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"Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed."

— I. F. STONE

I don't think I'm a wacko. But I do believe in conspiracies. I believe there are groups of people who secretly conspire to deprive the general populace of freedom and property. I enjoyed the movie "Conspiracy Theory" which dealt with the CIA's mind-control project MK Ultra - which officially "did not exist" until it was exposed publicly a few years ago.

How about you? Do you believe there are groups of people who conspire together to get advantage over other people, or to cover-up truths, or to subvert the thinking of the masses?

Take for instance the Warren Commission back in the 1960's. When Vice President Lyndon Johnston assumed the office of President he appointed this group of well-established men to "investigate" the Kennedy assassination. America needed an "official report," so the Warren Commission produced one.

They reported that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination. I was a teenager at the time and didn't give it much thought right then. But later when I looked into the issue it was not difficult to see that the Warren Commission was nothing but a conspiracy to whitewash and cover-up. No sane adult believed it. Clearly the Mafia, the CIA, the news media, and many operatives were involved with both the assassination and the cover-up. There were multiple shooters, with one or more shooting from the infamous "grassy knoll." This, in fact, was two conspiracies: one conspiracy to assassinate, and another conspiracy to cover up. The second conspiracy (to cover up) grew more vast than the first.

"There is no doubt now there was a conspiracy, yet most of us are not very angry about it. The conspiracy to kill the president of the United States was also a conspiracy against the democratic system - and thus a conspiracy against you. I think you should get very angry about that."

—GAETON FONZI
Investigator, House Select
Committee on Assassinations

Another thing: I don't accept the establishment's claim that the reason for adding fluoride to our drinking water is to strengthen the enamel on our teeth and make us more healthy. How do you see it? Do you suspect someone may have ulterior motives for putting an invasive chemical into our bodies?

And what about the abortion conspiracy? I thoroughly reject the idea that the Supreme Court, the politicians, and the abortionists are concerned about "a woman's right to choose." It insults my intelligence for them to repeat this worn-out line. The truth is they couldn't care less about a woman's rights. I believe there is a conspiracy of world-planners and lawmakers whose goal is to debase women and families. They are using abortion to accomplish this. They know that debased societies lose their strength and resolve, and are easier to control. This is a conspiracy against the innocent, against women, against family, and against life itself.

This generation has also seen a conspiracy in the entertainment industry. It is no accident that movies, TV, and music (so-called) have become exceedingly immoral and perverted. The entertainment industry may have always been silly and worthless, but in the last quarter century it has become vulgar, freakish and destructive. It destroys people, via their minds, more thoroughly than guns or bombs could do.

And how is it that the nastiest degenerates end up setting the trends

in Hollywood? It is because the owners of the movie and music companies position them so they can! Why? Very simple. The super-rich at the top in Hollywood are part of the vast conspiracy to debase society and destroy our ability to resist.

The "Gay" movement is another conspiracy to debase the masses. Hollywood and Washington D.C. are havens for sexual deviants, and both venues have conspired together to strengthen lesbianism and sodomy.

The push to outlaw private ownership of guns is another obvious conspiracy. Surely no one really believes that the gun grabbers are concerned about our safety ... as they claim. The politicians and movie stars who head up this conspiracy to take away our guns have gun collections themselves, plus they hire armed guards to protect them and their property. So, basically, they want the benefit of guns, but they don't want us to have that same benefit. If they have their way - and it looks like they will - guns will be available to government agencies and the wealthy who can afford to hire professional, licensed gunmen. The goal is obvious: they want the public disarmed so we are less of a threat to them as they tighten their grip on us and our property.

What about those secret shadowy organizations like "The Illuminati," "The Masonic Order," "The Bohemian Club," "Skull & Bones" etc.? Do you buy the official explanation that these groups are innocent and meaningless? I don't. I believe there is more to them ... much more.

I also believe that international bankers have conspired together with a global agenda to control the course of nations by controlling the money in those nations. Do you agree?

What about the cover-up of the UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico back in

1947? Scores of eye witnesses have testified that they personally saw things that were later denied and covered up by the government. There have been other UFO cover-ups too, I don't know what these UFOs were/are; but I know for sure; that the government is actively covering up the truth about them.

Finally, take a look at State and Federal elections that occur every few years. The recent presidential election made it clear that both Republicans and Democrats conspire in every election to secretly influence the results in their favor. Every presidential election in history has been a conspiracy ... and now after "Election 2000" this should be obvious.

If you agree with any of the above examples of "conspiracy theories" then the establishment may label you a "wacko." I'm sure they already think of me as a wacko. But, frankly, I'd be insulted if they didn't. I don't expect, or want, endorsement from "them."

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose in this article is not to prove or disprove any of the examples just given. Numerous people have write-books and articles devoted to those subjects, and you've probably read some of them. So we are not doing others have already done many times. We will not try to prove one or more of these theories. Rather, we will examine "Conspiracy" itself, **as an idea**, to see if it is feasible or not.

WHAT IS A CONSPIRACY?

Is a conspiracy only the stuff good mystery/suspense novels and movies are made of? Or do conspiracies exist in the real world? Should we be aware of them? If we believe in the existence of conspiracies, does that mean we're ignorant and paranoid? Are we wackos?

A conspiracy is: a plan, formulated between two or more people, to carry out an act. By definition, a conspiracy is no more than an act planned by two or more. It doesn't even require that the plan be carried out. It only requires that it be planned with the intent to carry it out. Of course, the classic conspiracies are planned in secret and considered unlawful or evil.

