

## The Snare of the Fowler

Does everybody know what a fowler is? A fowler is a person who catches birds!

A Fowler doesn't just walk up and grab a bird – he gradually leads the bird to the snare – little by little.

What do birds represent in the Bible?

- Eccl. 9:12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

So birds represent men.

The Bible states that there are fowlers that are stalking us today.

- Jer. 5:26-27 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

We need to realize the danger of the snare and the best way for a bird to figure out what is going on is to see the trap, to fly overhead and take a bird's eye view of that trap to see how it works.

- Proverbs 1:17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

Who owns the mind?

- 1Cor. 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

So who owns the human mind? God does! And God alone has the right to control it!

- How many of you have heard of Hypnotism?

How many of you know what Hypnotism is and would recognize hypnosis if you saw it?

Let me show you a chiasm and then you may realize the significance of my last question.

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- “Beware. See that your arm is not linked in the arm of a personal demon. He is in appearance as a man. He is walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, and he finds them among Seventh-day Adventists. He can terrify by his roaring; but, when it suits his purposes best, he has the sweet voice of an angel of light and speaks of heavenly things. Does he not know all about heavenly glory?” TM 332

- In the late 1700's & early 1800's, Franz Anton Mesmer developed a technique that he called Animal Magnetism that was based on his idea that the human body has an invisible electric field around it with energy lines running through it and by manipulating that field you can affect a person's health and mind. His techniques became known as Mesmerism.

What did Sister White have to say about Mesmerism?

- "I told him that the Lord had shown me in vision that mesmerism was from the devil, from the bottomless pit, and that it would soon go there, with those who continued to use it. I then gave him liberty to mesmerize me if he could. He tried for more than half an hour, resorting to different operations, and then gave it up. By faith in God I was able to resist his influence, so that it did not affect me in the least." 2MCP 719

- In 1842, a British surgeon, Dr. James Braid, was impressed while watching a demonstration of Mesmerism, and he concluded that the cure was not produced by an invisible energy but rather by the power of suggestion over the human mind. He developed his concept and called it

- Hypnosis.

It is a very interesting fact that while God was building the foundation of the Advent movement through the first half of the 1800's – the devil was also building a foundation of the methods he would use to try to destroy God's movement.

- The word Hypnosis comes from the Greek word "Hypnos" which means "sleep" and was also the name of the Greek goddess of sleep.

- Proverbs 6:4,5 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Contrary to its name, Hypnosis doesn't actually put you to sleep. It relaxes the body and opens what the hypnotists like to call "the critical factor" of the mind so that thoughts can be introduced into your subconscious mind without your critical mind (your reasoning power) being able to analyze them and decide whether they are right or wrong.

- But this is totally opposite of how our Creator designed us to be!

"Satan often finds a powerful agency for evil in the power which one human mind is capable of exerting on another human mind. This influence is so seductive that the person who is being molded by it is often unconscious of its power. God has bidden me speak warning against this evil." 1MCP 23

God, the one who owns our mind and the only one who has the right to bypass this "critical factor" barrier in our mind – refuses to do so! He specifically wants us to use that "critical factor."

- He says in Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD..."

God doesn't want us to blindly follow what He says – He wants us to make a conscious decision to follow Him. He didn't create us to be brainless robots.

- He created our minds with the specific ability to make a conscious choice to follow Him out of our love for Him! God created your mind, and He expects you to understand how it works.

- The brain works in "wave patterns" and there are 5 brain wave patterns:

- **Gamma** is where your brain frequencies are about 40-100 cycles per second. This range has just recently been discovered and is the fastest frequency. While little is known about this state of mind, initial research shows Gamma waves are associated with bursts of insight and high-level information processing. It is also thought that the 40 Hz gamma wave is important for connecting our senses in regards to perception and is involved in learning new material. In other words, this

brain frequency is what comes into play when you see a new sight or hear a new sound or read a Bible text and suddenly put two & two together and get a new idea.

- **Beta** is where your brain frequencies are at about 14-40 cycles per second. This is where your brain is totally conscious and aware of your 5 senses. It is associated with a heightened state of alertness, and applies logic and reasoning processes (the Critical Factor) and you possess a sense of time and space. These two wave patterns are hopefully the wave patterns of your brains right now – at least, they had better be.
- **Alpha** brain frequencies are slower, about 7-14 cycles per second. This is the state your mind moves to when your mind, though still conscious, is in deep relaxation and frees itself from worries and frustrations. This would be the brain state where you “zone out” into a daydream or closing your eyes during light meditation. This would be where your brain is as you listen to the rhythmic thumping of the highway – and your eyes drift closed, just before you run into the ditch.
- **Theta** brain frequencies are between 4-7 cycles per second. This is the semi-conscious state where your mind is during deep meditation and light sleep, including the all-important REM dream state where your mind is trying to sort out thoughts. It is the realm of your subconsciousness and only experienced momentarily as you drift off to sleep from Alpha and wake up from deep sleep (from Delta).  
Your mind’s most deep-seated programs are at Theta and it is at the Alpha-Theta border, from 7Hz to 8Hz, where hypnotists consider the optimal range for visualization, mind programming and using the creative power of your mind begins.  
At this frequency, you are still conscious of your surroundings however your body is in deep relaxation.
- **Delta** frequencies are between .5-4 cycles per second. This is the slowest of the frequencies and is the unconscious state that is experienced in deep, dreamless sleep and in very deep, transcendental meditation where awareness is fully detached. This delta state of brain wave pattern is when your body rejuvenates itself during “healing sleep.”

Hypnotism puts the mind into the Alpha state for “light” hypnosis” and the Theta state for “deep” hypnosis. Spiritual Formation also moves your mind into the Alpha state.

None of you are in either of these brain wave patterns are you?

If you are, get out of it now! You had better be in the Beta or Gamma brain wave patterns!

- “Satan is watching that he may find the mind in an unguarded moment, and so get possession of it. We do not want to be ignorant of his devices, neither do we want to be overpowered by his devices. He is pleased with the pictures that represent him as having horns and hooves, for he has intelligence; he was once an angel of light.” 1MCP 24

Satan’s hypnotism is a dangerous subject and you need to be alert, watchful, and analyzing everything that is introduced to your mind!

If you wanted to poison the world, what would you hate the most? The antidote in the hands of those you want to poison!

- Psalm 91:1-3 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler...”

The subject of hypnotism has been really difficult to deal with because you can’t use one quote from Sister White to contradict another of her quotes – they have to agree with each other. She tells us, on the one hand, that we are not to be ignorant of Satan’s devices, we need to be knowledgeable of how he works and the tactics that he uses to gain control of our minds.

