

SPIRIT OF DELUSION ~ As one who is called to helping people in crisis, I am always reading, praying, researching different "conditions" educating myself in the spiritual, and secular. Abortion, sexual immorality, and now promoting transgender sexual reassignment for children bring me to tears ... save the children! Hence, for your consideration, testimonies from decades of personal experience, research and recently from my journal:



Father God, this is WAY over our heads! We need Your clear Word on this subject and how to approach it with Your love, humility and holiness for the sake of Your name. Thank You!

Evil is increasing just as prophesied. As Christians, we are grafted into the vine. Therefore, as adopted children of God, the promises for Israel also apply to those who've been born again. Hence,

Isaiah 60:1-2 Arise, shine; for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.

So what do we do? Our forefathers did not die for the "right" to sin. The **pursuit** of happiness, yes; but not to the detriment of others. Do people know that happiness is not a "right?" How will they know unless we tell them? Do we love them enough to suffer persecution, even death, for telling them the truth? We must each decide before God individually.

Weeping for souls – such an ache in my gut! Hey! It is the love of God that compels us to serve. I know we're "kings and priests, and Jesus calls us His friends too." However, He still manifests Himself as both King, and Servant! Easy to understand for we know what a joy it is to serve the One/ones we love! Hey!

As leaders, pastors, intercessors, 5-fold servants in the Kingdom, we fix our eyes on the Face of Jesus! (Face in Hebrew also means Presence). Raised Catholic, we were taught how to die as a martyr ... God gives anointing for this too! Look at Stephen with his eyes filled with love worshipping our Saviour. Our God is, and always will be SOVEREIGN. No one can take that away from HIM, nor us, His beloved.

I must confess that I found myself getting a little overwhelmed with all the "news" that's been saturating the networks recently. I have always "prayed through the news" (all sides) starting with the newspaper back around 1973. I still watch both the local and the national news each evening. However, I started to get a little off focus recently ... hence, finally gathering decades of info and writing this paper.

It is only a tiny taste of months, in some cases, decades, of researching all sides ... ministering, watching, listening to heart breaking stories, reading research papers, the news, documentaries, commentaries, glancing briefly at the comments that follow the news stories, articles, blogs, etc.

Wow! There are a lot of really angry hateful people out there – on all sides. It seems the greater the deception of sin, the more hostile. Calling good evil, and evil good (Isaiah 5:20). Calling love that lasts for eternity, hate! An extremely liberal cousin of mine loves the site, www.Alternet.org She'll post something she's passionate about and I'll go over there to see where "she's at" so I can better understand/pray for her. I don't like going into the comment threads because they get so twisted. But there was a comment that I couldn't ignore: *Christians in America are the equivalent of ISIS???* It makes me wonder, "What is their history with Christians to come up with such a rash statement? Or has the devil so convinced these individuals of his delusion that this is the conclusion for those who are defending and/or living a life of sin and delusion?" I'd like to apologize to each one if we have represented Jesus in the wrong way!

The wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God! James 1:20 Be angry, yes, but sin not! Why? Because it causes bitterness and resentment which defile many. If there is anything in our life that makes us defensive with great anger and hatred, let's get rid of it. Do not allow even a hair of a root of bitterness to reside in your heart. Whether a Christian or a special interest defender, self-righteousness will not produce salvation leading to life, peace, joy or contentment. We're called to follow the example of Jesus – to lay our lives down. Sometimes this means to pray until ... Jesus removes the anger, we give it up and trust Him to give us His heart. He hates sin, but He died for us when we were in sin. I am a grateful recipient of how He handled my gross rebellion – 13 years of it! I found that where sin was abounding, His grace did that much more abound! Even 3 suicide attempts, the first attempt leaving me in a coma for 3 weeks, not expected to live a day; and if I did live ... a vegetable! All of it, at the height of my agnosticism. But Jesus knew (and my mother was praying), HIS plans for me were for good and not for evil to give me a FUTURE and a HOPE! Jeremiah 29:11. And how much more now, for His honour – although sins abounds, His grace still abounds much more!

I am sure that you have been praying through the news God has called you to as well. Although this may not address your particular calling (environment, political, health, etc.), the principles in it will definitely relate to you as you serve the Lord. So as you're reading, do apply it to your own life and ministry as it fits ...

