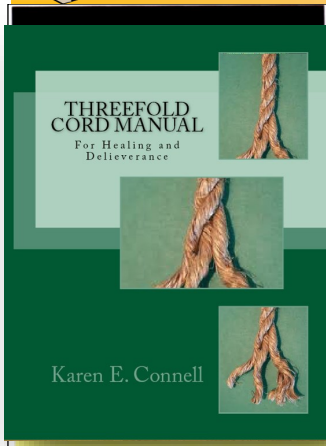




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## Holiness and Wholeness The Guardians to the Door of Our Heart

By Karen Connell

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**(John 5:6)**

***When Jesus saw him lying there, He knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made whole?"***

**A**s a believer I know God’s Word promises us that the *truth* will set us *free* (John 8:32). However, this verse reveals that there is *no freedom* from whatever we are struggling with without *embracing* the TRUTH. In the text from



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the account in (John 5:6), after Jesus saw the man wanted healing, He told the man to “arise (ALT: NT:1453 **wake up, become aware**), take up (ALT: NT:142 **take away**) his bed (Literally NT:2845 means a place of *sleep* (i.e., **being un-conscious**) and of *conceiving* (forming **perceptions in the mind**) and He then told him to walk (ALT: **walk through, tread under the feet the cause of, what pertains to a matter**).

If we want holiness and wholeness as our guardians to the door of our hearts, we must allow the Holy Spirit of truth to make us aware of what we are not conscious of so He can walk us through our unhealed and unholy issues. Otherwise, these become an open door for spiritual deception to invade our lives. It is so clear, to those who use Scripture as their *only basis for truth*, to see the *mixture* of truth and *error* that prominent Evangelical leaders continually teach and promote. This mixture of truth and error, is the means by which these leaders are causing millions of people who trust and follow them to be deceived. Mixture of truth and error is Satan’s deadly cocktail, because any error is deadly leaven, which can be likened unto a poisonous continually growing mold that will invade our being, causing a subtle erosion of our faith that *obscures or distorts the truth* from Scripture.

### *Mixture—Satan’s Deadly Cocktail*

Perhaps you have heard it said, just as I have, when we sit under a ministry of “mixture,” where we are told to “*just eat the hay and spit out the sticks.*” This sounds good but is it a Biblical principle? It can’t be because the true Gospel is not a Gospel of mixture!

***“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ (i.e., through mixture) But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel (message) to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:6-9) NKJV (parenthesis mine for clarity).***

God commanded His people to avoid mixture. This sounds to me like God has a problem with mixture because it perverts and weakens our soundness!

***“You must obey all my laws. Do not breed your cattle with other kinds of animals. Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed. Do not wear clothing woven from two different kinds of fabric” (Leviticus 19:19, NLT).***

I realize that no one will get it right all the time. All of us can believe mixtures and do things imperfectly when we intentionally or unintentionally neglect to measure what we believe and practice by God’s Word. My great concern is when we allow mixture to go **unchecked** when we are made aware of it. Mixture of truth

and error is why many well-meaning saints lack wisdom, knowledge and discernment and are falling prey to Satan's deception because of his false teachings, anointing and lies. If we are really concerned for the welfare of other believers, then love will compel us to address and correct *any mixture* when we spot it.

### *The Prophesied End-Time Deception*

As I have sought the Lord on this problem of the growing end-time deception, which I have personally experienced within Christianity throughout my many years of ministry. God has given me some very clear Biblical *truth* as to WHY this is happening. First, as we know, Jesus warned us that in the last days deception would overtake many, even the very elect if possible!

***For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24) KJV***

We expect the heathen and pagans to be deceived, for all people (who are not born again) are deceived, because they live under and are controlled by Satan's evil demonic influence...

***We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (ALT: demonic influence) ... We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding (ALT: discernment), so that we know him who is true (ALT: genuine), because we are in (ALT: agreement with) him who is true (ALT: genuine), in (ALT: agreement that) his Son Jesus Christ, is the true (ALT: genuine) God, and eternal life ... Little children, keep yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:19-21) <sup>1</sup>.***

Therefore, it is not surprising that millions of unregenerated people are deceived. But what makes it possible for so many Christians to be deceived? There are millions of professing Christians who are becoming more and more deceived and blinded to sin (error), which is especially associated with the NWO "reset" that is being rolled out BEFORE OUR VERY EYES. Yet so many are blind to what is taking place! Why? Whenever, I ask the Lord this question I always hear two words... **IGNORANCE** and **REBELLION**.