● “The convert is to look to the mighty Helper, lest he be surprised off guard, and seduced by the enemy. He is not to be ignorant of Satan's devices, nor rest satisfied with the knowledge he has attained...” ST, March 27, 1893

● “Satan understands the weakness of men. He has the knowledge which he has accumulated for ages and is an experienced hand at his work. His cunning and devices are well matured, and are too often successful because God's people are not as wise as serpents.” 3T 456

● “Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of men, and God's ministers must watch for souls and work faithfully to repulse the enemy and gain the victory. We need wisdom and a better knowledge of Satan's devices, that he may not, right before our eyes, accomplish the ruin of precious souls.” 20MR 132

● “We are in constant danger of becoming self-sufficient, relying upon our own wisdom, and not making God our strength. Nothing disturbs Satan so much as our knowledge of his devices. If we feel our dangers we shall feel the need of prayer, as did Nehemiah, and like him we shall obtain that sure defense that will give us security in peril. If we are careless and indifferent, we shall surely be overcome by Satan's devices. We must be vigilant. While, like Nehemiah, we resort to prayer, taking all our perplexities and burdens to God, we should not feel that we have nothing to do. We are to watch as well as pray. We should watch the work of our adversaries, lest they gain advantage in deceiving souls. We should, in the wisdom of Christ, make efforts to defeat their purposes, while, at the same time, we do not suffer them to call us from our great work.” 3T 572

But, on the other hand, she also specifically tells us

● “Those who have a true realization of the subtlety of Satan's devices for these last days will walk with fear and trembling, in great humility, at every step seeking divine guidance.” 2MR 95

● “Men and women are not to study the science of how to take captive the minds of those who associate with them. This is the science that Satan teaches. We are to resist everything of the kind. We are not to tamper with mesmerism and hypnotism --the science of the one who lost his first estate and was cast out of the heavenly courts...Neither one of you should study the science in which you have been interested. To study this science is to pluck the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God forbids you or any other mortal to learn or to teach such a science.” 2MCP 713,716

So basically, because we need to understand how our minds work and the tactics the devil uses to get control of it, but we are also told not to study it because this topic is such dangerous ground, that should never be ventured around without protection from God, it has been with much prayer for guidance and protection that this presentation was put together. I've tried to share the basics, sort of like from a bird's eye perspective without actually getting down on the ground and investigating the subject from the inside of the trap.

It's sort of like breaking the code of the enemy in war – you don't want to have anything to do with the enemy's code, you don't need to know how to use it, but you do need to understand how it works so that you'll be able to know what the enemy's tactics are going to be.

This is one reason why I want everyone listening today to be in the Beta or Gamma brainwave patterns! You need to be totally alert “little birds” and carefully analyzing every thought that I

share with you – and as you will see, that rule also goes for every single person and speaker that ever shares anything with you!



Roger Morneau was told by the Satanic priest about a general council meeting that Satan had with his angels at the beginning of the 1700's. Satan wanted to prepare for the arrival of the industrial age and the scientific age to follow which was to usher in the final events. That demonic council developed 3 main policies that they would work on to take down humanity. The first was to teach people that the devil doesn't exist, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> policy was to introduce Evolution.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of these policies was to take Hypnotism out of the realm of the occult and introduce it into the realm of science as a benefit to mankind. Do you think he's been successful?

- Things begin to get dangerous when you allow your mind to move from the beta state into the Alpha state while listening to someone. Listen to what Laurie Cabot, the high priestess of witchcraft, has to say about the Alpha state:

*“Alpha is the springboard for all psychic and magical workings. It is the heart of Witchcraft . . . You must master it first before proceeding to any other spell, ritual, or exercise in this book.”  
Laurie Cabot, *Power Of The Witch**

- Your conscious mind that controls your logical, reasoning, thinking and will power is about 12% of your mind, and your subconscious mind, which controls things like your emotions, is about 88% of your mind. It is more like a computer hard drive that stores every memory you have ever had. The critical factor is found in the frontal lobe of the brain. It is the invisible barrier, sort of like a wall of protection that separates the conscious from the subconscious mind and prevents suggestions from entering the subconscious mind. It's sort of like the firewall and the virus protection program on your computer.

To give an example:

If someone gives you the suggestion of “What a nice red shirt you are wearing” – that suggestion enters the conscious mind and is analyzed by the Critical Factor. If you are actually wearing a blue shirt, • the critical factor blocks that suggestion from the subconscious mind, preventing the subconscious mind from being programmed with false information.

Have you ever had a virus, an error, infiltrate your computer and embed itself in your hard drive? Hypnosis opens or bypasses this critical factor, this firewall of protection, to allow information into the subconscious mind whether it is true or false.

- *“We cannot with impunity break down a single barrier which God has erected to guard His people from Satan's power.” PK 212*

Now we know from Sister White's statement that Mesmerism was from the devil, so where do you think Hypnotism really originated from?

- *“The influence of mind on mind, so strong a power for good when sanctified, is equally strong for evil in the hands of those opposed to God. This power Satan used in his work of instilling evil into the minds of the angels, and he made it appear that he was seeking the good of the universe. As the anointed cherub, Lucifer had been highly exalted; he was greatly loved by the*

heavenly beings, and his influence over them was strong. Many of them listened to his suggestions and believed his words.” 1MCP 23

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- “The theory of mind controlling mind was originated by Satan to introduce himself as the chief worker, to put human philosophy where divine philosophy should be. Of all the errors that are finding acceptance among professedly Christian people, none is a more dangerous deception, none more certain to separate man from God, than is this. Innocent though it may appear, if exercised upon patients it will tend to their destruction, not to their restoration. It opens a door through which Satan will enter to take possession both of the mind that is given up to be controlled by another, and of the mind that controls.” CH 345
- “Satan has been working at the wheel, turning it until he has the control of all the human minds who have received the lies with which he deceived Eve and then used her as his agent to entice Adam into sin. Satan has kept up his specious working upon human minds from that day to this.” 1MCP 22
- “Adam listened to the specious sophistry of Satan, and received it as truth. He had originally the wonderful gift of a sinless nature. But he listened to the falsehoods of the one who fell from his first estate. Satan exercised his hypnotism upon him, and Adam, listening to him, sinned, and thus opened the door through which the enemy could ever gain access to human beings.” 3MR 330

Now she specifically says that the devil was using hypnotism on Adam and Eve.

