

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE WHO RIDICULE CONSPIRACIES !!!

Conspiracy theory is a phrase often used in the 21st century to discredit or marginalize a particular interpretation of circumstances or events. It is a label used with the intention of ridiculing the whole notion that a conspiracy could actually occur. For God's people in the last days there is no other way to deal with this subject than by careful study of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy. Do these holy resources validate the possible existence of conspiracies ? Has human nature changed so radically that the probability of conspiracies has now been significantly reduced to virtually zero ?

The aim of **the great rebel** has ever been to justify himself and to prove the divine government responsible for the rebellion. To this end he has bent all the power of his giant intellect. He has worked deliberately and systematically, and with marvelous success, leading vast multitudes to accept **his version** of the great controversy which has been so long in progress. For thousands of years this **chief of conspiracy** has palmed off falsehood for truth. {GC 670.1}

According to our heavenly Father, not only is conspiracy real, but there is even a CHIEF OF CONSPIRACY. This literally does away with the foolish and naïve opinion that conspiracies don't happen. Let us pray that our heavenly Father will continue to imbue our hearts with compassion for those among our brothers and sisters who are so woefully ignorant of the Bible and Spirit of prophecy at this late hour in earth's history .

CONSPIRACIES ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

The builders on the wall were soon beset by more active opposition. They were compelled to guard continually against the plots of their sleepless adversaries. The emissaries of the enemy endeavored to destroy their courage by the circulation of false reports; **conspiracies were formed on various pretexts to draw Nehemiah into their toils**; and false-hearted Jews were found ready to aid the treacherous undertaking.--*Southern Watchman*, April 12, 1904.

The Judgments visited upon the Israelites served for a time to restrain their murmuring and insubordination, but the spirit of rebellion was still in the heart, and eventually brought forth the bitterest fruits. The former rebellions had been mere popular tumults, arising from the sudden impulse of the excited multitude; **but now a deep-laid conspiracy was formed**, the result of a determined purpose to overthrow the authority of the leaders appointed by God himself.
{RH, November 12, 1903 par. 1}

Dathan and Abiram had not taken so bold a stand as had Korah; and Moses, **hoping that they might have been drawn into the conspiracy without having become wholly corrupted**, summoned them to appear before him, that he might hear their charges against him. {PP 399.2}

GOVERNMENT RELATED CONSPIRACIES

DAVID

The Philistines did not oppose the action of Judah in making David king, for they thought it would work for their own interest in the end, if they quietly accepted the situation. They expected that David's power would extend, and that he would become a mighty sovereign. But although the nations around him did not interfere with his plans, David's throne and kingly reign were not to be secure from trouble. His coronation by the men of Judah was scarcely accomplished before Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, through the influence of Abner was proclaimed king, and set upon a rival throne in Israel. *The dark work of conspiracy had begun.*

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NADAB

Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, occupied the throne of Israel for only a few months. *His career of evil was suddenly stopped by a conspiracy* headed by Baasha, one of his generals, *to gain control of the government.* Nadab was slain, with all his kindred in the line of succession, "according unto the saying of the Lord, which He spake by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite: because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin."

1 Kings 15:29, 30. {PK 109.2}

ABSALOM

The minds of the people being prepared for what was to follow, Absalom *secretly* sent picked men throughout the tribes, to concert measures for a revolt. And now the cloak of religious devotion was assumed *to conceal his traitorous designs.* A vow made long before while he was in exile must be paid in Hebron. Absalom said to the king, "I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord." The fond father, comforted with this evidence of piety in his son, dismissed him with his blessing. *The conspiracy was now fully matured.* {PP 730.2}

JOAB

Joab, though guilty of many crimes, had heretofore been loyal to the throne; *but he now joined the conspiracy against Solomon,* as did also Abiathar the priest. The rebellion was ripe; *the conspirators had assembled at a great feast just without the city to proclaim Adonijah king,* when their plans were thwarted by the prompt action of a few faithful persons, chief among whom were Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. They represented the state of affairs to the king, reminding him of the divine direction that Solomon should succeed to the throne. David at once abdicated in favor of Solomon, who was immediately anointed and proclaimed king. *The conspiracy was crushed.* {PP 749.2}

DANIEL

The enemies of Daniel left the presence of Darius, rejoicing over the snare now securely laid for the servant of Jehovah. *In the conspiracy thus formed,* Satan had played an important part. The prophet was high in command in the kingdom, and evil angels feared that his influence would weaken their control over its rulers. It was these satanic agencies who had stirred the princes to envy and jealousy; it was they who had inspired the plan for Daniel's destruction; and the princes, yielding themselves as instruments of evil, carried it into effect. {PK 540.3}

RELIGIOUS CONSPIRACIES

*This is indeed one of the saddest evidences of spiritual blindness and ignorance among God's people in these last days. Some are foolishly inclined to believe that secret meetings and conspiracies will be CONDUCTED OPENLY FOR EVERYONE TO SEE. May the Lord pity what the Spirit of prophecy refers to as our "spiritual stupidity". Heaven has been amazed to see the **spiritual stupidity** that has prevailed. {RH, December 24, 1889 par. 7}*

