

MIND RENEWAL 2
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JOSHUA 1:8

Meditation is the key to mind renewal. This was God’s advice to Joshua after he took over for Moses. Meditation would be the key to his success (**PS. 1:1-3, 119:97**).

End time Deception 2 THES. 2:8-12 NLT, 2 TIM. 3:13

The world we live in is increasingly filled with deception. People are being deceived by many viewpoints, teachings, and theories which claim to be truth. The consequences of these deceptions are tragic.

- “The God Delusion” by Richard Dawkins. A 21-year-old college student in New York grew up in a Christian home. In Biology class he disagreed with the professor on evolution and was assigned to read Dawkin’s book. Before committing suicide, he told a friend he lost all hope in God’s existence after reading the book.

The Falling Away (1 TIM. 4:1-3 NASB)

To depart means to move away slowly. The Blue Law (Sunday Law) goes back to 321 AD in Rome, in North America (1690). It was established to honor the Fourth Commandment. There was to be no work on Sunday; church attendance was required; no buying, selling, traveling, public entertainment, or sports. Car dealerships in 12 states still honor the Blue Law. How far have we departed from that law? It’s a subtle, deceptive process.

The 1968 Vision and Prophecy

A 90 year old, capable, reliable, alert, and credible woman from Norway.

False Security LUKE 16:19-31

- 1.) The rich man’s thinking was based on Jewish beliefs that influenced his thinking.
 - A.) The Jews believed wealth, social status, and prominent positions in the religious community proved they were under God’s blessings and right standing with Him.
 - B.) The poor were under God’s curse and viewed by God as sinners.
- 2.) Jesus shared this story to defeat deception with truth.
 - A.) **LUKE 18:24-25 AMPC** The external indicators of wealth, status, position, and influence don’t mean you’re saved.
 - B.) Lazarus was poor outwardly but very wealthy inwardly.

Truth, the Cure for Deception

JOHN 8:31-32, 14:6, 16:13, 17:17

Truth is a person. Jesus was truth made flesh. God's word is truth. The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. If we don't believe the Bible, we have no basis for truth, and we are vulnerable to every deceptive lie of the devil.

A.) Abortion is not murder because it's not a life yet.

JER. 1:4-5 HCSB.

B.) The gay marriage deception. The Bible's view of marriage is antiquated. It's no longer relevant. 36 countries have legalized same-sex marriage. God doesn't change (**GEN. 2:21-24**).

C.) The extreme grace deception. Our sins are forgiven, past, present, and future. There's no need to confess our sins. (**REV. 2:4-5 HCSB**).

D.) Once saved always saved deception (**HEB. 6:4-6**). A person can choose to walk away and apostatize if he wants to. These Hebrew Christians were tempted to renounce Jesus and return to Judaism.

Conclusion: The world we live in is filled with deception. The cure for deception is truth. We must exalt God's Word (truth) above any other viewpoint, teaching, or theory, in order to prevent ourselves from being deceived.