

Chapter 5

Beliefs and Conspiracies

How do they affect us? If we buy into lies or false beliefs, they can damn us in our forward journey to God. To have the “right beliefs” is important to each of us personally. What are the “right beliefs?” I have asked myself that questions many times and have come to the conclusion that the “right beliefs” **must be in harmony and at one with** the **“fruit of the Spirit;”** [Galatians 5: 22-25 and Ephesians 5:9] if not, we can and will be led astray. Let’s take a look at some scriptural examples and warnings.

The scriptures mention “wrong beliefs,” such as [Conspired, Conspiracy, Conspirators, at least 35 times. Starting in Geneses.

“And the LORD said unto me, **A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah,** and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. (Old Testament | Jeremiah 11:9 - 10)

“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 **There is a conspiracy of her prophets** in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

(Old Testament | Ezekiel 22:23 - 26)

“**And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.**

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul. (New Testament | Acts 23:13 - 14)

“Behold, verily, thus saith the Lord unto you: ***In consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men*** in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this word of wisdom by revelation— (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 89:4)

“They were innocent of any crime, as they had often been proved before, and were only ***confined in jail by the conspiracy of traitors*** and wicked men; and their *innocent blood* on the floor of Carthage jail is a broad seal affixed to "Mormonism" that cannot be rejected by any court on earth, and their *innocent blood* on the escutcheon of the State of Illinois, with the broken faith of the State as pledged by the governor, is a witness to the truth of the everlasting gospel that all the world cannot impeach; and their *innocent blood* on the banner of liberty, and on the *magna charta* of the United States, is an ambassador for the religion of Jesus Christ, that will touch the hearts of honest men among all nations; and their *innocent blood*, with the innocent blood of all the martyrs under the altar that John saw, will cry unto the Lord of Hosts till he avenges that blood on the earth. Amen. (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 135:7)

The Book of Mormon points to conspiracy through the Gadianton.

“Yea, it is that same being who put it into ***the heart of Gadianton to still carry on the work of darkness, and of secret murder***; and he has brought it forth from the beginning of man even down to this time. **30** And behold, it is he who is the author of all sin. And behold, he doth carry on his works of darkness and secret murder, and doth hand down their plots, and their oaths, and their covenants, and their plans of awful wickedness, from generation to generation according as he can get hold upon the hearts of the children of men. (Book of Mormon | Helaman 6:29 - 30)

Today, a good college dictionary calls conspirators: “Politicians,” false prophets, mafias, or ***“any person who acts in a manipulative and devious way, typically to gain advancement within an organization.”*** ***“A professional liar.”***

Conspiracies, lies, falsified information, fake news are real and they exist in every organization on earth. The LDS Church is not immune.... The truth that will make us free is always in front of us if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. If our testimonies are founded ***in*** Christ, [***“in”*** meaning to manifest the attributes of

holiness and godliness of character] then it does not matter what lies are hatched about us or anyone else, we cannot be moved from the true path of oneness found in the “fruit of the Spirit.”

Every conspiracy is connected with lies and deceit. I share below three views of the Carthage conspiracy, to point out the sadness that comes with conspiracies, to those who are taken from us, and those left behind.

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and ballistic tests will help to spell out the truth...

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One day the truth will be spoken upon the housetops!

“And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed.”

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 1:3)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXfTw01ogPk&t=8s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5sDJddLojI&t=1108s>

Elder Bruce R McConkie said:

“Nonetheless, as Joseph Smith so pointedly taught, a prophet is not always a prophet, only when he is acting as such. Prophets are men and they make mistakes. Sometimes they err in doctrine. *This is one of the reasons the Lord has given us the Standard Works. They become the standards and rules that govern where doctrine and philosophy are concerned.* If this were not so, we would believe one thing when one man was president of the Church and another thing in the days of his successors. *Truth is eternal and does not vary.* Sometimes even wise and good men fall short in the accurate presentation of what is truth. **Sometimes a prophet gives personal views which are not endorsed and approved by the Lord**... This puts me in mind of Paul’s statement: *“There must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.”* (1 Cor. 11:19.) I do not know all of the providences of the Lord, **but I do know that he permits**

false doctrine to be taught in and out of the Church and that such teaching is part of the sifting process of mortality. We will be judged by what we believe among other things. ***If we believe false doctrine, we will be condemned.*** If that belief is on basic and fundamental things, it will lead us astray and we will lose our souls. This is why Nephi said: ***“And all those who preach false doctrines, . . . wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell!”*** (2 Ne. 28:15.) This clearly means that people who teach false doctrine in the fundamental and basic things will lose their souls. The nature and kind of being that God is, is one of these fundamentals. I repeat: ***Brigham Young erred in some of his statements*** on the nature and kind of being that God is and as to the position of Adam in the plan of salvation, but Brigham Young also taught the truth in these fields on other occasions. And I repeat, that in his instance, he was a great prophet and has gone on to eternal reward. ***What he did is not a pattern for any of us. If we choose to believe and teach the false portions of his doctrines, we are making an election that will damn us.”***

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“That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ” (Ephesians 4:14 - 15). “The fruit of the Spirit” is the foundation of God’s beliefs, hence His integrity and hopefully ours too!

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