

Deceivers Among Us

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1 of 7: Deceivers Among Us – False Christs and Prophets in the Last Days

The Rise of the Counterfeit

In 2011, a man in Australia named Alan John Miller claimed he was the reincarnated Jesus Christ. He gathered followers, taught with charisma, and promised divine insight. Around the same time, José Luis de Jesús Miranda from Puerto Rico, founder of the "Growing in Grace" movement, declared he was both the second coming of Christ and the Antichrist at the same time—tattooing the number 666 on his followers. From cult leaders like Jim Jones to pop culture spiritualists claiming divine revelation, the world is being flooded with false christs and prophets just as Jesus warned. These deceptions are not limited to deranged individuals; many are highly articulate, persuasive, and cloaked in religious vocabulary. But behind the scenes, they are tools in a satanic strategy to lead souls away from the true Jesus Christ of Scripture.

Scriptural Foundation

Jesus Christ Himself gave one of the clearest warnings about this in Matthew 24:

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

— *Matthew 24:4–5, KJV*

He goes on to reinforce this theme throughout the chapter:

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 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 24:23–24, KJV*

The Apostle Peter also issued a similar warning:

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord

that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”

— *2 Peter 2:1, KJV*

These are not vague prophecies. They are direct warnings that in the last days, deception will be rampant, orchestrated by spiritual powers working through persuasive voices.

Historical Patterns of Deception

From the time of the early church, false teachers and self-proclaimed messiahs have arisen. Even during the first century, Paul had to rebuke the Galatians for turning to “another gospel” (Galatians 1:6). The Gnostics twisted Christ’s divinity, the Arians denied it, and mystics throughout the centuries have continually reinvented Christ into their own image.

But what we are seeing today is an escalation.

Modern false prophets aren’t just wearing robes and hiding in desert communes—they are polished, camera-ready, and backed by entire media teams. Their deception is digital, global, and relentless. They have mastered the appearance of godliness while denying the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:5).

Profile of the Deceivers

1. False Christs – Replacing the Identity of Jesus

A “false christ” is not simply someone claiming to be Jesus. It can also refer to a false representation of who Christ is—presenting a different Jesus than the one revealed in Scripture. Paul warned of this explicitly:

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached... ye might well bear with him.”

— *2 Corinthians 11:4, KJV*

Today, “another Jesus” is often the hippie-style, all-tolerant, never-judging motivational speaker Jesus. This false christ preaches love without truth, mercy without repentance, and grace without the cross. He is non-confrontational, affirming of sin, and void of doctrinal authority.

But the Jesus of the Bible is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who came not to bring peace, but a sword (Matthew 10:34). He warned more about hell than any other figure in Scripture. He demands repentance, not affirmation.

2. False Prophets – Distorting the Word of God

False prophets claim divine insight or fresh revelation beyond Scripture. They may proclaim new timelines for the second coming, declare healing and prosperity as guaranteed promises, or deliver “words from the Lord” that contradict sound doctrine.

Many charismatic movements today are overrun with self-proclaimed apostles and prophets. Some even claim visits to heaven where they receive direct updates from God. But Jude 1:3 tells us that the faith was “once delivered unto the saints.” It is not being re-delivered in visions, dreams, or prophetic blogs.

2 Peter 2 paints the portrait of these deceivers vividly:

“And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you...”
— 2 Peter 2:3, KJV

They sell books, conferences, courses, healing oils, and prayer cloths—making merchandise of people’s desperation for hope.

Modern Examples of Deception

Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda

Claimed to be the reincarnation of Jesus and the Antichrist simultaneously. Tattooed followers with “666” and taught that sin no longer exists.

Alan John Miller (“Divine Truth” Movement)

Australian man who claimed he was Jesus Christ and his partner was Mary Magdalene. He teaches divine reincarnation and receives messages from spirits.

David Koresh (Branch Davidians)

Claimed to be the final prophet and “Lamb of God.” Led 80+ followers to their deaths in Waco, Texas in 1993.

False Prosperity Teachers

Many well-known televangelists promise “blessings” in exchange for “seeds” of money. They misuse Malachi, twist 3 John 2, and never preach sin, judgment, or the cross. Their gospel is gold, not godliness.

The Psychology of Deception

People follow false prophets because:

- They want a god who gives but doesn't require.
- They crave spiritual experiences without obedience.
- They lack discernment from Scripture.
- They are drawn to signs and wonders instead of truth.

Jesus warned about this craving for miracles in Matthew 12:39:

“An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign.”

This is why so many flock to stadiums to hear “apostles” declare miracles, wealth, and healing, while the true gospel is abandoned. Deception is most effective when it appeals to emotions, needs, and religious hunger.

The Fruit of False Prophets

Jesus gave us the ultimate test in Matthew 7:

“Ye shall know them by their fruits.”

— *Matthew 7:16, KJV*

The fruit of a false prophet is:

- Doctrinal confusion
- Moral compromise
- Financial exploitation
- Cult-like loyalty
- Elevation of self over Christ
- False peace, false revival, false conversions

They promise peace when there is no peace (Jeremiah 6:14). They prophesy dreams of greatness when judgment is at the door. They cry “revival” when apostasy is spreading.

The Role of Satan in End-Time Deception

The ultimate deceiver is Satan, who disguises himself as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). His ministers also appear as righteous (v.15). That is what makes them so

dangerous. They use Christian terms, quote Bible verses, and mimic the structure of true Christianity.

Revelation 13 tells of a coming false prophet who will work miracles and cause the earth to worship the Antichrist. The stage is being set now by grooming people to follow personalities rather than principles.

KJV Cross References for Discernment

- **1 Timothy 4:1** – “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”
- **2 Timothy 3:13** – “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”
- **1 John 4:1** – “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.”
- **Isaiah 8:20** – “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Reflection: Are You Being Deceived?

Ask yourself:

- Does your teacher preach the full counsel of God, including sin and judgment?
- Is Christ central—or is the focus on self, money, or experience?
- Do they preach repentance—or just motivation?
- Is their “Jesus” the one of the Bible—or one made in their image?