If conspiracies really exist, we'd be fools to ignore them ... wouldn't we? And isn't it logical that conspirators would like us to think that conspiracy theories are crazy, and that we should avoid even considering them because we don't want to be thought of as wackos? Wouldn't that make it easier for them to cover up their conspiracies?

So let us cut to the chase. Let us turn to the Bible to see what it says about conspiracies.

CONSPIRACIES IN THE BIBLE

The Bible refers to conspiracies in nearly every book. If you prefer not to consider the existence of conspiracies you may want to stop right here. If you are wrong, don't worry, all is not lost. You can always resort to ad hominem accusation to avoid truth. You can avoid the whole question by simply rejecting the Bible and calling it a book for wackos.

We found 95 cites in the Bible which refer to conspiracies (see list below) - and we no doubt missed some. Let's look at a few of these examples from the Bible that seem to indicate that conspiracies are facts of life:

• THE CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE JOSEPH

Ten of Joseph's brothers conspired to get rid of him. They first planned to dig a pit and have him "fall" into it and be killed. This plan was later altered to have him sold into slavery. In Joseph's case the conspiracy was kindled by the fuel of jealousy. Joseph was Jacob's youngest son at the time, but he was Jacob's choice to receive the birthright. The other brothers were bitter because Jacob favored Joseph. Jacob saw a quality in Joseph that was missing in the others.

Even though Joseph was the eleventh son, he was the firstborn, Jacob's chosen wife, Rachel. All this, plus Joseph's dreams of rising above brothers, embittered the brothers him and led them to hatch up conspiracy. You can read the des in Genesis 37.

• The Conspiracy to Entrap Daniel

A tale of political intrigue surrounds in chapter six of the book of Daniel. King Darius appointed Daniel to the highest office in the land under the king himself. Darius preferred Daniel over all the princes of the entire realm. Thus, the princes were jealous of Daniel, and they conspired to get him in trouble

CONSPIRACIES IN THE BIBLE - 95 CITES -

1. Num 14:35;	25. Prov 1:10-11;	49. 11:27;	73. 9:22;
2. II Sam 7:10;	26. 4:16;	50. Ho 6:9;	74. 11:47;
3. Neh 4:11;	27. 12:6;	51. Ob 1:7;	75. 12:10;
4. 6:7;	28. 24:2;	52. Micah 3:11;	76. 18:3
5. Job 34:8;	29. 28:28;	53. 7:3;	77. 19:38;
6. Ps 10:2, 8;	30. 29:27;	54. Mtt 7:15;	78. Acts 4:26;
7. 11:2;	31. Is 10:1-2;	55. 12:14;	79. 6:12;
8. 22:16;	32. 13:4;	56. 22:15, 34	80. 9:23;
9. 26:9-10;	33. 28:14-15;	57. 24:11, 24;	81. 13:50;
10. 28:3;	34. 32:7;	58. 26:3-4;	82. 14:2;
11. 31:4;	35. 45:21;	59. 28:12;	83. 17:5, 13;
12. 35:20;	36. 54:15;	60. Mk 3:6;	84. 20:3;
13. 37:12;	37. 59:4;	61. 10:33;	85. 21:27;
14. 44:5;	38. Jer 5:26-28;	62. 11:18;	86. 23:12-13, 27, 30;
15. 64:1-4;	39. 5:31;	63. 13:22;	87. 26:2, 7, 21;
16. 71:10;	40. 6:13;	64. 14:1, 43, 53;	88. II Cor 11:13;
17. 74:4, 8, 23;	41. 8:10;	65. Lk 6:7;	89. Gal 2:4;
18. 83:2-5,12;	42. 11:9;	66. 19:47;	90. Eph 4:14;
19. 94:20-21;	43. 14:14;	67. 20:1, 19;	91. II Pet 1:16;
20. 119:110;	44. 27:10-15;	68. 21:12;	92. 2:1-2;
21. 139:21;	45. 29:9;	69. 22:2, 66;	93. II Jn 1:7;
22. 140:2;	46. Ez 11:2	70. 23:10;	94. Rev 2:9; 3:9;
23. 141:9;	47. 22:25, 28;	71. Jn. 5:16, 18	95. 19:19.
24. 142:3;	48. Dan 6:6-7;	72. 7:1,13	

by tricking the King into issuing a royal edict for 30-days forbidding anyone to pray to anyone except King Darius himself. If any man broke this law he would be cast into a den of lions. The conspirators knew Daniel would continue to pray to his God despite the royal statute, so it was merely a matter of time before they caught him praying to Yahweh and entrapped him according to plan.

• THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST JESUS

In Matthew 26 we read of the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of Jerusalem conspiring together with Caiaphas the high priest to take Jesus by subtlety (trickery and deceit). After the conspirators stirred up an angry mob, Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus to them and they took Jesus captive. They then conspired to round up false witnesses against Jesus, accusing Him of untrue things. This led to Jesus being crucified.

Thus, the most infamous act recorded by mankind (the murder of God's Son) was the result of conspiracy.

• THE CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PAUL

In Acts 23:12-35 we find a conspiracy of over 40 Judaists who plotted to assassinate the Apostle Paul. These conspirators bound themselves together under a vow that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

Fortunately, Paul's nephew overheard the plot and went directly to inform him. The plot was then reported to a captain who was guarding Paul.

