



The Speaking Serpent

A Pandemic of Spiritualism

“Spiritualism”

a system of belief or religious practice based on supposed communication with the spirits of the dead, especially through mediums.

New Oxford American Dictionary

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes
shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:4-5



THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST ENCOUNTER

Overt vs. Discreet Spiritualism

- Immortality of the Soul
- Satan speaks through a medium

The Serpent Will Strike Again

And the great dragon was cast out, **that old serpent**, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...

And **the dragon [serpent]** was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:9,17

A Coming Pandemic

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the **spirits of devils**, working miracles, which go forth unto **the kings of the earth and of the whole world**, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Revelation 16:13,14

A Coming Pandemic

And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee [Babylon]; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; **for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.**

Revelation 18:23

Spiritualism in the Church?

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.**

1 Timothy 4:1

The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and **Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism.**

GC 588.3

Factors in a Global Pandemic

- **Cross-species Transmission** - From non-humans to humans.
 - **Asymptomatic Spread** - "Transmission of a virus from a person, who does not develop symptoms." - WHO
 - **Community Spread** - "People have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected." - CDC
 - **Pandemic** - "An epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people." - WHO
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Evil angels in the form of men will talk with those who know the truth. They will misinterpret and misconstrue the statements of the messengers of God.

LDE 160.3

Evil angels in the form of believers will work in our ranks to bring in a strong spirit of unbelief.

LDE 161.1

First Degree Transmission

You



Church Member

Evil Angel



“Believer in our ranks”

Discreet
Infection



One thing I wish to impress upon your minds.
You have the special mediums of Satan closely connected with you, and their power and influence have a manifest effect upon you, because you do not remain near enough to God to ensure the special aid of angels that excel in strength.

2T 171.1

Those who have bitterly opposed the truth of God, Satan uses as his mediums. To such he will appear in the assumed person and garb of another, it may be a friend of the medium. He will increase their faith by using the words of this friend and relating circumstances which are about to take place or which really have taken place and of which the medium knew nothing. Sometimes previous to a death or an accident he gives a dream or, personating another, converses with the medium, even imparting knowledge by means of his suggestions.

2T 172.1

Second Degree Transmission

You



Church Member

Medium



Opposes Truth

Satan



“Assumed Friend”

Discreet
Infection



Overt/Discreet
Infection



The visible and the invisible world are in close contact. Could the veil be lifted, we would see evil angels employing all their arts to deceive and destroy. Wherever an influence is exerted to cause men to forget God, there Satan is exercising his bewitching power. **All who venture into scenes of dissipation or irreligious pleasure, or seek the society of the sensualist, the skeptic, or the blasphemer, by personal intercourse or through the medium of the press, are tampering with sorcery.** Ere they are aware, the mind is bewildered and the soul polluted.

LP 140.1

Third Degree Transmission

You



Church Member

Media



Medium



Irreligious, sensualist,
skeptic, blasphemer

Discreet
Infection ←

Discreet
Infection ←



None are in greater danger from the influence of evil spirits than those who, notwithstanding the direct and ample testimony of the Scriptures, **deny the existence and agency of the devil and his angels.** So long as we are ignorant of their wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they **suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom.**

GC 516.2

This is why, as we approach the close of time, when Satan is to work with greatest power to deceive and destroy, **he spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist.** It is his policy to conceal himself and his manner of working.

GC 516.2



THE CHURCH OF SATAN

Why do Satanists worship The Devil?

We don't. Satanists are atheists. We see the universe as being indifferent to us, and so all morals and values are subjective human constructions... As such, we do not promote a belief in a personal Satan.



THE SATANIC TEMPLE

Do you worship Satan?

No, nor do we believe in the existence of Satan or the supernatural. The Satanic Temple believes that religion can, and should, be divorced from superstition. As such, we do not promote a belief in a personal Satan.

A Pandemic of Spiritualism

- **Cross-species Transmission** - Evil angels are actively spreading their influence, both overtly and discreetly.
 - **Asymptomatic Spread** - Spiritualism can be transmitted by those who show "no symptoms;" those who don't believe in the devil or the supernatural.
 - **Community Spread** - Spiritualism can be transmitted indirectly "over-the-air," via media of all types.
 - **Pandemic** - Have we reached the point of a global pandemic?
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The very name of witchcraft is now held in contempt. The claim that men can hold intercourse with evil spirits is regarded as a fable of the Dark Ages. **But spiritualism, which numbers its converts by hundreds of thousands, yea, by millions, which has made its way into scientific circles, which has invaded churches, and has found favor in legislative bodies, and even in the courts of kings—this mammoth deception is but a revival, in a new disguise, of the witchcraft condemned and prohibited of old.**

GC 556.2

Overt Spiritualism



$$P_{nom} = P$$
$$q_{nom} = \left(1 + \frac{P}{100}\right) = (1+i)$$
$$P_{rel} = P \cdot \frac{1}{m} = \frac{P}{m}$$



Discreet Spiritualism



No Eradication

Until the Second Coming

Prevention

Boost Our Immune System

What should we do?

- Be Humble, Don't be Naïve, Stay Close to Jesus

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

What should we do?

- Be Humble, Don't be Naïve, Stay Close to Jesus
 - Be Filled with the Holy Spirit
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This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh...Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, **witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:16, 19-21

What should we do?

- Be Humble, Don't be Naïve, Stay Close to Jesus
 - Be Filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Put on the Whole Armor of God
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Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:11-12

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? 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 8:19-20

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4



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