- That means that the devil was able to move Adam & Eve from a gamma/beta brain wave pattern to an Alpha brain wave pattern, he bypassed their critical factor. There are two classes (so to speak) of Hypnosis – the obvious kind where you go to a hypnotist planning for him to hypnotize you and he dangles a pendulum in front of your eyes or has you stare at a spiral picture – that one is easy to avoid. But the second class is more subtle, where you may not be aware that someone is trying to hypnotize you. This is the class that Satan used in Eden and we’re going to look at just how he did that then and how he and his agents are still doing it today in modern society and even in our own church.

Eve’s very first mistake was in leaving Adam’s side, which enabled the enemy to get her in a one on one atmosphere.

- “The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she would be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side.” PP 53

Her second mistake was to place herself on the devil’s ground. God didn’t say that the area around the tree was “off limits” but because the tree itself was “off limits” Eve was just courting temptation to even go near that tree.

In other words, when we know the truth that God has said and we “purposely” go to where someone is saying something contrary to what God said, we are making the same mistake that Eve made! We are courting temptation.

We can also see that the devil didn't appear in the tree as an angel or an intelligent being – he took the form of a serpent. In other words, he appeared as something that would be there naturally – not as something “out of place”!

- Now notice how the devil began the process of hypnosis on Eve.

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Did you catch that?

God had specifically said that they could eat of all the trees except the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. But the devil words his question in such a way that while on the surface, it's hard to really pinpoint the error of it, it sort of sounds like truth, but underneath it is casting doubt on the Word of God.

The devil's first step was to implant in Eve's mind, doubt about what she knew to be truth. He did this by asking a carefully worded question that sounded mostly like truth, with just a little doubt!

At this point, Eve should have turned and run away. But she didn't. She decided to stay and “reason” with the serpent.

- Gen 3:2-3 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Whenever we find ourselves accidentally on the devil's ground, we need to get out of there – don't stay there thinking that you are strong enough to “reason with the enemy”! You, without the help of God, don't stand a chance against Satan!

So now, because she stayed to “reason” with him, the devil realizes that he has control of the woman and his next step is to state a bold outright lie – but he masks it with some flattery, some play on the woman's emotions.

- Gen 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Do you see the steps that the devil made to bypass Eve's “critical factor”? First, he implanted doubt, then lies, and finally he gained control of her emotions. At this point, she drops all her guard and opens her mind up to Satan and allows her senses to be manipulated by him.

- Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat,...

Now with Adam, the devil had to use a different tactic that basically would work the same, but the devil couldn't come to Adam exactly the same way because as a man, he would tend to be more analytical. Women tend to make judgments more based on emotions, but men tend to make judgments more based on facts. There is nothing wrong with that – that is the way that men and women were created by God to be.

But as such, Satan now chooses to use Eve as his agent for hypnotizing Adam. If Satan had appeared to Adam as a talking serpent – Adam would immediately recognize him. Look at how

- Adam's mind quickly analyzes the situation and catches on to what has taken place.  
“In a state of strange, unnatural excitement, with her hands filled with the forbidden fruit, she sought his presence, and related all that had occurred. An expression of sadness came over the face of Adam. He appeared astonished and alarmed. To the words of Eve he replied that this

must be the foe against whom they had been warned; and by the divine sentence she must die.”  
PP 55

See, Adam figured it out immediately - But now the hypnosis on Adam begins to take place.

- “In answer she **urged** him to eat, **repeating** the words of the serpent, that they should not surely die. She **reasoned** that this must be true, for she **felt** no evidence of God's displeasure, but on the contrary **realized** a delicious, exhilarating influence, thrilling every faculty with new life, such, she **imagined**, as inspired the heavenly messengers. Adam understood that his companion had transgressed the command of God, disregarded the only prohibition laid upon them as a test of their fidelity and love. There was **a terrible struggle** in his mind. He mourned that he had permitted Eve to wander from his side. But now the deed was done; he must be separated from her whose society had been his joy. How could he have it thus? ● Adam had enjoyed the companionship of God and of holy angels. He had looked upon the glory of the Creator. He understood the high destiny opened to the human race should they remain faithful to God. Yet all these blessings were lost sight of in the **fear** of losing that one gift which in his **eyes** outvalued every other. Love, gratitude, loyalty to the Creator--all were overborne by **love** to Eve. She was a part of himself, and he could not endure the thought of separation. He **did not realize** that the same Infinite Power who had from the dust of the earth created him, a living, beautiful form, and had in love given him a companion, could supply her place. ● He resolved to share her fate; if she must die, he would die with her. After all, he **reasoned**, might not the words of the wise serpent be true? Eve was before him, as **beautiful** and apparently as innocent as before this act of disobedience. She **expressed greater love** for him than before. No sign of death **appeared** in her, and he decided to brave the consequences. He seized the fruit and quickly ate.” PP 56

Did you notice how the devil hypnotized Adam? Instead of coming to Adam as a talking serpent – which Adam would immediately recognize – Satan came to Adam as the beautiful woman - that God had given to him. Satan used her flattering words to entice Adam to **doubt** the words of the Creator. Once the doubt has been planted – with the beautiful woman playing on his emotions and his reasoning ability, and his senses telling him that there appears to be nothing wrong – he is having a struggle, he gets confused and is having conflicting thoughts. His mind tells him that Eve has disobeyed the Creator, that there is something wrong, but his senses are telling him that nothing appears to be wrong, and he starts rationalizing away his conscience which is warning him of the error.

- Pro 7:21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

So now you've seen the basic steps that the devil uses to gain control of a person's mind – use something or someone that is not “out of place” – in other words, he doesn't use a witch to mislead a church congregation; he'll use an elder or a pastor! First he will plant some doubt, then use flattery, play on their emotions, use a loved one, play on the senses, etc.

How can we protect ourselves from these tactics?

- “Satan tempted the first Adam in Eden, and Adam **reasoned with the enemy**, thus giving him the advantage. **Satan exercised his power of hypnotism over Adam and Eve, and this power he strove to exercise over Christ.** But after **the word of Scripture** was quoted, Satan knew that he had no chance of triumphing.” 2MCP 713
- Psalm 119:11 **Thy word** have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.  
Php 4:6, 7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing **by prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall **keep your** hearts and **minds** through Christ Jesus.



- “The controlling power of appetite will prove the ruin of thousands, who, if they had conquered on this point, would have had the moral power to gain the victory over every other temptation. But those who are slaves to appetite will fail of perfecting Christian character. The continual transgression of man for over six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruit. And as we draw near the close of time, Satan's temptations to indulge appetite will be more powerful, and more difficult to resist.” CTBH 154

So how can we protect ourselves? With the Word of God, Prayer, and overcoming Appetite!  
Never thought about the role that Appetite plays did you?