### *Ignorance*

Our holiness and wholeness is greatly affected by ignorance, because it blinds people. As Christians we understand the fact that non-Christians will be ignorant of spiritual truth, but sadly, it is also true of those who are followers of

<sup>1</sup>that which is in parenthesis is an **ALT**: meaning an **alternate translation** from the **IBT** {Interlinear Bible Translation}.

Jesus Christ. Ignorance in God's people means to lack of knowledge (i.e., truthful information) by being uninformed, or by ignoring or rejecting truth when it comes to the scriptures. Some Christians have never heard the truth but others who do here, simply choose to ignore it or reject it. In either case they are cursed by the remnants. Matthew Henry's Commentary had this interesting note on the following verse...

**(1 Corinthians 14:38)**

***But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. WEB***

*“Note, it is God’s justice to leave those to the blindness of their own minds who **willfully shut out the light**. Those who would be ignorant in so plain a case were justly left under the power of their mistake (error).” (Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Whole Bible)*

Ignorance for whatever reason, is an open door or as I mentioned, like Art Katz said, it is an **“unguarded door”** for the enemy to come through with his lies and doubts that make room for deception. Believe me, I speak from personal experience in both cases (lacking and rejecting knowledge of the truth), which causes spiritual blindness to occur. I know for a fact I was blinded to certain truths in my walk with God for two main reasons.

**The first reason** being, I didn’t study the Scriptures for myself and I lacked a *personal knowledge* of the Scriptures because I relied **on people** (e.g., my favorite ministers, who became an idol to me) rather than relying on the Holy Spirit to teach me concerning what I was embracing as the truth. I learned this lesson the hard way, for my being deceived, lead to many painful consequences (some of which I am still living through today by God’s grace). I learned well the lesson I need to judge EVERYTHING that comes out another person’s mouth or any thoughts that come into my mind, that sounds like “spiritual truth,” these ALL need to be *confirmed to me* by God’s Holy Spirit, as truth or error according to the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit is our **ONLY 100% reliable teacher of all truth**.

***I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever, —the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see (ALT: experience) him, neither knows him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you... But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things... (John 14:16-17,25) WEB***

Keep in mind, that doesn’t mean that the Holy Spirit doesn’t use other members of the body that are anointed by Him to teach us the Scriptures. I found fear and pride will keep us from receiving those God has ordained to speak His truth into our lives. There are those, who like the Apostle Paul, are called to teach us the Scriptures as revealed truth they have personally received from God. However, it is only those who

*rightly divide* the Scriptures that are reliable Holy Spirit anointed teachers of God's word.

***Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing* (NT:3718:Strong's: to dissect and expound correctly (the divine message as) the word of truth... ***But shun profane* (ALT: NT:952 deadly corrupting) and vain babblings (ALT: NT:2757: worthless demon inspired disclosures i.e., unknown, secret or new information): **for they will increase unto more ungodliness... And their word will eat as does a canker (ALT: gangrene): ... (in those) Who concerning the truth have erred ... (2 Timothy 2:15-18) KJV.******

Please take note from this previous text in (2 Timothy 2:15-18), when a false teacher claims to have "NEW" or "HIDDEN" revelations that are in error or makes claims *not supported by the Scriptures*, this text calls these things ***deadly, and worthless demonically inspired misinformation***. There is so much of that being taught within Christendom today, as part of the prophesied end-time delusion that is



producing all kinds of demonic practices and manifestations. The popular Talmudic teachings of Kabbalah as found in the Hebrew Roots movement and among many Evangelical as well as Charismatic streams, definitely and perfectly fits this description.

As shown in the verse above, when dissected, the *key words* in the above text, starting with "VAIN BABBLINGS" is defined in the Greek text, as describing the (i.e., new or hidden information) from false teachers. The next word ***profane*** is defined in its root form as a "***threshold***". Interestingly enough the word ***threshold*** in its various Hebrew root forms (OT:6620 ***pethen*** (peh'-then) & OT:6621 ***petha'*** (peh'-thah); refers to a *twisting serpent that opens the eyes*. This Hebrew word in the Greek is (NT:4436 ***puthón*** (poo'-thone) and defined as: a *divining spirit, called Python, after the Pythian serpent said to have guarded the oracle at Delphi*, and is translated in the KJV as *divination*...

***And it came to pass in our going on to prayer, a certain maid, having a spirit of Python, did meet us, who brought much employment to her masters by soothsaying. (Acts 16:16) YLT (Youngs Literal Translation)***

Now knowing this whenever I hear of some "new revelation" or any

“information” for that matter, I immediately want to know how it aligns with God’s Word. Truth will always bear witness within a born-again spirit that has the light of God’s Holy Spirit God in it, that is if the light is not being obscured by prevailing areas of error hidden in areas of darkness within us. These must be dealt with...

***Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each man will get his praise from God. (1 Corinthians 4:5) WEB***

The Apostle Paul said this to those who were questioning the things he taught...

***If any man thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual (i.e., able to hear from God’s Spirit), he will recognize (ALT: discern by super-imposed knowledge i.e., from the Holy Spirit) that the things which I write to you, they are the commandments from the Lord. (1 Corinthians 14:37) ALT***

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.  
1 Samuel 15:23

**The second reason** for my spiritual blindness was due to the sins of *pride and rebellion*. During this time in my walk with God, I had become more knowledgeable (quite knowledgeable actually, or so I proudly imagined) concerning the Scriptures, but because I had many unresolved and unhealed insecurity and anger issues in my life (many of which I was not even aware of). These areas of darkness were hiding my sinful pride issues and were *obscuring the light* from the Holy Spirit.

I had spiritual influences of darkness from a spiritual stronghold of pride that needed to be identified and dismantled through exposure and renunciation.

***But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.***

***(2 Corinthians 4:2) WEB***

The spiritual strongman over the stronghold of pride is identified in Scripture as *Leviathan*. If you study the book of Job, it was the same ruling spirit that was at work in righteous Job’s life, unbeknownst to him, which God revealed to him through a series of very *painful trials* (see Job chapter 41). This same spiritual influence kept me *stubborn and unteachable* (for I was convinced that what I believed was the truth and no one, including the Holy Spirit could change my mind).

***...the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ...And with all***

**deceivableness of unrighteousness WITHIN THEM that are perishing (being corrupted); because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved (i.e., set free, restored delivered)... And for this cause (of not loving the truth when it was brought to them) God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ...That they all might be guilty who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**  
**(2 Thessalonians 2:9-12) BBT (Barclay Bible Translation)**

In the above text, the Lord is revealing two main causes for deception in GOD'S PEOPLE, these are especially at work in these end-times.

**The first** is that of people becoming



“fascinated” (seduced) by Satan’s super natural (dunamis) **power to do signs and wonders**, that cause those exposed to these, to have their **eyes opened** (i.e., to receive *false* understanding and perceptions) by opening a door for lying spirits to enter and lead them into areas of deception. Multitudes of Christians are falling prey to the lies of seducing and lying spirits working through Satan’s “ministers of light.” Those who are deceived believe that just because something is *supernatural it must be the Holy Spirit at work*, especially if people get healed or receive some sign or answer to a prayer. Just remember pharaoh’s magicians were able to copy the signs and wonders that Aaron did! Thus, Satan and demon powers can heal and answer prayers also.

In my own life this was exactly what happened. In 1970 I started out my walk with the Lord in the Pentecostal movement, as a babe in Christ. I truly experienced the power of the Holy Spirit working in my life. It was there I was baptized with the Holy Spirit. However, just as the Bible teaches, the wheat and the tares will grow together until God deals with them in His end-time judgment and this was the case in the Pentecostal and succeeding movements I became involved with.

Not only was the Holy Spirit at work in many of the lives of the people and meetings I attended in these various movements, but so was

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another spirit called sorcery. This manifested as the python spirit and is also known as the Hindu spirit associated with *Kundalini*.

**The second reason** for deception in God's people, is when they do not love the truth. The truth can interfere with our self-centered agenda, and this requires humbling one's self by getting gut honest with God (which is painful). It is as the Apostle Paul prophesied:

**For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Timothy 4:3-4) WEB**

Paul prophesied that a time was coming when professing Christians would **NOT ENDURE sound teaching**. We most assuredly are in that very "time!" Sound teaching involves *correcting the errors that people hold regarding the "Word of God."* There was a time I was not willing to "endure sound teaching" because it meant I would have to ADMIT I had believed *wrong teaching* from my favorite teachers and ministers. This would have wounded my pride. I would not allow that to happen, because the false things being taught appealed to me and were keeping my *personal desires alive*. My desires were all about what would make me FEEL happy and content, which the false teachings I endured did just that (i.e., but only for a time). When the "happy—content" feelings wore off (which they always do) I needed more false teaching to get my "happy—content" feelings fix! I needed another sermon on God's promises (that rarely, if ever, stressed the *conditions* every promise of God required of me).

One of my favorite verses at that time (was erroneously interpreted by "python" and it gave me my "happy—content" feelings fix, because it promised to give me whatever I desired (if I had enough faith)...

