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EASY TO DECEIVE

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How easy do you think it is to deceive people, overall? I don't mean to pick on any special group at all, but let's take the Afro-American population for starters. If you are Afro-American, please reserve your response to this article until you have read it in its entirety. The great overall majority (over 90%) consider themselves to be Democrats. They hate, despise, loathe and simply distrust the Republican party.

But how many of them have truly remembered the historical events of their freedom? In 1854 a **Democratically** controlled Supreme Court refused to allow black slaves the right to vote.

June 19th is Emancipation Proclamation Day. It is observed religiously by the great overall preponderance of our Afro-American brethren. They all profess love for President Abraham Lincoln who was a REPUBLICAN!

Would you believe that the overall preponderance of Afro-Americans were Republican and held many offices in the government in Southern states after the Civil War until the Democratic party gained the upper edge? It was the Southern Democratic party that formulated the KKK, poll tax, literacy tests and other means in order to discourage and outright forbid the Afro-American rights and vote.

In more recent history several Democrat presidents have worked on behalf of Afro-American rights only to be prevented by their own party (Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, etc.), while the Republican president Dwight D. Eisenhower made great strides in achieving Afro-American rights.

While Kennedy and Johnson (both Democrats) were the ones who introduced the Civil Rights Bill, their own party resisted

its passage. Johnson needed 269 votes in order to pass the act in the House of Congress, but could only garner 198 votes out of the 315 Democratic seats. He had to go to the Republican party in order to make up the difference. Only 18 Senators resisted the Civil Rights Act. Seventeen were Democrat with only one Republican voting in the negative.

*In recent years, much national media coverage has focused on allegations of election fraud in Dade County and West Palm Beach, Florida; St. Louis, Missouri; Michigan (the buying of votes); New Mexico (the destruction of thousands of uncounted ballots); etc. Significantly, each one of these incidents occurred in an area that was overwhelmingly Democratic and where the elections had been administered by Democratic election officials. The fact that such problems occur in areas under Democratic rather than Republican control might surprise many today, but it would not have surprised African-Americans a century ago.

TREACHERY

Historically, the Republican party has been pro-Afro-American, while the Democratic party has been anti-Afro-American, yet, as stated previously, the overall preponderance of the Afro-American brethren are pro-Democratic and anti-Republican. Why is this? The two primary reasons have to do with leaders and knowledge. Like it or not, all people, no matter the race, have sheep-like mentalities. The sheep follow their leaders. It is obvious that there have been great black leaders, highly respected by their peers, who have sold out to the highest bidder. This is treachery!

Of course, treachery is nothing new. The prophet Isaiah was inspired to declare, "Behold, Yahweh maketh the earth empty, and



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maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for Yahweh hath spoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of Yahweh, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15 Wherefore glorify ye Yahweh in the fires, even the name of Yahweh Elohim of Israel in the isles of the sea.

16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! **the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.**

17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth," Isa. 24:1-17.

While Isa. 24 is a warning to the inhabitants of the earth in general, it certainly includes Israel and Judah. But Jeremiah does

deal with the treachery exhibited by both of the houses of Israel, "Yahweh said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith Yahweh.

11 And Yahweh said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah," Jer. 3:6-11.

We have to conclude that treachery is simply a fact of life in man's dealing whether it comes from leadership or even the people themselves. People, whether black, white, yellow, red, etc., are made ready pawns in the hands of those who are quite willing to mislead them for what they deem to be their own personal benefit.

KNOWLEDGE

But the other essential ingredient is knowledge. Do you think that if the average Afro-American citizen knew the whole gamut of facts that they would continue to wholeheartedly support the Democrats? Probably, because it is so easy for the human mind to be swayed to believe lies and hate and reject the truth.

Many of today's highly educated Afro-American citizens are found to be members of the Republican party. Why? Could it be that they understand the true history? Could it be that they have gained a little wisdom due to knowledge? Yet, most of these Afro-American citizens are labeled as "Uncle Toms" by their opposing Democratic brethren.



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But still, so many, many of the more educated Afro-Americans continue to cling to the Democratic party because of peer pressure and because of a sheep-like mentality to follow the leaders. But the question would now be, Who really is the true "Uncle Tom?"