That was how Daniel and his friends protected themselves in Babylon!

- Pro. 30:8-9 “... feed me with food convenient (*law, statute, ordinance, decree*) for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? ...”

If we are keeping our appetite under control and studying the Word of God and following it, that gives us **conviction**. Conviction is something that many people today have lost! If you have conviction, then it is much more difficult for the devil to get ahold of your mind through doubt and skepticism! Those who do not have conviction are easy to brainwash.

- Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- “The first time the temptation comes, meet it in such a decided manner that it will never be repeated.” RH, May 9, 1899

In the second half of this presentation, I'll be showing some examples of some tactics that are being used on God's people today to gain control of their minds. Of course, like I said, we won't be investigating these bird snares from the inside – we are going to just take a look at them from a bird's eye perspective – from the air. But it will give you enough information so that you will be able to recognize these subtle tactics when you see them being done.

We need to be on our guard every moment!

- Pro. 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Let us all make sure that we are among the prudent, the wise, and that we keep our minds surrounded by that wall of protection that God provided!

## **Break**

In the first part of this presentation, we laid the foundation – showing some of the history behind the devil's tactics of mind control. We saw how Satan manipulated the minds of Adam and Eve and how he is still using those same methods today. In this part, we're going to take a look at some of these tactics and methods – from a safe distance.

In the early 1900's, the church was falling into the Alpha of Apostasy which was, in a large part, being brought in by John Kellogg's teachings, and Sister White warned that the Omega of Apostasy was coming in the future.

“I have seen how Dr. Kellogg has united with the arch deceiver in using hypnotic influence upon souls to deceive them.” PC 331

- “Living Temple contains the Alpha of these theories. The Omega would follow in a little while. I tremble for our people. These beautiful representations are similar to the temptation that the enemy brought to Adam and Eve in Eden.” 1SAT 341

- “Brilliant, sparkling ideas often flash from a mind that is influenced by the great deceiver. Those who listen and acquiesce will become charmed, as Eve was charmed by the serpent's

words. They can not listen to charming philosophical speculations, and at the same time keep the word of the living God clearly in mind. Our physicians have lost a great deal out of their lives because they have seen wrong transactions and heard wrong words spoken, and seen wrong principles followed, and have not spoken in reproof, for fear that they would be repulsed. I call upon those who have been connected with these binding influences to break the yoke to which they have long submitted, and stand as free men in Christ. Nothing but a determined effort will break the spell that is upon them. Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature. SpTB02 15,16

Now I'm going to expose a few of these mind manipulation methods, because today we are in the Omega of Apostasy and hypnotism is once again being used on God's people, every day – and they don't even realize it. And yes, every person has been exposed to at least some of these tactics – if not in the church, they have seen them in the secular world.

One of the most well-known tactics that probably everyone is sort-of familiar with is called

- Subliminal Messaging; But you may not realize why it works the way it does. Subliminal Messaging uses inaudible sound or flashing subtle visual messages on the screen or sign to bypass the critical mind and implant its thought deep in the subconscious mind. The subconscious mind can process something like 20,000,000 bits of info per second; while the conscious mind can only process something like 40 bits of info/sec. That means that if the information is coming in too fast, while your subconscious mind can easily handle it, your conscious mind, your reasoning ability cannot, and lots of information will be passed by your “Critical Factor” without it being analyzed. And don't worry if you can't remember all the technical numbers I'm sharing – I just want you to understand the principle behind how the human mind works.

- Do any of you recognize this man? • This is Derren Brown

This man is a master hypnotist and runs his own TV show where he explains and demonstrates some of his techniques – I **do not** recommend watching any of his material, because while he is showing how some of his techniques work, he is also subtly using other techniques to gain control of the mind of the viewer!

To give you an example, I took a few screenshots of just the title of one of his presentations – yes, screenshots, because just the title of the video is done with subliminal messaging and I don't want to show the video for that reason!

- I took this video clip and slowed it down, frame by frame, in order to get these screenshots. The human eye and its brain interface or connection, the human visual system, can only **consciously** process something like 10 to 12 separate images per second. • Today, most all regular video is made at a rate of 25 to 30 frames per second – that is how a still picture can be turned into a moving picture. • That means that out of a one second video clip, 66% of the information just bypasses your “Critical Factor” and goes straight into your subconscious mind. This of course, isn't a problem **if** that information was true and correct (such as watching a bird flying from tree to tree) – but if the devil or one of his human agents can slip in a few frames that promote some error, then they have successfully planted the seed of that error in your memory databank.

(Blur demonstration)

- These screenshots are taken from a clip of video that is 4 ¾ seconds in length, just under 5 sec.s – a total of 142 frames with 30 frames flashing on the screen every second. This is the final frame / here is the beginning frame.



(Explain details)

Now that showed how using a subliminal message, the devil can bypass the critical barrier of your mind. But many of God’s people are already aware of that sort of tactic, so the devil has others methods that he uses as well.

- “Satan is making every effort to bring in spiritualistic sophistries, to throw his deceptions over minds... There are strong men, precious in the sight of God, who are under a spell. They do not realize that they are represented by the foolish virgins. Scientific spiritualistic philosophy has taken the minds of some from the message to be proclaimed at this time... Those who have fallen asleep at their post are now to awake and trim their lamps. They are not to entertain one vestige of doubt as to the truth for this time. The hypnotism of Satan must be shown in its true bearing.” 3MR 361

I had a person ask me a while back, to explain how it was that a pastor could hypnotize a whole congregation at one time. Since I have seen it happening so much lately, I decided that this would be a good time to expose a few of those methods, so that everyone can be knowledgeable about it and be on their guard!

I can’t possibly cover all the methods because there are way too many of them – in fact, I’m sure I don’t even know all of them; But they all work along the same lines, so if you understand a few, you’ll be able to recognize the others.

- I’m sure that all of you have heard of NLP, Neuro-linguistic Programming. There has been a lot of discussion and warning about this in recent years – especially when it was discovered that many of our pastors were being trained in these methods of Propaganda, Mind control, and Mind Manipulation.

Are all of you awake and alert – is your frontal lobe functioning and carefully analyzing this information?