**Delight yourself also in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

***(Psalms 37:4) KJV***

I thought I was most certainly delighting myself in the Lord, for who wouldn't be delighted with Him when He promised to give me the ***desires of my heart!*** This is how this verse is taught by those who are teaching error, and I was more than willing to receive their *misinterpretation*. By believing this promise, I could then claim and decree the desires of my heart to come forth by using this verse to ... "by faith of course" to *receive my desires*. My desires also sounded very



noble and right to me, (because I was blinded to the REAL motivations of my heart) therefore, I PERSUMPTUOUSLY believed “*I knew my own Heart.*” After all, my desire to have my husband and children become good Christians, and for our family to be healthy and prosperous and to live under God’s protection, were Biblical desires. And besides God’s Word promised to give me what I DESIRED (and I had many)!

However, later during my time of having my heart judged (thoroughly examined) by God, I was given the *correct interpretation* of this verse in (Ps 37:4), which was, if I *delighted* myself in the Lord **he would PLACE His desires in my heart** (e.g., for holiness, and wholeness which is far more important to God than our “happiness”)! He also made very clear to me this truth from the prophet Jeremiah ...

***The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it? I, Yahweh, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.***

**(Jeremiah 17:9-10) WEB**

Instead of seeing MY desires for comfort and happiness being fulfilled, things in my life got worse, which of course, made me very unhappy. This was because God took me through a time of His sanctifying fire, where I had to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, for much had to die within me and this involved a time of God’s VERY painful examination (called the trying) of my heart.

It was during this time of God’s judgment, that I became more than willing to ENDURE the pain from sound teaching, in fact I came to desire it more than anything else. I had many unhealed rejection, bitterness and pride issues that were blinding me to a lot of truth that could have set me free from the unhealed areas in my life that I hadn’t been willing to *endure sound teaching on*. Instead I “...**turned away from listening to the truth** (that made me uncomfortable) **and instead wandered off into myths**, (that comforted me)” ...just as the Apostle Paul prophesied this would be the case in these end-times. Currently this is running rampant within the lives of God’s people. This is why it is *possible for the every elect to be deceived*.

The word for “**myths**” in the text from (2 Timothy 4:4) is the word “**muthos**” (Strong’s 3454), which means: *a false account, yet posing (or seeing) to be the truth; (i.e., because it can contain “some” truth along with “some” error) it goes on to be defined as a fabrication which subverts (replaces) what is actually (i.e., completely) true.*”

The verse in (Psalm 37:4) is a very good example of how “**muthos**” manifested in my life. For instance, where the KJV translates the

**THERE WAS A TIME WHEN  
PEOPLE WENT TO CHURCH,  
HEARD THE TRUTH,  
AND WEPT OVER THEIR SINS.  
TODAY... PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH  
HEAR A MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH  
AND IGNORE THEIR SINS.**

phrase DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD, in the Hebrew text the word **DELIGHT** has nothing to do with being pleased with or delighted with the Lord. It is the word (OT:6026 *`anag* (aw-nag'); which means ***to become soft and pliable***. Thus, when we are not *soft and pliable* we are not willing to let the truth over ride what *we desire* to believe or think.

When this is the case God cannot use the truth to shape our thinking, and correct ANY erroneous

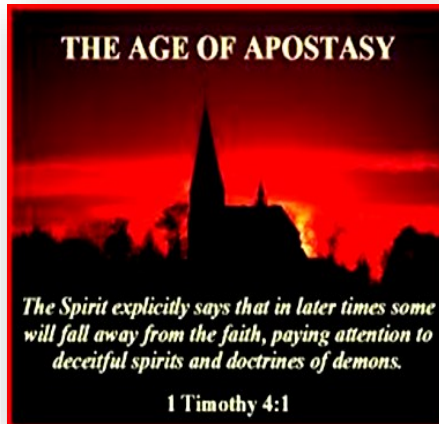
beliefs, attitudes and motivations (known or unknown to us) that are within our heart. Therefore, the truth cannot set us free! Instead we are being resistant to the truth and this hardens our heart to God (i.e., for God is truth). Before my time of God putting my heart on trial, I would never have admitted to the fact that pride was hardening my heart in certain areas of my life, for I didn't see myself as *prideful* or *rebellious*, or as having bitter issues (because I didn't 'FEEL' bitter towards anyone I could think of)! However, during God's sanctifying grace upon my life during my time of judgment, I found out just how deceived I was about my pride and bitterness issues, as God's Word clearly defined these for me.

I learned, when we as believers struggle with or feel resistance to ENDURING SOUND TEACHING, from the Holy Spirit or anyone sent by the Holy Spirit to teach us His truth, that alone should alert us to the fact there is demonic resistance coming *in, upon or against our life*. The word **ENDURE** describes what *will not* or *is not* happening (but sorely *needs to* happen) in the heart of a person (in the place I was in at that time), when blind spots from pride prevented me from seeing my (sin/errors). When this is the case, we will *not endure* sound teaching.