PAUL

While the Lord encouraged His servant, Paul's enemies were eagerly plotting his destruction. "And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And **they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy**. {AA 413.3}

A nephew of the apostle, to whom he was strongly attached, **heard of the murderous conspiracy**, and without delay reported the matter to his uncle. Paul immediately called for one of the centurions, and requested him to take the young man to the commandant, saying that he had important information to give him. The youth was accordingly brought in before Claudius Lysias, who received him kindly, and taking him aside, inquired the nature of his message. **The young man related the particulars of the conspiracy**, and with deep feeling entreated the commandant not to grant the request which would be surely made, that Paul be again brought before the council. {LP 226.2}

To the governor's question, Paul made answer, I stand at Caesar's tribunal. Here, and not before the Sanhedrim, I ought to be judged. Turning to the procurator, he appealed to him directly: Even you, Festus, are convinced that no charges have been sustained against me. I have never in any respect wronged the Jews. If I have committed any crime, it is not against them, but against the emperor; and if found guilty, I do not refuse to die. But if the accusations they bring against me cannot be proved, no one can give me into their power as a favor. I appeal unto Caesar. **Festus knew nothing of the conspiracies of the Jews to murder Paul**, and he was surprised at this appeal to Caesar. {LP 250.2}

JESUS

Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them." The Jews wished to provoke a controversy with him there and then, that they might have something with which to accuse him. **Already a conspiracy for the purpose of putting him to death had been formed**. {ST, July 8, 1897 par. 8}

The thing that hath been, it [is that] which shall be; and that which is done [is] that which shall be done: and [there is] no new [thing] under the sun. Is there [any] thing whereof it may be said, See, this [is] new ? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
Ecclesiastes 1:9,10

If the verse above is true, then CONSPIRACIES ARE A REALITY TODAY .
If God's word is not true, then there are NO SUCH THINGS AS CONSPIRACIES TODAY .

GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACIES IN THE BIBLE

And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as [he had done] year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. 2 Kings 17:4

Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. 2 Chronicles 25:27

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou [art] the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. *[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. Ezekiel 22:23-25

And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, [are] they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah ? *And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy*, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla. 2 Kings 12:19,20

And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 2 Kings 15:30

And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they [are] written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 2 Kings 15:15

And [one] told David, saying, *Ahithophel [is] among the conspirators with Absalom*. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. 2 Samuel 15:31

And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Jeremiah 11:9

In the verse above, the Lord says there is conspiracy.

Question: What is the 21st century label put upon those who believe in conspiracies ?

Some of us believe that mankind and human nature in general are getting better and better and that our leaders today are basically good men who practice “secret Christianity” and couldn’t possibly be involved in conspiracies or evil plans against their fellow man.

A few of us believe the word of God.

...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13

Man is worshiping the reflection of his own image. He is setting his own practices and the peculiar tendencies of his nature where God's law should be. *This is the world picture*.--Letter 20, 1901.

Fewer and fewer will become the sympathetic cords which bind man in brotherhood to his fellow man. The natural egotism of the human heart will be worked upon by Satan.--Letter 20, 1901.

CONSPIRACY IN THE LAST DAYS

The same binding up in unions that exists today existed in Noah's day. But never before have such transactions taken place as are now carried on in the selection of officers to govern the people. ***Those who occupy the highest positions in governments*** reveal how little confidence God can place in their rulership.--Letter 157, 1902.

In this country, Satan has in a most striking manner enthroned himself ***to control the leading men in the government of the nation***. The education which they have received from childhood is erroneous. {SpTEd 86.1}

Those who occupy positions of trust, who are placed as guardians of the peoples' interest, are untrue to their responsibility. There is embezzlement and fraud. Public money is stolen, and not one tithe of these corrupt transactions come to the light of day, and we do not see to what extent the wickedness of the world exists. {RH, May 2, 1893 par. 2}

In many ways Satan is revealing that he rules the world. He is influencing the hearts of men, and corrupting their minds. ***Men in high places are giving evidence that their thoughts are evil continually.*** Many are seeking after riches, and scruple not to add to their wealth through fraudulent transactions. The Lord is permitting these men to expose one another in their evil deeds. Some of their iniquitous practises are being laid open before the world, that thinking men who still have a desire in their hearts to be honest and just with their fellow men, may understand why God is beginning to send his judgments on the earth. The Lord will surely punish the world for its iniquity; "the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." {RH, March 31, 1910 par. 2}

Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members ***will conspire against them.*** {5T 450.2}

We shall yet find that the same spirit of opposition to God and his people that existed in ages past exists in this day of boasted light and privilege. Satan is engaged in doing his own work. ***His angels will conspire with evil men today,*** and the combined energies of apostasy will gather together their forces to tear down that which they once built up, and to destroy the influence of those who are champions of the truth. {ST, September 21, 1888 par. 12}

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, ***the people will conspire to root out the hated sect.*** It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. {GC 635.1}

Heavenly Father, please forgive our blind ignorance and worship of man in these last days. Please help us to not encourage people to believe in "secret Christianity". Forgive us for the stumbling block that we have set before others and grant us the experience of a genuine repentance that we might be instruments in thine hand for the salvation of many souls.

In Jesus name, Amen.