

Propaganda

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For Discussion: UN Has Become A Propaganda Agent For Some Of The Worst Terror Groups

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Some points from the article:

Hezbollah leaders switched from cell phone-based communications to pagers and walkie-talkies. They believed it would be harder for Israel to keep track of them with these more primitive communications tools.

- Israel intercepted the devices along the supply line, planted a small amount of explosive in each one, and then set them up to be remotely triggered.

On September 17th, pagers all over Lebanon simultaneously exploded.

- Hezbollah says the explosions killed a dozen people and injured about 2,800, including Iran's ambassador to Lebanon.
- The next day, the walkie-talkies exploded. Hezbollah says this second attack killed another 25 and injured about 700.

The UN began its propaganda campaign by indicating that Israel had probably broken international law.

- Its commissioner for human rights, Volker Turk, told the Security Council that using communications devices in an attack may constitute a war crime.

Hezbollah has been amassing weapons and using them against Israeli civilians since Iran formed the terror group in 1982.

- When the war with Hamas began a year ago, Hezbollah began a series of missile strikes on northern Israel targeting civilian populations.
- Several of Israel's towns now stand evacuated because of these attacks.

Israel fought back. They fired their own missiles and successfully targeted key Hezbollah leaders.

- Then they executed one of the most precisely targeted missions in the history of warfare attacking Hezbollah militants carrying pagers & walkie-talkies.

War is a horrible, ugly thing. All people should avoid it. But terrorists choose it as a way of life for themselves.

- The UN apparently prefers for Israel to use missiles and massive, indiscriminate bombs.
- Israel made a pinpoint attack against terrorists, even though they were hiding in civilian areas.
- Never in history was such an attack carried out with so little collateral damage.

The UN should congratulate Israel and condemn Hezbollah's continued terror bombings of civilian neighborhoods in Israel. But don't hold your breath.

How is rampant propaganda a characteristic of the end of the Church Age?

Propaganda is a form of deception and Jesus said that it would be a sign of His coming. We are experiencing the birth pangs of the Tribulation when such deception will be rampant...

Matthew 24:11 – many false prophets will rise up and deceive many

What trend can we expect for deception in our day?

It will only grow worse...

2 Timothy 3:13 – evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived

Certainly, that is to be expected from the birth pang signs of Jesus' return.

Why are people so easily deceived in our day?

People without God in their lives cannot even think rationally...

Romans 1:28 – And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting

The product of a debased mind is to be driven by emotions and are easily manipulated through fear as we saw during Covid. People who know the Lord should not succumb to such fear-mongering propaganda...

2 Timothy 1:7 – For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind

What does the Bible have to say about propaganda?

The Bible condemns the presentation of falsehood as if it were the truth...

Exodus 23:1 – Do not spread false reports

What topics in today's news are ripe for propaganda?

- Weather – global warming narrative, war on meat
- Politics – nationalism versus globalism, socialism versus capitalism, collectivism vs freedom
- Society – LGBTQ narrative, transgenderism, government intrusion on parental authority
- Health – promoting the latest trendy discovery
- The use of “smart” appliances (makes it easier to centralize control over people)
- The problem of home-grown, domestic terrorists
- The problem of gun violence
- The need for easy access to abortion
- There is no voting fraud to worry about

Why does God allow deception as a sign of the times?

God's desire is that all people repent and be saved (2 Peter 3:9). At the same time, Satan, the “*father of lies*” (John 8:44), deceives the very people who need to accept the truth...

2 Corinthians 4:4 – *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ*

It would seem that God could stop Satan's lies and give people a fighting chance.

- And He will do that during the Millennial Kingdom but people will still reject Jesus as their Savior.
- Since we are made in the image of God, we have a free will; God wanted us to experience the depth of love that is only possible if we are free to choose or reject a relationship with Him.

How is sin and deception related?

Deception is deeper than merely being tricked or lied to. We choose what we want to believe rather than what we should believe based on the evidence...

Luke 16:31 – *If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.*

Unbelief is willful...

John 12:37 – *Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him*

What does the first human sin teach us about the role of deception?

When confronted with her sin, Eve said, “*The serpent deceived me, and I ate*” (Genesis 3:13). The original Hebrew word for “*deceived*” implies trickery and craftiness. Eve was tricked, but she also made a choice.

- She exercised her God-given free will to make a wrong choice, seeking pleasure and personal promotion over what God had willed for her.

The same dynamic is at work today. Satan appeals to our natural desires and urges us to fulfill them in ways that dishonor God.

