

False Spirituality: Avoiding a Counterfeit Spiritset

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Please turn to *1 Timothy 4:1-2*

[1Ti 4:1-2 ESV] 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to **deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.

I've read these verses for years and have asked, prayed, and thought about *how they would play out here in the end times*.

Before I go on to explain them, **I LINK THEM UP TO WHAT WE FIND IN**

REVELATION 13: the False Prophet “causes” anyone who takes the Mark of the Beast to WORSHIP him which is clearly spiritual or religious. It's obvious from said verses that millions, perhaps billions, will see the Beast as a god—as messianic, savior type deity. In his 2nd letter to the Thessalonians, Paul states the Beast will enter the newly rebuilt Jewish Temple and declare himself to be a god, demanding worship.

The point being **the empire of the Antichrist won't be secular**, it will be very religious. Let's pause for a moment and think about that: America is secular, which simply means the nation isn't religious nor does it have a state-sponsored religion. The same applies to far east countries like China and Japan—both have religious people living there, but the nations are secular.

The Middle East is different: **all the nations are religious in government, schools, at home, everywhere**. The final empire of the Beast will be just like that with the Beast himself being the god on earth of his kingdom. There will be, for lack of a better term, a state sponsored religion.

Therefore the closer we get to the end, **the false doctrine and teachings Paul is referring to in 1 Timothy 4 won't be secular**. In other words, it won't just be Evolution or Atheistic Marxism. The demonic teachings will be spiritual in nature and let me say this: *spiritual revelation is the most deceptive of all*.

We must remember that **our hearts are the part of us that believe or don't believe things**—not the mind. Whether it's truth like the Gospel and the Person of Jesus or some blatant falsehood, *the heart is the one that must be convicted and convinced*.

That leaves us with this question: **what is the most effective way to get our hearts to believe?**

Let's go over various types of information and knowledge:

- Facts, data, evidence, logic, and reasoning—the purview of the MIND.
- Emotions, passion—the area of the HEART.
- *Revelation from “above”—the territory of the SPIRIT.*

Sometimes the heart can be convinced by facts, data, and evidence.

MOST OF THE TIME the heart can be moved by emotions and passion.

The deepest and longest lasting convincing of the heart takes place when we believe we have received revelation or wisdom from a spiritual/heavenly being.

A person can live a certain way for most of their lives and all it takes is one supernatural “encounter” of some sort to shift them dramatically. A dream, vision, a visitation, a near-death experience...*these things alter a person's belief system down to the very core in ways that tend to be permanent.* Whether toward Christ or away from him. Whether it's the truth or complete falsehood.

[Job 33:15-16 ESV] 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds, 16 then **he [God] opens the ears of men** and terrifies them with warnings,

MOST religions and cults were founded after a supernatural encounter of some sort. Mohammed claimed the angel Gabriel appeared to him to give him the Quran and start Islam. L. Ron Hubbard summoned a demon who identified itself as “Lam” and supposedly gave him the framework for Scientology. Claude Rael claimed to have been visited by aliens and taken aboard their spacecraft to start the Raelians.

There's a man named **Chris Bledsoe** who, just a few years ago, left the church and now claims supernatural visitations with aliens/higher dimensional beings on a WEEKLY basis. He “summons” them and they fly down from the sky and he films all of it. Please listen: *since he has a Christian and Biblical background, he claims these things are from God!*

Our spiritset is more important than our mindset.

WHAT WE RECEIVE DURING A SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER
IMPACTS AND INFLUENCES OUR HEARTS MORE THAN FACTS,
DATA, LOGIC, AND EVEN PASSION.

Therefore in the Last Days before the return of Jesus, **Satan is going after our spiritset in order to convince our hearts that he is the way, the truth, and the life.**

How he will accomplish this is through counterfeit supernatural encounters & revelation.

He only copies what God does because the Lord is also going to increase supernatural encounters & revelation coming from Him. More on that in a moment.

Supernatural revelation doesn't come from earth or anyone on earth—it comes from the heavenly dimensions. Please remember said dimensions are not all Godly and holy because Lucifer and his rebel angels still live there as well as the Lord and His angels. *Therefore the human spirit can and does receive from either.*

Such “wisdom” or “teaching” from demonic spirits is what Paul calls “the doctrines/teachings of demons” and “seducing spirits” in 1 Timothy 4.

Please note Paul starts verse 1 with *“the Spirit [capital S] speaks expressly....”* In other words, God the Holy Spirit—the One we should be receiving revelation from—**is warning us not to listen to the “other” spirits who will seduce and deceive our hearts into a counterfeit spirituality.**

[Jas 1:16-18 ESV] 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift **is from above, coming down** from the **Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will **he brought us forth by the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Don't be afraid of the supernatural, DISCERN the supernatural.

We're raised in America where the supernatural is few and far between. We exist in a world where we eat, go to work, pay bills, entertain ourselves, stare at our phones, then go to bed. The closest some of us come to something supernatural is operating technology we don't understand and being amazed at what it can do.

Thus it can happen, even in Pentecostal churches like ours, **THAT WHEN THERE'S A BONAFIDE SUPERNATURAL OCCURRENCE SOME IN THE CHURCH GET SCARED AND THINK ITS ALL DEMONIC.**

Some Christians would rather just stay away from it which, of course, is foolish. Jesus walked on water, raised the dead, healed the sick, cast out demons, reproduced food for thousands, came back from the dead Himself, and ascended into the sky like Superman. It's contradictory to raise our hands in worship to Him then shy away from anything extra-ordinary that He does or says now.

The purpose of this sermon to help all of us DISCERN between what comes from Jesus and what comes not from Jesus.

