

# WOC INTERNATIONAL

## The Power of Deception

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### Introduction - Why will Visionary Pioneer Elyons NOT get deceived?

**1 - Their knowledge of and proximity to the Shepherd won't allow them to get deceived**

Pioneer Elyons recognize the awesome power of deception has in today's world

**Deceive - To lie, mislead, or otherwise hide, deny, distort, or exaggerate the truth**

**Thus, the act or practice of deceiving is deception or deceit & lying is 1 way of doing it**

**Reality - Concealing truth is still a lie when it's done with an intent to deceive**

**Lying is done via outright statements (commission) or strategic silence (omission)**

**Research has discovered that some people lie more than others and studies reveal**

**1 - Lying peaks in adolescence when social relationships are of heightened importance**

**But children under two rarely lie**

**2 - There is no single behavior or countenance "tell" that is indicative of deception**

**And compulsive liars tell lies about themselves & others for no discernible purpose**

**2 - Pioneer Elyons recognize deception is always accompanied by other forms of wickedness**

**Its \_\_\_\_\_ is to cause a believer to accept as true or valid what's false or invalid**

**Its \_\_\_\_\_ lies in its ability to hide critical information from other believers**

**So that ignorance prevents them from acting upon the information that's being hidden**

**3 - Pioneer Elyons realize delusions are extreme forms of self-deception that have a specific goal**

**Which is to live a carnal \_\_\_\_\_ based on false narratives, false promises & false notions**

**What are delusions? - False beliefs that contradict reality a person is convinced is true**

**Danger - They force a person to go to great lengths to convince others of their truth**

*2 Tim 3:12-13 "And indeed, all who want to live a godly life united with the Messiah Yeshua will be persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived themselves." CJB*

**Deceiving [planao] - To (properly, cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue)**

**Making others believe that to be true and right, which is false and wrong**

### Notes

## Why is deception problematic within the Kingdom community?

**Deception keeps believers ignorant of the many ways they fool themselves (i.e., delude)**

**Specifically, when they are out of \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father's Will, Word, and Power**

**As a result of them engaging in biblically improper behavior they refuse to call evil**

*Jer 49:16 "Your capacity to terrorize has deceived you and made you arrogant. You make your home in the rocky crags and seize the top of the mountain; but even if you build your nest high as an eagle's, from there I will drag you down," says Adonai." CJB*

**Deception allows deceit to masquerade as truth & blind the soul to its destructive \_\_\_\_\_**

*Prov 26:25-26 "He may speak pleasantly, but don't trust him; for seven abominations are in his heart. 26 His hatred may be concealed by deceit, but his wickedness will be revealed in the assembly." CJB*

**False \_\_\_\_\_ blind the "deceived" to their ungodly kingdom behavior with**

**1 - Outsized emotional reactions to situations**

**2 - Behavior out of step with who they claim or aim to be**

**3 - Rejection of admonishment regarding ungodly behavior others clearly see**

**False \_\_\_\_\_ lead the "deceived" to plan their lives around deceit's false premises**

**And distance themselves from those they think are being negative, judgmental, and critical**

*2 Cor 11:3 "and I fear that somehow your minds may be seduced away from simple and pure devotion to the Messiah, just as Havah was deceived by the serpent and his craftiness." CJB*

## Why are Pioneer Elyons able to avoid End Time deception?

**1 - Pioneer Elyons NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ the dangers of deception**

**They know Satan blinds believers with his "angel of light" disguise**

**He promises them freedom, secret wisdom, and "deeper knowledge of mysteries"**

*2 Cor 11:14-15 "There is nothing surprising in that, for the Adversary himself masquerades as an angel of light; 15 so it's no great thing if his workers masquerade as servants of righteousness. They will meet the end their deeds deserve." CJB*

**He helps them focus on the wolf outside the camp & ignore the 1 inside in sheep's clothing**

*Matt 7:15 "Beware of the false prophets! They come to you wearing sheep's clothing, but underneath they are hungry wolves!" CJB*

**Note - The 2<sup>nd</sup> wolf's strategy is to mix among the flock and destroy it for his own gain**

## Notes

## **2 - PE know revelation can NEVER be properly known apart from a \_\_\_\_\_ Community**

1 Tim 4:1-2 “The Spirit expressly states that in the acharit-hayamim some people will apostatize from the faith by paying attention to deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2 Such teachings come from the hypocrisy of liars whose own consciences have been burned, as if with a red-hot branding iron.”

