

Satan's Decoy

If someone knows the true God, then how could he even think that Christianity is true, any more than any other world religion? I mean, it hardly makes sense. Christianity is a false religion. There has to be something false. Some people are drawn to what is false and believe it.

There is going to be a deception, and there is going to be the truth. The deception that is coming will test all mankind, and will be in contrast to the emerging Twelve Tribes. If Isa 49:6 is *actually* being fulfilled, if that verse is *actually* a living reality, an *actual* twelve-tribed nation, then *that* is the truth. Mk 9:11-12 is *actually* prophecy, and if we are *actually* fulfilling that, then we are the restoration of all things in this age that will *actually* bring about the restoration of all things in the next age (Acts 3:21).

The restoration of all things goes back to the original pattern of the first century church, just as we spoke about returning to the “original pattern” of the *Yellow Deli*. Our original pattern for the *Yellow Deli* was simply to have a place where we could work together and serve the fruit of the Spirit. Once we were saved, we all needed something to do. The only reason we developed industries was to make enough money to provide for the materials we needed to build our cafés, not out of necessity to make a living. We are trying to get back to the original pattern of the *Yellow Deli* in our cafés. We have drifted off. We need to maintain the pattern of how they should look, and not make them so elaborate. And we need to bring our menu back down to being simple, and not all this stuff that appeals to rich people. If we do not keep to the original pattern, we could become like Christianity in our cafés.

No one in his right mind would agree that Christianity is the true witness, that Jn 13:35 and 17:23 is expressed in Christianity. All men will know those who are truly His disciples by their love for one another. People will know because they *see* love — they observe love in every place where our Father has caused His name to dwell. They

observe us loving one another. Jn 13:35 and 17:23 has to be fulfilled by a people — either us or someone else who really and truly loves as our Master loves. That is how all men will *know* we are His disciples, and love is how *we* know that we have passed out of death and into life (1 Jn 3:14). By our love for one another the whole world will *know* that we are His disciples, and will *know* that He has loved them:

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (Jn 17:22-23)

No one could say that is the witness of Christianity. I don't think anyone could say that about their 39,000 denominational differences. A *denomination* is a different understanding. There are 39,000 different understandings of the Bible. This proves that Christians are not *one* — the whole “Body” of Christianity is not *one* — and this means that the one Holy Spirit (Eph 4:4) is not teaching them. The spirits over them and teaching them are not one, therefore Christianity is false.

Christianity is Satan's *decoy*. We need to understand what a *decoy* is, and that there has to be a decoy. Our Father allows us to be tested in many ways. It is hard for us to present the gospel these days because of that decoy. Either people get mixed up thinking we are Christians, or we have to say that Christianity is false and we make a lot of people mad.

Decoy (from the Dutch *de kooi*, literally, the cage) 1: a pond into which wildfowl are lured for capture; 2: someone or something used to lure or lead another into a trap; *especially*: an artificial or trained bird used to lure game into a place where it can be shot; 3: someone or something used to draw attention away from another.

So what is Christianity?

And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! (Rev 18:2)

Christianity is a prison; it is a trap, a cage. So many people have been lured into that trap, and they don't even know that they are in a trap. The second definition is "an artificial or trained bird used to lure game to a place where it can be shot."

No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds. (2 Cor 11:14-15)

An artificial or trained "bird" is one of Satan's servants or ministers. They masquerade as angels of light, servants of righteousness. Satan masquerades, and his servants do also. Paul had spoken these things to give the disciples a little understanding about what would happen in the last days, and even what was happening back then — there were preachers of that nature going around in the communities.

Christianity, Satan's decoy, is actually a *cunning* decoy, skilled in deception. It is a *very* deceptive decoy. *Cunning* means sly, crafty, or skilled. Christianity could not possibly be the truth, as long as *Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth*.¹ And he is, I'm telling you! Satan himself has deceived so many. I can tell you it is true, seeing what I saw in the Jesus Movement of the '60s.

Therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. (Rom 11:22)

This is a prophecy: that they, the first church, would also be cut off. Who was Paul writing this prophecy to? To Rome! Did they continue in His goodness and His kindness? The church in Rome was cut off, and if they are actually the head of Christianity (which they are) then everyone else is cut off. Yes, all of Christianity is cut off from God. And when anyone is cut off from God, he is connected to Satan, the god of this world. When you are connected to God, you are cut off from Satan. That happens in baptism, which saves you (1 Pet 3:21).

