Conspiracy theory is all the more dangerous for being half right. At their most discerning, Christian *'conspiracy theorists'* rightly see that Satan is manipulating the human race into accepting a New World Order, which will follow the anti-Christ. They also correctly perceive that the Devil will stop at nothing to seize the worship due to God alone, (Matthew 4:7-10 and Luke 4:6-8). He wants the worship of humanity so that he can damn humanity. His ambition is to get as many people as possible to share his eternal misery in Hell.<sup>8</sup> However, Satan is not all powerful; he has to bide his time, waiting until conditions are favourable in order to implement his plans. Neither is he creative, he can only corrupt and manipulate forces that are already occurring naturally within human society. It is humanity, through the operation of market forces, which will create the New World Order – Satan's role is simply to turn this human development to his own advantage. Fallen human nature creates, but Satan exploits; his role is to that of a parasite feeding off an already diseased body. Therefore, in its typical form, conspiracy theory grotesquely overestimates the power of Satan and underestimates human responsibility. At its worst, it can fall into an unhealthy dualism, in which Satan is treated as a deity who's as powerful as God. Conveniently overlooked is the fact that, when the New World Order is at its most powerful, God is still in control. It is He (and not Satan) who will set limits on the evil the NWO will commit. Conspiracy theorists would do well to ask the question, *'Who do I believe is governing human history, God or Satan?'*

### ***Uncritical Emotionalism***

Despite all of the above, it needs to be acknowledged that an element of conspiracy may well be present throughout a whole mix of circumstances leading to the rise of a New World Order. After all, which politician would pass over the opportunity to fully exploit the psychological and social conditions created by the operation of *'demand and supply?'* It thus follows that any conspiracy to bring the anti-Christ to power will succeed only when particular conditions are favourable. This point is suggested in Revelation 17:12-14, where the final step to anti-Christ's dominion is seen as the result of a *'committee meeting,'* where the ten leading players have been of *'one mind.'* Such unity and co-operation will only have arisen under the operation of exceptionally severe socio-economic, environmental and political pressures. (The law of *'supply and demand'* will already have been operating on a huge scale.) International politicians will give the world a Messiah because the world will be demanding a Messiah who has the apparent capacity to save humanity from extinction. Like true democrats, they will be giving the people what they want. The problem is that such will be the level of desperation that most of the world's population will not be thinking rationally. Being in a condition of heightened psychological suggestibility will make people of all classes and cultures desperate to accept any solution on offer. The anti-Christ will be swept to power on a wave of uncritical emotionalism.<sup>9</sup> Market forces rather than any major long term global conspiracy will be a more decisive factor in his rise. As inferred earlier any conspiracy can only succeed when these forces are favourable.

A constant obsession with conspiracy theory may, in reality, demonstrate that such devotees have actually lost sight of who Jesus really is.<sup>10</sup> They will have allowed Satan to divert them from the one true God. To cure this condition, a return to the original Gospel message must be made (thereby acting as a reminder of who Jesus is and of His accomplishments through His death and resurrection). A calm and thoughtful reading of the New Testament would serve to do this. The following meditation,<sup>11</sup> entitled *'Let them,'* shows how even the very extremes of human opposition cannot threaten the sovereignty of Lord Jesus Christ.

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<sup>8</sup> Here, one is reminded of the saying, *'misery likes company.'*

<sup>9</sup> A small foreshadow of this was given during the 2008 American Presidential election campaign of Barack Obama which at times, assumed unhealthy messianic undertones

<sup>10</sup> Indeed, they may never have really known Him in the first place

<sup>11</sup> This was first drafted during a bus journey on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2002

*Let them conspire  
Let them intrigue  
Let them plot  
Let them scheme  
Let the whole world  
Unite to overthrow God*

*But Jesus sits upon His throne  
Totally secure in the triumph  
He has forever gained over evil  
Through His death  
Upon a wooden cross*

## **Summary**

- 1) Christians need to know which works of Satan to tackle, which to gather information about and which to avoid. What they cannot do is to behave like punch drunk boxers, indiscriminately lashing out at every perceived satanic work. Divine grace will be given to believers to tackle only those devilish works to which God has specifically called them.
- 2) Discernment of God's will take on a vital importance when dealing with the rise of a sinister New World Order. Its growing development (seen more obviously on the Internet) has generated a whole plethora of '*conspiracy theories*,' many of which have served only to make Christianity look ridiculous.
- 3) An obsession with conspiracy theory is both dangerous and wrong because: -
  - 3.1 It attributes to human agencies a level of power and guile belonging to Satan alone
  - 3.2 It ignores the fact that the main battle between good and evil is being fought inside the Church and amongst the Jewish people rather than in strange, occult groups.
  - 3.3 It diverts people from the need to lead fruitful, Gospel-orientated Christian lives
  - 3.4 It breeds a fearful, yet proud paranoid mentality which serves only to needlessly isolate Christians from unbelievers
  - 3.5 It can make the Gospel look ridiculous and unpleasant
  - 3.6 It ignores the fact that successful conspiracies are difficult to organize
  - 3.7 It distracts attention away from the real danger (which lies in the '*drip-feeding*' of wholly incorrect ideas)
  - 3.8 It can lead to a '*demonising*' of others holding different beliefs
  - 3.9 It can be used to motivate and justify violent forms of anti-Semitism
  - 3.10 It overlooks the fact that market forces and political exploitation play the greater role (more than any occult conspiracy) in creating a New World Order
  - 3.11 It can be used as Satan's tool to discredit (and weaken) any notion that a New World Order is actually in the making
  - 3.12 It attributes to Satan, (rather than to God) the control of world events
  - 3.13 It causes Christians to lose sight of Jesus and His wonderful salvation
- 4) Christian Conspiracy theorists do, however correctly point out that: -
  - 4.1 Satan is hugely motivated to create a New World Order, with the express wish of drawing the whole of the human race into the worship of himself
  - 4.2 There are many influential groups wishing to encourage the development of a New World Order
  - 4.3 Politicians and corrupt church leaders will collaborate to bring about a New World. They will exploit favourable opportunities arising from the interplay of market forces.
  - 4.4 The Global disruption caused by external events e.g. environmental changes, economic collapse<sup>12</sup> and war is likely to provoke an emotional demand for a '*saviour*' figure
  - 4.5 Christians and Jews are special objects of satanic malice
- 5) The best way to respond to a real or possible conspiracy is to follow the examples of King David, Jesus and the apostle Paul – all of whom knew what it was to like to be conspired against. A simple but alert faith in God and the wonderful plan of salvation He provided in Jesus is the best way to respond to the rise of any New World Order.

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<sup>12</sup> The world economic system came close to collapse during the meltdown of the financial system in September 2008. One result of this development has been a growing global co-operation between major banking institutions.

## Questions

- 1) What things are right and what things are wrong with conspiracy theories?
- 2) Why do some Christians get obsessed with conspiracy theories?
- 3) How would you respond to an unemployed man with poor social skills who says he's a Christian but angrily accuses you of conspiring with the Pope to deprive him of a job? You are concerned that he could turn violent.
- 4) Evaluate the statement; *'Conspiracy theorists are right in seeing the rise of a New World Order but wrong in attributing its causes to a sinister conspiracy. A New World Order is more likely to arise through the market forces of demand and supply.'*
- 5) *'Conspiracy Theory is simply dangerous nonsense, designed to discredit the Gospel.'* Discuss.