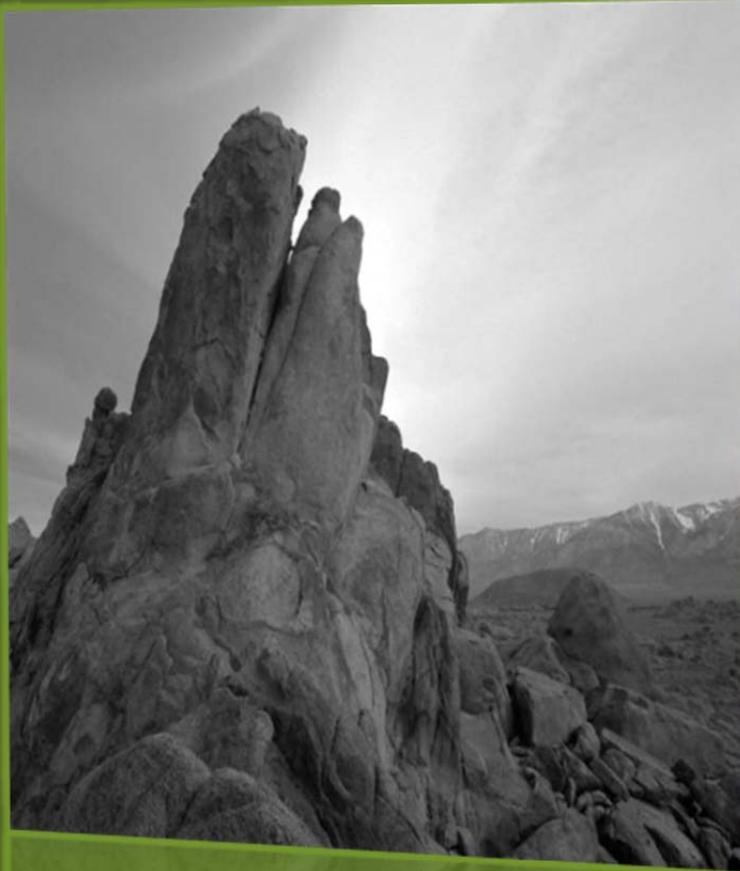


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# BEWARE! OF HYPNOTISM AND PSYCHOLOGY!

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PART 1 - THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY  
ON THE DANGERS OF HYPNOTISM IN THESE LAST DAYS  
A VANCE FERRELL COMPILATION FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

This is a companion tract to a ten-part tract set in our Waymarks Series, A New Crisis Confronts Us: Hypnotism Enters the Adventist Church - on our companion web, which documents the astounding invasion of training courses in hypnotism, which are being given to our workers and church members all across North America.

How thankful we are that our heavenly Father in these last days gave us a prophet! The writings of the Spirit of Prophecy were designed to encourage and comfort, show us areas in doctrine and standards where additional reforms were needed, but also to sound warnings of terrible dangers that would come upon our people before the end of time.

The following is composed of Spirit of Prophecy statements, along with several from the Bible. Here you will find counsel regarding the extreme dangers of having anything to do with hypnosis or hypnotists. In reading these warnings, it is clear that hypnotism is but a variant form of spiritism.

Spiritism (spiritualism) uses mediums (men and women who have sold their souls to Satan) to enable inquirers to more easily communicate with "departed spirits," but actually with evil angels.

Hypnotism uses mediums to gain control over other human minds through various forms of hypnosis. In the earlier Spirit of Prophecy writings it is called mesmerism, after its primary European advocate, the Frenchman F. A. Mesmer, (1734-1815). Mesmer called his hypnotic power "magnetic healing," and his followers for a time called it "mind-cure." Hence the use of these two synonyms of mesmerism in the Spirit of Prophecy. In the late 19th century it acquired the name hypnotism, and today bears the "scientific" name, hypnosis.

Information on how to recognize and avoid hypnotism is given in Hypnotism Enters the Adventist Church.

"One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried 'Iceberg just ahead,' There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, 'Meet it!' There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, 'Meet it!' I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, 'Meet it!' " 1 Selected Messages, 205-206.

"At the beginning of my work I had the mind cure science to contend with. I was sent from place to place to declare the falseness of this science, into which many were entering. The mind cure was entered upon very innocently —to relieve the tensions upon the minds of nervous invalids. But, oh,

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how sad were the results! God sent me from place to place to rebuke everything pertaining to this science." 2 Mind, Character, and Personality, 714.