¹ The title of a book by Hal Lindsey.

There will always be a decoy. If you look anywhere in the Bible, there is always room to be deceived. Have you considered Job, God's servant? He was tested. Everyone who wants to be godly will be tested — to the core.

There is one thing I couldn't do: accept the "shepherds" in Christianity. I wanted to find a shepherd, but every time I would get one, I would have to leave him. They were all just "hirelings" and I couldn't follow them.

A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers... Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them... I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. (Jn 10:5-14)

They were all thieves and robbers. But there was nothing else except Christianity, so what was I supposed to do? I wanted to be saved. I tried to listen to their shepherds, but I could never be saved. I was looking for the true Shepherd, but could never find Him until the day I truly heard His voice. I could never follow that strange Jesus.

There will be decoys inside who will try to deceive us. They are not in tune with the Holy Spirit; they rise up in our midst and lead a following to themselves, just as it happens continually in Christianity today. One rises up and a group follows, starting another church; then from that group, someone rises up and leads others astray, starting another church, and that has happened 39,000 times. That is how all denominations start. Paul said there will be decoys from the outside and decoys from the inside trying to deceive us. A decoy is one who seeks his own glory.

This is one of my favorite passages:

I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My

voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd... My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. (Jn 10:14-16,27,28)

Somehow, finally, I came to recognize Him, the One who found me. He knows His own sheep and His sheep know Him. His sheep are not only “the Jews” (verse 14), but also us, in the last days (verse 16), just as it is also mentioned in Jn 11:52,

And not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

Here we are, those “children of God who are scattered abroad.” They will be one. Does it really say *one*? Does that mean one in essence, or numerically? Obviously, Jn 10:30 is oneness in essence, whereas Jn 11:52 is numerical oneness — one Body, one Spirit, one nation, one baptism. We need to understand the difference between the two kinds of oneness. When we stand together in the minchah, we are one in *essence*, not numerically. We are not one person *numerically*, but we are many members in one body.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:4-6)

There is one God of the true Body of Messiah. They are not denominated; there are no factions, no contrary opinions. We may have some misunderstandings to solve, but we have no different understanding of the Scriptures. The Twelve Tribes are one in essence, in nature. One Spirit teaches us, as in 1 Jn 2:27, preparing us for verse 28. If the Body is one, then there is one head; however, there are many members that make up the one Body of Messiah. Messiah is one, and we, His Body on earth, are one with one another, and one with Him.

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Messiah. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12-13)

So we can understand that Christianity is not one Body, because there is not one spirit leading them, there is “every foul spirit” (Rev 18:2). We want to help Christians

understand that Christianity is a *decoy* — Satan's decoy — and it has been and will be brought in through cunning deception. We do not say this to condemn *Christians*, but to condemn *Christianity*. We were once in it, trying to be saved, but there was something that just wasn't right, that wasn't true.

Cunning has many synonyms: sly, snide, crafty, astute, Machiavellian, artifice, factitious, shrewd, smooth...

Remember what a *decoy* is: "a place into which wild ducks, etc., are lured for capture; an artificial or trained bird used to lure game into a trap, or a place where they can be shot" (Rev 18:2). Christianity is a trap for every unclean spirit; it is a trap that we were lured into, even born into, trained by Catholicism or Protestantism. Of course, we want to help people come out.

Shoer — In duck hunting, the hunter sets the decoys out in a marshy area. When the other ducks fly over, and they look down and see those decoys sitting there all peacefully, and they think, "Oh, that is a safe place to go... there is fellowship there..." So the ducks come down, thinking they've found a place of safety, but that is where the hunter is lurking in his camouflage. He is masquerading down in that marsh. That is how Satan is.

You can see the decoy in 2 Corinthians 11:

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Messiah... (verses 2-3)

One husband — *ONE*. Christianity has many husbands, many *Jesuses*.

For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted — you may well put up with it! (verse 4)

They "put up" with it — they allowed it to go on in their midst.

