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2015: THE TIME OF OUR LIVES

DECEPTION, CONSPIRACY, NAIVETÉ, EVIL, AND STUPIDITY

None of the words above are good words. None of us would want those words applied to us. Yet they fit very well in describing so many aspects of the United States and other areas of the world today. You hear them used all the time by various people around you and by even the news commentators and analysts.

We hear people say that the words or actions of a leader are deceptive, or they are just plain stupid, or they must be evil, or they are intended to bring the US down to a lower level. Or maybe they are just the actions of some really naïve person.

Well...all of this may be true in some instances and may be responsible for much behavior and action in our day.

But I put forward one other answer that I believe is the reason for all the angst and worry and fear and trepidation today. It comes from the Bible. Remember, the Bible tells us to let God be true and every man a liar. In other words, if you hear various opinions from different people on a subject and you know what the Bible says on that subject, you can stand on the fact that it is God's word that is true.

In 2 Corinthians 4:4, we are told this great truth: **The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.** That god of course is the devil, satan, the evil one, whatever you wish to call him. Get that? **The devil has blinded the minds of unbelievers.**

People who do not truly know the Lord - who have not been born anew, who have not accepted Jesus as their Lord - have their minds blinded by the devil. They can't see the truth. They don't know the truth and wouldn't recognize it if they came face to face with it. These are the people you hear say things that are absolutely and even at times ludicrously and cruelly wrong. These are the people who leave you incredulous, such as those who refuse to recognize that all this world terrorism and the absolute horror in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East is coming from one particular extremist group of people.

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The Lord Jesus you recall in his first advice to his disciples after they asked him about the signs of his return warned them to watch that they not be **deceived**. He also remarked that there would be people impersonating him and that there would be many false prophets.

The **conspiracy** part in the title above fits those who see a conspiratorial one-world government coming. Well, there is plenty of evidence for that. There have been groups throughout history who have worked for that goal. There have been and always are those who believe they know best how all the rest of us should live. You see many of them speaking daily on cable news programs and filling some of the positions in government. The fact is that eventually there really will be a one-world government, just not the one these people want. The long-term, final one-world government is the one led by the Lord.

The **naïve** part in the title above comes from those who want to think the best of people, who think that those we find so misguided are just naïve, that the bad actions and decisions and beliefs attributed to them are because they are misled by others. That is the kindest interpretation that can be given to some of our leaders in the government and entertainment and the media and education communities and elsewhere who we see taking such bizarre and harmful and incorrect actions.

The **stupid** part comes from the observation that so many – leaders and average citizens – must just be blatantly stupid to believe what they do, not to see what is happening.

The **evil** part reflects the view that those taking clearly bad and hurtful actions are doing so for evil purposes – perhaps leaders who want to bring the country down, perhaps those misguided groups who use their free speech rights in the US ignorantly to denounce and demonstrate against the society that gives them those rights. Evil is indeed very real as we should all so clearly see from the daily news.

All of this is true to some extent. But again, I have already given the real answer above. It is just hard for many to accept. **The devil has blinded the minds of nonbelievers**. They cannot see the truth. They do not know it. And the number of nonbelievers in our modern society is very high, among the leadership and the average citizens, even among many who weekly attend some church building for an hour but do not know the Lord, have not been born anew, have no idea about the Holy Spirit. Goodness! Why, in a survey not long ago it was found that half of those in the US who claim they are Christians do not believe the devil to be real! Well, once more, the devil has blinded the minds of unbelievers.

We are nearing the return of the greatest King of all, the ruler of rulers. He will come at the appointed time. Nothing we do will hurry or delay that.

I have written so much on the fulfilled prophecies of events and things to happen before his return and of all that has been said. I wonder sometimes why to write any more. But I keep

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seeking to reach more and more people. My message in this current time is the return, as I have said. You can help in so many ways, by speaking up about the return and about the Lord wherever and whenever you are led to do so, by giving our newsletters or web site address or email to others. Yes, of course, all aspects of the gospel are important, including such as divine healing. But the fact is that right now, the message is the return of the Lord. Time is short and we must get our priorities right. People need to know the Lord.

Are you ready? Are you living in a righteous relationship to the Lord? Are you alert? And are you praying for the Father to lead others to the Lord, specific people in your circle who you do not think know the Lord?

One last thought: Prayer is important as always. Recently we were in a meeting of leaders of the major Pentecostal groups in the US. The purpose was to pray for the US and for all the aspects of the American society that are falling apart. The prayer was for revival, for a great spiritual awakening in America. It was a time of great and sincere prayer, of weeping, of angst, or sorrow, and of course of hope because with God all things are possible. I was very encouraged that these people clearly saw what is happening in America and committed themselves so to serious prayer. So don't give up praying for others and for yourself. And as always, keep doing what it says at the bottom of this page.

And remember, the Lord is coming back very, very soon. So maintain your focus on him, live in his protection and rest, and do all you can to get the truths out while we all live in the midst of some really bizarre events and times. Seek his guidance at all times.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE

This day. Right now. For you this is the day the Lord has made – the day you are reading these words. There is no other right now. This is the one. Perhaps there will be another, but you do not know.

This day right now is this day.

God operates in the now. Remember:

Now is the day of the Lord's salvation.

Now is the day of the Lord's favor.

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So this is the day the Lord has made. And now is now. Right now. You should be in the right relationship with God now. If you are not, start seeking him, ask for forgiveness for whatever you need to, forgive those you need to. If you don't know him, ask him to come into your life, to be your Lord.

The Lord operates in the now. If you are seeking something from the Lord, now is the right time to do that.

How do you know there will be another day? You don't.

To the extent wise and practicable, you should live today and every day as if it is the last day of your life on earth. What is it you would do if you knew that to be true?

God operates in the now. Make your peace with him now. Seek guidance from him now. Seek healing from him now.

None of this waiting for tomorrow as far as your relationship with God is concerned. Or that with others that you need to repair.

We are ever so close to the return of the Lord. So few people on earth know. But it is true and it is happening so very soon. Help us keep the message going, through whatever media and methods God would have us use.

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We are so very appreciative to those of you who support the ministry with your prayers, your contributions, and all your efforts to get the truths of God out to a terribly fallen world.

Always remember to stay alert. The Lord really is coming soon. May you live in the blessings of God always.

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