"The time is at hand when a fearful confederacy will be formed, a brotherhood inaugurated by Satan. Unholy human agencies will combine with demon forces, and the whole will be imbued with satanic impulses." Manuscript 154, 1899.

"The apostle Paul warns us, 'Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.' Our greatest trials will come because of that class who have once advocated the truth, but who turn from it to the world, and trample it under their feet in hate and derision. "God has a work for His faithful servants to do. The attacks of the enemy must be met with the truth of His word. Falsehood must be unmasked, its true character must be revealed, and the light of the law of Jehovah must shine forth into the moral darkness of the world. We are to Present the claims of His Word. We shall not be held guiltless if we neglect this solemn duty . .

"We must cherish carefully the words of our God, lest we be contaminated by the deceptive workings of those who have left the faith. We are to resist their spirit and influence with the same weapons our Master used when assailed by the prince of darkness: 'It is written.' We should learn to use the Word of God skillfully. The exhortation is, 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. . There must be diligent work and earnest prayer and faith to meet the winding error of false teachers and seducers; for 'in the last days perilous times shall come.' " Evangelism, 624-625.

"The mind cure [hypnotism] is the most awful science which has ever been advocated. Every wicked being can use it in carrying out his own evil designs. We have no business with any such science. We should be afraid of it." Manuscript 105, 1901.

"In these last days when skepticism and infidelity so often appear in a scientific garb, we need to be guarded on every hand. Through these means our great adversary is deceiving thousands, and leading them captive according to his will. The advantage he takes of the sciences, sciences which pertain to the human mind, is tremendous. Here, serpent-like, he imperceptibly creeps in to corrupt the work of God. This entering in of Satan through the sciences is well devised. Through the channel of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism, he comes more directly to the people of this generation, and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the dose of Probation." 2 Selected Messages, p. 351.

"There are those who greatly desire power, and who will use inventions that Satan places in their hands to gain power. The evil [one] has acquired wonderful power, and this power will be manifested as apparently a most wonderful blessing to the race." Manuscript 78, 1905.

"We are to be on guard against Satan's deceptive arts. He will take possession of human bodies, and make men and women sick. Then he will suddenly cease to exercise his evil power, and it will be proclaimed that a miracle has been wrought. We need now to have a true understanding of the power of Jesus Christ to save to the uttermost all who come unto Him.

"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 sciences of the one who lost his first estate, and was cast out of the heavenly courts." Medical Ministry, 110-111.

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"The world is to be flooded with specious fallacies. One human mind, accepting these fallacies, will work upon other human minds who have been turning the precious evidence of God's truth into a lie.

"These men will be deceived by fallen angels, when they should have stood as faithful guardians, watching for souls as they that must give account. They have laid down the weapons of warfare, and have given heed to seducing spirits. They make of no effect the counsel of God, and set aside His warnings and reproofs, and are positively on Satan's side, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." Letter 311 (October 30), 1905.

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people." Early Writings, 270.

"I was shown that by the rappings and mesmerism, these modern magicians would yet account for all the miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that many would believe that all the mighty works of the Son of God when on earth were accomplished by this same power."-Early Writings. 59.

"We must use great caution, to closely investigate his [Satan's] devices, lest we be deceived." Manuscript 34, 1897.

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Corinthians 2:11.

"So long as we are ignorant of their [the evil angels'] wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom . . . It is his [Satan's] policy to conceal himself and his manner of working. "There is nothing that the great deceiver fears so much as that we shall become acquainted with his devices. . . Satan can most readily control the minds of those who are unconscious of his influence." Great Controversy, 516-517.

"God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand." Testimonies to Ministers, 112.

"Neither one of you should study the science in which you have been interested. To study this science [hypnosis] is to pluck the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God forbid you or any other mortal to learn to learn or to teach such a science. The fact that you have had anything to do with this science ought alone to be sufficient to show you . . . the inconsistency of your being the leading physician in the sanitarium . . . Cut away from yourselves everything that savors of hypnotism, the science by which satanic agencies work." 2 Mind, Character, and Personality, 716.

"All will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth and to sacrifice for God and His cause." Early Writings, 50.

"The true principles of psychology are found in the Holy Scriptures. Man knows not his own value. He acts according to his unconverted temperament of character, because he does not look to Jesus,

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the Author and Finisher of his faith. He who comes to Jesus, he who believes on Him and makes Him his Example, realizes the meaning of the words, 'To them gave He power to become the sons of God.' " My Life Today, 176.