After hearing the details of the plot to assassinate Paul, the captain immediately deployed almost 500 soldiers to protect Paul from the hostile Judaists who wanted to kill him.

Later that night under cover of darkness the large deployment of soldiers escorted Paul to another town to keep him out of harm's way.

Just think about how this conspiracy might have been covered up by the establishment and gone unnoticed by the people of that time. After all, the conspiracy was never carried out, so what proof was there? They could

have just said that Paul and his nephew were wackos, and that the captain was paranoid.

• THE CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW KING DAVID

In 2 Samuel, chapters 13-19 we read about a conspiracy waged by Absalom against his father, David. First, Absalom conspired to have his brother Amnon killed. This caused bad blood between Absalom and David. Then for the next 40 years Absalom conspired to replace his father David on the throne.

When Absalom had persuaded over 200 leading men of Israel to side with him, he suddenly proclaimed himself king according to plan. A violent battle ensued where 20,000 men were killed. Then, Absalom came to his untimely end when some of David's men killed him while he was entangled in the tree.

David knew from experience about conspiracy. He wrote:

2. *Hide me from the secret counsel of spoilers; from the tumult of evildoers:*

3. *Who sharpen their tongues like a sword. They aim their arrows: bitter words.*

4. *To shoot the innocent from ambush: suddenly they shoot at him, and fear not.*

5. *They strengthen themselves in an evil thing: they talk of laying snares cunningly; they say, Who shall see them?*

6. *They search out iniquities; (they say) we have finished a well-laid plan: and man's inward part, and heart, are deep.*

Psalm 64:2-8

20. *Shall the throne of iniquity be allied to you, which frames mischief by a law?*

21. *They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the blood of the innocent.*

Psalm 94:20-21

Also, Jeremiah knew of conspiracies:

26. *For among my people are found wicked men: they lie in wait like the crouching fowlers; they set a trap, they catch men.*

27. *Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of treachery: therefore they are become great, and grown rich;*

they have become fat and shiny.

28. *Yea, they also pass over the deeds of the wicked: they do not plead the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and the right of the needy they do not judge.*

Jeremiah 5:26-28

Conspiracy is well documented in the Bible. It should be obvious to anyone that belief in conspiracies does not make one odd or paranoid. Why pretend conspiracies don't exist? The existence of conspiracies is a fact of life! Truly, someone would be a wacko to deny it. Some may try to discount conspiracies by reminding us of certain false claims that have been made about conspiracies that never really existed. There is no question that false claims have been made about nonexistent conspiracies. There are always false claims ... about any theory. But false claims of conspiracies cannot negate the existence of real conspiracies, any more than cover-ups (like The Warren Report) can negate the facts.

The subject of conspiracies involves us all on a personal level. Conspiracies affect YOU and how you live everyday ... in ways you may not even suspect! Every day you must make judgments and decisions based upon data you've been given from sources you cannot verify as to their integrity. The data may very well be deception aimed at blinding you to truth and/or manipulating you into thinking or acting in a certain way. You don't know. Not only must you decide who shot JFK (a lone gunman? ...or a cabal of Mafia, CIA, and other key government officials?) but you must decide whether or not to believe that fiber in your diet helps prevent cancer. You must decide whether or not to buy sun blocker to protect your skin against the hole in the ozone layer. There are hundreds of such issues you must face every day. You must face questions and issues about religion and politics. If you fail to recognize the conspiracies and deceptions in advertising in the evening news, in education, or in hundreds of other areas in your daily life, you will be the victim of a conspiracy without knowing it.

You are expected to decide whether

to believe in Left-wing conspiracies or Right-wing conspiracies. If Left-wing thinkers outnumber Right-wing thinkers, then you may be called a wacko by most people if you believe in Right-wing conspiracy theories. Then you must make a choice as to whether to believe prevailing Church doctrine, or believe what the Bible appears to say. If you choose to believe anything other than common church doctrines, then you'll be considered a wacko heretic by most people. If, in your pursuit of truth the established powers of State and Church label you a wacko, what does that mean? Does that make you a wacko?

Many real conspiracies were never proven publicly ... but they existed. Conspiracies, because of their secretive nature, are difficult to prove. Government conspiracies are especially difficult to prove because government has so many facilities to hide things, and a large body of subordinates to uphold the lies. The courts routinely deny and cover up government conspiracies that are obvious. Most people agree that the government covers up lots of things despite its claims to the contrary. The fact is, power to keep secrets is a defining element of modern government ... and government secrets are the quintessential soul of conspiracy itself.

But the most insidious conspiracies are not the well-publicized ones about who shot JFK, or about UFO's, or international bankers. The most insidious conspiracies are the ones we don't think of as conspiracies. They are things like church denominations and political parties.

The truth is out there, but Church and State conspire to hide it from you:

25. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion ravening the prey. They have devoured souls. They have taken the riches and gems; they have multiplied widows in her midst.

26. Her priests have violated my law, and profaned mine holy things: they have not separated the holy from the profane, nor have they taught difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27. Her princes in her midst are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood,

to destroy souls, and to get dishonest gain.

Ezekiel 22:25-27

These verses apply to today's society as much as in Ezekiel's day. The "prophets" were God's spokesmen in Israel. They were supposed to be the keepers of truth.

The "priests" were the ministers; the administrators of those truths supposedly for the good of the people

The "princes" were the leaders who were supposed to put those truths into action and enforce them.