Therefore, the focus shared in this paper, applies to any manifestations that are against God's creative design. He is very clear on this in His Word, both OT AND NT. I tell those who don't know Jesus yet, that there are 2 plans for them: God's plans to bless, and the devil's plans to kill and destroy for all eternity. We get to choose; sometimes, several times a day. Knowing the end from the beginning, He has fashioned us individually for His honour and His destiny. It's up to us to choose between loving the truth or loving the lie.

With Bruce Jenner (currently going by Caitlin), so much in the media, even on the national news, transgenderism is yet another contrary lifestyle seeking international approval. What are we to do as parents, grandparents, ministers, intercessors, etc.? **Most importantly**, keep our eyes focused on Jesus, not the decay and the decline of civilization! Taking our rightful place in the heavenlies, seated at His right hand, by the power of His Holy Spirit, and His precious Blood, we hold steady to His Word, our firm foundation which promises we shall not be moved. He alone is our Anchor in stormy seas, He alone gives stability in a lost and dying world. He wants that none should perish, but that all come to everlasting life.

Re: transgenderism ... Clearly for the most part, the media is not covering all sides. If they won't, may God bless those who will. Back in the 80's, my husband worked w/a man named Mark, married w/3 little children when he decided he was supposed to be "Jill." His desires caused lot of confusion, and heartbreak. It was brought before the whole company for a vote because he was asking the employer to pay for his sex change. My husband was the only one who gave the other side of the story. In front of the whole company, he said, "*God made you a man and He said it was good.*" Sadly, the man got the company to pay for the sex change ... I don't know what happened to him, his wife or his children for we ended up moving to the high Sierra.

Bruce Jenner recently said, "This is going to 'change destinies!" That is not a good thing! God individually fashioned us with HIS destiny in mind. He made us male, and female. He said it was "good." The devil, through a spirit of lies, convinces an individual that they are not what God made them. Hence, a spirit of delusion.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong G1753 delusion G4106, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. NKJ

I have grappled with this scripture for years as I have dealt with different kinds of delusion, even in our own family. If God is the One who sends the delusion, who am I to stand up against Him? I have stood in the gap more than once for someone in delusion; some delivered, some not; some lived, some died. So this is major. This is a tiny bit of what He's given me so far ...

I clearly do not know all the ins and outs of this subject, but I do have a number of different thoughts on it. One related to sexual abuse as a child; another related to demonic activity, another due to mental illness, and last but not least, sin. Unfortunately, when it comes to sin, there isn't much foresight. (Been there; done that). Regardless, all sides of these "lifestyle" choices need to be considered.

[I highly recommend BLESSINGS VS CURSES ... Deuteronomy 28 – 30 for future Study, Meditation in the Word, and prayer].

Several months ago, as I was praying about all of this, I saw the words "**SEX CHANGE REGRET.**" I googled it and up came a site by that name. <http://www.sexchangeregret.com/> It is written by a man who has gone full circle with changing his sex from a man to a woman; and back again. He is now in his 60's and doing what he can to get the word out that Jesus is the answer! He's suffered much persecution for his efforts, but just like those who've been delivered from homosexuality, and any other sexual bondage/oppression, Jesus is worth it all. Hence, those who've changed their sex and regretted it seriously need to be heard, considered and their stories promoted. This gentleman gives voice to those who also regretted their sex change. I haven't read it all, nor listened to all of it yet, however, it is in my "for later" list.

So, how do we minister to those who believe they were "born this way." Well, first of all, we were all born in sin. Lying, stealing, violence, cheating, sexual immorality, etc., are all rooted in pride, lust and deceit. [Proverbs 6:16; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9-10; Galatians 5:21; Revelation 21:8 includes the fearful!] All unconfessed sin results in death; eternal death. Some sins are so heinous, God calls them an abomination.

This is why we need/needed a Saviour. We all know homosexuality is sin. We all know someone who is living in bondage. I know 5 personally. I've seen my own life set free of the sins of my youth. I personally know a pedophile I prayed with in LA County Jail who met Jesus and was instantly set free from that sin over 25 years ago! He still spent a portion of his life in prison, but it was in that very prison that God anchored his faith in the Word of God. Sadly, some pedophilia victims end up doing the same thing. Many victims commit suicide. The stories are endless. If not for God's promise to carry all our burdens!!! In other words, I have a history of "seeing" God as Saviour and Deliverer. I'm sure you do too. I have found that those who have been forgiven much, love much. This is true and I am reminded of His great love moment by moment, so it's His love, mercy and grace that I rely on when meeting people who are in the throes of sin. He truly sets the captives free!

