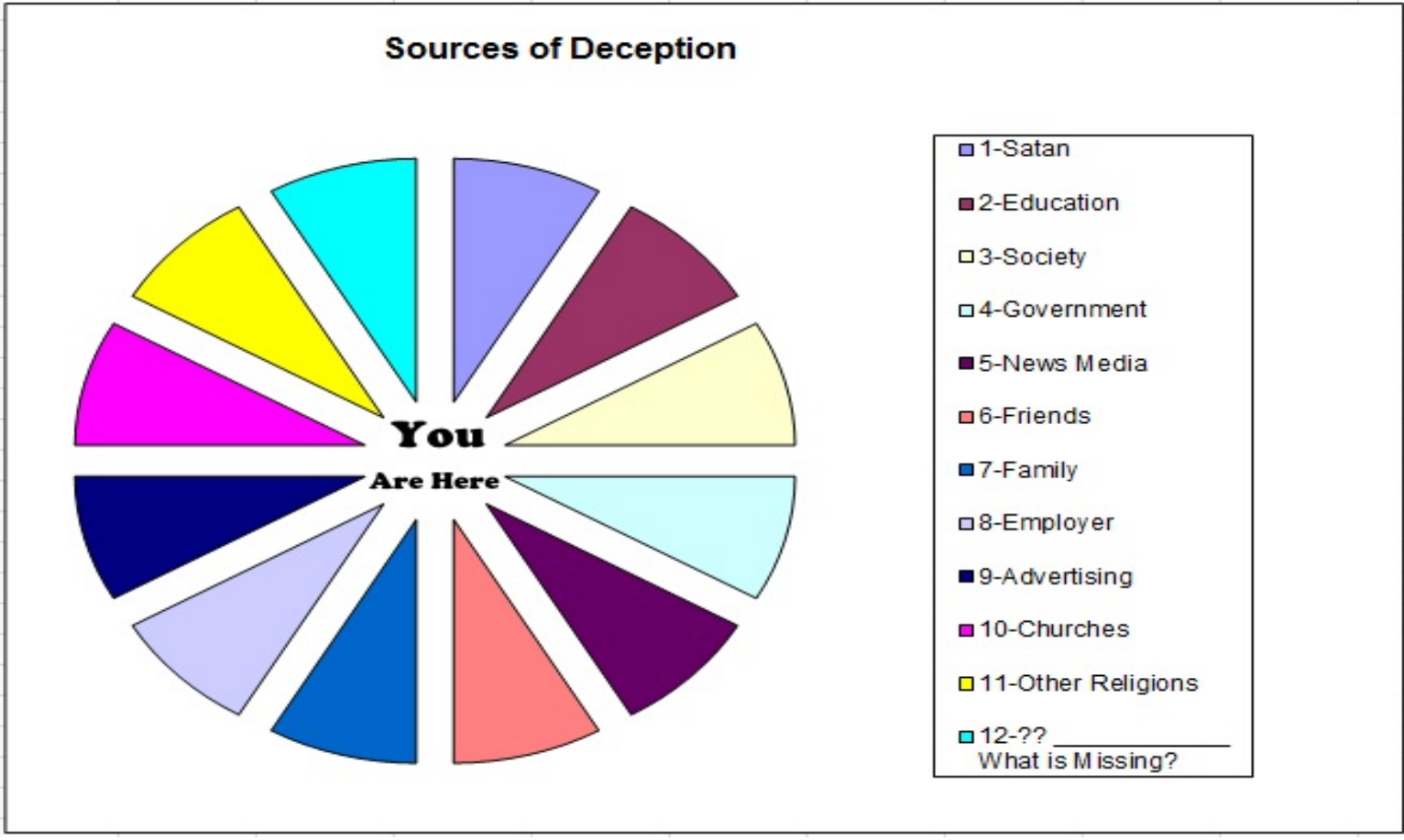


The Many Faces of Deception

Mat_24:24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs & wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.



1-Satan

- **Rev 12:9** So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the **Devil and Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- **Rev 20:1-3** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the **Devil and Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.
- **2Cor 4:3-4** But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

How? 7 Deceptions of the Devil

DECEPTION 1: FALSE DOCTRINE

2Tim 2:24-26 A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, *&that* they may come to their senses *&escape* the snare of the **devil**, having been taken captive by him to do his will

DECEPTION 2: LUST

Satan sends temptation through the media—movies, television, magazines and the Internet—and through carnal and covetous individuals. We need to pray, as Jesus taught us, "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the **evil one**... (**Matthew 6:13**)

DECEPTION 3: PRIDE, VANITY AND ARROGANCE

Gen 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

DECEPTION 4: LYING

Joh 8:44 You (Pharasees) are of your father the **devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is **no truth in him**. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

DECEPTION 5: FALSE DREAMS, VISIONS AND "MIRACLES"

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DECEPTION 6: BITTERNESS

Christians need to pray for their enemies. Bless those who curse you. That is the Christian way! That is how we can overcome Satan's infectious attitude of hate and bitterness. (Hebrews 12:15 speaks of a “root of bitterness” defiling)

DECEPTION 7: LACK OF FAITH

Eph 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the **wicked one**.