To **NOT ENDURE** is the Greek word (NT:430 *anechomai* (an-ekh'-om-ahee); the CWSD (Complete Word Studies Dictionary) defines this as: *To [not] restrain, stop or hold back from falling (i.e., we cannot stop what keeps us from falling back into ungodly thoughts, emotions and actions), it also refers to people who [will not] admit, receive, or to listen to... [i.e., the TRUTH from sound teaching].*

Again, this accurately describes the place I was in, for I only paid CLOSE attention to those preachers and teachings that made ME feel good. This only *stopped* me from seeing the truth concerning my *false beliefs concerning my ungodly emotions and attitudes*. That which I was blinded to, God wanted to identify the root cause for these things in order to sanctify me, and bring me to a place of wholeness and holiness.

As I found out, anyone in this place becomes a candidate for areas of spiritual blindness because of pride issues and grave delusion, which



opens the door for seducing and lying spirits to operate, causing us to wander further and further into deception, as long as we will NOT ENDURE the truth from sound teaching.

### *Being Baptized with the Holy Spirit Gives Us Power to Endure*

Wherever the Holy Spirit is at work, whether in a person's life or in a particular gathering of God's people, Satan will show up with his spiritual "tares" (i.e., his teachers and their teachings) to *counterfeit* whatever the Holy Spirit is doing. After being baptized with the Holy Spirit, as a new Christian, I immediately began to grow in my spiritual discernment, and began to question the many *supernatural signs* I was seeing, which made me wonder if it truly was the Holy Spirit that was at work, especially in those who would often manifest such uncontrollable and bizzar behavior. Also later, in the prophetic movement that I became involved in, I also questioned the *prophetic words*, and "*new*" *teachings* and so called *new revelations* that were coming forth. I will never forget when I questioned the *bizzar behavior* I had witnessed in the Pentecostal movement in my early years as a Christian and when I had asked others, who were supposed to be elders in the church about this, I was told that those who were under the "power" of the Holy Spirit, have no control over how He wants to manifest Himself, He just takes over and caused people to do what I was witnessing.



I remember one man in particular, who during a sermon, would often jump out of his seat and run as fast as he could around and around the sanctuary whooping and hollering at the top of his lungs! This used to really disturb me! But when I would question those who had been around this for a long time, it would be proudly stated, "*When the Holy Ghost moves in this place, we have no power to control what He wants to do.*" Unfortunately, this is how many Pentecostals seemed to judge *how* and *if* the Holy Spirit was working in them or their church... the more bizzar the behavior, the more spiritual they felt they were!

At one point I finally asked the Lord to show me something from the Scriptures about this, so I wouldn't be doubting what I was seeing, *if it really was the Holy Spirit at work*. I really wanted to know beyond a shadow of a doubt the truth on this. God answered me very clearly from the Scriptures when I read...

***Remember that people who prophesy (or are under the power of the Holy Spirit) they are in control of their spirit... For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in ALL the meetings of God's holy people. (1 Corinthians 14:32-33) NLT***

The KJV translates it this way:

***And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets... For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. (1 Corinthians 14:32-33) NKJV***

Well, that settled it for me! I then knew that those manifesting such bizzar and uncontrollable behavior were NOT under the power of God's Spirit, for He is a *God of order and peace, not disorder and chaos!* What I was seeing was from *another spirit* entirely. Others who didn't agree with their behavior, simply said that these people are just operating "in the flesh" ... but remember demons need "flesh" to manifest themselves through. That is why the demons, in one instance, being cast out by Jesus, wanted to be cast into a herd of pigs.

It wasn't until many years later that I would come to understand more about what I was seeing manifested, which many now call the "Kundalini Spirit." This actually is what God showed me from Scriptures, as being be the PYTHON spirit of divination that I described previously. It was only by being baptized with the Holy Spirit, that I did not allow those false lying spirits to convince me that what I was witnessing was of God, despite what "older" Christians were telling me. From that time on I learned to go to the Word and check it ALL OUT. But sadly, my pride and bitter issues obscured the discernment light of God within me causing me to allow my "feelings" to become my means for discernment.

Pride caused me to stop asking God the right questions, and I instead was led *my feelings* rather than seeking God through His Word for my discernment. When we allow our opinions and feelings to *keep us from asking God* for His perceptions and answers from the Word concerning what we are feeling, seeing or hearing, we are headed for trouble! We will begin to listen to people, or our feelings to lead us and that is where the enemy has an unguarded door to open and deceive us. If we truly want to know the truth on ANYTHING, we must ask God to show us and to give us His wisdom from the Word of God!