Notice how prophets, priests, and princes (church and state) conspire together. Both Jeremiah and Ezekiel tell us that the public is so corrupt that it loves the conspiracy:

30. An appalling and horrible thing is committed in the land;

31. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own hands; and my people love to have it so: But what will they do at the end of it?

Jeremiah 5:30, 31

Notice that the priests are empowered to rule by the prophets who prophesy falsely. That is a conspiracy of church and state!

How does this work today? The churches teach their people that the U.S. Government rules by authority of God. They teach that the U.S. Government is the best government in the world, and that the Constitution is God-inspired. They ignore the difference between God's government and man's government, and thus they strengthen the Beast while blinding people to the hope of freedom promised under God's government. Man rules over man because the religious leaders brainwash the people, robbing them of the truth, and teaching them to submit to slavery and ungodly government.

What is reality? What is truth? Is reality nothing more than a matter of perspective ... different for one than it is for another? No; Reality is a matter of perception. The accuracy of your religious/political position depends upon your personal PERCEPTION of truth. The way you perceive truth determines whether you are seeing

fantasies or facts. But, how can you tell? How can you be objective about your own perceptions?

The search for reality is more than just finding truth. It, in fact, is a search for how to PERCEIVE. There are many false prophets out there waiting to hand you illusions. But reality must not only be seen ... it must also be PERCEIVED. We all see reality, because reality is all around us. However, very few of us actually PERCEIVE what we see.

Perception is an art that most people never learn. In fact, most people are taught NOT to attempt to perceive ... because they are not qualified (authorized). They, instead, are told to ACCEPT the official answers already perceived by licensed and authorized perceivers (the prophets, priests, and princes). They are told "don't question or analyze." Rather, they are to memorize the authorized answers. They are spoon-fed the official view of things and told to accept it because it has been authorized and officially deemed "true and factual." It has the official stamp of approval on it. If people spend years accepting and believing the "official" views, then any theory that deviates from their official view falls into the category of "wacko."

This patented process robs us of our ability to perceive, and removes our ability to analyze. We can't discern truth because we can't ask the right questions. The right questions are unthinkable; un-askable. To even ask puts you under suspicion.

But understanding and believing in conspiracy theories (or even questioning official doctrine) is not "wacko" behavior. The rest of this article will show you one way you can develop the art of perception in your pursuit of truth. Since I am an artist, this method is from an artist's perspective.

DRAWING AND THE ART OF PERCEPTION

One way to explain the process of perceiving truth is to compare it with the process of drawing a picture. The art of drawing pictures is more clear-cut than the art of perceiving truths nonetheless there are some parallels

that can help us to understand.

In 1979 Betty Edwards published *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*. In this book she documented cases where students who didn't think they could be taught to draw were remarkably transformed by the end of six weeks, and were turning out drawings comparable to "highly talented" artists! This was done, not by teaching them how to draw, but by training them how to perceive

The basis of Betty Edwards' research on the subject was a study of the two hemispheres of the brain. Her research suggested that the Left hemisphere of the brain...

1. Uses words to name, describe and define (Verbal).
2. Figures out things step by step and part by part (Analytic).
3. Uses symbols to stand for things (Symbolic).
4. Chooses a little information to represent the whole thing (Abstract).
5. Keeps track of time and does things in sequence and by priorities (Temporal).
6. Draws conclusions based on reason and facts (Rational and Logical).
7. Favors the use of numbers (Digital).
8. Thinks in a straight line where one idea is linked to another (Linear).

Compare how the Right hemisphere of the brain is different from the left: The Right hemisphere of the brain...

1. Uses non-verbal cognition to perceive.
2. Puts pieces together to form wholes.
3. Relates to things as they are, at the present moment.
4. Sees likenesses among things; understands metaphoric relationships.
5. Has no sense of time.
6. Doesn't require a basis of reason or facts; willing to suspend judgment. Makes leaps of insight, often based on incomplete patterns, hunches, feelings, or visual images (Intuitive, Non-rational).
7. Sees where things are in relation to other things and how parts go together to form a whole (Spatial).
8. Sees the complete picture all at once; perceiving overall patterns and structures.

Obviously, the Right hemisphere of the brain gives you what you need to be an artist. The Left hemisphere gives

you what you need to critically analyze things. The problem with people who have difficulty drawing is that their Left hemisphere dominates their thinking and blocks access to their Right hemisphere. Hence, there are many people who say "I can't even draw a straight line." These people assume that their powers of observation are working fine but they just have no talent to draw. However, it turns out that their powers of observation are not working fine, and the blame does not lie with their drawing ability.

Artists, inventors and creative thinkers in any profession often have the ability to use both sides of their brains as they shift from the Left hemisphere to the Right hemisphere, thereby perceiving things both ways. As a result, they tap into the creative process, creating artistic masterpieces and inventing new ways of doing things. When they come up with a list of new ideas they then shift back to their analytical Left hemisphere and decide the validity of new ideas. These learners use more of their brains than people who are merely "schooled."

In her book, Edwards tracked the drawing history of most children. We all start out wanting to draw. As we develop our drawing skills we make a basic discovery of art: a drawn symbol on a piece of paper can stand for something around us. For instance, a child draws a circle, adds two dots for eyes and a curve for the mouth and calls this symbol "Mommy" or "Daddy." As we grow older and continue drawing, we adopt and solidify more and more symbols for the things in our environment. These are actually "symbols" because they bear little or no resemblance to the real things. When we draw symbols for cats, dogs, birds, houses, cars, etc., we are using our Left Hemisphere to perceive things.