2-Education

The world's educational systems are awesome ... but sometimes have deceptive purposes opposite to God's purposes – teaching “sex” education to children without teaching morality, Teaching the wonders of creation without acknowledging the **Creator**, teaching history **selectively** to hide truths (about Marxism’s failure) & teaching **gibberish** about gender, hurt feelings & not evaluating ideas (all ideas are NOT equally valid)

Psalm 78:2-4 for I will speak to you in a parable. I will **teach** you hidden lessons from our past— stories we have heard and known, stories our **ancestors handed down to us**. We will **not hide these truths from our children**; we will **tell the next generation** about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders.

3-Society

The scientific advances in society are awesome...but there are problems with empty values they sometimes seek to pass on **1Jn 2:15-17** **Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—
the lust of the **flesh**,
the lust of the **eyes**, and
the **pride** of life
—is not of the Father but is of the **world**. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

4-Government

Gord often tells me that Canada is the Best country in the whole world! But Canada is not “without problems”...deception In Canada today abortion is legal, gay marriage is legal, Transgender behavior is “normal and accepted” protesting about these things can be seen as a thought crime and can involve having your children taken away, financial punishments or jail. The Government ran on the promise to be “transparent” – but there are too many scandals they seek to hide

Isa 5:20 **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil**; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

5-News Media

When I grew up, Walter Cronkite was the most trusted man in America. The mainstream media was gleeful this year to report Donald Trump has an approval rating of just 42% ... but media’s rating was only 36% ... and congress was 19%. **Favoritism** and **confirmation bias** cause people who claim to be “neutral” to actually be unbalanced in their reporting

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.



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GOOGLE IT. CHECK SNOPES.COM. LOOK IN AN ENCYCLOPEDIA. ASK A PROFESSOR IN THAT FIELD.

JUST DO SOME RESEARCH FIRST BEFORE SHARING A POST. PICTURES AND WORDS TOGETHER DO NOT MAKE THEM TRUE! STOP SHARING POSTS BEFORE CHECKING ITS ACCURACY.

STOP CONTRIBUTING TO THE IGNORANCE.

BEYOND ‘FAKE NEWS’

10 TYPES OF MISLEADING NEWS

<div><div>propaganda</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ adopted by governments, corporations and non-profits to manage attitudes, values and knowledge■ appeals to emotions■ can be beneficial or harmful</div></div>	<div><div>partisan</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ideological and includes interpretation of facts but may claim to be impartial■ privileges facts that conform to the narrative whilst forgoing others■ emotional and passionate language</div></div>
<div><div>clickbait</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ eye catching, sensational headlines designed to distract■ often misleading and content may not reflect headline■ drives ad revenue</div></div>	<div><div>conspiracy theory</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ tries to explain simply complex realities as response to fear or uncertainty■ not falsifiable and evidence that refutes the conspiracy is regarded as further proof of the conspiracy■ rejects experts and authority</div></div>
<div><div>sponsored content</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ advertising made to look like editorial■ potential conflict of interest for genuine news organisations■ consumers might not identify content as advertising if it is not clearly labeled</div></div>	<div><div>pseudoscience</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ purveyors of greenwashing, miracle cures, anti-vaccination■ misrepresents real scientific studies with exaggerated or false claims■ often contradicts experts</div></div>
<div><div>satire and hoax</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ social commentary or humour■ varies widely in quality and intended meaning may not be apparent■ can embarrass people who confuse the content as true</div></div>	<div><div>misinformation</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ includes a mix of factual, false or partly-false content■ intention can be to inform but author may not be aware the content is false■ false attributions, doctored content and misleading headlines</div></div>
<div><div>error</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ established news organisations sometimes make mistakes■ mistakes can hurt the brand, offend or result in litigation■ reputable orgs publish apologies</div></div>	<div><div>bogus</div><div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ entirely fabricated content spread intentionally to disinform■ guerrilla marketing tactics; bots, comments and counterfeit branding■ motivated by ad revenue, political influence or both</div></div>

DIG DEEPER...

false attribution

authentic images, video or quotes are attributed to the wrong events or person

counterfeit

websites and Twitter accounts that pose as a well-known brand or person

misleading

content does not represent what the headline and captions suggest

doctored content

content, such as statistics, graphs, photos and video have been modified or doctored

