

Antichrist Conditioning

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For Discussion: Anthony Fauci, Mass Deception, and the Coming Man of Lawlessness

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How did Covid condition people to embrace the Mark of the Beast?

Rev 13:16-17 – *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark*

It advanced the idea that you must have proof of compliance to government mandates in order to participate in the economy.

What role did Anthony Fauci play in proving that people will surrender their freedom for safety?

He deceived the masses into obeying government mandates... and it revealed how quickly:

- dissenters can be censored
- neighbors will report neighbors
- employers will threaten workers
- governments will restrict worship, travel, employment, education, medical choice, and freedom of assembly.
- frightened people will surrender liberty in exchange for the promise of safety.

How did Anthony Fauci's power as a technocrat go to his head and make him a tyrant?

The media portrayed him as the embodiment of science. This was the man who once declared that attacks against him were, in effect, attacks against science.

- He placed himself behind the protective shield of scientific authority.
- He spoke as though questioning Anthony Fauci meant questioning truth itself.

How did Anthony Fauci's proclamation of being "the science" reveal his narcissism?

Narcissism is a personality style or trait defined by a grandiose sense of self-importance, a constant need for admiration, and a lack of empathy for others.

- Science is not a man; it is a method of investigation that requires open debate, testing, correction, transparency, and the freedom to challenge prevailing conclusions.

When a government official says, in essence, "I represent science," he is no longer merely presenting evidence. He is demanding submission.

How did Anthony Fauci display the spirit of the Antichrist?

The Fauci phenomenon showed us how easily large populations can surrender their judgment to a confident authority figure during a manufactured or exploited atmosphere of fear.

- COVID revealed how quickly people can be conditioned to believe that one man, one agency, one institution, or one approved narrative must never be questioned.
- And it revealed that once an authority figure is identified with "truth," any person who challenges that authority can be labeled dangerous, ignorant, selfish, hateful, or even a threat to public health.

How did Covid make the spirit of the Antichrist more apparent to the spiritually discerning?

1 John 4:3 – *every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

Covid advanced the idea that it is the government who is our savior. The world has always been in opposition to God and Covid only reinforced the idea that it is the government who will be our deliverer.

- While the Antichrist has not yet been revealed, the spiritual forces of deception, self-exaltation, coercion, and lawlessness are already operating.

How will the rise of the Antichrist take advantage of a future crisis to control people?

The rise of Anthony Fauci demonstrated how desperately frightened people will cling to a supposed savior who claims to possess the exclusive answers to an international crisis.

- And Anthony Fauci did this without having the supernatural powers that the Antichrist will possess.

Why did so many people believe Anthony Fauci even when the narrative began falling apart?

Belgian psychologist Mattias Desmet coined the term “mass formation” to describe how large populations can become psychologically absorbed in a unifying false narrative, especially during periods of widespread isolation, loss of meaning, anxiety, fear, and social uncertainty akin to group hypnosis.

- Dr. Robert Malone later popularized the phrase “mass formation psychosis” to emphasize the collective psychological dynamics that can emerge under those conditions.

Desmet has proposed an approximate breakdown:

- ~30% of the population may be deeply committed to the narrative... basically hypnotized.
- ~40% may not be fully convinced but will conform because they fear social rejection, professional consequences, ridicule, or isolation.
- The remaining 30% may resist the narrative, though that group is often divided and disorganized.

That is how totalitarian systems operate. They do not require everyone to believe the lie.

- They require enough people to believe it, enforce it, and to remain silent.

How will the Antichrist be far more persuasive than Anthony Fauci?

2 Thessalonians 2:8–10 – And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish.

The Antichrist will not merely have favorable news coverage. He will come with satanic power. He will perform signs. He will display wonders. He will offer solutions to global disorder. He will present himself as the answer to war, economic instability, social fragmentation, religious conflict, and fear.

- He will be charismatic. He will be brilliant. He will appear courageous. He will promise peace and security.
- And behind the image will be the power of Satan and “all unrighteous deception.”

How did faith in Fauci foreshadow faith in the Antichrist?

- Fauci said, in effect, “Trust the science.”
- The Antichrist will say, in effect, “Trust me. I alone can save the world.” And people will believe him.

Will people believe the Antichrist out of stupidity?

No, but they will not have any spiritual discernment...

1 Corinthians 2:14 – the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

They will not believe him because they lack intelligence. They will believe him because fallen humanity wants security without God, peace without Christ, unity without truth, and salvation without faith.