"Satan's chief work is at the headquarters of our faith. He spares no pains to corrupt men in responsible positions and to persuade them to be unfaithful to their several trusts . . . These men who have been trusted to keep the fort have well-nigh betrayed it into the hands of the enemy. They have opened the gates to a wily foe, who has sought to destroy them.

"Men of experience have seen stealthy hands slipping the bolts that Satan might enter; yet they have held their peace with apparent indifference as to the results." 4 Testimonies, 210-211.

"The light given me has been very forcible that many would go out from us, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The Lord desires that every soul who claims to believe the truth shall have an intelligent knowledge of what is truth. False prophets will arise and will deceive many. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Then does it not become everyone to understand the reasons for our faith? In place of having so many sermons, there should be a more close searching of the word of God, opening the Scriptures text by text, and searching for the strong evidences that sustain the fundamental doctrines that have brought us where we now are, upon the platform of eternal truth.

"My soul is made very sad to see how quickly some who have had light and truth will accept the deceptions of Satan, and be charmed with a spurious holiness. When men turn away from the landmarks the lord has established that we may understand our position as marked out in prophecy, they are going they know not whither.

"Spurious doctrines, spurious piety, spurious faith, much that is fair in appearance, abound all around us. Teachers will come clothed as angels of light; and if possible, they will deceive the very elect. The youth need to learn all they can of the truth if they would not be deceived by the tissue of falsehood that Satan will invent." Evangelism, 363-364.

"Satan's forces are preparing their seductive temptations to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Satan will work through those who have disregarded the warnings of God to the church. They will be exceedingly zealous under the working of a deceptive influence, and most strange manifestations will appear." Letter 364, 1908.

"Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee." 1 Samuel 28:7-8.

"And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. But the angel of the lord said unto Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?" 2 Kings 1:1-3.

"Satan can present a counterfeit so closely resembling the truth that it deceives those who are willing to be deceived, who desire to shun the self-denial and sacrifice demanded by the truth; but it

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is impossible for him to hold under his power one soul who honestly desires, at whatever cost, to know the truth. "-Great Controversy, 528.

"There are doctors and ministers who have been influenced by the hypnotism exercised by the father of lies. Notwithstanding the warnings given, Satan's sophistries are being accepted now just as they were accepted in the heavenly courts. The science by which our first parents were deceived is deceiving men today. Ministers and physicians are being drawn into the snare." 2 Mind, Character, and Personality, 719.

"To dispute the supremacy of the Son of God, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master-mind, which, next to Christ's, was first among the hosts of God." Patriarchs and Prophets, 36.

"Spiritualism, which numbers its converts by hundreds of thousands, yea, by millions, which has made its way into scientific circles, which has invaded churches, and has found favor in legislative bodies, and even in the courts of kings,—this mammoth deception is but a revival, in a new disguise, of the witchcraft condemned and prohibited of old." Great Controversy, 556.

"Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ. The truth that God has given for His people in these last days should keep them firm when there come into the church those who present false theories." Manuscript 23, 1908.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:12-14.

"The mind must be free from all human enchantment. It must not grovel to humanity but soar aloft to the spiritual, taking hold of the eternal." Medical Ministry, 110.

"The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the dose of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, music, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit never reveals itself in such methods, in such a bedlam of noise. This is an invention of Satan to cover up his ingenious methods for making of none effect the pure, sincere, elevating, ennobling, sanctifying truth for this time.

"Satan works amid the din and confusion of such music, which, property conducted, would be a praise and glory to God. He makes its effect like the poison sting of the serpent.

"Those things which have been in the past will be in the future. Satan will make music a snare by the way in which it is conducted. God calls upon His people, who have the light before them in the Word and in the Testimonies, to read and consider, and to take heed. Clear and definite instruction has been given in order that all may understand. But the itching desire to originate something new results in strange doctrines, and largely destroys the influence of those who would be a power for

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good if they held firm the beginning of their confidence in the truth the Lord has given them." 2 Selected Messages, 36-38.

"It is not God's purpose that any human being should yield his mind and will to the control of another, becoming a passive instrument in his hands." -2 Mind, Character, and Personality, 720.

"After the passing of the time in 1844, we had fanaticism of every kind 10 moot. Testimonies of reproof were given me to bear 10 some holding spiritualistic theories.