At age four or five we relate to stories by the way we draw people and things. At age five or six we have worked out a set of symbols we use to create a landscape. At this early age we are learning to name, and identify things. Thus our growing archives of names and symbols are mostly Left Hemisphere perceptions of reality. At around ten we try to capture more detail in our drawings in order to achieve more realism. By age eleven we have a

passion for getting the right details into our drawings. Boys often draw meticulous renderings of race cars or airplanes and girls draw complex dress designs or careful drawings of horses or other animals.

This is the stage that many of us become discouraged with art because, even though we have added many details to our drawings, they still aren't looking realistic. Many of us never find the answer as to why we can't achieve realism in our drawings, and we assume that we have failed in the actual drawing rather than in our perception of things.

The truth is, we are not seeing things accurately, and that is why we can't produce an accurate drawing. But what is it that prevents us from perceiving things accurately?

Part of the answer is that, as children we learned to see things in terms of words and symbols (Left Hemisphere perception). The dominant symbol hemisphere doesn't like too much information about things it perceives; just enough to recognize and categorize. The left brain learns to move quickly because it has to process such an enormous volume of incoming information that it must screen out most of it. This works most of the time because it helps us to focus our thinking.

But the ability to draw pictures requires that you look at something for a long time, perceive many details, and register non-verbal, non symbolic information.

The impatient left hemisphere says, "It's a table (or a chair, bird, car, etc.) and that's all you need to know. In fact, don't waste your time looking at it because I have a ready-made symbol for you to use."

The problem is that our own personal system of symbols has been embedded in our memories, so we keep drawing the SYMBOLS we have learned rather than drawing what we are actually seeing in real life.

By the time we become teenagers most of us become frustrated with drawing. We would like to draw details, but our Left-brain-thinking has worked so hard for so long solidifying a large library of ready-made symbols of people, places, and things, that it keeps getting in the way of our Right-

hemisphere non-symbol perception.

When adult art students “don’t know how to draw” they do not really perceive what is in front of their eyes. They simply take a quick left-brained note of what’s there, then they translate that into words and symbols based on their stored archives of words and symbols developed during their life. The resulting drawing doesn’t look realistic because it is a graphic symbol rather than an accurate rendering of the object.

When these frustrated would-be artists enter Betty Edwards’ drawing classes they are given certain drawing exercises to perform. These exercises are designed to “turn off” the Left-Brain symbol system so the Right-Brain system can emerge and actually draw a picture.

One such exercise requires the student to take a complicated line drawing or detailed photo, turn it upside down, and then proceed to draw it using a pencil on a blank sheet of paper. At first, Left-Brain-oriented people think it is crazy to turn a picture upside-down to draw it! It’s amazing to see the reactions of people when they are told to do this exercise. They are simply flabbergasted. The exercise forces them to depart from the normal, traditional structure of thinking. “It can’t be done!” they protest. “Why in heaven’s name would you do such a thing?!”

What happens is that a difficult mental adjustment occurs in a person’s mind when he is forced to turn something upside down and draw it. And this adjustment doesn’t happen smoothly or quickly. When we perceive things, we automatically become accustomed to the top, bottom and sides of those things and we expect to see those things right-side up. When things are right-side up, we can recognize them, name them, and categorize them according to our large left-brained archive of stored symbols. But when an image is turned upside-down, the visual clues become scrambled and don’t fit our preconceived symbols. The Left Hemisphere becomes confused and can’t associate the things in a picture with any of the symbols in its archives, and it tends to shut down. Hence, people exclaim in frustration “this is

crazy!”

But this is where, if the student has the patience to continue drawing, the Right Hemisphere of the brain, which isn’t obsessed with associating pictures with words or symbols, takes over and simply perceives the anonymous lines, curves, shapes and tones that make up the picture. After having drawn a picture upside-down, Left-Brain-oriented people will turn their drawing right-side up and gasp in astonishment at how much better their upside-down drawing looks than if they had tried to draw the picture right-side up!

The results are indeed astonishing. With the Left brain symbols turned off, the students can perceive the reality that is actually in front of them, and they are able to produce a realistic drawing on paper – something they hitherto thought impossible! And with practice they get even better! After they have successfully made this mental adjustment and are comfortable with it, they no longer have to turn pictures upside down in order to shift their thinking. In effect, they now know how to automatically think “upside down” when they want to draw real-life objects around them!

What happens in these drawing classes is that ...

- A. The teacher points out that there is a problem with their perception, and that it (and hence, their drawing ability) could be enhanced if they will “turn off” the method of perceiving to which they are accustomed.
- B. The people reluctantly recognize they have a problem with their perception.
- C. This shifting of paradigms is encouraged by the teacher.
- D. The students dare to abandon their traditional modes of thinking and, after a bit of a mental struggle, experience a shift from one mode of perception to another (from Left-Brain perception to Right-Brain perception).
- E. Detail is more accurately perceived and thus more accurately transmitted to the drawing paper.

Now take this process for learning to draw and compare it with the process for learning logic (i.e., aptitude for analyzing and discerning truth in history, politics, religion, etc.).

As children, the moment we enter government school or Sunday school we are started on a library of mental symbols to memorize. One by one, as the subjects come up, as the years go by, we learn a symbol for each subject. Some examples:

The Constitution – (Symbol: “God-inspired; best possible government on earth; protects our unalienable rights; established by godly men called “Founding Fathers”; etc.)