We are in the last days. The spirit of antichrist is already at work (1 John 4:3), and deception is flooding the church like never before.

Final Call to Discernment

It’s time to return to the **KJV Bible**. To test every word by the Word. To measure every spirit by the Scriptures.

Let this be your anchor:

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

— *Psalms 119:105, KJV*

There is only one true Christ. He is not found in trends, movements, or signs. He is revealed through the Word and confirmed by the Spirit. Beware of counterfeits.

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The Lie Wrapped in Light

Walk into any bookstore, and you’ll see entire shelves filled with titles promising “manifestation,” “awakening,” “soul alignment,” and “divine energy.” Search YouTube or TikTok, and you’ll find people calling themselves “light workers,” claiming to channel angels, align chakras, or raise your vibrational frequency through crystals and mantras. It’s all under the umbrella of “spirituality”—but none of it aligns with the Bible.

This is not harmless self-help. This is Satan transforming himself into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). New Age spirituality is one of the most subtle and seductive end-time deceptions ever unleashed, and it has crept into society, schools, entertainment, and even churches.

Scriptural Foundation

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

— *1 John 4:1, KJV*

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

— *Isaiah 8:20, KJV*

The Bible draws a hard line: there are only two spiritual sources—**truth from God** or **lies from the devil**. New Age teachings may appear moral, peaceful, and even loving—but they do not speak according to the Word of God.

What Is New Age Spirituality?

New Age spirituality is not a single religion but a **spiritual buffet** drawn from Eastern mysticism, paganism, occult practices, and psychology. Common teachings include:

- **All is One** – Pantheism: God is everything, and everything is God.
- **You Are Divine** – The belief that you are your own god.
- **Law of Attraction** – Your thoughts and emotions shape your reality.
- **Vibrations/Energy** – Everything is energy, and your energy level affects your spiritual power.
- **Ascended Masters/Spirit Guides** – Beings who guide your spiritual journey.
- **Channeling** – Receiving messages from spirits.
- **Crystals/Chakras** – Physical objects used to align your inner energy.

It promotes a form of self-worship disguised as enlightenment.

The Lie of Self-Deification: “You Are Divine”

From Genesis 3, Satan has whispered the same lie:

“Ye shall not surely die... ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

— *Genesis 3:4–5, KJV*

This is the **foundation of New Age deception**—the idea that divinity lies within you. The Bible says the opposite:

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

— *Romans 3:23, KJV*

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

— *Jeremiah 17:9, KJV*

You are not divine. You are a sinner in need of a Savior.

Law of Attraction vs. Sovereignty of God

The Law of Attraction teaches that your thoughts and emotions literally shape your reality. If you think positively and “manifest” good things, the universe will reward you.

But Scripture teaches that **God** is the one in control—not your mind:

“A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.”

— *Proverbs 16:9, KJV*

“The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.”

— *Psalms 103:19, KJV*

To believe that “positive energy” manifests reality is to **usurp God’s authority** and fall into idolatry of the self.

Crystals, Chakras & Energy Healing: Pagan Practices Repackaged

Using crystals to “attract love,” “release anxiety,” or “boost energy” is nothing more than **modern-day witchcraft**.

“There shall not be found among you... a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.”

— *Deuteronomy 18:10–11, KJV*

Crystals are created by God, but they are not spiritual tools. Using them to channel energy or protect yourself spiritually **invites demonic influence**. The same applies to chakra alignment, Reiki, and other energy healing methods rooted in Eastern religious systems.

Channeling & Spirit Guides: Open Doors to Demonic Control

Many New Age teachers claim to receive wisdom from spirit guides, ascended masters, or angels. Some say they channel beings like “Metatron,” “Sananda,” or even “Jesus.”

This is blatant **necromancy and familiar spirit activity**. The Bible condemns it outright:

“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.”

— *Leviticus 19:31, KJV*

Satan does not mind pretending to be “an angel of light.” He doesn’t come with horns—he comes with enlightenment, peace, and spiritual experiences.

New Age in the Church: Trojan Horse of Deception

What’s worse is that many churches today are mixing New Age elements into their teachings:

- Visualization techniques promoted in “Christian yoga”
- “Meditative prayer” based on Eastern mantras
- Affirmation theology based on self-deification
- Music repeating phrases to induce trance-like states

The result is a **Christianity stripped of Christ**—emotion without doctrine, experience without truth, and mysticism without the gospel.

The True Light: Jesus Christ, Not “Light Energy”

Jesus said:

“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness...”

— *John 8:12, KJV*

New Age spirituality offers a counterfeit light—one that never convicts of sin, never points to the cross, and never calls for repentance. But the **true light** of Jesus brings both **truth and grace**.

The difference is this:

- New Age light comforts your flesh.
- Christ’s light confronts your sin.
- New Age “awakens” the god within.
- Christ resurrects the dead soul by His Spirit.

The Gospel vs. the New Age

New Age	Bible
You are god	God alone is God (Isaiah 45:5)
No sin, only imbalance	All have sinned (Romans 3:23)
Salvation is inner awakening	Salvation is through Christ alone (John 14:6)
Truth is relative	Thy Word is truth (John 17:17)

New Age

Bible

Reincarnation

It is appointed unto men once to die (Hebrews 9:27)

Peace through meditation

Peace through Christ's blood (Colossians 1:20)

Why People Are Drawn to New Age Teachings

- **It appeals to pride** – “I am god.”
- **It promises power without repentance**
- **It offers peace without the Prince of Peace**
- **It allows you to stay in sin and feel spiritual**

The devil knows that people are starving for meaning, identity, and healing. So he offers **counterfeit peace**—just as he did in Eden.

End-Time Deception: One World Spirituality

Revelation 17 speaks of a **mystery religion**—Babylon the Great—that unites people under a global spiritual system. We see this forming now through:

- Interfaith movements
- Universal “God consciousness”
- The UN’s global spiritual initiatives
- Pagan rituals embraced by world leaders
- “Unity” being emphasized over truth

New Age spirituality will likely **merge with false Christianity** and other world religions to form the **beast’s spiritual empire**.