I just read *James 1:16-18* where the same Apostle tells us that supernatural wisdom, revelation, healing, etc. comes to us directly to the Church from God our Father Who lives in the highest heavenly dimension. **Verse 18 is more pointed:** TRUTH comes to us from the Lord. Truth that forgives us, Saves us, restores us, keeps us, protects us, guides us, and will someday raise us from the dead to join Jesus forever!

As I've been teaching in the last 2 Bible Studies: **we are to earnestly DESIRE these gifts.** We should seek out divine revelation from the Lord to convict and convince our hearts of truth. Said truth may turn us away from a sin we've been enslaved to for years, it may raise us up to the next level in our maturity, it could heal a broken marriage, accurately prophesy the future, or result in a miraculous healing!

The only way we can properly understand what's in the Bible is when we receive divine revelation directly from the Holy Spirit:

[1Co 2:10-14 ESV] 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also **no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.** 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **that we might understand the things freely given us** by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the

Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 **The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

The Holy Spirit teaches our spirit the deep things of God and reveals the thoughts of God. Just as Jesus once directly taught His disciples about His Kingdom, He's now sent to us another Helper, Who is the Holy Spirit, Who fills that role.

I'll talk more about that next week.

Today's sermon is a heads up that Satan's tactic for deception here in the last days is to imitate God: to pour HIS false spirit out upon mankind hoping we'll believe what he teaches and wanting us to receive the "gifts" that he offers.

The closer we get to the coming of our Lord Jesus, the more false prophets/teachers will appear and please understand: *all said folk will claim to have had SOME sort of supernatural encounter.*

A dream, a waking vision, a near-death or out of body experience, a visitation from an angel, alien, or higher dimensional being. Said beings will impart higher level wisdom, revelation, and prophecies for the future.

People who listen to and believe them FEEL as though they've had **"an awakening"** and will seem quite certain that their eyes are finally open. Why?

Because (perhaps for the first time) they received knowledge into their SPIRITS and not their minds.

I repeat: **knowledge and revealing to our spirit is on a far higher level than what our other parts experience.** People who've taken mind-altering drugs understand this: LSD, mushrooms, peyote, and now DMT and Ayahuasca. These drugs open the "doors" to the dark side of the spiritual world, allowing direct access to the entities who live there...demonic entities!

The use of drugs to access the spirit world is called sorcery in the Bible.

GOD FORBIDS IT not because He's mean and trying to control us—He's a loving and protective Father trying to keep His kids away from the bullies who live in the heavenly dimensions.

Just as God promised to pour out His Holy Spirit on humanity in the last days, Satan is trying to pour out his too, sometimes called the spirit of the age, the spirit of the world, or the spirit of Antichrist.

Just as the Lord's spirit will cause people to dream dreams, have vision, and prophecy so will that of Satan's spirit.

In the old days when I was first Saved, **I thought the devil would use the New Age as his avenue.** While I still think that, the “vehicle” that he's using to deliver New Age thinking is the combination of science and spirituality.

Having come out of the New Age myself, *I see the same language and spirit* when I hear people talk about AI, Quantum Science, and the recent revelations about UAP's and NHI's.

AI is the ultimate idol and the fulfillment of everything pagan religions have wanted for millennia. It's the first idol that CAN hear, CAN speak, CAN respond, DOES get to know you (algorithms), and has access to the sum total of what humanity knows instantly. It can tailor itself to each of us and DOES already.

Traditional idols have a “body” but lack a mind and a spirit, and therefore the ability to see, hear, talk/respond, etc. AI provides the mind and modern tech enables it to be in a “body” (computer, cell phone, robot, etc.) and gives it the ability to hear, speak, and respond. Its “spirit” is its programmer controlling it, and during the Tribulation the spirit of the Dragon/Beast will become the famous “image of the Beast” that people will worship.

We're already interacting with AI every day. We no longer “Google” things, we ask some version of an AI whether Grok, ChatGPT, Microsoft Co-Pilot, Meta, etc.

AI is now being combined with Quantum Computing and QC accesses other dimensions...you heard that right. QC's are sorcery in technology and draw computing power and data from the beings in those other dimensions...the creators of QC's admit it.

All those things plus all the UAP phenomena are linked and not just by CT Scott: I watch the news coverage and its being tossed around even on MSM that the beings in the craft we're seeing in skies aren't from other planets, but higher dimensions.

The new “science” is that these other dimensions and the beings who live there are all accessed through the human conscious—and now we get into the New Age! I started hearing this on MSM a couple years ago and had an “aha!” moment. New science has already taught us there are multiple dimensions, and now higher beings who live there, and now we can make contact with said beings if we just open our conscious to them....

It's said and taught by the people on the cutting edge of this stuff (no longer relegated to New Age kooks) that if we connect with these beings *they will give us powers like telepathy and telekinesis*. What have I told you? Satan mimics the gifts that God gives with counterfeit ones!

THESE THINGS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A DARK COUNTERFEIT TO THE KINGDOM THAT JESUS IS BRINGING WITH HIM WHEN HE COMES!

I'll get more into discernment in a later sermon but for now let me say this is why we have each other in the church and the Bible. Through His Son Jesus, the Prophets and Apostles God already warned us about these days and what they would bring. We don't need to be afraid, we don't need to avoid all things supernatural.

I'm just going to say it: **through technology and other events like the Pandemic, Satan is trying to isolate people because that's what predators do.** Yes I'm biased, but I think it's more important than ever to be part of a Bible-based Church.

We need to discern and The Holy Spirit has given us the tools to do so.

- We don't have to be part of the elect that, if it were possible, will be deceived.
- We don't need the fake because we have what's real!
- We have Jesus, His Spirit, and His Bible! We have the Church, the Blood, the Cross, the Resurrection!
- We have Him coming back and bringing His Kingdom with Him!