***Yet you do not have because you do not ask... You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures... Adulterers and adulteresses!***

***(James 4:2-4) NKJV***

## ***We Will All Ultimately See Our True Spiritual Condition***

There are *seven spiritual conditions* that are addressed by Jesus Christ in the third chapter of the book of Revelation. These letters are written to the seven churches, which many see as representing the church age on earth. No matter your view on this, what is said to these churches through the prophetic words from Jesus Christ, are most certainly for our individual edification. The last church to be addressed, accurately

describes the prevailing spiritual condition of *blindness* coming from being lukewarm (i.e., compromise from having mixture) among mainstream Christianity in these end-times...

***You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold (i.e., pay the price for becoming sanctified) refined in the fire, so you can become rich (i.e., spiritually); and have white clothes to wear (i.e., the wedding garment of a chosen Bridehood Saint) so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and have salve to put on your eyes, so you can see (i.e., be discerning). (Rev. 3:17-18)***

May I remind all who hear this message that only those who take heed to what is spoken above by Jesus Himself, is in regards to *sanctification* and *discernment*. Believers who stand before the Judgment seat of Christ on their day of judgment will be regarded as a "chosen" sanctified Saint, but only if they have received the baptism of fire for their sanctification before their judgment time. Those who have will be rewarded with the Saint's inheritance, which is to rule and reign with Jesus Christ at His return to earth to establish His Kingdom. Those who failed to be delivered from areas of blindness and defilement will still have to face the sanctifying fire of God's judgment in ordered to be saved (i.e., delivered and restored) from their defilement.

***For no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ... But if anyone BUILDS ON (ALT: makes the effort/attempt to erect and restore i.e., [his] temple on) the foundation (i.e., of Christianity) with gold, silver, costly PRECIOUS stones (i.e., sanctified Holy Spirit led pure efforts), (or with) wood, hay, or stubble (i.e., unsanctified "natural" efforts/ attempts to build or restore) ... each man's work (ALT: efforts/attempts) will be revealed (i.e., were they sanctified (pure) Holy Spirit led efforts or unsanctified "natural" efforts/attempts wood-hay-stubble). For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed by fire (by God's examination of the heart); and the fire itself will test (ALT: put on trial) what sort of work (ALT: labor) each man's work (ALT; effort) is... If any man's work (ALT: efforts) remains which he built on it, he will receive a reward (i.e., the inheritance of a saint/sanctified one) ... If any man's work (ALT: efforts/attempts) are burned, he will suffer loss (i.e., lose the Saint's inheritance), but he himself will be saved (delivered and restored), but as through fire (i.e., the second death in the lake of fire). (1 Corinthians 3:11-15) WEB***

My prayer is that all who still have ears to hear and eyes to see will allow the Holy Spirit to do His sanctifying work in their lives before facing their Day at the Judgment Seat of Christ!



## IS REAL...

Thus: A word of Caution

By  
Karen Connell

As a Bible believing and obeying Christian, one must be able to discern between natural physical and spiritual realities. The Word of God is clear that we are not wrestling or struggling against flesh and blood, which means people. We battle powers and principalities from the spiritual realm that is real, for its where spirits of darkness reside and are sent to torment and harass us.

### *Deep in the Occult*

Multitudes of “online Christians” are seeking truth through knowledge (information) in order to satisfy the fallen carnal human craving to “know” what is “unknown.” This gnostic desire by the way became part of our fallen human nature in the Garden of Eden. Lucifer, the pride filled fallen being, deceived Eve when he told her if she would ignore God and would listen to him, she would receive “knowledge” (concerning good and evil)...

***(Genesis 3:4-7)***

***The serpent said to the woman, ... in the***

***day you eat it (i.e., the forbidden fruit), your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil... So they (Adam and Eve) ate... and the eyes of both them were opened, and they knew (i.e., what they didn't know before which was ...) they were naked.***

Under the guise of the search for “truth” concerning the works of spiritual darkness, researching such things as the Illuminati, Freemasons and occult symbols, can be quite fascinating. As humans we live and learn by what we can experience with our five physical senses and struggle to believe what we can't see, hear, taste, smell or touch. Therefore, interest in physically experiencing the dark world stimulates fleshly carnal curiosity. This can be dangerous for God's people when they intrude into something not done under the auspices of God's Holy Spirit. This is where many fall under the influence of spiritual pride...

***(Colossians 2:18) Let no one defraud you by ... a religion of ceremonial observance of angels (i.e., supernatural beings), or by entering into seeing visions, that vainly puff you up with unspiritual thoughts that are fleshly [carnal]. ELT (Expanded Literal Translation)***

Coming to the truth of dark spiritual realities, one must really question whether it's good to dwell there. This is Especially true if a spiritually immature or compromised Christian continues to dig deeper into occult practices, rituals and symbolism, there is a real possibility they'll find themselves becoming fascinated, influenced, and even consumed by these demonic forces.