KJV Cross References for Discernment

- **Ephesians 5:11** – “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

- **2 Corinthians 6:14–17** – “What communion hath light with darkness?... come out from among them, and be ye separate.”
- **Isaiah 47:12–14** – Babylon judged for sorceries and astrologers.
- **Acts 19:18–19** – New believers burn their magic books in repentance.
- **Colossians 2:8** – “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit...”

Reflection: Are You Subtly Being Deceived?

Ask yourself:

- Have you embraced spiritual practices not found in the Bible?
- Do you use affirmations, crystals, or mantras without realizing their origins?
- Are you drawn more to spiritual experiences than Scripture?
- Are you blending Christianity with mysticism?

You cannot mix the holy with the profane.

“Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?”

— *1 Corinthians 5:6, KJV*

Final Call to Discernment

The Word of God is our only anchor in a world of spiritual deception. Don't seek light—**seek the Lord**. Don't chase energy—**pursue truth**. Don't follow signs—**follow Scripture**.

“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.”

— *Psalms 119:140, KJV*

There is no salvation in energy, affirmations, or ascended masters. There is only salvation in **the blood of Jesus Christ**, shed for sinners who repent and believe the gospel.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

— *John 8:32, KJV*

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The Most Dangerous Weapon Isn't a Sword—It's a Lie

From Genesis to Revelation, there is one thread that weaves through the entire biblical narrative—**deception**. It began in a garden with a whisper and ends in a global collapse led by the ultimate deceiver. Satan’s most dangerous weapon isn’t force—it’s falsehood. His method isn’t brute strength—it’s spiritual seduction. The Bible reveals that the Devil’s strategy hasn’t changed; it’s only evolved with time, growing more subtle, more sophisticated, and more appealing to the flesh. What he began in Eden, he will complete in Revelation, and countless souls are still falling for the same old lie: “*Ye shall be as gods.*”

Scriptural Foundation

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.”

— *Genesis 3:1, KJV*

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...”

— *Revelation 12:9, KJV*

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire...”

— *Revelation 20:10, KJV*

Satan’s identity is defined by deception. From the beginning to the end, the Bible shows that deception is his primary tactic—not violence, not possession, but *subtle lies* that draw people away from the truth of God.

1. The Garden of Eden: The First Lie

Satan’s deception begins in **Genesis 3**—the first time man is led to question the Word of God.

The Strategy Unveiled:

- **Doubt God’s Word:** “Yea, hath God said...?” (Genesis 3:1)
- **Deny God’s Judgment:** “Ye shall not surely die.” (Genesis 3:4)

- **Deify Self:** “Ye shall be as gods.” (Genesis 3:5)

This three-part strategy has remained consistent throughout history. It began by *questioning* God’s Word, then *twisting* it, and finally *replacing* God with man himself.

Eve wasn’t led into sin through rebellion but through **seduction**—the idea that God was withholding something and that she could elevate herself above the boundaries He had set.

2. Cain and the First False Religion

In Genesis 4, Cain presents an offering of works, not blood—a symbol of man’s attempt to reach God on his own terms. This is the **first false religion**, rooted in pride and human effort.

“Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain...”

— *Jude 1:11, KJV*

Satan’s strategy here evolves: if he can’t keep people from seeking God, he’ll just **redirect them to a false version** of Him.

This is the foundation of **every man-made religion** today. Cain’s altar is still burning in cathedrals, temples, and self-help seminars.

3. The Days of Noah: Corruption and Compromise

By Genesis 6, Satan escalates from deception to **infiltration**.

“...the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men...”

— *Genesis 6:4, KJV*

The result? A corrupted seed, widespread violence, and spiritual pollution that led God to flood the earth.

This wasn’t just physical corruption—it was a **genetic, spiritual deception** meant to prevent the coming of the Messiah. Satan’s plan was to defile the lineage through which Christ would come.

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations.”

— *Genesis 6:8–9, KJV*

Satan's strategy: corrupt the bloodline, destroy God's plan, and pollute humanity with demonic influence.

4. Babel and the Birth of Globalism

In Genesis 11, Satan engineers a new deception: **unified rebellion**.

“Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven...”

— *Genesis 11:4, KJV*

This wasn't just about architecture—it was a religious and political system meant to reach heaven *without God*. It was the birth of **Babylon**, both literal and symbolic, which reappears in Revelation 17 and 18.

Satan's deception here was clothed in **unity, ambition, and innovation**.

Sound familiar? It's the same message preached today through global movements, interfaith alliances, and new-age “ascension” teachings.

5. Egypt, Idolatry, and False Miracles

In Exodus 7–8, Pharaoh's magicians mimic the miracles of Moses. Satan empowers them to perform signs—proving that **miracles alone are not evidence of truth**.

“For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents...”

— *Exodus 7:12, KJV*

Satan's deception now includes **supernatural counterfeit signs** to legitimize false systems. This pattern is used by false prophets and religions throughout history to lure people through spectacle instead of Scripture.

6. Israel's Apostasy and the Prophets of Baal

From the wilderness to the Promised Land, Israel constantly fell into deception through **idolatry and false prophets**.

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah confronts **450 prophets of Baal** who had led Israel astray.

“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.”

— *1 Kings 18:21, KJV*

The serpent's strategy here? **Blend pagan worship with God's name.** Baal worship was about nature, fertility, and cosmic forces—yet it was often cloaked in religious ritual.

Today, Baal has many new names: **Mother Earth, the Universe, Divine Feminine**—but the spirit behind it is the same.

7. Christ's First Coming: Temptation in the Wilderness

When Jesus came, Satan confronted Him directly in Matthew 4.

Satan's Strategy in the Temptation:

- **Appeal to Hunger:** "Turn these stones into bread."
- **Appeal to Pride:** "Cast thyself down..."
- **Appeal to Power:** "I will give thee all the kingdoms..."

Each lie twisted Scripture out of context. But Jesus replied with the pure Word of God.

"It is written..."