Kingdom of God – (Symbol: Incompatible with normal life; can only be established on a future “New Earth” after the present one is destroyed; can exist only in the total absence of sin and evil, etc.)

Satan – (Symbol: Rival god to Yahweh; supernatural angel who sinned and fell from Heaven; leads a host of other supernatural creatures known as demons; etc.)

Church – (Symbol: The place where God interacts with men, and where men do the works of God).

Christian – (Symbol: churchgoer).

The list of learned mental symbols impressed into our minds goes on and on like the endless number of things that can be drawn on paper. And as there are obstacles that can block students who want to learn to draw, there are also obstacles that can block people from learning to perceive truth:

A. Instead of teaching people to critically analyze ideas, pastors and bureaucrats merely reaffirm the symbols memorized from childhood in government and church schools.

B. Churchgoers never recognize they have a problem with their perception. They merely memorize what their leaders tell them.

C. The people remain stuck in the paradigms designed and authorized by the establishment. Anyone who thinks outside the box is called a “wacko” or “fanatic” by the bureaucrats, and a “heretic” by the churchgoers.

D. People don’t divert from the official symbols (authorized paradigms) and therefore they see only what they are told to see.

E. The conspiracy of the prophets and

priests, described in Ezekiel, still works for enslaving the masses.

LEARN TO THINK UPSIDE-DOWN

The analogy of drawing a picture upside-down to achieve more accuracy applies to thoughts as well. If you tell people that they may benefit from turning their perceptions of religious and governmental issues upside-down, they may think "This is crazy!" as did the students in the drawing class.

Can it help to turn our thinking upside-down? Sometimes it can. People may assume they already know how God thinks, but unless they turn their thinking upside-down once in a while they may be missing the point ... because God's thinking is often the opposite of man's thinking:

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways says Yahweh.

Is. 55:8

Look at the following examples of the opposite or "upside-down" way God thinks compared to the way men think. These are God-given clues to show people how to escape from established paradigms that don't work.

THE STRAIGHT & NARROW

Men tend to evaluate issues based upon the number of people who agree with it rather than by logic and sensibility. The greater the number of people who agree, the more correct it is deemed.

But here's the upside-down way God thinks:

13. Enter you in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and spacious is the way leading to destruction, and many are they who through it:

14. Because narrow is the gate, and tight is the way, leading to life, and few are they that find it.

Matt. 7:13-14

THE WEAK CONFOUNDS THE STRONG

Most people would think that the

stronger opponent always overcomes the weaker opponent; the more intellectual always wins over the not-so-intellectual; etc.. But here's the upside-down way God thinks.

27. But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise; and God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the strong.

28. And God has chosen the things not produced of the world, and things considered as nothing; and things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are.

29. That no flesh should boast in his sight.

1 Cor. 1: 27-29

IF YOU LOVE YOUR CHILDREN YOU SHOULD DISCIPLINE THEM

The popular thought in modern society is that if you love your children you should never spank them or be critical of them. After all, you supposedly teach them how to be violent when you spank them, and you might harm their little psyches if you are harsh with them. But here is the upside-down way God thinks:

24. He that spares his rod hates his son: but he that loves him chastens him often.

Prov. 13:24

13. Withhold not correction from the child: for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

14. You shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell (i.e., from death).

Prov. 23:13-14

6. Whom the Lord loves He chastens.

Heb. 12:6

YOU ARE BLESSED WHEN PEOPLE PERSECUTE YOU FOR FOLLOWING CHRIST

Normally, people think they are blessed when things are going well and everybody likes them. But here's the upside-down logic of the Bible:

10. Blessed are you when men shall

revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Matt. 5:11

BANKRUPTCY IS IN GOD'S LAW

Most people think bankruptcy is just a way for dishonest people to get out of paying a rightful debt. They think it is "legal theft." While this sounds reasonable to man, here's the upside-down way God thinks:

1. At the end of every seven years you shall make a release.

2. And this is the manner of the release: every lender shall release what he has lent his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; for Yahweh has proclaimed a release.

Deut. 5 1-2

IT IS GODLY TO HATE

Men prefer to think that God wants us to love everyone, and that hate and war are never justified. But here's the upside-down way God thinks:

22. I hate them with a perfect hatred: they have become my enemies.

Psalms 139:22

13. The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil: I hate pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

Prov. 8:13

1. There is a season for all things, and a time to every purpose under the heavens:

8. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Eccles. 3: 1, 8

15. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate: it may be that Yahweh God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:15

GOD CAUSES EVIL

Churches teach that God does only nice things, and that a supernatural being called "Satan" makes all the evil

in the world. But here's the upside-down way God thinks:

7. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I Yahweh do all these things.

Is. 45:7

If you don't think upside down every once in a while you may become comfortable with false man-made symbols and refuse to consider alternatives.

So, the discipline set by Scripture is that you should take note of the things men tend to believe, objectively turn that thinking upside down, and then analyze the results to insure you don't fall into a rut of inaccurate thinking. Sometimes it may produce results that get you closer to THE TRUTH! At the least it will exercise your powers of perception. And given the fact that man's ways are often the opposite from God's ways, this exercise can sometimes help a great deal.

UPSIDE-DOWN THINKING EXERCISES

Let's try some upside-down thinking about some popular man-made symbols.

Symbol: Columbus was the first to prove that the Earth was round.