The same situation applied in Judah's and Israel's times. Yahweh lamented, "Hear the word of Yahweh, ye children of Israel: for Yahweh hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because **there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of Elohim in the land.**

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me:** seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy Elohim, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to Yahweh," Hos. 4:1-10.

When you get right down to it, the overall preponderance of people hate knowledge. Israel hated knowledge. Judah hated knowledge. Adam and Eve hated knowledge. We are all the offspring of Adam and Eve. Oh, men love knowledge alright, but the knowledge that most love is the knowledge to do evil. Most hate and reject the knowledge to do good and right, especially the good and right deemed appropri-

ate by Yahweh.

Man likes to establish his own system of religious knowledge apart and separate from the knowledge of Yahweh. Of course, he likes to say that he is utilizing the Scriptures as his guide, but has given himself over to a spirit that seeks to counterfeit a system that seems similar to what Yahweh's word says but is still in opposition to His truths. Once again, it all has to do with deceptive treacherous leaders and the sheep-like mentality of the people.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

The following article appeared recently on the internet:

Halloween on Sunday troubles some Southerners

Across the Bible Belt this Halloween some little ghosts and goblins might get shooed away by the neighbors – and some youngsters will not get to go trick or treating at all – because the holiday falls on Sunday this year. "It's a day for the good Lord, not for the devil," said Barbara Braswell, who plans to send her 4-year-old granddaughter Maliyah out trick-or-treating in a princess costume on Saturday instead.

Some towns around the country are decreeing that Halloween be celebrated on Saturday to avoid complaints from those who might be offended by the sight of demons and witches ringing their doorbell on the Sabbath.

Others insist the holiday should be celebrated on October 31 no matter what.

"Moving it, that's like celebrating Christmas a week early," said Veronica Wright, who bought a Power Rangers costume for her son in Newnan. "It's just a kid thing. It's not for real."

It is an especially sensitive issue for authorities in the Bible Belt across the South.

"You just don't do it on Sunday," said Sandra Hulseley of Greenville, Georgia. "That's Christ's day. You go to church on Sunday, you don't go out and celebrate the devil. That'll confuse a child."

In Newnan, a suburb south of Atlanta, the City Council decided to go ahead with trick-or-treating on Sunday. In 1999, the last time Oc-



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tober 31 fell on a Sunday, the city moved up trick-or-treating to Saturday, which brought howls of protest.

"We don't need to confuse people with this," Councilman George Alexander said.

In Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham, a furor erupts every time Halloween falls on Sunday. Local officials decided not to take a stand this time.

"About 15 years ago, we decided to have Halloween on Saturday instead. People went crazy. We said, 'Never again,'" recalled Starr Burbic, longtime secretary to the mayor. "It messed everybody up to move Halloween. Some people don't like having it on a Sunday, but we just couldn't find a way to make everyone happy."

The patchwork of trick-or-treat zones could work to children's advantage: Some might go out on both nights to get all the treats they can.

With so many towns split over when Halloween should be celebrated, many are going with a porch-light compromise: If people do not want trick-or-treaters, they simply turn off their lights, and parents are asked not to have kids knock there.

"Most people don't have a problem with it. It's a pretty universal compromise, so that's what we go with," said Grand Rapids, Michigan, police Lt. Douglas Brinkley.

Doesn't this article reveal how ridiculously deceived the people are? In the first place, they are confused as to which day is the true Sabbath. The true Sabbath is the seventh day of the week (Saturday) not the first day of the week (Sunday).

But here again, there is another point of confusion. The true Biblical days take place from around sunset to sunset, not from midnight to midnight. Thus, if the people are observing Halloween on what is called Saturday night, in the Creator's eyes, and according to Biblical reasoning, Halloween would really be observed on Sunday, the first day of the week anyway. To observe it Sunday night is really observing it on Monday, the second day of the week.

But then, there is the statement that Halloween is just for kids. Oh really!? Then why

do we see so many adults dressed up in these silly costumes in working establishments? Why are there also many adult costume parties if it is just for the kids?