— *Matthew 4:4, 7, 10, KJV*

This moment is crucial: Satan knows the Bible. He can quote it. He can manipulate it. And he uses it to **tempt even the Son of God.**

8. The Church Age: Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

In Acts 20:29, Paul gives this warning:

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

And in 2 Corinthians 11:13–15:

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."

Satan's deception now targets **the church itself.** Through false teachers, corrupted Bibles, prosperity gospels, and motivational preachers, the church becomes spiritually blind.

9. The End Times: The Great Deception

The book of Revelation shows Satan's final strategy before his defeat.

Revelation 12 – The Dragon's War Against the Remnant

“And the great dragon... persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”

— *Revelation 12:13, KJV*

Satan goes to war with Israel and all who keep the commandments of God. The deception becomes global, and persecution follows.

Revelation 13 – The Beast and the False Prophet

Here, Satan creates an **unholy trinity**: the dragon, the beast (Antichrist), and the false prophet.

“And he doeth great wonders... And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles...”

— *Revelation 13:13–14, KJV*

The deception is supernatural and systematic:

- **Miracles**
- **Economic control (mark of the beast)**
- **False worship**

Revelation 17 – Mystery Babylon

The false religious system reaches its peak—a harlot church, drunk on the blood of saints.

“With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication...”

— *Revelation 17:2, KJV*

This global system appears spiritual, inclusive, and powerful—but it is ridden by Satan.

10. Revelation 20: The Final Deception

Even after Christ reigns for a thousand years, Satan is loosed for “a little season.”

“And shall go out to deceive the nations...”

— *Revelation 20:8, KJV*

After all truth has been revealed, people **still follow the lie**. That is the depth of human rebellion—and the power of Satan's deception.

But this is the final act. Satan is cast into the lake of fire forever.

“The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...”

— *Revelation 20:10, KJV*

KJV Cross References for Discernment

- **Ephesians 6:11** – “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”
- **2 Thessalonians 2:9–10** – “...with all power and signs and lying wonders...”
- **1 Timothy 4:1** – “...some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits...”
- **1 Peter 5:8** – “Be sober, be vigilant... your adversary the devil... seeketh whom he may devour.”

Reflection: Have You Fallen for the Same Old Lie?

- Have you questioned God’s Word like Eve?
- Tried to reach heaven through your own works like Cain?
- Sought unity at the cost of truth like Babel?
- Followed signs and wonders instead of Scripture like Pharaoh’s magicians?
- Blended truth with paganism like Israel?
- Substituted Christ for comfort, money, or pride?

It’s all the same serpent—just wearing a different skin.

Final Call to Discernment

The serpent is still whispering: “*Hath God said?*”

But we answer: “**It is written.**”

His strategy is ancient, but our weapon is eternal:

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...”
— *Hebrews 4:12, KJV*

The only way to overcome the deceiver is through the truth of the King James Bible, the blood of the Lamb, and a faith that endures to the end.

4 of 7: Deceivers Among Us – Wolves in Pulpits: Celebrity Pastors & Doctrinal Drift

Entertained, Inspired... and Doctrinally Starved

He walks on stage with perfect hair, designer shoes, and a team of lighting engineers. The crowd cheers. Music pulses. The message begins—not from a pulpit, but from a platform. Not with trembling reverence for God’s Word, but with polished TED Talk energy. He smiles, says something inspiring, avoids anything controversial, and wraps up with “God loves you” and a reminder to buy his new book. Welcome to modern evangelicalism—the rise of the **celebrity pastor**, where charisma has replaced conviction, and **doctrinal drift** has become a feature, not a flaw.

Behind the scenes, the spirit of deception is at work. Scripture calls them **wolves in sheep’s clothing**—leaders who *look* Christian, *sound* Christian, but **deny the power thereof** (2 Timothy 3:5). These are not harmless motivators. They are agents of compromise, leading millions away from sound doctrine and into a **watered-down gospel** that neither saves nor sanctifies.

Scriptural Foundation

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

— *Matthew 7:15, KJV*

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine... and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

— *2 Timothy 4:3–4, KJV*

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

— *2 Corinthians 11:13, KJV*

We were warned. In the last days, the most dangerous threats would come **not from outside the church**, but from *within* it—from pulpits that no longer proclaim the cross, sin, or holiness.

What Makes a Pastor a “Wolf”?

A wolf is not defined by their personality, style, or popularity. A wolf is revealed by their **fruit** (Matthew 7:16). According to Scripture, a false teacher is one who:

- Preaches **another gospel** (Galatians 1:6–9)
- Denies the **lordship or deity** of Christ (2 Peter 2:1)
- **Commercializes** the faith (2 Peter 2:3)
- **Flatters and entertains** for gain (Romans 16:18)
- Avoids **sound doctrine** and conviction (2 Timothy 4:3)

In today’s terms, a wolf often:

- Refuses to preach against sin
- Promotes universalism or inclusion without repentance
- Twists Scripture to support prosperity, self-love, or mysticism
- Makes their ministry about themselves, not Christ
- Monetizes faith through branding, book deals, and stage shows

The Rise of the Celebrity Pastor

Never before in history has a pastor had:

- A million Instagram followers
- A stylist and a PR team
- A fashion line and coffee brand
- Scriptwriters for sermons
- And a social media algorithm carefully curating every word

This isn't shepherding—it's show business. The focus is no longer on **feeding the flock**, but on **growing the brand**. Yet, many Christians can't tell the difference because the modern church culture has trained them to love **emotion over exposition**.

Examples of Dangerous Trends (Without Naming Names)

1. The Gospel of Self-Love

Preachers who say, "You need to love yourself before you can love others," are not quoting the Bible—they're quoting psychology. The Bible says:

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves..."

— *2 Timothy 3:2, KJV*

Self-love is not a virtue in Scripture. It's a **sign of perilous times**. The gospel calls us to *die to self*, not to love self.

2. The Gospel of Prosperity

If your theology says God always wants you rich, healthy, and happy—you're not preaching the gospel. You're preaching **a false gospel**. Jesus said:

"In the world ye shall have tribulation..."