Upside-down Thinking: Columbus was not the first to prove the Earth was round.

The truth is that most Europeans of the fifteenth century knew the earth was round. They had studied scholars like Pythagoras, who in the sixth century B.C. espoused the view that the earth was a globe. In the second century A.D. the Alexandrian astronomer, Ptolemy, argued that the earth was round based on his observation that the shadow the earth cast on the moon during an eclipse was round.

Symbol: The so-called 'Civil War' was fought to free the slaves.

Upside-down Thinking: It was not a "civil war," but rather a "War Between The States," and it was NOT fought over the issue of Slavery.

The issue of Slavery was injected into the debate as an afterthought to make the Union (the North) look better. A little research into this politically-incorrect idea reveals that the war was fought over the issue of States' Rights and States' Sovereignty – not Slavery. Lincoln was not concerned about the rights of slaves. Rather, he was concerned about "preserving the Union" (i.e., keeping Federal control over all the states). Actually, the North had slaves just like the South. However, due to northern propaganda, the South took the rap, and Lincoln became known as a champion of the slaves. But, in fact he was not. Also, the Confederate Flag became thought of as a symbol of Slavery when actually it was more a symbol of the struggle for independence.

Symbol: The old "Wild West" was lawless, dangerous, and fit only for ruffians.

Upside-down Thinking: The West was not "wild." Peaceful people moved west to get away from the system and the crime that followed it. Also because it was affordable, safe, slower-paced, and a better environment for families than the cities in the east.

Robbery and violence per capita in American cities is much greater today than it was in "Wild" west towns such as Dodge City. There were very few muggings, shoot outs, or bank robberies in the old west ... notwithstanding the wild images we've seen in the movies. The false symbol of the "Wild West" was created by penny novels, the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, and Hollywood. It continues to be a strong symbol used as a backdrop for dramatic stories and an alluring but false argument for the police state and gun control.

Symbol: Thomas Edison invented the light bulb.

Upside-down Thinking: Edison was not the inventor of the light bulb.

Facts reveal that in 1802 English chemist Sir Humphrey Davy made an arc lamp glow by passing electricity

through a platinum wire. Many think that he is the true father of electric light. Other men followed Davy: American, J. W. Starr in 1845; and when he died, an Englishman, Joseph Swan, continued his work. Swan developed the same solution Edison did, but he discovered it 10 months previous to Edison! Swan filed a patent infringement suit against Edison and won! Edison made Swan a partner in his business, later bought him out. So Edison only popularized the already-invented light bulb. Edison deserves credit for organizing companies to produce light bulbs commercially, but not for inventing them.

Symbol: Government-run public schools are necessary for educating children.

Upside-down Thinking: Public schools are failures, and education is rightly the responsibility of parents, not the government.

In the 1970's, homeschooling was still politically unacceptable and considered a crime. But things had become so rotten in public schools that many of us took our children out of the schools and began teaching them at home. We did this at the risk of being arrested and having our children taken away from us by government agents ... but we had no choice. The prevailing thinking of the establishment was that parents who took their children out of public schools were harming their children.

But in time, family after family began turning those man-made symbols upside-down until government relented and acknowledged the viability of parents teaching their own children. The homeschool movement burgeoned in the 80's and 90's. Today, private home education is not only acceptable, it is in vogue. The academic and social results of homeschooled students prove that government schools can't compete. In fact, public schools are now like prisons, with police guards and metal detectors at the doors.

The accusation that homeschooled children are deprived of social skills is unfounded because homeschoolers grow up more mature and poised than their age-peers in public schools. For one thing, they are not stunted by the age-

segregation structure of public schools. Thousands of families now know the truth:

“A general State education is a mere contrivance for molding people to be exactly like one another: and as the mold in which it casts them is that which pleases the predominant power in the government, whether this be a monarch, a priesthood, an aristocracy, or the majority of the existing generation in proportion as it is efficient and successful, it establishes a despotism over the mind, leading by a natural tendency to one over the body.”

—John Stuart Mill; ON LIBERTY

Now let us turn to a few “Religious” conspiracy theories. As you read the following examples you can see that each term has its authorized symbol that has been assigned to guide the public as to how to think. Then contrast that with God’s “Upside-down Thinking.”

1. “Kingdom of God”

Symbol: Incompatible with normal life; can only be established on a future “New Earth” after the present one is destroyed; can exist only in the total absence of sin and evil, etc.

Upside-down Thinking: God’s Kingdom (i.e., Kingship) refers to a state of society in which man subjects himself to God. God’s Kingdom has existed since before man was created, and it accommodates everyone willing to follow God. Under God’s Kingship men learn how to deal with reality, seek justice, and avoid idolatry.

2. “Death”

Symbol: A state of existence where people become “spirits” and live in ghost form rather than physical form, and they fly away to Heaven or Hell; etc.

Upside-down Thinking: At biological death men (both good and bad) go to hell (the word “hell” means “grave”; “to be covered” [with dirt]). To be in a grave is to be in hell. When men die biologically they do not continue to live, breathe, or think, and they do not continue to exist in an alternate invisible life form.

5. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, ...

Ecclesiastes 9:5

3. “Satan”

Authorized Symbol: An evil god, second in power only to Yahweh; A fallen supernatural angel who leads a host of subordinate supernatural creatures known as demons, etc.