- **Boredom** – Uses long boring speeches or sermons to make people “zone out” so that their reasoning factor is not analyzing the information.  
(Now you see why I keep asking if you’re awake and alert! – I don’t want you “zoning out” while I’m sharing this info with you!)
- *“Many people are hypnophiles, anxious to daydream and day-sleep throughout their lives; these people easily fall prey to mass suggestion. The lengthy oration or the boring sermon either weakens the listeners and makes them more ripe for the mass spell, or makes them more resentful and rebellious. Long speeches are a staple of totalitarian indoctrination because finally the boredom breaks through our defences. We give in. Hitler used this technique of*

*mass hypnosis through monotony to enormous advantage. He spoke endlessly and included long, dull recitals of statistics in his speeches.*”—The Rape of the Mind pg. 110

Then you have the opposite extreme:

- **Excitement** – using fast talking, lots of movement, shouting and hyperactivity to overload the senses of the listeners – providing more stimulant info than they can reasonably process in a short amount of time.  
Now of course, there may be some exceptions, not everyone who is boring or excited and hyper is purposely trying to brainwash the congregation – that may just be their personality – but if that is the case, and because these tactics are used by others who **are** trying to brainwash people, these people need to try to be either more interesting or to tone down their personality to a level that people can analyze the information.
- “Those who talk rapidly, from the throat, jumbling the words together, and raising their voices to an unnaturally high pitch, soon become hoarse, and the words spoken lose half the force which they would have if spoken slowly, distinctly, and not so loud...It is no evidence that a man has zeal for God because he works himself up into a frenzy excitement and gesticulation. "Bodily exercise," says the apostle, "profiteth little." [1 Timothy 4:8.] CE 241
- **Signs & Wonders** – uses supposed miraculous workings to enthrall people and make them think that the speaker is correct without analyzing the facts.
- Mark 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, **even the elect**.
- Is. 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

I think of a story I heard about a guy and his girlfriend who decided that they would pray about getting an apartment and living together and if God opened the door for them to get the apartment, then that would be the sign that God wanted them to live together without getting married first. You think that they got the apartment? Was that decision to the law and the testimony?

Don't you know that the devil can arrange matters like that to throw you off!

We should never make a judgment call based on a miraculous happening because both the Bible and the SOP specifically warn us that the devil has power to do miracles!

- 2 Thes. 2:9-12 Even him, whose coming is after the **working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- “Go to God for yourselves, pray for divine enlightenment, that you may know that you do know what is truth, that when the wonderful **miracle-working power of Satan** shall be displayed, and the enemy shall come as **an angel of light**, you may distinguish between the genuine work of God and **the imitative work** of the powers of darkness." RH, December 24, 1889

Please notice that we are specifically warned that the devil's target is the very elect and that he comes as an angel or messenger of light and he performs imitation of the genuine work of God. That means that whatever message that God plans on giving to His people, the devil has a message that is the **perfect counterfeit** of it that he will give – before the real message arrives.

- “The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit.” GC88 464
- “Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers will be removed from the people who think they know so much. "If thou hadst known," said Christ, "even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." SpTA11 8

The “very elect” – those who “think they know so much” – Satan is going to try to take out with a perfect counterfeit! That’s something to think about!

- “Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief.” GC 625

Another method:

- **Appeal to Emotions** – tries to prove a point by taking advantage of the person's emotions. What part of the brain was the emotions in? They are in the subconscious part, the 88% that is protected by your “critical factor” barrier. So in order to take advantage of your emotions, those that are using an appeal to emotion would have to be bypassing your critical factor to access your subconscious mind.  
(Facebook secret study)

Some types of emotional methods would be:

- **Appeal to Fear** – Uses person's sense of fear to appeal to their emotions and bypasses the resistance of rational reasoning. Because fear is an emotion, they are more apt to be using their subconscious mind instead of their reasoning processes.  
An example of this would be: *“If you don't believe such 'n' such, you will be lost!”*  
Now of course, there is nothing wrong with that statement – if it is the truth – because there are some doctrines that are a life or death issue! But the hypnosis comes in if you respond to that question using your emotion of fear like the speaker may have intended. In other words, you need to override any fear you may have and use your critical factor to analyze that belief – is this belief truth or error.

- 1John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Pro. 29:25 The **fear** of man bringeth a **snare**: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

You should never make any judgment call based on your emotions! You have to analyze the facts

- **Act Now** – similar to Appeal to Fear, makes a person afraid of some event taking place if they don't act **now**. Tries to cause them to make a quick decision without analyzing the information. *"If you don't immediately reject this teaching, then it will sweep away everybody."* Tries to make them immediately reject the teaching based on imaginary fear of everybody being swept away, instead of the studying out the facts of whether that teaching is truth or error.
- Pro. 15:28 The heart of the righteous **studieth to answer**: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

- **Transfer** – seeks to project positive or negative qualities of one item onto another one to make it appear more acceptable or to discredit it. This is like *Guilt by Association*. For example: *"Those who studied teaching A all gave up their religion and started teaching B."* It tries to discredit teaching A - not based on teaching A itself – the facts of whether it is true or false, but rather because someone apostatized and started teaching B instead.

Another form of this type of method would be connecting some error with some truth, so that you can transfer (in people's minds) the characteristics of the truth onto the error by having them associated together.

- *"Satan has wrought with deceiving power, bringing in a multiplicity of errors that obscure the truth. **Error cannot stand alone, and would soon become extinct if it did not fasten itself like a parasite upon the tree of truth. Error draws its life from the truth of God.** The traditions of men, like floating germs, attach themselves to the truth of God, and men regard them as a part of the truth. Through false doctrines, Satan gains a foothold, and captivates the minds of men, causing them to hold theories that have no foundation in truth."* RH, October 22, 1895

Another very similar tactic to transfer is

- **Obtaining Disapproval** – seeks to undermine a concept by associating it with unpopular groups. People who can be controlled by this method are then brainwashed into thinking that something is bad, because it has been associated with someone that is considered to be in error – and instead of using their Critical Factor to analyze the facts about the belief itself, they just "right it off" based on who it has been associated with.
- Matt. 12:22-24 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. They tried to get the people to reject Christ, by associating Him with the devil.
- *"They attributed to satanic agencies the holy power of God, manifested in the works of Christ. Thus the Pharisees sinned against the Holy Ghost. Stubborn, sullen, iron-hearted, they determined to close their eyes to all evidence, and thus they committed the unpardonable sin."* RH, January 18, 1898

- **Halo Effect** – another type of transfer – you assume that since a person is a good worker, they must also be good in other areas as well.

*“That person knows so much about prophecy; they must also know what they’re talking about when it comes to family management”*

That may or may not be the case, but you have to analyze the facts, not just assume that they do know what they are talking about.