### *Open Doors for Spiritual Possession*

For many who have delved into investigating supernatural experiences, without being led of the Holy Spirit to do so, they can become demonically influenced people who still speak about “religious” things concerning Jesus and God, even though they are no longer of a right spirit. Because they have opened themselves up to “another spirit”, they will also gravitate to embracing “another Gospel” and a bevy of false teachings. There are two prominent reasons for this to occur

1. These individuals are often “online truthers” who have scoured and researched occult symbols and rituals that has opened up doors to the demonic realm.
2. These individuals through bitterness or rebellion are (knowingly or unknowingly) practicing witchcraft and are being used to discredit Christianity.

Concerning the first point, one really needs to evaluate exactly what they are feeding their mind. I personally have noticed that many *YouTubers* and *Truthers* on the internet love to cover occult Illuminati topics so much, that it tends to glorify the power of the occult. Many doing this do not realize, that doing this spiritually unprotected research into occult forbidden knowledge can make them a prime candidate for demonic deception, harassment or torment.

### *Fake News and False Information*

The world is in a very interesting place right now. We can't turn on the TV without hearing the words “Fake News” being applied to each and every news outlet. Indeed, there is a lot of false information being propagated by the main stream news, as well as smaller alternative news sites on the internet. But this idea of propagating fake material is not just limited to the news. We see fakeness or lies manifest in all facets of our lives: medicine, food, finances, etc.



### *Separating Fake News from Reality*

As we age, we are supposed to become wiser through our experiences. At least, we become wiser when there is a direct implication to our good or bad decisions. As I made my way through young adulthood, I learned the hard way through bad choices and even false beliefs. The Lord has since opened my eyes to many things I once believed...

- I believed that the government was protecting us after 9/11. But that ill belief led to draconian loss of freedoms.
- I thought I understood money. That is, until I realized that we live in a debt based monetary system that is designed to fail. That the system we currently live in is the exact system our founding fathers were running away from in Britain.
- My thinking that the medical industry was safe and guarded by good regulation was false. I learned about how prescription drugs, vaccines and other woes were actually hurting us.
- There was realization that not all food was “good” anymore. The introduction of GMOs, pesticides and empty caloric foods were in fact killing us. Also not to mention that our entire food system of bulk manufacturing was just cruel and unsanitary.

I think you get my drift. We believe what we think is good until it hurts us somehow, or we see it hurting others. Then, at some point, we are hit with the stark reality that much of the world is based on lies. But certainly, there must be some truth out there. If there is truth, how does one find it?

### *Taking a Spiritual Leap*

When people are confronted with the overwhelming thoughts of deceit or brokenness, they usually turn towards “religion” and spirituality. I did the same. I had grown up somehow knowing about Jesus, so I decided to study him. However, in my pursuits of trying to believe in

God via “head knowledge,” I came to a halt. At one point I realized there was so much information about Christian beliefs, especially on the internet that the more “knowledge” I ran across the more I realized, it wasn’t more Knowledge I needed, what I needed was to know Him. I needed to know Jesus Christ more intimately.

I realized that learning *about him*, was not the same as *knowing Him* and in order to really know Him I needed him to personally teach me HIS WORD. I found him to be the greatest source of truth and love that was ever given to me. And by this I know my God is real and that he loves me and is with me always!

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

***for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you." ...So that with good courage we say, "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?" WEB***



## **Trump’s First Post-Presidency Interview**

By Matt Stieb

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Speaking with Newsmax’s Greg Kelly, the ex-president said that he was mulling over a Trump-branded social-media platform to reach the millions of Republican voters with whom he is still extremely popular. He added that he “won’t be back on Twitter,” which isn’t exactly his decision, as the service banned him in the wake of the insurrection. As for his former favorite platform, Trump said that “on Twitter, it’s become very boring and millions of people are leaving. They’re leaving it because it’s not the same, and I can understand that.”

Trump also said that he “really wanted to be somewhat quiet” as the Biden administration gets going. “It hasn’t been that quiet, frankly, but I wanted to be somewhat quiet.”

*‘We did win the election, as far as I’m concerned’*

Trump’s opinion on the electoral results has not changed after four weeks of rest and relaxation. “I think we won substantially,” he said on Newsmax, adding that “you would have had riots going all over the place if that happened to a Democrat,” referring to the voter fraud he considered to be rampant this November. In his interview on OAN, he also slipped in a claim that Rush Limbaugh agreed with him that “we were robbed,” as he remembered the late radio host who helped pave his way in the Republican party.

Notably, Trump’s Newsmax interview was pretaped; over the past month, facing the threat of defamation lawsuits, the channel has cut off guests who have forwarded false election conspiracies.