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6-Friends

Luk 22:48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

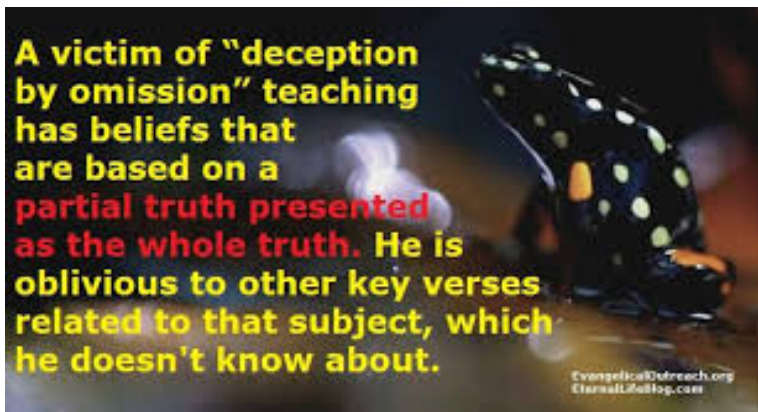
How to spot a fake friend?

- They are two faced. They smile and laugh with you, but then slander you behind your back.
- They want to know your information and secrets so they can gossip to others. (Psalm 41:5-6)
- They always gossip about their other friends.
- When you’re alone with each other it’s never a problem, but when others are around they try to make you look bad.
- They always belittle you, your talents, and your accomplishments.
- They always make fun of you.
- Everything is a competition to them. They always try to one up you.
- They purposely give you bad advice so you don’t succeed or surpass them in something.
- When they are around others they act like they don’t know you.
- When you make a mistake they always gloat.
- They use you for what you have and know. They always try to take advantage of you.
- They are never there when you need them. In your time of need and when you’re going through bad things they run.
- They never build you up and make you a better person, but are always bringing you down.
- They close their mouths at the wrong times. They let you go down the wrong path and allow you to make mistakes.
- They are critical. They always see the bad they never see the good.
- They are manipulative.

7-Family

Many are blessed with awesome family members and that's great ... Many need to be careful about family members who have been twisted by drugs or crime, or perceived hurts, etc, so that they will betray even their family!

Mat 10:34-36 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW'; and 'A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.' (from Micah 7:6)



8-Employer

Many people work for companies that are honorable and ethical ... yet sometimes companies do horrible things to try to “stay alive”... Like Nortel getting employees to use their pensions to buy Shares (before they collapsed) ... Sometimes used car salesman or real estate agents are pressured to mislead the buyer ... so we need to beware.

Prov 11:1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

9-Advertising

I expect everyone here has been **disappointed** that something they purchased did not live up to the claims of the advertiser **Misleading Advertising** has its own vocabulary of every form of dishonesty, whether it is shading of the truth, exaggeration, cheating, failure to keep promises, betrayal of confidence, flattery, or fudging

Eph 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR," -Zec8:16

10-Churches

Some churches are sincere (and wrong) some churches are not even sincere with their teaching. We expect this from a church called the Church of Satan ... We are disappointed when leading Megachurches avoid topics like sin and abortion ... and we are shocked to read books by Liberal Anglicans like Shelby Spong or leaders in the United Church of Canada (who openly ridicule the idea of a Virgin Birth, Jesus death and Resurrection, Hell, etc, etc ... Church becomes about social justice, not the revealed TRUTH of Scripture

Mat_7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

11-Other Religions

When your religion is not built on a **true foundation of God and His Truth**, anything goes! As Adrian has pointed out, Muslims will lie to non-muslims if it is to their advantage ... and they have a name for it “Taqiyya”. The Quran says Allah is the best liar there is?!? (deceitful, dishonest, scheming, plotting?!?). For other religions which teach a different way of life and a different reward after death – their very existence is misleading & deceiving (So people don't look for the Truth).

1Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving** spirits and **doctrines of demons**, speaking **lies** in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron

12-Self Deception

Perhaps the most DANGEROUS deception is when you “turn off” your mind and just choose to be mislead

Isa_30:10 Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, **prophecy deceits**.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we do not have any sin, we are **deceiving ourselves** and we're not being truthful to ourselves.

Obadiah 1:3 You have been **deceived** by your **own pride** because you live in a rock fortress and make your home high in the mountains. ‘Who can ever reach us way up here?’ you ask boastfully.

2Pe 3:3-5 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **scoffers**, walking after their **own lusts**, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they **willingly are ignorant** of ... the **word of God** ...

Rev 3:16-18 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and **do not know** that you are **wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked**—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

(7 points on) **How Not to be Deceived**

Rev 12 *Satan deceives the whole world.* Everyone knows what it is like to be deceived.