— *John 16:33, KJV*

Paul said:

"Having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

— *1 Timothy 6:8, KJV*

And that **those who suppose gain is godliness are corrupt** (1 Timothy 6:5). Prosperity preachers have turned Christianity into a get-rich scheme, manipulating desperate people into giving for a "miracle harvest."

3. The Gospel of Silence on Sin

Modern pulpits avoid the S-word. Instead of sin, they talk about "brokenness," "struggles," or "imperfections." Why? Because sin offends. Sin implies judgment. Sin requires repentance.

But the Bible says:

“Preach the word... reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”
— *2 Timothy 4:2, KJV*

When was the last time you heard a celebrity preacher preach on:

- Hell?
- The wrath of God?
- The fear of the Lord?
- The second coming of Christ?
- Repentance and sanctification?

Instead, you hear messages like:

- “Your best days are ahead.”
- “Speak your dreams into existence.”
- “God is obsessed with you.”
- “Everything you need is already inside you.”

This is **narcissistic spirituality**, not biblical truth.

Doctrinal Drift: The Slow Death of Sound Doctrine

False teachers rarely start out preaching heresy. Most begin subtly drifting. It starts with:

- Skipping hard doctrines to “reach more people”
- Replacing expository preaching with stories and jokes
- Avoiding controversial topics to keep the audience happy
- Partnering with the world for influence and visibility
- Redefining biblical terms (e.g., love, grace, tolerance)

Before long, the Word is no longer central. The Bible becomes a **backdrop for motivational slogans**.

This drift becomes a landslide. And the sheep? Many don’t notice—because they were never taught how to discern.

KJV Cross References on Wolves and Doctrinal Drift

- **Acts 20:29–30** – “Grievous wolves shall enter in among you... speaking perverse things.”
- **1 Timothy 4:1** – “Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits...”
- **2 Peter 2:1–3** – “Many shall follow their pernicious ways... through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.”
- **Isaiah 30:10** – “Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things...”

The Fruit of These Ministries

Here’s what we see:

- Shallow believers who can’t defend their faith
- Youth abandoning church once the entertainment wears off
- False conversions based on emotion, not regeneration
- Churches filled with consumers, not disciples
- Teachers more concerned with algorithms than altar calls

And most dangerously:

A gospel that saves no one.

Reflection: Have You Been Fooled by the Stage Show?

Ask yourself:

- Does your pastor teach **verse-by-verse** from Scripture?
- Are you convicted of sin—or just inspired to dream big?
- Is your church more focused on **worshipping God** or **feeling good**?
- Can you **spot doctrinal error**—or do you accept anything that “feels” right?

False teachers will not appear as monsters. They will be **polished, charming, funny, and well-dressed.**

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
— *2 Corinthians 11:14, KJV*

The Biblical Pastor vs. The Celebrity Pastor

Biblical Pastor	Celebrity Pastor
Feeds the sheep	Entertains the crowd
Preaches the whole counsel of God	Avoids controversy
Exalts Christ	Promotes self
Rebukes sin	Redefines sin
Makes disciples	Builds a brand

The Bible calls for **watchmen**, not influencers. **Preachers**, not performers. **Shepherds**, not CEOs.

Final Call to Discernment

You will not recognize a wolf by their smile, but by their doctrine.

“If any man preach any other gospel... let him be accursed.”
— *Galatians 1:9, KJV*

Return to the Book. Test every sermon. Measure every message. Know your Bible so well that **any counterfeit feels foreign**.

“These were more noble... in that they searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”
— *Acts 17:11, KJV*

The church needs **bold, biblical, broken men of God**—not polished motivational speakers.

5 of 7: Deceivers Among Us – Eastern Mysticism in the Church: Yoga, Chakras, & “Christianized” Idolatry

Paganism in a Praise Band

It starts with soft music and a dimly lit room. “Let’s clear our minds and enter His presence,” says the worship leader. Some in the room begin using breathing techniques, repeating mantras under the banner of “Christian meditation.” Down the hall, a church yoga class begins—marketed as a way to “connect to God through breath and movement.” Meanwhile, a popular Christian influencer is promoting “energy alignment” and “healing crystals” as part of God’s natural design. The words “Jesus” and “spirituality” are still being used—but what’s being practiced is **pure Eastern mysticism wrapped in Christian vocabulary.**

This is not revival. It’s **religious syncretism**, and it is one of the serpent’s most subtle deceptions in the modern church.

Scriptural Foundation

“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”

— *2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV*

“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.”

— *1 Corinthians 10:21, KJV*

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

— *Isaiah 8:20, KJV*

These verses declare that truth and error cannot be blended. But today, **many churches are attempting to do just that—splicing together pagan spirituality and Christian doctrine**, resulting in a form of idolatry that is more dangerous than outright unbelief.

The Rise of Eastern Practices in Western Christianity

Eastern mysticism originates from **Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism**, and other spiritual systems where the divine is seen as impersonal, the self is divine, and the goal is **awakening, not salvation**. At the heart of these beliefs are practices like:

- **Yoga** – Originally a Hindu spiritual discipline to awaken the Kundalini serpent energy within.
- **Chakras** – Seven supposed energy centers in the body tied to spiritual enlightenment.
- **Mantras** – Repetitive chanting to alter consciousness and connect with the divine.
- **Meditation** – Emptying the mind to reach higher states of being.
- **Energy healing** – Using crystals, vibrations, or touch to “align” a person spiritually.

These practices have no place in biblical Christianity. Yet many churches are **Christianizing them**—giving them new names, sanitizing them with Scripture, and presenting them as harmless tools for spiritual growth.

Yoga: Union with God or Union with Darkness?

The word “yoga” comes from the Sanskrit word *yuj*, meaning “to yoke or unite.” In Hinduism, yoga is the method by which one yokes their spirit to **Brahman**, the impersonal god-force of the universe. It is spiritual in nature—not merely physical.

Every pose in yoga has **spiritual significance** and is often an act of worship to a Hindu deity. The sun salutation series, for example, is literally a **ritual to the sun god Surya**. The final pose, *Savasana*, represents corpse-like surrender—often preparing the mind for contact with spirits.

