

Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent. (Jeremiah 20:9)

The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy. (Revelation 19:10c)

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Nothing Is As It Seems—Day of Illusion (Word/Commentary)

A word came on **December 2, 2010**: ***The world is in shambles. Nothing is as it seems.*** To be clear, the word *shamble* means “a scene or condition of complete disorder or ruin (destroyed, collapsed, decayed)”.

This was nearly eleven years ago and look where we are at today. Ruin abounds! This did not happen overnight but has been building for decades, and now we are at the apex of what is best called a ***very dark period***. Name the ruin (or: crumbling) and practically every area of the world is experiencing some form of it. Today, think of Afghanistan.

We are living in a day of great darkness, deception, division, delusion, decay, disease (of mind and body), and devastation. (Interesting how many Ds are operative.)

We might think we understand what’s going on in the world today, but without peeling back the curtain, so to speak, we are lost in a quagmire of opinions, theories, postulations, predictions, prophecies, conspiracies, propaganda, and whatever else is floating around out there in the massive information world of the internet.

Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, we want to know who’s behind the curtain pulling the levers of power that are causing so much ruin. Who are they? What do we call them? *Global elitists, uber rich, establishment, deep state* (even, the *deep, deep state*), *powers to be, ruling class*, for example? What *ism* is most prominent and vying for the top rung of the global order? *Totalitarianism, fascism, communism, crony capitalism, corporatism, technocratism, transhumanism, scientism*, for example? Of this whole mix, on an individual level, who are the ones chasing after power, control, influence, and money, or are driven by a *god or savior complex*, or are genuinely *insanely delusional*. For sure, these are the most dangerous ones.

Obviously, there are genuinely good people out there, even in some of the labeled groups and ideologies. However, the word that came in 2010 is about those driving the world into ruin. Beware of them and whatever they are offering—it’s *EVIL*.

Even among these groups, (putting aside the devil), although there are names of people and organizations that come to mind, there seems to be no one wizard behind the curtain pulling all the levers. Surely, there are many variables and organizations and individuals in

play. It's a real challenge to sort through it all to come up with a sort of "in-a-nutshell" understanding, which makes the "nothing is as it seems" all the more dangerous.

It can't be emphasized enough, there is a real and present danger lurking behind the global curtain—a dark, dark evil force that seeks to destroy humanity and dramatically alter the world order (i.e., *kosmos*) as we have known it. Down through history, many fell for the illusion that all was well, only to discover that they had been duped. Unfortunately, by the time they realized the con, it was too late and they paid a steep price for buying the illusion. The 20th century has many examples of this, but one stands out: it was an illusion that lulled people into believing all would be well as they were first accounted for, then marked by yellow stars, then controlled and isolated, and finally shuttled off to death camps—Hitler's **Nazi Third Reich**. Do we see something comparable brewing in our day with the massive surveillance state, vaccine passports for those vaccinated, isolation and stripping of rights for those not vaccinated, proposed green zones, quarantine camps, and home sequestering for the unvaccinated or "diseased"?

Make no mistake; we are living in such a day. This is a day of illusion—nothing is as it seems. Just to be clear: an *illusion* is "**something that deceives by producing a false or misleading impression of reality**". The false or misleading reality is that if the world continues on its present course, everything will work out for good. The fact of the matter is that the illusion sells itself as being for the good of the people and everyone must do their part to ensure the good of others. The con is that the illusion is driving for something just the opposite.

How do the masses fall for the illusion? They are brainwashed (*menticide*) to fall for the con. To be sure, some are waking up to some of what is going on, but most of this centers on single topics like Critical Race Theory, or masking very young children, or the potential adverse reactions to covid shots, without seeing the big picture. In the larger scheme of things, in general, humanity seems to be under a spell by an unseen force that has led to loss of all logic and reason or what could be called *clear thinking* that discerns good and evil, right and wrong, freedom and tyranny, science and propaganda, reality and psyops. People have a false hope that government or some ideology or some new technology or science will save them from the stark realities of life in a fallen world, so they look to these things and willingly become their obedient slaves.

It's a safe conclusion that a majority of the masses make no attempt to peel back the curtain—they simply live each day without considering what forces, good or bad, might be at work. When they are told the old ways are gone and "new norms" are being established, without analysis, they accept it from those in "authority" and acquiesce to it. Most folks encountered in public are good and decent people—by the world's standards—just trying to make a living without attempting to make any sense of what's going on, as they trust, perhaps naively, whatever is going on will eventually turn out for the good or, at least, they

hope so. Very few people seem to have the time or inclination to figure out anything beyond the immediate drama and demands of their life. It's easier to do what they are told to do than assess whether it makes sense or is the right thing to do or it has long-term deleterious effects. This is the easiest and most gracious explanation of the current psyche of humanity; however, it falls way short of explaining what's going on.

Now, some points made in other insights are about to be repeated, but given the hour that is upon us, as Paul said, it's a safeguard, not a trouble.

It is vital for those of us who truly belong to the Lord to know that we have an advantage in this wicked day over those who are in the world and outside of Christ—we are ***saints in light***. We are not to walk or work in darkness for, in the Lord, ***we are light***. As we walk in this way, we learn to apply **spiritual intelligence** and **intuition**, discerning the day in order to properly navigate it. As the Lord reminded His disciples as He sent them out as lambs among wolves: ***don't be afraid***.

The world order that mankind has lived under for millennia has the underlying feature of what could best be described as a **beast system**, meaning it has the character of a wild beast seeking out its prey to devour it, something it periodically achieves on a grand scale.

However, based on history, truly, there have been eras when this beast was rather tame and it was easy to live within its domain. Jeremiah would describe these periods as a **wooden yoke**. It was restrained, at least kept back from satisfying all its desires. The 20th century had periods of restraint and unrestraint—unfortunately, so far, the 21st century has not had the same experience, as if an **iron yoke of tyranny** is trying to overtake the world. Will it succeed? No! It will only be allowed to go so far until the King of all kings puts a stop to it.

Down through the centuries, the beast has not been able to fully satisfy itself because of the restraining force of good. Scripture makes it very clear we are living in a world of good versus evil. Without good, evil would eventually devour itself and cease to exist. Good is the restrainer of evil. In God's wisdom, evil has remained active in the presence of good. So, the only reason there is a beast system at all is because good has restrained it, even to the point of preventing it from devouring its evil self. Sounds strange, doesn't it? Why doesn't God allow good to devour evil? Well, that's a whole other topic left to the many who have tried to explain it. However, be assured—good eventually devours all evil.

As for us, we need to heed the words of Paul: ***Be not conquered by evil; but conquer evil with good*** (Romans 12:21). Or, from Hebrews 5:14 that ***through constant practice we need our spiritual faculties trained to discern both good and evil***.

We need to see beyond the fog and confusion of the multitude of voices and events. We need our hearing finely tuned to the voice of the Lord. We need to see clearly, that is, to have spiritual sight that comes through the **Light of the world**, not the darkness of man. **We must be lights shining in the darkness and never fight darkness with darkness!** Our victory is in the light. We need to be like our Lord Jesus ***who was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in His light*** (John 5:35). We are His representation on earth today as the light of the world.

Do people rejoice in our presence? Has our light dimmed?

Fear not; it won't be long until we are shining brightly in the Kingdom of our Father and the world will see it!

Victory is in view!