DECEPTION IN SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

(The numbers in these notes correspond to the slide numbers in the Powerpoint, so they can be used together) IN OUR 3 DAY SEMINAR WE HAVE COVERED:

1. **DECEPTION & DISCERNMENT IN THE LAST DAYS**
2. **DECEPTION # 1 Deceiving Doctrines**

**DECEPTION # 2 Fake Remedies and Quack Medicines**

**DECEPTION # 3 Impure Ministries & Polluted Anointings**

**DECEPTION # 4 Inner Deceptions of the Heart**

1. **NOW WE WILL LOOK AT: DECEPTION #5 FINANCIAL SCAMS & DECEPTIVE PRODUCTS**

There are many types of Deceptive Products and Financial Scams, all seeking to deceive people and rob their money. Many of these are promoted thru the internet. A few examples:

2 YEARS AGO AN EMAIL TO SISTER LINDA:

**4)** You had a distant relative who owned a diamond mine, and when he died, in his will he said he wanted to give it to you… you have $MILLIONS waiting for you, just send us your bank information and $500 for bank transfer fees we will deposit the money in your account.” (then they can enter your account & steal your money as well as collect the $500!)

Linda wrote back to tell him he was a deceiver & needed to give his life to Jesus Christ…. He replied, ‘praise the Lord, sister!” It was a pastor trying to “plunder the wealth of the Egyptians!”

 OR A SCAM 35 YEARS AGO (the best that I can remember it):

**5)** After WW2 the gold that Yamashita stole from the Philippines ended up in a US bank… was to now be returned to the Filipino people. But since the government cannot be trusted, a system to distribute the money is being organized… If you register (only P500) you will soon be given hundreds of thousands of pesos! If you want to become the local administrator of the organization, just send us P2,000 for the uniform you will be given as an officer, and send us your biodata, and soon you will receive 2 million pesos!

**6)** MANY PASTORS PAID TO BECOME LOCAL ADMINISTRATORS, and preached to their congregations to join quickly before the money would be distributed! New people started to attend the churches, to hear the latest news about when the money would arrive!

Many pastors started preaching about the scam instead of preaching the Word of God… People stopped looking for the 2nd Coming of Christ, because they were waiting for the 2nd Coming of Yamashita’s gold! Many people signed up and payed, but the promised money was delayed month after month… until the scam fell apart and the church members were angry at their pastors for the money they lost!

OR SCAMS GOING ON NOW:

**7)** You get a text or email- you need to update your bank information to protect from stolen data being used to rob your bank account (so then they rob you!)

8) Fake investments: great new business, invest now and you will get 50% return in 3 months… first few people are paid their money! so more & more excited people join, until new people joining slows down and the ‘company’ quits paying the majority of the people who are left with nothing! (pyramid, or ponzi scam)

Or… great new product (sometimes bad quality or way overpriced)- pay p5,000 to become a distributor- get more people to join the company under you, and you will get paid more! (building a pyramid, it will collapse)

Many companies- even companies led by unsaved people- search for pastors & Christian leaders to join their company and promote their products. Why? Because people trust what their pastor says! If you promote a bad business & you might make some money- at the cost of your reputation!

9) DON’T SELL YOUR REPUTATION TO GAIN MONEY THRU A BUSINESS THAT FAILS AND LEAVES BEHIND MANY DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS- THEY WILL BLAME YOU & NO LONGER TRUST WHAT YOU SAY!

also, don’t borrow money to invest in a get-rich scheme- you will get burned!

**10) DECEPTION #6:** **FAKE NEWS & CONSPIRACY THEORIES**

Deception & fake news is growing- An example, more & more people are believing that the world is flat! Many people around the world believe the Apollo moon landings were faked!

A lawyer speaking for a large political gathering in the USA earlier this week said that the destruction of the World Trade center on 9/11 was a fake, it was photoshopped!

Politicians around the world regularly lie and promote fake news!

**11)** PRACTICAL WISDOM TO DETECT FAKE NEWS:

A) Do I recognize the news organization that posted the story as being a stable, reputable news organization?

B) Does the information in the posted news seem professionally reported, and seem believable? If poor reporting, if not credible news sources [a secret informer told us…] - often fake news!

C) Is the news sensationalist or frightening, making you need the further help of the group spreading this news?

(Join our secret group, fighting for the truth!)

D) Check out the news at a fact check website

E) Is the posted news politically motivated? Different political parties accusing each other? Different nations accusing each other? CHINA: Covid-19 not from Wuhan, from the USA- from Ft. Bragg.

EXAMPLE OF HOW FAKE NEWS IS GROWING from CHINA (but we are to love the Chinese people! Most nations spread fake news & propaganda, China just does it more than anyone else…

**12)** In an October 2013 report, the Beijing News, which is published by the Chinese communist government, said more than two million workers are responsible for helping to police the internet and social media. Called "public opinion analysts," most of them work for the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda department.

The government propaganda machine is bigger than their armed forces- in the year 2013 the Chinese military was 1.5 million strong, while the "public opinion analysts," were 2 million strong! And that 2 million does not include the untold thousands of people in the military who are involved with internet spying and other secret propaganda efforts.

**13)** A study done in 2016 by Harvard University professor Gary King in 2016 revealed that the Chinese government produces 488 million 'fake' social media posts a year, to influence people inside and outside the nation to support the activities and goals of the Chinese government.

