

Deception

Do not be deceived!



Matthew 23:37 (KJV) — 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Matthew 24:4 (KJV) — 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Matthew 24:23–25 (KJV) — 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before.

DECEIVE, v.t. [L to take asid, to ensnare.] 1. To mislead the mind; to cause to err; to cause to believe what is false, or disbelieve what is true; to impose on; to delude. Take heed that no man deceive you. Matthew 24:4. (Webster)

1. Believe what is false

2. Disbelieve what is true.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (KJV) — 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p. 292.2)

Matthew 24:5 (KJV) — 5 For many shall
come in my name, saying, I am Christ;
and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:11 (KJV) — 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

2 John 7 (KJV) — 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Galatians 6:3 (KJV) — 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Colossians 2:4 (KJV) — 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Colossians 2:8 (KJV) — 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Romans 16:18 (KJV) — 18 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.

Colossians 2:7 (KJV) — 7 Rooted and built up in
him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been
taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:18 (KJV) — 18 Let no man beguile
you of your reward in a voluntary humility and
worshipping of angels, intruding into those things
which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his
fleshly mind,

Let no one beguile you of your prize, delighting in
humble-mindedness and in worship of the
messengers. (*Young's Literal Translation*)

Ephesians 5:6 (KJV) — 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

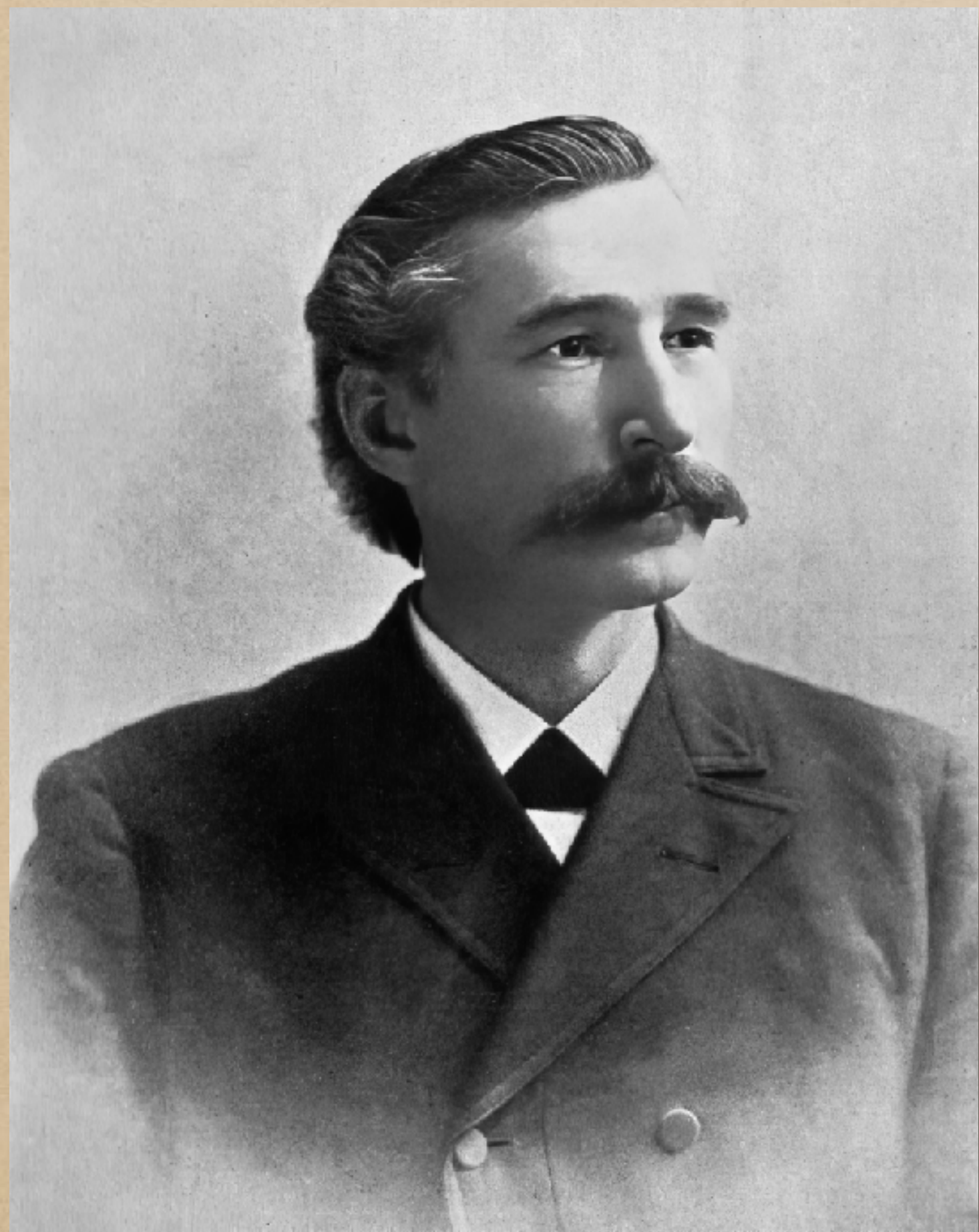
Ephesians 5:7 (KJV) — 7 Be not ye therefore
partakers with them.

Jeremiah 29:8–9 (KJV) — 8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

For thus said Jehovah of Hosts, God of Israel, Let not your prophets who are in your midst, and your diviners, lift you up, nor hearken ye unto their dreams, that ye are causing them to dream; For with falsehood they are prophesying to you in My name; I have not sent them, an affirmation of Jehovah. (*Young's Literal Translation*)

2 Thessalonians 2:3–4 (KJV) — 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

John 7:17 (KJV) — 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.



You will be like the divine, and not subject to death. That was the original proposition in the original deception that brought us under sin; that was the original deception into which the race went by that “one man,” by whom came sin and death; and it is not strange that this deception of men’s thinking that they have life in themselves should be as widely disseminated as is sin. The two things came in together; and they belong together forever. (A. T. Jones, *R&H*, October 9, 1900)

But self-existence is not true of any creature: self-existence is true only of God. All persons and things are from him, and by him; and in him all things “live, and move, and have their being:” each in itself nothing, but in him something, according as his mind, his will, his purpose, is manifest therein. Thus the self-deception of a man in his thinking himself to be something, when, in absolute truth, he is nothing, is the worst and most destructive of all deceptions, because it is the deception of asserting of himself self-existence,—divinity; “showing himself that he is God,”—the only end of which is to become, indeed, absolutely nothing, in the awful consummation that is declared. “For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.” Ps. 37:10. (A. T. Jones, *R&H*, October 30, 1900)

Romans 12:3 (KJV) — 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

1 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV) — 18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

Our only safety is to be shielded by the grace of God every moment, and not put out our own spiritual eyesight so that we will call evil, good, and good, evil. Without hesitation or argument, we must close and guard the avenues of the soul against evil.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 3, p. 324.2)

It will cost us an effort to secure eternal life. It is only by long and persevering effort, sore discipline, and stern conflict that we shall be overcomers. But if we patiently and determinedly, in the name of the Conqueror who overcame in our behalf in the wilderness of temptation, overcome as He overcame, we shall have the eternal reward. Our efforts, our self-denial, our perseverance, must be proportionate to the infinite value of the object of which we are in pursuit. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 324.4)

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV) — 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Psalm 9:20 (KJV) — 20 Put them in fear, O
LORD: that the nations may know themselves to
be but men. Selah.

1 John 1:9 (KJV) — 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