Yet churches now host “Holy Yoga” or “Praise Moves,” claiming that since they’re not chanting to Hindu gods, it’s harmless. But **you cannot separate the form from the origin**.

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

— *1 Thessalonians 5:22, KJV*

There is **no version of yoga** compatible with the God of the Bible. He calls us to present our bodies as a **living sacrifice**, not to twist them into offerings for false deities.

Chakras and “Christian Energy Work”

Chakras are an entirely **occult concept**, tied to the idea that humans are spiritual energy centers that must be awakened and balanced. This is often linked to **kundalini**, a spiritual force depicted as a serpent coiled at the base of the spine.

Some now claim that Jesus was a “chakra master” or that He healed people by aligning their energy. Others push books on “Christian Reiki,” “faith-based energy healing,” or “biblical aromatherapy.”

This is utter deception. The Bible warns us that the devil is the **serpent** who deceives the world (Revelation 12:9). He masquerades as light (2 Corinthians 11:14), and **he will gladly wrap witchcraft in worship music** if it gets into the church.

Emptying the Mind: A Dangerous Practice

Eastern meditation emphasizes the **emptying of the mind**, often through repetition (mantras) or silence to prepare for “enlightenment.” But biblical meditation is the **opposite**:

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”
— *Psalm 1:2, KJV*

Biblical meditation is **filling** the mind with God’s Word—not emptying it to invite spiritual influences. The moment you disconnect your discernment is the moment you open yourself to **spiritual attack**.

“Christianized” Idolatry: When Syncretism Enters the Sanctuary

The Israelites fell into this trap repeatedly. In Exodus 32, they made a golden calf—but notice what they said:

“Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.”
— *Exodus 32:5, KJV*

They weren’t trying to replace God. They were mixing His name with pagan images. God didn’t accept it.

The modern church does the same thing:

- **Yoga** becomes “Holy Movement”
- **Chakra alignment** becomes “spiritual wellness”
- **Breath prayers** and **centering prayer** replace true communion
- **Sage burning** and **cleansing rituals** are used “to remove bad energy”

All of it is **idolatry in disguise**—the golden calf with a worship chorus playing in the background.

The Real Danger: Spirits Behind the Practices

The practices of Eastern mysticism are not neutral. They are **invitations** for unclean spirits. When someone engages in yoga, channels energy, or chants mantras, they are **opening a spiritual portal**—whether they mean to or not.

“But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God...”

— *1 Corinthians 10:20, KJV*

These spirits may manifest subtly—feelings of peace, light, or inner knowing. But over time, they lead people away from truth and into **bondage, confusion, and spiritual oppression**.

Satan doesn't need to scare you. He just needs to make you **comfortable in deception**.

How Did It Get In? The Trojan Horses

1. Seeker-Sensitive Churches

These churches aim to be relevant rather than reverent. In an attempt to “reach the culture,” they invite in the very things they’re supposed to stand against.

2. Christian Influencers

Many young Christian leaders, with little discernment and lots of popularity, promote New Age ideas under the name of personal growth.

3. Lack of Teaching

The average church no longer teaches **spiritual warfare** or **discernment**. Without the Sword of the Spirit, the sheep are defenseless against spiritual predators.

4. Rebranding the Occult

Terms like “manifesting,” “vibrations,” and “energy” are now used in sermons—*with zero biblical basis*. But because it sounds spiritual, people accept it.

KJV Cross References for Discernment

- **Deuteronomy 18:10–12** – God condemns all forms of witchcraft, divination, and spiritual manipulation.
- **Leviticus 19:31** – “Regard not them that have familiar spirits... I am the Lord your God.”

- **Ephesians 5:11** – “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”
- **Galatians 5:20** – Witchcraft is listed as a work of the flesh.
- **1 Timothy 4:1** – “In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits...”

Reflection: Have You Mixed the Holy with the Pagan?

Ask yourself:

- Do I practice or support yoga—even if it seems “Christianized”?
- Have I ever used mantras, crystals, or breathing techniques to “feel spiritual”?
- Do I believe energy, vibrations, or chakras are real spiritual concepts?
- Do I test spiritual teachings against Scripture—or just go with what feels good?

You cannot walk with Jesus and flirt with the serpent. There is no such thing as “safe” witchcraft. There is no “Christian yoga.” There is only truth and error, light and darkness.

The True Path to God: Through the Blood, Not the Breath

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...”
— *Hebrews 10:19, KJV*

Access to God is not through stretching, silence, or stillness. It’s through **Christ crucified**. Only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ can we be reconciled to God.

No mantra, energy field, or alignment will get you closer to the Creator. It is only by faith in His Son that we are saved.

Final Call to Discernment

Church, wake up.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...”
— *2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV*

You cannot redeem paganism. You cannot baptize idolatry. And you cannot mix the Holy Ghost with the spirit of the age.

Return to the Word. Reject the counterfeit light. And remember:

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

— *John 17:17, KJV*

6 of 7: Deceivers Among Us – False “Unity” Movements and the One World Religion Agenda

When Unity Becomes the New Tower of Babel

It’s the image of a Christian, a Muslim, a Hindu, and a Buddhist lighting a candle together and praying to “the God of peace.” The cameras love it. The world applauds. Unity has become the highest ideal of modern religion—**but it comes at the cost of truth**. Doctrinal differences are downplayed, sin is never mentioned, and Jesus is recast as a wise teacher, not the only way to salvation. This isn’t the gospel. This is the **construction of Mystery Babylon**, the **One World Religion** prophesied in Revelation 17. And it’s already here—masked in love, tolerance, and interfaith dialogue.

Scriptural Foundation

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

— *Romans 16:17, KJV*

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

— *Amos 3:3, KJV*

“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins...”

— *Revelation 18:4, KJV*

True biblical unity is **based on truth**—not feelings, not appearances, and certainly not institutional alliances. When unity is pursued **without doctrine**, it ceases to be Christian. It becomes a **form of spiritual adultery**.