**Sound teaching enables a stable community to withstand deceptive satanic schemes**

**Because it doesn't let a life “out of alignment with God's revealed Will” go unnoticed**

**Living in a stable discerning community facilitates healthy growth and proper understanding**

**Truth is confirmed in practice & practice enables it to be seen in action to be fully grasped**

1 Cor 15:33-34 “Don't be fooled. “Bad company ruins good character.” 34 Come to your senses! Live righteously and stop sinning! There are some people who lack knowledge of God — I say this to your shame.” CJB

**Stability's foundation is the Word, not some new trend, fad, flash, or sensational thing**

## **3 - Pioneer Elyons NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ delusions of grandeur's power (natural or spiritual)**

Rom 12:3 “For I am telling every single one of you, through the grace that has been given to me, not to have exaggerated ideas about your own importance. Instead, develop a sober estimate of yourself based on the standard which God has given to each of you, namely, trust” CJB

**Delusions of grandeur evidence a \_\_\_\_\_ from the real world, which is why the deceived**

**1 - Continues to believe in the delusion despite evidence that contradicts it**

**2 - Judgments are impaired and their natural relationships keep unravelling**

**Delusions of grandeur can manifest in virtually limitless ways such as a**

**Inflated belief in one's own importance, e.g., thinking one is doing great things**

**False belief one is famous or occupies a high position in society or the Kingdom**

**Inflated sense of personal intelligence or spiritual wisdom**

**False belief one is a special leader of some sort with a great destiny**

**Delusions of grandeur are also at times mental indicators of bipolar disorder & schizophrenia**

**What do I need to take home from this lesson tonight?**

**The most serious enemy I will ever face in the Birth Pains and Jacob's Trouble is DECEPTION**

2 Thess 2:9-10” When this man who avoids Torah comes, the Adversary will give him the power to work all kinds of false miracles, signs and wonders. 10 He will enable him to deceive, in all kinds of wicked ways, those who are headed for destruction because they would not receive the love of the truth that could have saved them” CJB

**Notes**

**External - Others actively try to deceive me into \_\_\_\_\_ God's laws with impunity**

Matt 24:4-5 "Yeshua replied: "Watch out! Don't let anyone fool you! 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray." CJB

**Internal - My carnal man makes me think my God makes \_\_\_\_\_ to His laws for me**

Gal 6:7-8 "Don't delude yourselves: no one makes a fool of God! A person reaps what he sows. 8 Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit everlasting life." CJB

**The best defense to deception in the Birth Pains and Jacob's Trouble is truth and \_\_\_\_\_****Naturally, drugs (legal and illegal), alcohol, life stresses, etc. can easily delude me****But truth & humility avoid "what looks evil, smells evil, or causes others to think it's evil"**

Rom 12:17 "Repay no one evil for evil, but try to do what everyone regards as good." CJB

**Note the power of God's community - What everyone regards good (not just you)****Spiritually, life circumstances and negative experiences easily distort my perceptions****But truth and humility never let me become prideful and refuse to ...**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \_\_\_\_\_ to loving people more spiritual than I am the Spirit has put in my life**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - \_\_\_\_\_ things beyond face value with a proper investigation in Scripture**

1 Thess 5:21-22 "But do test everything — hold onto what is good, 22 but keep away from every form of evil." CJB

**3<sup>rd</sup> - \_\_\_\_\_ for the specific biblical truths that set me free and keep me free**

Acts 17:11 "Now the people here were of nobler character than the ones in Thessalonica; they eagerly welcomed the message, checking the Tanakh every day to see if the things Sha'ul was saying were true." CJB

**Final Words - As you prepare yourself to approach your God on Yom Kippur****When was the last time you listened, tested, and searched to see if there is any deceit in you?****Notes**