Upside-down Thinking: The “Satan” of the churches is a nonexistent mythological creature invented by superstition. Yahweh and His Son, Jesus, have no rivals! There is no abode in outer space where angels supposedly reside, and from where the mythological Satan supposedly fell. And there is no subterranean “burning hell” for this imaginary Satan and his demons.

4. “Jesus”

Authorized Symbol: A physical body which Yahweh temporarily occupied so He could show Himself to man. Hence Jesus was Yahweh.

Upside-down Thinking: Jesus is a singularly distinct being, and so is Yahweh: Yahweh is the Father, and Jesus is the Son. They are not the same being. Jesus “came in the flesh” (He was given birth by a mortal woman, and was mortal). Yahweh did not come in the flesh (was not born; was not mortal). Jesus became the “firstfruits” of “the raised” (He became immortal; incapable of death). Jesus was given the Throne of David. It was given by his Father.

Just turning these church doctrines upside-down may seem flippant. But if you do the research into the upside-down concepts, sooner or later you’ll discover you had been the victim of religious conspiracies to defraud you! Basically, everything you thought you knew about religion is probably wrong! And the preachers (pastors) have kept the truth hidden by their teachings.

Having been fed man-made symbols all your life, this kind of thinking may seem “crazy” and “paranoid.” But don’t let your pre-programmed paradigms imprison your mind. Unlike the students in the drawing class who learn how to perceive what lies before their eyes, churchgoers often refuse to see what is before their eyes for fear of having their apple carts overturned. They have too much invested into the church system.

But for anyone willing to risk everything for truth, things can change

for the better. Old systems that don’t work can be replaced with ideas that DO work! Con artists who control the people’s thinking can be exposed and avoided. If people aren’t afraid to think upside-down (outside the box) to search for truth it can be done.

Every once in a while, each of us need to entertain the notion that things we think we know may be wrong (i.e., we need to experiment with turning our thinking upside-down). It can help us to break out of our ruts that blind our eyes to reality. We must intentionally switch off religious and government symbols that have been programmed into our thinking, and trying to perceive what is actually there.

HAVE YOU BEEN GIVEN EYES TO SEE TRUTH?

I realize this article will not settle well with everyone. Some can digest this kind of information ... and some cannot. Earlier we gave some examples of how God “thinks upside-down” in relation to man’s natural way of thinking. Few indeed are willing to depart far enough from popular thinking to analyze and consider different paradigms.

The one big difference between our analogy of how to perceive reality for the purpose of drawing pictures, and perceiving reality for the purpose of grasping truth, is that when a drawing gets more realistic it is fairly obvious. But when it comes to perceiving abstract truth, accuracy may not be as obvious when it appears. Most people will tell you that they think they perceive reality. But the fact is few people ever find the narrow path to the truth:

13. Enter you in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and spacious is the way leading to destruction, and many are they who enter through it:

14. Because narrow is the gate, and tight is the way, leading to life, and few are they that find it.

Matt. 7:13-14

Let’s look at two more examples of how God thinks upside down compared to men - this time about truth:

• WHY DID JESUS SPEAK IN PARABLES?

Most people think that Jesus intended for everyone to hear and understand his Kingdom parables. They assume that his purpose was to convert the enemies and the anti-christs, and make them understand. To the typical man, that certainly sounds like the right way to proceed. But here's the upside-down way Jesus thinks:

11. And he said to them, To you the mystery has been given of the kingdom of God: but to them that are outside, all these things are done in parables:

12. In order that looking, they might look but not see; and hearing they may hear and not comprehend; at no time will they repent and be forgiven.

Mark 4:11-12

The parables were spoken by Jesus for the purpose of letting his disciples learn while confusing the enemy. They were cryptographic, like coded messages ... designed to be understood by those who had "ears to hear" but not understood by the devils who might be listening.

• WE DON'T CHOOSE JESUS; HE CHOOSES US

How many times have you heard pastors admonishing people to choose Jesus; to make a decision to follow Jesus and begin the process? But the fact is that we cannot, on our own, choose Jesus. Rather, Jesus chooses us and we merely respond. Here is the upside-down way Jesus thinks:

16. You did not choose me, but I chose you, and ordained you, and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, ...

John 15:16

TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

Making the mental adjustment of turning your thinking upside down shouldn't be viewed as such an odd or risky thing. It will not make you a "wacko"! True, it is not easy. But if you practice doing it with small things every so often, then it becomes easier to overturn the larger man-made symbols filed away in your mind.

The next time you hear about an alleged conspiracy (political, religious OR otherwise) notice how you've been trained to react. If you automatically pooh pooh the theory without even giving it any thought, then you are reacting the way most people have been trained to react. Stop right there and turn your thinking upside-down. Entertain the concept that this conspiracy you have just passed summary judgment upon could be true, and start investigating and researching it. You may discover you have been the victim of a conspiracy to deprive you of the truth.

Not only can you learn more by avoiding the Establishment schools, but you can also learn better by avoiding the Establishment churches! If you find you are one of those who can successfully deal with upside-down thinking then you may suddenly find you have a thirst for reality: for what's REALLY out there - the truth.

7. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all your getting get understanding.

Prov. 4:7

THE WISDOM OF WILL ROGERS

- Don't squat with your spurs on.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
- If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering someone else's dog around.
- After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral ... "When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut."

- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- It doesn't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.

- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- Letting the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- There are three kinds of men:
 1. The ones that learn by reading.
 2. Those who learn by observation.
 3. The rest of 'em have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.