

ARE YOU DECEIVED?

THE MARVELOUS WORKING OF SATAN?

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QUESTION 1 – WHAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN POINT OF EMPHASIS? [Fill in the blank]

Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-24

QUESTION 2 – WHAT ARE THE TWO FOUNDATIONS TO SPIRITUALISM? [Fill in the blank]

Through the **two great errors**, (1) _____ and (2) _____, Satan will bring the people under his . . . the former lays the **foundation of spiritualism**. . . {GC 588.1}

| Psalm 11:3

QUESTION 3 – WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM? [Fill in the blank]

a system of **belief** or **religious practice** based on _____ **communication** with the _____ of the _____, especially through **mediums**.

QUESTION 4 – WHAT'S THE KEY AGAINST SPIRITUALISM? [Fill in the blank]

_____ | 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

WIDESPREAD DELUSION

I saw the **rapidity** with which this **delusion** was **spreading**. A train of cars was shown me, going with the speed of lightning. The angel bade me **look carefully**. I fixed my eyes upon the train. It seemed that the **whole world was on board, that there could not be one left**. Said the angel, "They are binding in bundles ready to burn." Then he showed me the **conductor**, who **appeared** like a **stately, fair person**, whom **all** the passengers looked up to and **reverenced**. I was perplexed and asked my attending angel **who it was**. He said, "**It is Satan**. He is the **conductor** in the form of **an angel of light**. He has taken the **world captive**. They are given over to strong **delusions, to believe a lie**, that they may be **damned**. This agent, the next highest in order to him, is the engineer, and other of his agents are employed in different offices as he may need them, and they are all going **with lightning speed to perdition**." {EW 88.2}

| Revelation 12:9 | 2 Corinthians 11:14

When does the great deception take place?

By the **decree enforcing** the **institution** of the **papacy** in **violation** of the **law** of God, our nation will **disconnect** herself **fully** from **righteousness**. When **Protestantism** shall **stretch** her hand across the gulf to **grasp the hand of the Roman power**, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with **spiritualism**, when, under the influence of this **threefold union**, our country shall **repudiate every principle** of its **Constitution** as a **Protestant and republican government**, and shall make provision for the **propagation** of **papal falsehoods** and **delusions**, **then** we may **know** that the **time** has come for the **marvelous working of Satan** and that the end is near. {5T 451.1}

QUESTION 5 – WHAT IS THE THREE FOLD UNION? Fill in the blank]

- ① _____ = _____
② _____ = _____
③ _____ = _____

| Revelation 16:13-14

In the **last great conflict** of the controversy with Satan those who are **loyal** to God will see

_____ Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to _____ **or** _____. {DA 121.3}

QUESTION 6 – WHEN DOES THE GREAT DECEPTION TAKE PLACE? [Fill in the blank]

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FALSE PROPHET | Isaiah 9:15, Revelation 16:13-14, 19:20

Who is the false prophet?— Rev 13:11-15 — Signs and Wonders —Gains Confidence — Deceived — Make Image to Beast | {Deuteronomy13:1-4}

SATAN'S KEY DELUSION

I saw the rapping **delusion**—what progress it was making, and that if it were possible it would **deceive the very elect**. Satan will have **power** to bring before us the **appearance** of forms **purporting** to be our **relatives** or **friends now sleeping in Jesus**. It will be made to **appear** as if these friends were **present**; the words that they uttered while here, with which we were familiar, will be spoken, and the same tone of voice that they had while living will fall upon the ear. **All this is to deceive the saints and ensnare them into the belief of this delusion.** {EW 87.1}

QUESTION 7 – WHAT ARE THE DELUSIONS OF SATAN UNDER THE APPEARANCE AS LOVED ONES?

[Fill in the blank]

I saw that the saints must get a **thorough understanding** of **present truth**, which they will be **obliged to maintain** from the **Scriptures**. They **must understand** the _____; [EW 87]...

Scriptures:

| Ecclesiastes 9:5 | Job 7:9-10

QUESTION 8 – WHAT ARE THE DELUSIONS OF SATAN UNDER THE APPEARANCE AS LOVED ONES?