Another type of this would be planting a seed in your mind about someone or something, based not on the facts but on your assumptions.

We see a good example of this used in the news media all the time.

*“The alleged bank robber, John Doe, is being held at the county jail.”*

The word “allege” just means that someone accused John Doe of being a bank robber. John Doe could be totally innocent and just falsely accused – yet when we hear that statement, our minds automatically just forget the word “alleged” and we automatically categorize John Doe as a *confirmed* bank robber.

- **Stereotyping** – much like Obtaining Disapproval, seeks to produce prejudices in the hearer to cause them to reject the message based on their prejudices and not based on the validity of the message.
- **Matt. 12:10** And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.  
The leaders, the authority figures, had taught the people for years, that nothing could be done on the Sabbath. Here they try to discredit Christ in the eyes of the people based on the people’s preconceived prejudices.
- **Appeal to Authority** – presents information as a verified fact. Most people won’t perform their own research and will accept a message from an authority figure without conscious resistance.  
*“Hey, after all, that pastor or elder is a Biblical scholar and he said that such ’n’ such teaching is wrong, so it must be wrong.”*  
This is an assumption that the pastor, since he is a Biblical scholar, an authority figure, has told you the truth – but that may not be the case. If you make your decision to believe or reject something because an authority figure told you to – you will be deceived!
- In the early 1960’s a psychologist at Yale, Stanley Milgram, performed a series of tests, to see how many people would follow the orders of someone in authority simply based on the authority figure. This became known as the Milgram experiment. This series of tests have been repeated by numerous individuals and groups since then, with the same results. In 2006, Santa Clara University repeated this experiment. This experiment involved 3 people, the experimenter, the teacher, and the learner.  
(describe process) 15-450v (15 increments) shocks - 40 participants, 1 stopped before 150v, 6 stopped at 150v, 7 stopped later, 26 went all the way to 450v with the learner quiet after 330v
- What they found was that 65% continued to shock the learner based only on the authority of the experimenter.
- **Direct Order** – uses direct suggestions to bring the hearer into compliance, usually used with appeal to Authority approach.  
*“As long as I’m in charge here, we will not be using that method of Bible study!”*

This can usually sway people into following the order without questioning it – especially if they have been taught to respect that particular authority figure.

- Another form of these “appeal to authority” and “direct order” approaches could be called

**Religious Manipulation.**

This would be where the speaker tries to make people believe that he is right and knows what he is talking about by claiming that God told him to give you a message or to correct your understanding.

Now, of course, none of us can judge whether God is really talking to a person or not, and that is not our right either. But what we can judge is the message and the fruit of it. If the message and its fruit is *truth, that is in agreement with scripture* and leads a person closer to God, then it can be judged to be from God, but if it is truth mixed with error, and tends to lead people away from God, then we can know that it doesn't come from God!

To give an example,

In 1 Kings 13 there is the story of a prophet that rebuked Jeroboam by command of God, and he was told by God not to eat or drink or return to his home the same way that he had come. He therefore obeyed God partially by returning by a different route, but then he was confronted by old false prophet that lied to him and told him that God had told him to get the younger prophet and take him home and feed him. So the young prophet went with the old false prophet and ate and drank – then the old prophet told him that since he had not obeyed the command of the Lord, that he would die

- 1Kings 13:24-26 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase. And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

It is dangerous to take any man's word as a message from God without checking it with the Bible. And it doesn't matter how much scholarly training that person has had, nor how influential he is, nor what exalted position he holds as a leader – if his message does not agree with the Bible, we are not to accept his message as from God!

- **Appeal to the Common Man** – speaker dresses and speaks in a manner to lead hearers to believe he is one of them, an average Joe. Builds rapport and familiarity and causes people to drop their guard.

- “One man's mind and one man's judgment was not to be trusted, for too great interests were at stake, and it was not free from human frailties and human errors. . . . There is not any one man's mind so perfect that there is no danger of his moving from wrong motives, viewing things from a wrong standpoint.” 1MCP 23

Sometimes you may find that speakers or leaders are working together using both the authority and common man approach. You might have a speaker that sort of holds themselves aloof from the congregation – like they are a scholar and in a different class from the rest of everybody – and then have another one, who dresses and acts like he is one of the commoners just like all the rest of us.



One that is using the Appeal to Authority approach and one that is using the Appeal to the Common Man approach. For all practical purposes, they may appear to be totally separate people, unassociated with each other – yet unbeknown to the congregation, they may, in reality, be working together to maneuver the people into the position that they want them in.

- It's called the Hegelian Principle and is used by people in authority in the political world all the time. Thesis/Antithesis/Synthesis

- (explain) good cop bad cop

- **Ad Nauseam** – This is a Latin name, but you can probably tell what it means. This is where we get the word “nauseating”! This method uses repetition to embed a message in a person's mind. Once they have heard something enough times, they will accept it as truth (as long as they haven't heard any opposition to it).

Ever heard a sermon where the exact same thought is stated in almost every other sentence, yet re-worded so that on the surface it sounds like a different thought? This is a common NLP practice.

Let me give you a simple example:

*“Come on, you know that teaching is error because he said that it is error. If that teaching wasn't error, which you know that it is error, then I wouldn't have to tell you that it is error. But now I've told you that teaching is error, so you have no excuse for believing anything else but that the teaching is error. And since you now know that it is error, I trust that you will tell others that it is error.”*

After listening to a whole sermon or speech that is given this way, people have had their minds programmed with whatever the thought was that the speaker intended to brainwash them with. In this example that I just gave (if I had continued to go on and on with it) – you would have gotten the distinct idea that “that teaching is error”. But what if the facts of the teaching I was talking about prove it to be truth?

Repetition of an error is a common tactic used to sway people, but if the flow of repetition is broken by someone standing up and saying “that is wrong. It doesn't match what the Bible says” it can help to break that hypnotic effect – and it usually makes the speaker mad!

- “My message to you is: **No longer consent to listen without protest to the perversion of truth. Unmask the pretentious sophistries** which, if received, will lead ministers and physicians and medical missionary workers to ignore the truth.” SpTB02 15

- **Bandwagon Approach** – Otherwise known as Peer Pressure – leads person to believe that message is already accepted by the majority of their peers and society in general.

*“That teaching can't be right – after all, all the major scholars and leaders of the church disagree with it!”*

This totally ignores the facts as to whether the Bible teaches it or not and gets people to reject it because the majority reject it.

By the way, was the majority right in Noah's day? Were they right in Elijah's day? Were they right in the days of Christ?