1. Realize the source of your present knowledge
 - You have learned from many sources, School, TV, friends, Church, parents, books
 - Make sure the foundational things you believe are correct, and you have proven them
2. Do not depend on your *present* knowledge to make a decision
 - you may need to study more, ask others who are knowledgeable, or set the topic aside to allow some time to pass...don't jump into a decision...carefully evaluate
3. Do not depend on the ministry alone for all the answers
 - They are not experts in everything, they can have biases, they are not perfect...put your trust not in men (blindly). They also have been willingly deceived by wanting approval, wanting to be "in", to be right with others, wanting to be "in authority", not "out of line", part of what the mainline thinking was.
4. Beware of attractive ideas
 - It may be designed to appeal to your vanity, or prejudice
5. Admit that you like to be "stroked" (complimented, respected)
 - People need to be accepted, and respected ... so appeals to your vanity can be effective at getting you to lower your guard...Salesmen often compliment the "discerning buyer of good taste" ... suckers for someone to build up their ego... be on your guard
6. Beware of "brand new ideas"
 - Be open minded but don't be gullable. There are many brilliant, gifted, scholars who are decieved, who can dazzle you with words (and will if you let them). Examine your motives for wanting to believe something new, put the teaching to the test, set the idea aside and come back to it... be objective
7. Put God in your knowledge
 - God's word is truth. God's law made David wiser than his teachers...The Bible says a group called the "very elect" cannot be decieved...(but don't be so vain to think you are invincible)

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Art of Deception

1. Don’t try to Reason with Devil - He will twist truth with technicalities eg Satan & Eve.
2. Complexity –Too many things to look at at once--Info Overload eg Football plays to deceive opponent
3. Obscurity - eg Magicians tricks. Quoting from obscure texts. Quoting from friendly sources.
4. Misdirection - eg Getting people to look at back of room to conceal something
Blaming Satan for ones own shortcomings. Also using a Straw Man
5. Implication - eg Asking if something has changed ... and even if nothing changes people will think so
6. Misinformation - eg. Wartime planting of false info on corpse. Out of context quotes. Creative Rumors
7. Innuendo - eg. Ask someone to Pray for someone because they having “problems”

Deceiver always has the advantage. They may be evil or sincere.
Don’t be gullible ... healthy skepticism is good ... “Prove all things” is a skeptical attitude
We have a right not to Listen...

Solomon “Pr 14:7 **Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not [in him] the lips of knowledge.**”
Help Sheep... don’t tolerate false teachers

If you like to look at works from other churches ... be vigilant ... every evidence/ assumption/ innuendo must be examined
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10 Principles to Evaluate Doctrine

1. Check with Bible Is 8:19
2. List and evaluate scriptural references in context...eliminate nonessential references... then examine translations to see if consistency or perhaps bias or disagreement among translators Eph 2:15 luk 13:6
Make sure the scripture says what people claim it says?
What does the scripture mean? Col 2:16
3. Is the doctrine oversimplified? What are the consequences in both directions
Is the Doctrine based on a technicality, or sound consistent theology
4. Whose Doctrine is this? Doctrine = Teaching (not necessarily truth) Evaluate the motivations of the teacher... Does he have an agenda or lack of objectivity requiring a greater burden of proof?
5. Examine the assumptions that are prerequisite to there teaching...Usually they are not stated
EG if you accept the immortality of the soul, the Rcatholic interp of doctrines makes sense
What is their philosophy? Deterministic, existentialism etc... Where does this new teaching go?
6. Is this doctrine rational? Does it make sense?
7. Has the teacher made his case? Sift relevant from irrelevant
If it takes too long or too many dependencies to make a case, it is likely not well thought out
8. Take your time. Some things will happen whether you know or understand it.
9. Listen to your heart or gut. Usually intuition is pretty good ... you may have to overrule it but don’t ignore it
10. Pray about it... and be confident

Why not Keep the Holy Days

1. Watch for “loaded questions”
 - Questions that assume information that is not yet proven...
 - The question determines the entire direction of your inquiry – and how you will lay out your evidence so make sure you ask the right questions
2. Watch for “loaded words” and words that are difficult to define. Get people to define their terms.
 - Terms like “legalism”, “Jewish”, etc can be negative, and ambiguous...

Tools of Deceivers



Summary: Jesus warned his disciples ... **Mat 24:4** ... “Take heed that no one deceives you.” This verse makes clear there **are** deceivers “out there” AND that to guard against deception requires **awareness** and **effort**!

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Wikipedia – Deception

- **Lies:** making up information or giving information that is the opposite or very different from the truth
- **Equivocations:** making an indirect, ambiguous, or contradictory statement
- **Concealments:** omitting information that is important or relevant to the given context, or engaging in behavior that helps hide relevant information
- **Exaggerations:** overstatement or stretching the truth to a degree
- **Understatements:** minimization or downplaying aspects of the truth

- **Instrumental:** to avoid punishment or to protect resources
- **Relational:** to maintain relationships or bonds
- **Identity:** to preserve “face” or the self-image

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