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HOW IS ONE DECEIVED?

I had a business years ago on the west coast of Florida. One day a police officer came into our thrift shop and told us that there were one-hundred-dollar bills that were being circulated and they were counterfeit.

I asked him how I would know if it was counterfeit. His answer was a surprise. He told me not to be concerned about the counterfeit but to learn about the genuine. He pointed out some things on the hundred-dollar bill of which I was not aware. He told me to feel the bill. I did and realized that some of the paper was textured and some smooth. He told me that he trained the bank tellers to “feel” what was real until they could tell the difference between the genuine and the counterfeit even with their eyes shut.

Since that day I have been aware that how it “feels” determines if something is genuine or not. Yet, I would not be able to discern the difference if I had not studied the genuine. I would have been deceived.

Jesus spoke in Luke 21:8, ***“and he said, ‘Take heed that ye be not deceived...’”*** again, in Revelation 18:23 it says, ***“And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by sorceries were all nations deceived.”***

All nations deceived by sorcery, yes, that is what it says. The Greek word for sorcery is “pharmakeia” where the word pharmacy or pharmaceuticals comes from. The word sorcery is defined as, magic, witchcraft, and medication. If you realize that the spirit behind all of this is the great deceiver himself, Satan, then perhaps our eyes are opened. All nations were deceived by this.

There is no end to the drug industry, whether legal or not. There is a pill to take for just about anything. We live in a society that is “drugged” both legally and illegally. When one’s mind is controlled by this, it is controlled by the rest of the meaning of the word, witchcraft. This brings deception into light.

Could it be possible that the drug industry is being used in this season to deceive people? According to this scripture it is highly probable. Now, I am not against medicine, but I am against the misuse of it. There are so many people addicted to prescription medicine to make them “feel good” that they would not know how to live without it.

We need to see people set free from this bondage of “pharmakeia” so that they can have a clear mind and make right decisions. Pray that they can no longer be controlled by their addictions to these drugs and are set free. Then they can know the truth from a lie.

Satan has used illegal and legal drugs to destroy individuals and nations. The power and wealth that come from the use of them causes many to sell their souls to Satan, thereby deceiving themselves. When these "drugs" are not available anymore people will panic without them. Jesus can set them free from their bondages, but we must be there for them. They have been deceived to believe they cannot live without them. They bought Satan's lie.

It is time that the power of God was manifested in believers that when they lay hands on people that they are healed of whatever they are bound by. This is the remnant's finest hour to show the world the power we have through the name of Jesus.