When in the history of the planet have the majority ever been on the correct side of a religious issue?

- Exodus 23:2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

“The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority--not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support.” GC 595

- In 1951, Solomon Asch from the Swarthmore College, conducted certain experiments to see whether people will conform when under group pressure. 50 male students from Swarthmore College in the USA participated in a ‘vision test’ Using a line judgment task, Asch put a naive participant in a room with seven confederates.  
The confederates had agreed in advance what their responses would be when presented with the line task. The real participant did not know this and was led to believe that the other seven participants were also real participants like themselves.  
Each person in the room had to state aloud which comparison line (A, B or C) was most like the target line. The answer was always obvious. The real participant sat at the end of the row and gave his or her answer last. There were 18 trials in total and the confederates gave the wrong answer on 12 trials (called the critical trials). Asch was interested to see if the real participant would conform to the majority view. Asch's experiment also had a control condition where there were no confederates, only a "real participant"
- On average, about one third (32%) of the participants who were placed in this situation went along and conformed with the clearly incorrect majority on the critical trials.  
Over the 12 critical trials about 75% of participants conformed at least once and **only** 25% of participants never conformed.  
When the conformers were interviewed after the experiment, most of them said that they did not really believe their conforming answers, but had gone along with the group for fear of being ridiculed or thought "peculiar".
- **Vagueness** – by being intentionally vague in the message, the hearer will supply their own interpretations without requiring the speaker to make absolute statements. Also presents the argument in such a way that it causes confusion and the listener’s mind is absorbed in trying to figure out exactly what is being said.
- *“The second aspect of the milton model is that it uses ambiguity in language and non-verbal communication. This might also be combined with vagueness, which arises when the boundaries of meaning are indistinct. The use of ambiguity and vagueness distracts the conscious mind as it tries to work out what is meant which gives the unconscious mind the opportunity to prosper.” --Wikipedia NLP*

This would also apply to using language that is over the common person’s head so that they cannot understand it. While their conscious mind is distracted trying to figure out what was just stated, the speaker can introduce thoughts into their subconscious mind.

- 1Cor. 14:19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Christ was never vague – his statements were always direct and to the point and easily understood by the common man. Elijah was not vague. There was no maybe, kind of, sort of, possibly language – it was always a direct choice between right or wrong – “if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.”

Another type of vagueness would be purposely misquoting or misstating something in such a way that it makes error sound on the surface to be believable.

This is what Satan did with Eve, and this is also what he did with Christ when he quoted the Bible.

Another example of vagueness is when they only give you the option of 2 wrong answers -

- **Matt. 22:15-18** Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

Christ answers with a 3<sup>rd</sup> answer.

- **Red Herring** – a dead fish used to throw a dog off the scent it was following. Any attempt to divert a questioner from the correct path and lead them on a wild goose chase.

Changing the subject or causing a diversion of some sort.

*“The pastor should not be held accountable for lying to the church board. After all, there are other pastors who have done far worse things like committing adultery.”*

(story of pastor diverting attention)

- **Amphibology** - This is wording something in such a way that you can mean one thing while your listener gets a totally different concept from it.

“Flying planes can be dangerous!”

Does this mean that it is dangerous to pilot a plane, or does this mean that if you are on the ground you can get hit by a flying plane?

Two totally different concepts from the same sentence!

Amphibology is how the Papacy can appear to be apologizing for all the murders of the Dark Ages, when in reality, Rome herself boasts that she is infallible and never changes!

- Amphibology can also be used in pictures, to make people see things that aren't really there!
- **Ad Hominem** – Latin for *towards the man*. Divert issue by attacking person making the argument. Attempts to make a point invalid because of the person that delivers the message.
- “Satan Diverts Minds by Controversial Subjects.-- He [the enemy] would be delighted to have minds diverted to any subject by which he might create division of sentiment and lead our people into controversy.” 1MCP 23
- **Use of Humor** – crack jokes and tell funny stories to get everyone laughing and light hearted so that they drop their guard and don't analyze the information that they are being fed. Ever heard a sermon where the speaker gets up and just relates one funny story after another to get the people all laughing before he starts actually presenting his topic?

- *“Once you have them by the funny bone, their hearts and minds will follow.” Robert Weider*
- *“What can the minister do without Jesus? Verily, nothing. Then if he is a frivolous, joking man, he is not prepared to perform the duty laid upon him by the Lord. "Without Me," says Christ, "ye can do nothing." The flippant words that fall from his lips, the trifling anecdotes, the words spoken to create a laugh, are all condemned by the Word of God, and are entirely out of place in the sacred desk.--TM 142. VSS 270*

● **Appeal to Flattery** – uses flattery to gain a person’s support

● *Pro. 29:5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.*

- *“The fellow that agrees with everything you say is either a fool or he is getting ready to skin you.” - Kin Hubbard*

Speaking of flattery, this would probably be a good time to mention Jesuits. You know that Sister White said that if we were studying the Bible the way we should, we would not have needed her writings. That tells me, that everything she talks about can be found in the Bible. Since she describes the Jesuit order, do you know where that can be found in the Bible? First, here is an excerpt from the Jesuit initiation and oath that they must take to become a Jesuit.

- *“My son, heretofore you have been taught to act the **dissembler**: among Roman Catholics to be a Roman Catholic, and to be a spy even among your own brethren; to believe no man, to trust no man. Among the Reformers, to be a Reformer; among the Huguenots, to be a Huguenot; among the Calvinists, to be a Calvinist; among other Protestants, generally to be a Protestant; and obtaining their confidence, to seek even to preach from their pulpits, and to denounce with all the vehemence in your nature our Holy Religion and the Pope; and even to descend so low as to become a Jew among Jews, that you might be enabled to gather together all information for the benefit of your Order as a faithful soldier of the Pope.” From the Jesuit Oath*

Notice that a Jesuit has taken an oath and been taught to act as a dissembler! Remember that term! Did you know that the Bible not only refers to the Jesuit order, but also gives a detailed description of them?

- *Pro 26:24-26 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.*

Notice that it identifies those who are “dissembling” as those who hate and those who use deceit – and it says, that they will “speak fair” – that is with kindness and flattery!

But it warns us to not believe him because there are 7 abominations in his heart.

Using the ProofText method of Bible study, we can find out what these 7 abominations are, that Jesuits have in their hearts.

See if you can identify the character of a Jesuit infiltrator with this Bible reference:

- Pro 6:12-19 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

So now you know, if anybody ever asks you, where you can find in the Bible the description of the Jesuits, or any other wolf in sheep's clothing!

- Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.
- **Appeal to Pity** – presenter tries to win over the listener through pity, guilt, or shame. Presenter can cry and give a sob story to try to get you to feel sorry for them and drop your guard – or tell you that you have misjudged him and try to make you feel guilty.
- **Appeal to Tradition** – maintains that a concept is correct because that is the way it has always been done.
- **Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc** – Another Latin name which means “After this therefore because of this.” A occurred, then B occurred. Therefore, A caused B.  
When B is undesirable, this pattern is often extended in reverse: Avoiding A will prevent B. Now this may be true or it may not be true and Satan can easily sway people with this who are not careful analyzers of the facts of the matter.  
*“Among those who ate carrots in 1844, there has been a 100% mortality rate. This proves that carrots are poisonous.”*  
Of course, this example that I used is silly and you immediately recognize the ridiculousness of it. But this tactic is not always so easily discerned and is used more subtly with great success. You can see this same mentality shown in the story of Job. Because committing sin always causes God's blessing to be removed, and because it appeared on the surface that God's blessing had been removed from Job – his friends, without analyzing the facts, just assumed that Job had sinned.  
When in actuality, the facts portrayed a very different picture!
- **Straw Man Argument** – The speaker creates an argument that is slightly different than his opponent's argument and then refutes the argument he created as if it was his opponent's argument. He created the straw man in order to destroy it.
- Ex.  
A: We should study the Bible with the Proof-Text method.  
B: No, any person who just picks texts at random can make the Bible say whatever he wants.

The proposal was to study the Bible with the Proof-Text method. Person B has exaggerated this to a position that is harder to defend, i.e., "picks texts at random". It is a logical fallacy because Person A never made that claim.

- “Satan is stealthily working to confuse the minds of those who know the truth by bringing in misleading sentiments and misleading examples.” 1MCP 22

So that is just a few methods that some are using. Like I said, there are many more than I could even try to cover – but you get the idea. In fact, you may have recognized it already, but most of these are not used by themselves – they are used in conjunction with each other. You may even find speakers that use numerous ones of these methods in the same presentation.

- You may have also recognized the common denominator with all of these tactics – every single one works on bypassing the frontal lobe, the “critical factor”, to get into your subconscious mind. Whether it is by playing on your emotions, or by trying to divert your attention, or using a play on words, or by causing you to doubt what you know to be truth, they all work on the same basis. If you can’t remember all these different titles and terms, don’t worry about that, you at least know the principle behind why they work.

The most important thing that you need to remember is that Jesus Christ is the only Man who has the right to your mind! And you can protect your mind from the snare of the fowler, from Satan’s hypnotic methods by:

- #1. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ – the devil cannot capture one who has secured their faith in Jesus. If a person is truly surrendered to Christ, the Holy Spirit will reveal to them when one of these tactics is being used against them.
- “Several Christians have asked me how we could resist brainwashing. There is only one method of resistance to brainwashing: it is “heart washing.” *Tortured for Christ chap. 2*
- “The tempter can never compel us to do evil. He cannot control minds unless they are yielded to his control. The will must consent, faith must let go its hold upon Christ, before Satan can exercise his power upon us. But every sinful desire we cherish affords him a foothold. Every point in which we fail of meeting the divine standard is an open door by which he can enter to tempt and destroy us.” DA 125
- Psalm 124:7-8 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- #2. Having a firm Conviction - Studying and knowing your Bible, so that you will recognize when something isn’t in agreement with it. Those who use these tactics to try to control minds, absolutely hate it when someone has Conviction on an issue! They recognize that in order to get control of their mind, they will have to overcome that person’s conviction – and that is extremely hard to do.
- “All should become familiar with God's Word; because Satan perverts and misquotes Scripture, and men follow his example by presenting part of God's Word to those whom they wish to lead in false paths, withholding the part that would spoil their plans... There are false shepherds who will say and do perverse things. Children should be so instructed that they will be familiar with

God's Word, able to know when part of a scripture is read and part left unread, to make a false impression.” ST, April 4, 1900

- #3. Praying for the Holy Spirit to guide and protect you. But, having said that, you can't go against the truth you know, and expect God to protect you – that is called Presumption.
- “In the face of the most positive commands of God, men and women will follow their own inclinations and then dare to pray over the matter, to prevail upon God to consent to allow them to go contrary to His expressed will. The Lord is not pleased with such prayers. Satan comes to the side of such persons, as he did to Eve in Eden, and impresses them, and they have an exercise of mind, and this they relate as a most wonderful experience which the Lord has given them. A true experience will be in perfect harmony with natural and divine law. False experience will array itself against science and the principles of Jehovah.” 3T 72
- #4. Guarding your frontal lobe, your “critical factor” – staying alert and carefully analyzing everything you allow into your subconscious mind. Do not eat or drink anything, or indulge any other practice that dulls your frontal lobe's functions.
- 1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- “I have been shown that we must be guarded on every side and perseveringly resist the insinuations and devices of Satan. He has transformed himself into an angel of light and is deceiving thousands and leading them captive. The advantage he takes of the science of the human mind, is tremendous. Here, serpentlike, he imperceptibly creeps in to corrupt the work of God... The sciences of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism are the channel through which he comes more directly to this generation and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the close of probation.” 1T 290
- #5. When you know that a person is preaching error against the Word of God or using any type of hypnosis to change people's minds – do not place yourself on that ground, thinking that it's not that big of a deal, or thinking that you can argue with and correct them, or that you are strong enough to stand against that person's reasoning. Do not continue to go listen to their presentations. Get away from them and stay away from them. Do not listen to their arguments or try to convince them of their error. That is parleying with the enemy, and it will initially cause you to doubt and become confused about the issue and then finally bring you over to their side!
- 2Tim. 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings {fruitless discussion}: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
- “The time has come when even in the church and in our institutions, some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. But God will keep that which is committed to Him. Let us draw near to Him, that He may draw near to us. **Let us bear a plain, clear testimony, right to the point, that hypnotism is being used by those who have departed from the faith, and that we are not to link up with them.** Through those who depart from the faith the power of the enemy will be exercised to lead others astray.” 19MR 311

- “By faith we must rise higher and still higher in the attainment of the graces of Christ. By daily contemplating His matchless charms, we must grow more and more into His glorious image. While we thus live in communion with Heaven, Satan will lay his nets for us in vain.”--The Youth's Instructor, May 12, 1898. MYP 104

We need to make sure that we have protected ourselves with the Armor spoken of in Eph. 6:10-

- 20 “...having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;...”
- 1Thes. 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.