[Fill in the blank]

...for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives, who will declare to them that the _____, also other unscriptural doctrines. They will do all in their power to **excite sympathy** and will work **miracles** before them to confirm what they declare. The people of God must be prepared to **withstand** these **spirits** with the **Bible truth** that the **dead know not anything**, and that they who appear to them are the **spirits of devils**. Our minds must not be taken up with things around us, but must be **occupied** with the **present**

truth and a **preparation** to give a reason of our hope with meekness and fear. We must seek wisdom from on high that we may **stand** in this day of **error** and **delusion**. {EW 87.2}

HEALING DELUSION

As **spiritualism** more closely **imitates** the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to **deceive** and **ensnare**. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. **He will appear in the character of an angel of light**. Through the agency of **spiritualism**, **miracles** will be wrought, **the sick will be healed**, and many **undeniable wonders** will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power. {GC 588.2}

TEST FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. **God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick, and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power**. They will then be **regarded as healed**. **These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test**. Many who have had great light will fail to walk in the light, because they have not become one with Christ.—{2SM 53.3}

QUESTION 9 – WHAT OTHER POWER WILL BE MANIFESTED? [Fill in the blank]

Men and women are not to study the **science** of how to take **captive** the **minds** of those who associate with them. This is the science that Satan teaches. We are to resist everything of the kind. **We are not to tamper with _____ and _____**— the science of the one who lost his first estate and was cast out of the heavenly courts. {MM 110.5}

Nature's process of healing and upbuilding is gradual, and to the impatient it seems slow.. [MH 127.3]
[People will end up going to faith healing for rapid healing and will at the same time be deceived]

SATAN'S DELUSIONS

- Fire coming down
- Calamities
- **False revivals [Modern Revivals]**

FALSE REVIVALS WITHIN

Also of your **own selves** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them
– Acts 20:30.

| Isaiah 8:20 | | 1 John 4:1

Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. {TM 409.3}

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QUESTION 10 – WHAT IS THE CROWING ACT OF SATAN'S DECEPTIONS? [Fill in the blank]

As the **crowning act** in the **great drama** of **deception**, **Satan** himself will _____. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a **majestic** being of **dazzling** brightness, **resembling the description of the Son of God** given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. **The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld.** The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "**Christ has come! Christ has come!**" The people **prostrate** themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. ... His voice is **soft** and **subdued**, yet **full of melody**. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, **he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday**, and **commands all** to hallow the **day** which **he has blessed**. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the **seventh day** are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the **strong, almost overmastering delusion**. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the **multitudes**, from the **least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God."** Acts 8:10. {GC 624.2}

SOLUTION TO DELUSION

The last great **delusion** is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the **Holy Scriptures**. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested. {GC 593.1}

What **causes** the delusions? | 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

What's **solution** to delusions? | | Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus' warning...

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light – 2 Corinthians 11:14

QUESTION 11 – WHAT ARE THE FIVE SIGNS TO AVOID DECEPTIONS OF CHRIST SECOND COMING?

[Fill in the blank]

1. _____ – Acts 1:9-11
2. _____ – Matthew 24:27,30 / Revelation 1:7
3. _____ – Matthew 24:11,23-27
4. _____ – Matthew 25:31 / Hebrews 12:22
5. _____ – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

SATAN'S DELUSIONS

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- **Make of none effect the testimonies**

QUESTION 12 – WHAT IS THE LAST DECEPTION OF SATAN? [Fill in the blank]

The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a

The _____ of Satan will be to make of _____ the testimony of the Spirit of God. "Where

there is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony {1SM 48}

As the end draws near and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the Testimonies, which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise. {5T 654.2}

What is Laodicea's condition? Revelation 3:17 | 1 Samuel 9:9 | 2 Corinthians 4:3

QUESTION 13 – WHAT IS THE DIVINE ORDER OF HOW GOD REVEALS TRUTH TO THE CHURCHES?

Revelation 1:1-4

Amos 3:7, Hosea 12:13, 2 Chronicles 20:20

It is Satan's plan to (1)weaken the faith of God's people in the Testimonies. (2)Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the **pillars of our position**, (3)then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, (4)and then the downward march to perdition. When the Testimonies, which were **once believed**, are **doubted** and **given up**, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable and ends in destruction. {4T 211}

One thing is **certain**: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner will **FIRST give up** their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit." {3SM 84}

QUESTION 13 – THE POWER OF THE MESSAGE [Fill in the blank]

The **officers** who were sent to Jesus came back with the report that **never** man _____ as He _____. **But the reason for this was that never man _____ as He _____**. Had His life been other than it was, He could not have spoken as He did. His words bore with them a convincing **power**, because they came from a heart pure and holy, full of love and sympathy, benevolence and truth. {MH 469.2}

Many Pioneers lost their way and abandoned the church as a result of disregarding the Spirit of Prophecy!

Excerpt from the message: *"The Peril of Worldly Trends"*

Have we allowed worldly contact or policy to subvert the movement? Have we changed the spirit and purpose of this movement?...**DO WE BELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY?** We say we do. Are we among those to whom Christ said, "Ye say, and do not"? Most of our people know of the standards as taught in the Spirit of prophecy, and when they see us violating them in our practice, they lose faith, not only in the Testimonies, but in our leadership. Let us be consistent leaders. **Let us practice what we preach.**

– James Lamar McElhany – *General Conference President 1936 to 1950*

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