Why will deception be so effective during the Tribulation?

People often believe lies because the lie gives them something they want:

- A sense of safety.
- A sense of moral superiority.
- A sense of belonging.
- An excuse to control others.
- Freedom from personal responsibility.
- Permission to hate an approved enemy.

The Antichrist’s deception will succeed because it will appeal to what fallen humanity already desires.

How did Covid reveal how people will be controlled by the Antichrist?

Fear is a very effective emotion to control people.

- The world received a small preview of how fear, social pressure, propaganda, censorship, economic coercion, and claims of unquestionable authority can work together.

The Tribulation will bring the perfected form of using fear to control people.

How is the Mystery of Lawlessness already at work?

2 Thessalonians 2:7 – For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.

Lawlessness does not merely mean street crime or rebellion against the government.

- Biblically, lawlessness is the rejection of God’s authority and the elevation of human power above divine truth.

How did Anthony Fauci advance the spirit of lawlessness?

It was not because every public-health recommendation was necessarily false, but because legitimate authority was repeatedly transformed into authoritarianism.

- Authorities demanded obedience while resisting accountability.
- Officials changed the story while treating citizens as immoral for remembering the previous narrative.
- Government agencies established approved narratives while dissenting voices were censored or marginalized.

- Those who wielded power expected the public to comply, but they did not believe they owed the public complete transparency.

That is the spirit of lawlessness: rulers placing themselves above the standards they impose on everyone else.

Why do you think Anthony Fauch considered himself to be untouchable by the law?

He appeared to believe that his position, credentials, institutional protection, political connections, and presidential pardon would shield him from meaningful consequences.

How will the Antichrist have a similar perspective to Anthony Fauchi?

The Antichrist will possess that same spirit of lawlessness in its fullest expression.

Daniel 11:36 – Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god.

He will believe himself untouchable. He will imagine himself invincible. He will exalt himself above every authority. He will sit in the temple of God, displaying himself as God. But his reign will be brief.

How will God see that justice is done?

Neither Fauci nor the Antichrist will escape God's justice.

- Fauci may escape prison. He may be protected by a pardon. He may never be convicted of a crime.
- He may live the remainder of his earthly life surrounded by lawyers, wealth, institutional allies, and people who continue to praise him.
- But even a presidential pardon will not help anyone before the throne of God.

A government title cannot erase moral responsibility. Money cannot purchase forgiveness. Celebrity cannot silence the Judge of all the earth.

Hebrews 9:27 – as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

We can hope Anthony Fauci believes in Jesus Christ for eternal life before he dies.

- Eternal life remains available to anyone who believes in the Son of God and His promise of eternal life.
- But if Fauci dies without Christ, he will stand before the Great White Throne. Revelation 20 teaches that the lost will be judged according to their works.

If Fauci does not receive Jesus as his Savior, what works will be exposed at the Great White Throne?

Think of the magnitude of the suffering connected to the policies Fauci defended and promoted:

- Businesses were ruined.
- Livelihoods were lost.
- Churches were closed.

- Families were separated.
- Children suffered educational and psychological harm.
- People died alone.
- Employees were threatened or terminated.
- Citizens were shamed, censored, arrested, or marginalized.
- Medical debate was suppressed.
- Public trust was shattered.

Fauci may deny responsibility before Congress.

- But he will not be able to invoke the Fifth Amendment before Jesus Christ.

How will the coming Antichrist and False Prophet face justice?

Revelation 19:20 – Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Jesus Christ will physically return, seize the Beast and the False Prophet, and cast them alive into the Lake of Fire.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 says that the Lord will consume the lawless one with the breath of His mouth and destroy him with the brightness of His coming.

What is the lesson learned from the Fauci era?

Never surrender your God-given discernment to any human authority.

- Do not worship credentials.
- Do not worship institutions.
- Do not worship government.
- Do not worship science.
- Do not worship political leaders.
- Do not confuse consensus with truth.
- Examine the evidence.
- Allow honest questions.
- Reject censorship.
- Test every claim.
- And compare everything with the Word of God.

What applications do we see from our discussion today?

- Covid was a test by the elite to determine how effective a fearful crisis could be used to control people... it was wildly successful.
- Anthony Fauci foreshadowed many of the characteristics of the coming Antichrist.
- Spiritual discernment is critical to keep from being deceived as we near the end of the Age.