- Our desire for self-satisfaction makes Satan's deception all the more potent.

Why are unbelievers more susceptible to deception?

Nature abhors a vacuum, and the void created by the absence of truth will soon be filled by something less than true.

- Give up the truth, and you'll believe anything.

Eve didn't sin because she was hopelessly outmatched by a demonic force, making her do wrong when she thought she was doing right.

- Yes, she was lied to, but she chose to entertain the lie.

What does repeated rejection of the Truth result in?

Repeated rejection of spiritual truth brings spiritual deception as a divine consequence.

- God often allows spiritual deception as a form of punishment for willful sin
- God's purpose in punishing willful sin is to cultivate an awareness of how badly we need the One who is Himself Truth, our Lord Jesus Christ.

How can we make ourselves less susceptible to deception?

Recognize the spiritual component to deception, that it is a part of spiritual warfare...

Ephesians 6:11 – *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

The definition of wiles is: devious or cunning stratagems employed in manipulating or persuading someone to do what one wants.

- Satan has strategies that he regularly employs.

What are some of the wiles of the devil used in propaganda?

The following is taken from the book by Patrick M. Wood, “The evil Twins of Technocracy and Transhumanism.”

- Social engineering is the intentional use of propaganda and other manipulative techniques to influence public attitudes and behavior on a mass scale.
- Because technocracy originally labeled itself as the “science of social engineering,” we should not be surprised that today's technocrats and their allies are still practicing this dark skill.

Fear: The most powerful emotion, fear of loss or of physical harm, opens the mind to accept the solutions provided by the propagandist—solutions that would not otherwise have been accepted.

- The technique of fear has been the foundation of all pandemic-related propaganda.

The Bandwagon: A claim is made that, because everyone else is doing it, so should you.

- "Everyone is taking the shot because it is safe and effective; you should take it, too."

Card Stacking: This technique highlights all the "good" information and leaves out the "bad."

- This blatant censorship is rampant in the mainstream media, social media, and search engines these days.

The Testimonial: A person unrelated to a product testifies that the propaganda about the product is true and that you can trust his word.

- Often the Ideal testifier is a likeable, credible celebrity.
- Or, the person giving the testimonial is an ordinary person like you, therefore you should believe him.

Glittering Generalities: Sweeping statements are made that cannot be defined and often contain vague "virtue words."

- Examples: "This anti-discrimination program will ensure equity for all" ... "We will create millions of green jobs with this budget."

Name-Calling/Deflection: Ad hominem attacks deflect negative attention away from the propagandist.

- global warming scaremonger Al Gore once said threateningly, "Deniers deserved to be punished."
- America has a "pandemic of the unvaccinated"

Transfer: This technique transfers an organization's prestige to the propagandist's program or product.

- public health officials and political leaders persuaded the pastors of many US churches to promote pandemic propaganda to their congregations.

False Equivalence: When two concepts are linked together despite having no actual cause-and-effect relationship

- "People who question vaccines are anti-vaxxers. Mary does not want to take the COVID vaccine. Thus, Mary is an anti-vaxxer."

Either/or Fallacy: "Black-and-white" thinking offers only two choices, even though there might be other admissible answers.

- "You are either for science or against it"

(But our understanding of "science" is antithetical to the propagandist's)

Faulty Cause and Effect: Because A follows B, A must cause B.

- (A) Joe supports gun ownership, and (B) murderers often use guns; therefore, Joe must be a murderer himself—or at least sympathetic of murderers.

Euphemisms: Use of a word or phrase that pretends to communicate truth but in fact does the opposite.

- Affordable Care Act – Inflation Reduction Act
- The UN uses the term "sustainable development" to hide its true technocratic intentions: "social engineering" of the masses.

Loaded Words: Related to name-calling, loaded words are what the propagandist uses to describe perfectly normal actions and completely ordinary circumstances.

- The US government used when they labeled parents who protested at school board meetings as "domestic terrorists" who commit "hate crimes."

Scapegoat: Assigns blame to someone who is not a party to something.

- every presidential administration typically blames current economic woes on the previous administration
- after COVID vaccines were available, only the unvaccinated were blamed for the ongoing pandemic.

Logical Disconnect: Connecting things not related.

- WEF: "You will own nothing and be happy" A corollary to this absurd claim might be: "Homeless people own nothing; therefore, they must be happy."

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Propaganda is growing as a sign of the times
- God allows deception in judgment so that people will recognize their need for the Savior Jesus Christ.
- We need to exercise discernment to recognize the wiles of the devil.