The Rise of the Ecumenical Movement

The word *ecumenical* comes from a Greek term meaning “the whole inhabited world.” On the surface, it seems noble—bringing together different Christian denominations, and eventually, all faiths, into cooperation.

But in practice, it’s a **watering down of doctrine** to the lowest common denominator. Key teachings such as salvation by grace, the exclusivity of Christ, the authority of Scripture, and the necessity of repentance are often **ignored or outright denied** in the name of unity.

“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...”

— *Ephesians 4:14, KJV*

False unity thrives where **doctrine is devalued**. And this opens the door for the **One World Religion Agenda**.

Pope Francis and the Push for Interfaith Syncretism

No modern religious leader has done more to advance global religious unity than **Pope Francis**.

Key Examples of His Interfaith Efforts:

- **Chrislam Endorsement:** Promoting unity between Islam and Christianity. In 2019, he signed the *Document on Human Fraternity* with a top Islamic leader, declaring that “the diversity of religions” is **willed by God**—a statement completely contrary to the Bible (John 14:6).
- **Abrahamic Family House:** A massive interfaith complex built in Abu Dhabi housing a mosque, synagogue, and church—presented as a symbol of religious harmony, but in reality, it’s **a denial of the exclusive truth of the gospel**.
- **Calling Atheists Redeemed:** In a 2013 homily, Pope Francis said that even atheists who do good are “redeemed,” contradicting Romans 10:9.
- **Involvement in Climate and Global Governance:** He has partnered with the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, and world leaders—supporting global policies that blend political, environmental, and religious goals.

This is not biblical leadership. It is the **engineering of a global faith system** that will ultimately serve the **Antichrist**.

Chrislam: The Blending of Two Opposites

Chrislam is the merging of **Christianity and Islam**—two belief systems that cannot be reconciled.

Christianity teaches:

- Jesus is the Son of God, God in the flesh.
- Salvation comes through His death and resurrection.
- The Bible is the final authority.

Islam teaches:

- Jesus is just a prophet.
- He did not die on the cross.
- The Quran supersedes the Bible.

To merge these is to **deny the gospel**. And yet, some Christian leaders now participate in **interfaith prayer with imams**, preach that “Allah” is just another name for God, and promote coexistence at the cost of Scripture.

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.”
— *2 John 1:9, KJV*

Revelation 17: The Great Whore and One World Religion

“Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.”

— *Revelation 17:1, KJV*

Revelation 17 describes a religious system symbolized as a **great whore**—unfaithful, seductive, and global in reach.

Characteristics of this false church:

- She sits upon **many waters** – representing global influence.
- She is **clothed in purple and scarlet** – symbols often linked to Roman Catholicism.

- She is **drunken with the blood of saints** – showing her persecution of true believers.
- She commits **fornication with kings of the earth** – blending religion and political power.

This is not a single denomination—it is a **worldwide religious coalition**, a counterfeit church aligned with the Beast system. It promotes **unity without Christ**, peace without the Prince of Peace, and worship without the cross.

UN, WEF, and Global Spirituality

Religious unity is not just a Vatican project—it’s a **globalist goal**.

Key Developments:

- **UN's Agenda 2030** includes spiritual language of “universal values” and “interfaith cooperation.”
- **World Economic Forum** has religious leaders on board shaping global ethics.
- **Klaus Schwab** and others speak openly about needing a **spiritual transformation** for humanity.
- **Religious summits** regularly invite Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, and New Age gurus to build global cooperation.

This isn’t harmless diplomacy. It’s the **infrastructure of Revelation 17**.

False Unity in Evangelical Circles

It’s not just the Pope. Many evangelical leaders are now:

- Signing interfaith documents
- Participating in multi-religion worship
- Promoting social justice over salvation
- Treating doctrine as divisive

Worship events no longer mention sin or repentance. Instead, they focus on *togetherness*, *hope*, and *spiritual experience*.

But the Bible says:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.”

— *2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV*

Compromised Christianity has become the gateway to **apostate religion**.

KJV Cross References for Discernment

- **2 Timothy 3:5** – “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”
- **2 Thessalonians 2:3–4** – The man of sin will exalt himself above all that is called God.
- **Galatians 1:8–9** – “If any preach any other gospel... let him be accursed.”
- **Isaiah 30:10–11** – A people who want smooth things, not truth.
- **1 Kings 18:21** – “How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him.”

Reflection: Are You Being Lulled Into Babylon?

Ask yourself:

- Do I prioritize peace over truth?
- Am I willing to compromise Scripture for cultural acceptance?
- Do I believe other religions can lead to God?
- Have I embraced a false unity that ignores doctrine?

The spirit of Babylon is **inclusiveness without repentance, worship without Christ, and spirituality without Scripture**.

The True Unity the Bible Teaches

The Bible does promote unity—but only on **God’s terms**:

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God...”

— *Ephesians 4:13, KJV*

Biblical unity is based on:

- **Shared doctrine** (Titus 1:9)
- **Sound teaching** (2 Timothy 4:2–3)
- **True salvation through Christ** (John 14:6)

You cannot unite what is holy with what is pagan.

Final Call to Discernment

Unity that ignores truth is **not biblical unity**. It is **the seduction of the end-times harlot church**.

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”

— *1 Corinthians 15:33, KJV*

We must **stand apart** from false unity. We must **reject alliances** that require compromising the gospel. And we must **proclaim the exclusivity of Jesus Christ** even when it offends.

The path ahead may be narrow, but it leads to life.

“Enter ye in at the strait gate... narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

— *Matthew 7:13–14, KJV*

7 of 7: Deceivers Among Us – How to Biblically Test Spirits (1 John 4:1)

Not Every Spirit Is Holy

He claims he had a dream from God. She says she received a word from the Lord. Another posts a viral video with “prophetic insight” into current events. Thousands believe it, repost it, and never stop to ask: *Is this from God—or is it a lying spirit?* We live in an age of overwhelming spiritual noise—books, podcasts, visions, dreams, YouTube prophets, and so-called apostles—yet very few are **testing the spirits**.