Another transgender: In the 90's, my husband and I were enjoying our dessert on the outdoor patio at a hotel restaurant in downtown San Jose when a transgender approached us at our table and tried to pick up on us. This poor young man was about 6'4" tall, and as hard as he was trying to be a woman, it was very evident that his Creator made him a man. Although initially stunned, God gave us grace not to show it. Feeling God's love for him, we very gently started talking to him about Jesus and His great love for him. Immediately, the atmosphere changed and he actually sat down with us and listened for about a half hour. My husband told him God made him a man, and said it was good. He also told him God had a plan for him as a man; that it was for good and not for evil, to give him a future and a hope. We prayed for him, and he thanked us for our time and got up and walked away in the night ... I'll never forget watching him walk away into the night. So haunting ...

As intercessors, Jesus shows us things that others do not see. As a parent, a counselor, a minister, etc., Jesus shows us things too. So, what

exactly is delusion? From my understanding, for instance, in its most severe form, when God creates a human and that human decides they are an animal: That is an extreme delusion. When God creates a man a man, and that man decides he is a woman: That is strong delusion.

Let's look at this "spirit of delusion again:

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In Strong's Concordance: "strong G1753 delusion G4106"

strong ἐνέργεια *energeia* Pronunciation en-e'r-gā-ä (Key)

Outline of Biblical Usage: working, efficiency. In the NT used only of superhuman power, whether of God or of the Devil. The KJV translates Strongs G1753 in the following manner: working (4x), effectual working (2x), operation (1x), strong (1x).

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words Strong's Number: g1753 Greek: *energeia* Working: (Eng., "energy") is used (c) in His retributive dealings in sending "a working of error" (AV, "strong delusion") upon those under the rule of the Man of Sin who **receive not the love of the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness**, 2 Thess. 2:11

And now, let's look at "**delusion**" in Strong's Concordance: *πλάνη* Pronunciation plä'-nā ... a wandering, a straying about; one led astray from the right way, roams hither and thither. metaph. mental straying; error, wrong opinion relative to morals or religion; error which shows itself in action, a wrong mode of acting; error, that which leads into error, deceit or fraud. The KJV translates Strongs G4106 in the following manner: error (7x), to deceive (1x), deceit (1x), delusion (1x).

Vine's Expository Dictionary: Delude, Delusion: lit., "a wandering," whereby those who are led astray roam hither and thither, is always used in the NT, of mental straying, wrong opinion, error in morals or religion. In 2Th 2:11, AV, it is translated "delusion," RV, "error." See DECEIT, ERROR. Strong's Number: g4106 Greek: *plane*

Error: akin to *planao* (see ERR, No. 1), "a wandering, a forsaking of the right path, see James 5:20, whether in doctrine, 2 Peter 3:17; 1 John 4:6, or in morals, Romans 1:27; 2 Peter 2:18; Jude 1:11, though, in Scripture, doctrine and morals are never divided by any sharp line. See also Matthew 27:64, where it is equivalent to "fraud."

"Errors" in doctrine are not infrequently the effect of relaxed morality, and vice versa.

In Eph 4:14 the RV has "wiles of error," for AV, "they lie in wait to deceive;" in 1Th 2:3, RV, "error," for AV, "deceit;" in 2Th 2:11, RV, "a working of error," for AV, "strong delusion."

See DECEIT. Cp. *planetes*, "a wandering," Jud 1:13, and the adjective *planos*, "leading astray, deceiving, a deceiver."

Delusion: <https://www.google.com/search?q=define+delusion&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>

In counseling, knowing that it requires the Mind of Christ to know what to do with the "spirit of delusion," it is addressed often. As I see it, the root cause – not knowing the truth – Jesus, the Truth that sets us free! Delusion is a major demonic foothold for the mentally ill, often rooted in rejection, bitterness, abuse, etc. What is "real" to them, is not real at all. Because they do not know the Truth, or how to face the 'ugly' truth, they do not know how to "discern the spirits." There are many forms of delusion. The "voices," the "lies" in their head make them doubt/discard reality.

Extreme examples: There are people who believe they are an animal; this is called **Clinical lycanthropy**. Recently a woman who was 100% Caucasian claimed that she "identifies as black" and to my surprise, the black organization she works for went along with it! Others are claiming they identify as "amputees," therefore want to amputate their limb, and have healthcare pay for it! And now, as mentioned above, we have the glamorization, and even "hero worship" of people who believe God made a mistake when He created them male, or female.