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Messiah. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. (verses 13-15)

They transform themselves, masquerading: it's a lure, an enticement. Proverbs 7 gives a perfect picture of the Harlot:

... dressed as a harlot, cunning of heart ... at every corner she lies in wait. "My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey... at full moon he will come home." With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her... as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life. And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my mouth. Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng.² Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death. (Pr 7:10-27)

Jerry Falwell just died. He was a well known preacher. Where is he now? He went into death. And now what is he thinking? He has nothing ahead of him except eternity: the second death. He is in the first death now, and he'll be resurrected for the judgment, and then he will go into the second death as one who claimed to see (Jn 9:41). Jerry Falwell, right now, is in the same place in death as the rich man in Luke 16,

Then he cried and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame... this place of torment." (Lk 16:24,28)

The rich man is in a "place of torment," and that's where Jerry Falwell is right now. You can't even imagine what that place of torment is like. No one has been there and come back except our Master Yahshua. He went into that place of torment for us. That "place of torment" is what Christianity is luring people into. The evil one wants to lure everyone into that death, and make our Father look as if He was crazy to create man. Man has become the most corrupt thing on the earth, more corrupt than the rest of creation.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. (Ps 19:1)

You certainly can't say that right now about man, His highest creation. Look at man, how *great* he is! There's a saying, "Wars, stealin', killin', and a robbin'; you know this

² See also Rev 18:24.

world is one big problem.” That is God’s highest creation. But I can believe in God more if I look at the trees than if I look at man. But now there is a witness on the earth, and that witness has to be something people can look at and believe. The witness that will cause people to believe will be a people of oneness — love and unity. And that’s who we are. Whoever wants to be a part of that, can join us — if they give up their rotten, stinking life just as we had to.

Yachin — A decoy is a deliberate attempt to deceive; a hunter does not accidentally put out a decoy. He is deliberately trying to deceive that bird or animal, to take advantage of it and use it for himself. And that is what Christianity is — a deliberate attempt to deceive.

Satan is the head of Christianity.

Shoer — It is just amazing how perfect an analogy that is — a decoy. The true ducks are going to be people doing Jn 17:21-23 and 13:34-35 — loving one another, being one. I pictured people coming to us like ducks. Somehow they narrowly escaped the hunter when they landed in the pond with the decoys. And then they landed in another one and were shot at, and somehow they escaped all those denominations. And then they see a bunch of ducks that really look real, but can they trust again? They’re gun-shy. As Yônêq said, we’re not condemning Christians, but Christianity is condemned because it leads people astray towards the Hunter — the evil one, Satan. This makes me want to be faithful, so that we would not turn into just another decoy.

In the world, we were just “sitting ducks.” It is absolutely miraculous that our Father found us; it is miraculous. And now we can write articles about “sitting ducks.”

Neshel shel Zerubbabel — You can just see how evil it is, because there is the duck, flying and flying and flying and flying. It is *so* tired. And then it sees a place of rest... “There it is! Other ducks are there! Oh, good, I won’t be alone...” — and then KABOOM!

David Zerubbabel — Sitting ducks are those sitting in pews. I interviewed an old preacher one time, when I was in seminary, because I was writing a paper. This preacher was talking to me about his “gospel gun.” Every time he got someone to say the “sinner’s prayer,” he’d put another notch on the stock of his “gospel gun.” He literally said this: “If I could just get them to say, “Jesus is Lord,” I would add a notch.”

Soreph Gamaliel — You can just see the evil of it: the great struggle of human life, and then to get someone into a church and lie to him? You know very well it didn't do any good for you. That is the evil of it, because you're offering a salvation you're not experiencing. If we say one thing, and it is not a reality in our life, then we are "taking His name in vain." We have access to the power to make His Word true in our life. Truly, I don't want to invite people in, only to disappoint them. I was disappointed in Christianity.

Rachel shel Mevaser — The reason a decoy is such an evil trap is because our Father is wanting to make a home for the lonely. Our Master said, "Come, all you weary ones, and find rest." But then the decoy is there and instead of getting a place of rest, the person gets destroyed.

Natan — I'm thankful that our life is about being together. The evil one's ultimate goal is that everyone would just end up alone in death. Everyone is being separated to be more and more isolated, ultimately to just go to death and be totally cut off from our Father. But then in contrast, our life is getting more and more together. It is just incredible. I am thankful that there is the real thing forming, and I'm part of it.

I don't know exactly how far the Twelve Tribes advanced in the first century. I know that a letter was written to the Twelve Tribes, and that is the Body of Messiah. Acts 13:47 and Acts 26:7 talk about the Twelve Tribes. As written in Isa 49:6, it is one thing to be born, and it is another thing to escape death; it is one thing for the Twelve Tribes to be raised up on the earth, but the *greater* thing is to be a light to the nations. It is easy to start something, but it is hard to finish it. It is one thing to lose weight, but it is another thing to keep it off. The hardest thing is to maintain something. It is going to take every effort.