*‘I’m the only guy who gets impeached and my numbers go up’*

As he memorialized a conservative icon on Newsmax, President Trump offered this, referring to a poll from Politico and Morning Consult released on Tuesday, showing that 59 percent of Republican voters said they wanted Trump to play a major role in their party going forward — a number that was up 18 points since the pollsters asked the question the day after the Capitol riot.

*‘Well, we have a lot to talk about’*

Though the first public interviews of a former president less than a week after his impeachment acquittal would normally be a major news event, Trump mostly remembered Rush Limbaugh. He did so in his own words, discussing his Presidential Medal of Freedom (“An idea we had that a lot of people suggested to me, frankly”) and the radio host’s legacy (“He’s one of the people that will not be forgotten”).

Toward the end of his interview with Sean Hannity, the host asked, “I suspect we’ll be hearing a lot more from Donald Trump, am I right?” The former president gave a reserved reply: “Well, we do have a lot to talk about.”

**A personal prayer request from Karen:****Becky Butler**

Dear beloved Body of Christ! PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING MERCY UPON Becky, my ex-daughter-in-law of 25 years. She became a prodigal child and is now walking through the reaping season of some bad choices that she sowed as seeds of destruction. But glory to God it has brought her back home to the Father! Becky was the head intercessor for our ministry for many years, and has a POWERFUL anointing for prayer, that the enemy wanted to destroy. Through her writings on her Facebook page at: [VISION'S EXPRESION](#) she is being given many opportunities by the Lord to again pray for others. My prayer is that God will RESTORE and comfort her during this very difficult time. She has suffered with seizures, crones disease and severe emphysema, and just recently has been diagnosed with a second, fatal lung disease. We so appreciate and thank you for your prayers for Becky... Karen

**GRACE FOR TODAY**

By  
Becky Butler

God has awakened me unto another day. Will it be a struggle, or will it be blessed in His Grace?

That decision has a lot more to do with me than it does with Him. It is a reflection upon me, on my relationship with the Lord that I adjust and tweak until Grace can flow more freely throughout My day.

This is the Day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! It doesn't say to be glad just on good days or ok days, but this is THE day that the LORD has made, today, THIS Day.

-Psalms 118:24 This is the day that the Lord had made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.

A nod to taking one day at a time. It doesn't say these are the days; it says this is the Day. Today. Get THROUGH today. That's it, that's all we have to do. I know those days contain an absolute plethora of scenarios, but God has made the day. God, the Father, MAKES OUR DAY! literally and spiritually. He makes our day. Thank you, Jesus. You always make my day.

On days that I can dance in Your presence, or when I've collapsed and need You for support and Your hand to lift me up. You Do just that. As you never leave or forsake me. You are with me in my ups and downs to get through when I need to, which is at times minute by minute, hour by hour, or day by day, through prayer by prayer.

Hebrews 13:5 I will NEVER LEAVE you, or FORSAKE you.

Lord, Jesus, I will never forget you in my hundreds of falls, for You never forget about me ever. Period. Over. Done. You helped me up every time I have fallen and with a seizure disorder and that is ALOT. This past year has been so difficult on so many days.

The unknown beset me and in the shock of the unfamiliar, I had to make my way to You. As you are always right there with me. I just need to collapse before you and dwell in your presence and rest in Your strength.

I Praise and Thank You, Jesus, for making my way straight, even if I have hundreds of falls, literal, spiritual, or physical; You arise in the midst of me and make a way where is no way. Thank you, Jesus, for Your love, Your Grace, Your Strength, and Your ways to get us through.

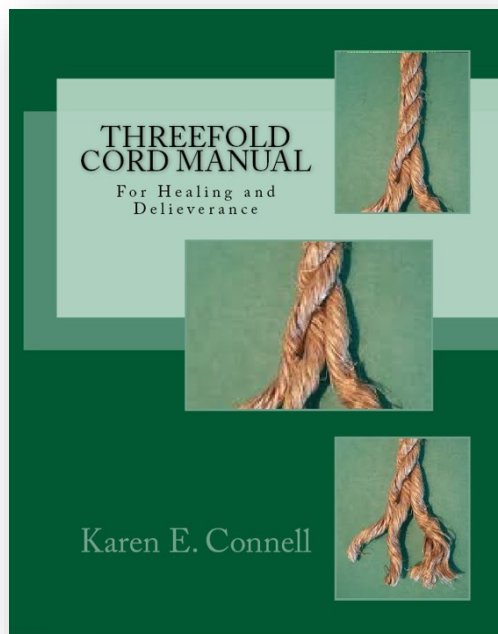
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