I've personally listened to, counseled and prayed with homosexuals, transvestites, prostitutes, and 2 pedophiles, including a father who had molested his little girl. That was the toughest I've ever experienced ... I literally had to take a deep breath in my spirit and ask Jesus for His grace to even look into this man's eyes and listen to his heart. Thankfully Jesus granted him repentance. He wanted to have another chance with his daughter, but at 7 years of age, she was not interested in ever seeing him again. I told him that he may never have a relationship with her again, but that cannot stop him from praying for her as her father. He walked away delivered with peace in his heart. From what I can tell he is doing well, but has not reconciled with his daughter who's probably a teenager by now.

Extreme delusion cont'd ... God will not be mocked. When He individually fashioned us in our mother's womb, He already 'knew' us! The enemy loves to pervert, steal and destroy what God has intended for good! However, as Job found out in Job 42:2, "*I know that You can do all things and no purpose of Yours will be thwarted (or withheld from You!).*"

In closing ... I am reminded often that the greatest outpourings of the Holy Spirit occur following some of the most wicked seasons in culture. For starters, God reminds me that four hundred years of darkness preceded the birth of Jesus Christ! Paul preaching to the Corinthians – false gods,

sexual prostitution in the temples, etc. Fast forward to the revivals in the 1700's and the 1800's ... complete lawlessness and dead churches ignited in such a way that the bars and the brothels were sovereignly emptied; then turned into churches! Those revivals still affect us today. And most recently, the hippie movement full of drugs, alcohol and sexual immorality ... and then BAM! The Jesus Movement! So, I pray it's time for another big BAM! Even a BAM BAM BAM!!! Hey!

I hope you were able to follow along. This paper has taken me years to research, write, edit, re-write, pray over and weep. But God – but for the grace of God, there go!! Generally speaking, the church doesn't talk about the tough topics much, but we can. So, I welcome all feedback. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to teach us all things regarding the anointing He has placed on us for His glory.

Isaiah 11:2-5; 10 ... And the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3. And He will delight, make him of quick understanding, in the fear of the Lord, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; 4. but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted on the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of His lips he will slay the wicked. 5. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist. 10. and His resting place will be glorious! NASB/KJV

Isaiah 61:1-3 ~ Office of Christ – Restoration – Blessedness of the church. ~ 1. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to prisoners, the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2. to proclaim the favourable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, 3. to grant/appoint unto those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle/garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, so they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified! NASB/NKJ [Luke 4:17-21, closing in verse 21 with, Jesus read, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."]

Amen, so be it Lord, unto us according to Your Word!

Respectfully submitted ...

Shoulder to shoulder, grace upon grace, and much love,
Betty Jordan, NLWM President/Pastor

For your review ... resources used for this paper:

When a male or female believes they are the opposite gender:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=transgenerism+%3D+mental+illness&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8#q=transgenderism+%3D+mental+illness&spell=1>

<https://www.google.com/search?q=transgenderism+mental+illness+demonic&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>

Highly recommend: Sex change regret: <http://www.sexchangeregret.com/> Born a man; changed into a woman; reversed it ... now warning others.

John Hopkins, the first to do gender reassignment surgery, has stopped doing this procedure:

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/paul-mchugh-transgender-surgery-isnt-the-solution-1402615120>

<http://www.firstthings.com/article/2004/11/surgical-sex>

Sweden: A long-term study of 324 sex-reassigned persons in 2003 in Sweden concluded: ***“Persons with transsexualism, after sex reassignment, have considerably higher risks for mortality, suicidal behaviour, and psychiatric morbidity [diseased state] than the general population. Our findings suggest that sex reassignment, although alleviating gender dysphoria, may not suffice as treatment for transsexualism.”***

When a child, or an individual believes they are an animal: Clinical lycanthropy

Former lesbian (now a pastor w/a fruitful church reaching out to LGBTQ souls) shares: <http://www.janetboynesministries.com/aboutjanet.html>

I also recommend reading the Book of Jude. Here are 5 different versions:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JUDE+1&version=MSG;NLT;NKJV;VOICE;AMP>

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For then I will give to the peoples purified lips, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him "shoulder to shoulder." Zephaniah 3:9

He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honour. 1 Samuel 2:8

Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27