Besides that, Halloween has to do with witches, sorcerers, devils, goblins, the dead, etc., etc. Why do churches, which proclaim to be following the Bible, allow such practices since the Holy Scriptures vehemently denounce witches, sorcerers, demons, devils, etc.?

Yahweh declares, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live," Ex. 22:18. "When thou art come into the land which Yahweh thy Elohim giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto Yahweh: and because of these abominations Yahweh thy Elohim doth drive them out before thee," Dt. 18:9-12.

Of course, Christianity declares, That is Old Testament. The Old Testament is done away. We are under the New Testament.

The Apostle Paul writes, "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, murder, 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 Elohim," Gal. 5:19-21.

Do you get that!? Halloween was never commanded to be observed by Yahweh. It was observed by idolatry! Witches, sorcerers, demons, devils, the revellings of Halloween,



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etc., are revealed by both Old and New Testaments as an abomination to Yahweh! They are works of the flesh, not of the Spirit. To continue in the works of the flesh causes one to lose their inheritance in the kingdom of heaven!

So why do many churches allow such practices to continue and even promote them with such activities on their own properties? Because the pastors and leaders are dealing treacherously with the people. They are failing to stand for the truth. They are causing the people to lose their inheritance.

If parents are believers, why would they allow their children to dress up thusly since the Scriptures forbid such? The statement that It's for the children is truly a false statement. Halloween is dedicated to Satan and his demonic devils. It's for Satan, not the children. The children are being indoctrinated with the idea that witches, sorcerers, Satan, devils, demons, goblins, etc. are cool, innocent, OK.

Shame on this ministry if we don't speak out against such things! Shame on this ministry if we don't reveal the truth of the matter irregardless of the consequences!

MORE DECEPTION

With this in mind, let's just address more deceptions that are rampant in this world that has been deceived by that old dragon Satan the devil (Rev. 12:9).

Sunday, the first day of the week, is not the Sabbath. You can search the Scriptures out and you will find that the seventh day is the Sabbath that was sanctified by our Creator Yahweh (Gen. 1, 2; Ex. 20:8-11; Lev. 23:1-3). Yahshua and the disciples/apostles all kept the Sabbath day (Mk. 1:21, 6:2; Lk. 4:16, 31, 13:10; Acts 13:14, 42, 44, 17:2, 18:4).

Sunday, the first day of the week, is the day of idolatrous sun worship. Again, Paul charges us to "...flee from idolatry," 1 Cor. 10:14. But because of treacherous leaders

who utilize false, subtle, reasonings to get around Scripture, the sheep are continually deceived.

Scripture commands us to observe Passover and the days of unleavened bread (Ex. 12, Lev. 23, etc.), but most so-called New Testament believers observe Easter (Ishtar) instead. See Ez. 8 for Yahweh's condemnation of Easter sunrise services.

Scripture commands us to observe the other annual holy days (Lev. 23), but Biblical leaders proclaim that those days are done away, however, they lead the sheep to observe and celebrate Christmas as the birthday of the Savior which they openly admit is not true. December 25th is the birthday of the *Natilis Invicti Solis* or the Unconquered sun, also Nimrod, Apollo and various other sun gods of paganism.

Again, Christianity teaches that Yahweh's law, the ten commandments are done away, but the commandments describe to us what sin is (1 Jn. 3:4). If the commandments are done away, then there is no such thing as sin. If there is no such thing as sin, then a person doesn't need to repent. He doesn't need a Savior.

Are you beginning to see how easy it is to deceive mankind? We hope so. Scripture says that Satan has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9). The Scriptures begin to declare that great deception in the book of Genesis and in the book of Revelation, the serpent is still around deceiving the world.

Isn't it time to begin to rethink things? Isn't it time to begin to study the Scriptures where the real truth is? Isn't it time to allow Yahweh's word to correct your life? We must admit that when a person begins to go the right way, it feels a little strange, but the benefits of truth and the true way far outweigh the ways of falsehood, deceit, a false hope, etc.

We encourage repentance of one's sins. We encourage all to acknowledge the deception



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that has so easily swayed their lives. Turn to Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the Son. Embrace their word of truth and prepare for a real future that will never end. HalleluYah!!!

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