But the Bible commands us:

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

— *1 John 4:1, KJV*

This is not a suggestion. It is a **divine safeguard** against deception. God does not want His people led by emotion, experience, or opinion. He wants them anchored in **truth**, testing every spiritual claim by His **Word**, not by how convincing or popular it sounds.

Scriptural Foundation: 1 John 4:1–6

This critical passage is one of the clearest commands to discern spiritual influences. It lays out a framework for spiritual testing:

“Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God...”

— *1 John 4:2–3, KJV*

This is the **first test** of any spirit, teacher, or movement: **What do they say about Jesus?**

Why Discernment Matters More Than Ever

- **False teachings are rampant** (2 Peter 2:1)
- **Emotions are elevated above Scripture**
- **Culture influences doctrine** instead of doctrine influencing culture
- **Many claim divine authority**, but few submit to biblical testing

The Holy Spirit is real—but so are **familiar spirits**, **lying spirits**, and **seducing spirits** (1 Timothy 4:1). Satan doesn’t just attack from the outside—he **impersonates the inside**, often masquerading as spiritual truth.

How to Biblically Test the Spirits: A Step-by-Step Guide

1. Test Their View of Jesus Christ

“Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.”

— *1 John 4:2, KJV*

This refers not just to *acknowledging* Jesus existed, but affirming:

- His deity (John 1:1)
- His incarnation (Philippians 2:6–8)
- His death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1–4)
- His position as the **only** way to the Father (John 14:6)

Any teacher, vision, or spirit that denies this is not from God.

Examples of failure:

- New Age “Christ consciousness”
- Jehovah’s Witnesses denying Jesus is God
- Islam affirming Jesus as a prophet but not the Son of God

2. Test Their Doctrine Against Scripture

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

— *Isaiah 8:20, KJV*

God will never speak through a spirit, dream, prophet, or teacher in contradiction to His written Word.

Ask:

- Does this teaching align with **sound doctrine**? (Titus 2:1)
- Is it consistent with the **KJV Bible** rightly divided?
- Does it elevate man or exalt Christ?

Feelings are not the standard. Scripture is.

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

— *John 17:17, KJV*

3. Test the Fruit of the Message

“Ye shall know them by their fruits.”

— *Matthew 7:16, KJV*

The spiritual result of a message or movement reveals its origin:

- Does it lead to **repentance, holiness, and truth**?
- Or does it promote **self-exaltation, confusion, or worldliness**?

A spirit that produces:

- **Pride instead of humility**
- **Compromise instead of conviction**
- **Chaos instead of clarity**

...is not from God.

4. Test the Spirit of the Teacher or Prophet

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

— *2 Corinthians 11:13, KJV*

We must test the *person*, not just their message:

- Are they accountable to Scripture?
- Do they love the truth—or just attention?
- Are they rich in **biblical knowledge** or only in charisma?
- Do they preach the **whole counsel of God**, or just the feel-good parts?

False prophets often:

- Refuse correction
- Love flattery
- Avoid discussing sin, hell, or judgment
- Operate by emotion and mysticism, not doctrine

5. Test the Audience Being Attracted

Often, the type of crowd a movement draws says a lot:

- Are they **truth-seekers** or **experience-chasers**?
- Are they **being disciplined** or **being entertained**?

If the audience is more excited about:

- Signs and wonders
- Emotional highs
- Personal breakthroughs

...than about the cross, repentance, and Scripture, that's a red flag.

6. Test the Source of the Experience

Many claim dreams, visions, tongues, or “words from God.” But not all spiritual experiences are from the Holy Spirit.

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

— *2 Corinthians 11:14, KJV*

If it contradicts Scripture, promotes self, or brings confusion—it is not the Holy Ghost.

Common Phrases That Demand Discernment:

- “God told me...”
- “The Spirit gave me this word...”
- “The Lord showed me in a dream...”
- “I felt the Spirit saying...”

These statements must be tested, not automatically believed. God can speak—but **He never contradicts His Word.**

KJV Cross References for Testing Spirits

- **Acts 17:11** – The Bereans “searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

- **Hebrews 5:14** – Strong meat belongs to those who have their senses exercised to discern.
- **1 Corinthians 14:29** – “Let the prophets speak... and let the other judge.”
- **2 Peter 2:1** – False teachers bring in *damnable heresies*.
- **Revelation 2:2** – Jesus praises the church for trying those who said they were apostles and found them liars.

False Ways to “Test” Spirits (That Are Not Biblical)

- **“It felt right”** – Emotions are deceptive (Jeremiah 17:9)
- **“They seemed sincere”** – Sincerity does not equal truth
- **“It worked”** – Results do not determine righteousness
- **“Everyone else is doing it”** – Truth is never determined by popularity
- **“They mentioned Jesus”** – So do many cults and devils (Mark 1:24)

Reflection: Are You Equipped to Discern?

Ask yourself:

- Can I recognize false doctrine when I hear it?
- Am I anchored in Scripture or tossed by trends?
- Do I question spiritual claims, or accept them because they feel good?

The age of deception is here—and only **those rooted in the Word of God** will stand.

Training for Discernment: A Biblical Action Plan

1. **Read your Bible daily** – Make the KJV your standard.
2. **Pray for wisdom** – James 1:5 promises God will give it.
3. **Study doctrine deeply** – Don’t rely on devotionals alone.
4. **Compare teachings to Scripture** – Line upon line, precept upon precept.
5. **Surround yourself with truth-tellers** – Not flatterers.

6. **Be willing to walk away** – From people, churches, or ministries that embrace error.

The Spirit of Truth vs. The Spirit of Error

“We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”

— *1 John 4:6, KJV*

There are only two spirits in operation:

- **The Spirit of Truth** – exalts Christ, honors Scripture, convicts sin.
- **The Spirit of Error** – flatters man, twists Scripture, embraces sin.

Final Call to Discernment

Discernment is not optional. It's survival.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”

— *Hosea 4:6, KJV*

In a world filled with religious deception, dreams, and dazzling delusions, **only the Word of God will protect you.**

So test the spirits. Try the teachers. Challenge the movements. And stand firmly on the unchanging truth of God's Word.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

— *Psalms 119:105, KJV*