Many millions of these social media posts are spread throughout the world, spreading communist propaganda. If you read comments that people post after a news report that is online, some of them are actually written by Chinese ‘trolls’ that will praise China and speak negatively about other nations! (Check their use of the English language- some of the comments after news reports about China were definitely not written by Filipinos!)

Not just China- many governments do this! (but China has the biggest propaganda machine)

Pray for the people in China! There are many beautiful Christians there, persecuted by govt

Anything posted in chat groups or anywhere on the internet, is almost immediately deleted if it criticizes the communist government. International sources of information are monitored, and news critical of the Chinese government and leaders is blocked.

**14)** Google is always blocked. YouTube, Twitter, & Facebook are all forbidden. Computer programs automatically police the internet, blocking any news about subjects that can criticize the govt (Tienmen Square, human rights, covid-19 info, etc,) The internet blocking of international news is so strong that it is commonly referred to as “The Great Firewall of China”

**15)** Fake news also often grows into making conspiracy theories. The Wuhan Institute of Virology has been proposed as the birthplace of Covid-19. That is a theory that may be true, but China will not allow that to be properly researched, so cannot be proven properly.

**16)** In reaction against that, China began to spread a conspiracy theory, that covid-19 actually started in a military base in the USA! That theory was rejected worldwide by scientists, but a few months ago, just before the US Govt report on whether covid-19 may have started in the Chinese Virus Laboratory, the news media in China flooded the nation with fake news reports about how the virus started in the USA. (They kept quoting from the Global Times which as not global, but published by the Chinese communist party. They quoted internet sources that had just been started the day before- they had just been set up to offer ‘proof’ of the USA starting Covid-19, but had no scientific proof.) No one outside of China believed their conspiracy theories, but many of the Chinese citizens believed it, protecting the Chinses Govt from having their people angry at them if the USA report confirmed that China manufactured the virus at their lab- the Chinese government would dismiss it as ‘fake news’ and most of their people would believe them..

17) Another Conspiracy Theory that has spread through many Muslim nations was that Polio vaccinations were a conspiracy of the Western Christian nations (or sometimes, the Jews were accused of the plan) to attack and weaken the Muslim nations of the world.

**18)** Here is a publication in Urdu, a language used in Pakistan and India. It declares that Polio Vaccinations are a Jewish Conspiracy! During the last 10 years there has been an increasing number of Muslim parents that will not allow their children to be vaccinated for measles, polio, or other diseases. Conspiracy theories have multiplied, sometimes accusing the Jews, sometimes the CIA, and sometimes accusing the Western Christian nations.

**19)** News media in Pakistan have spread the report that “The Polio Vaccine Is A CIA Plot To Sterilize Muslim Children” another news article says: 'Jews, Who Dream Of Ruling The World, Have Invented... Vaccines, Drugs, And Injections... To Weaken Muslims.' One very popular Muslim Asian singer has caused thousands to reject getting their children vaccinated, saying “Allah is all-powerful, vaccines have no power.”

In Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan doctors and nurses have been threatened and even killed for offering vaccination shots for children. Rising cases of polio in Pakistan have caused other governments to consider having travel bans against Pakistanis that do not have vaccination cards, because they have already spread polio infections to many nations including China, Egypt, Palestine, and Syria.

THESE CONSPIRACY THEORIES HAVE BEEN SPREADING AROUND THE MUSLIM NATIONS FOR OVER 10 YEARS: Vaccination shots a conspiracy to help control the world! Vaccination shots bring disease & death! Trust God and reject the Jab! BUT THIS IS NOT AGAINST COVID-19, THIS IS AGAINST POLIO SHOTS! (Now, the same conspiracies are being declared about covid-19! Result: polio cases are rising… To travel internationally, vaccination cards might be required! THE SAME CONSPIRACY THEORIES AGAINST POLIO SHOTS ARE NOW BEING SPOKEN ABOUT COVID-19 SHOTS!

\* A preacher from Laguna has preached in Rizal province, if you get the jab, you will die within 2 years!

\* Many Christian preachers & churches have said, we will trust in God & not be vaccinated against covid-19… until they start getting very sick, spread infection to the community, and some start dying! (Then many change!)

**20)** 5 MILLION + HAVE DIED OF COVID-19 -OVER 99% OF THEM WOULD HAVE LIVED IF THEY HAD BEEN VACCINATED! (Several hundred people have died from vaccination side-effects, not for all

BUT: millions of lives can be saved! May you gain protection against deadly sickness by getting vaccinated! (Which vaccine? Doc Raden, a Filipino Zion pastor who is also a medical doctor in Singapore, had a wise reply: “Get the first vaccine that you can!”

CONSPIRACY THEORIES HAVE SAID: “THE COVID VACCINATION IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST! Unscriptural and rediculous! In Rev.13:16-17, the mark is to permit buying & selling- the coming antichrist will want to control world finances with the mark. Also, the mark is on your forehead or right hand- get the jab in your left shoulder!

The Muslims said the polio jabs were a conspiracy from the CIA, or from the Jews- now people are saying that the covid epidemic, or its vaccination, are from 5g cellphone technology, or are a conspiracy from Bill Gates, or from George Soros, or from the Illuminati! Many of these conspiracy theories are just old theories recycled by blaming new people.

**21)** Yes, we are in the last days- the Antichrist will arise in the coming years- there will be the mark of the beast in the coming years- but if we cannot discern and reject error now, how will we be ready to discern the truth when the Antichrist and the mark of the beast arrive?

22) Let us gain wisdom and discernment, to become overcomers in these Last Days!