"There were those who were active in disseminating false ideas In regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their false teachings. Their false teaching was working great harm to themselves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. .

"The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be Presented in a Pleasing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be Presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized. "Corruptions of every type, similar to those among the antediluvians, will be brought in to take minds captive. The exaltation of nature as God, the unrestrained license of the human will, the counsel of the ungodly, these Satan uses as agencies to bring about certain ends. He will employ the power of mind over mind to carry out his designs." 8 Testimonies, 292-294.

"The physician should educate the people to look from the human to the divine. Instead of teaching the sick to depend upon human beings for the cure of soul and body, he should direct them to the One who can save to the uttermost all who come unto Him. He who made man's mind knows what the mind needs . .

"This is the life we are to present to the sick, telling them that if they have faith in Christ as the restorer, if they cooperate with Him, obeying the laws of health, and striving to perfect holiness in His fear, He will impart to them His life. When we Present Christ to them in this way, we are imparting a power, a strength, that is of value; for it comes from above. This is the true science of healing for body and soul." Ministry of Healing, 243-244.

"To study this science [hypnosis] 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. The fact that you have had anything to do with this science, ought alone to be sufficient to show you, Brother N, the inconsistency of your being the leading physician in the sanitarium. .

"Cut away from yourselves everything that savors of hypnotism, the science by which satanic agencies work." 2 Selected Messages, 350.

"Satan has not been stupid and careless these many years, since his fall, but has been learning. He has grown more artful. His plans are laid deeper, and are more covered with a religious garment to hide their deformity. The power of Satan now to tempt and deceive is ten-fold greater than it was in the days of the apostles. His power has increased, and it will increase, until it is taken away. His wrath and hate grow stronger as his time to work draws near its close .

"God knows how Satan is working, and sends His angels to watch over His children, to protect them from the devil's power. And the battle is constantly going on between the angels of God, and the

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devil's angels. The angels of God are clothed with a complete armor, the panoply of heaven, and although surrounded with deadly foes, fear nothing, for they are doing the will of their loved Commander. They enter the darkest places to rescue the children of God from the snares of Satan, and their presence causes evil angels to fall back.

"I saw that the angels of God are not to force or bend the will of the individual they watch over. They are to gently chide, warn and guard. Satan can never force back these holy angels from their charge. None can do this but the individuals that they are watching over. If these individuals continue to grieve these tender, holy angels; if they go astray from their counsel and warnings, and choose an independent course of their own, they will drive these angels from them. [But] If the will is submitted to them, they will bend it in the heavenly channel, and they will ever be on the watch for their interests, leading them from a thousand dangers, preventing their lives being taken by Satan, and, if they are inclined to go [into] a wrong course, stand in the path before them to prevent their ruin.

"But if individuals continue to retain their own will, choose their own course, and have their own way, the angels leave them in sadness. Then Satan comes in to control the will, and bend the mind, and smiles in hellish triumph at his success." 2 Spiritual Gifts. 277-278.

"All the people of God are now to stand on the platform of truth as it has been given in the third angel's message. All the pleasant pictures, all the miracles wrought will be presented in order that, if possible, the very elect shall be deceived. The only hope for anyone is to hold fast the evidences that have confirmed the truth in righteousness. Let these be proclaimed over and over again until the close of earth's history." Manuscript 61, 1900.

"The science of a pure, wholesome, consistent Christian life is obtained by studying the word of the Lord. This is the highest education that any earthly being can obtain..

.. For thousands of years Satan has been experimenting upon the Properties of the human mind, and he has learned to know it well. By his subtle workings in these last days, he is linking the human mind with his own, imbuing it with his thoughts; and he is doing this work in so deceptive a manner that those who accept his guidance know not that they are being led by him at his will. The great deceiver hopes so to confuse the minds of men and women that none but his voice will be heard." Medical Ministry, 111.

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember. .'

"He who holds the truth in unrighteousness, who declares his belief in it, and yet wounds it every day by his inconsistent life, is surrendering himself to the service of Satan and leading souls to ruin. This class hold intercourse with fallen angels and are aided by them in gaining the control of minds.

"When Satan's bewitching power controls a person, God is forgotten, and man who is filled with corrupt purposes is extolled. Secret licentiousness is practiced by these deceived souls as a virtue. This is a species of witchcraft.

"The question of the apostle to the Galatians may well be asked: 'Who hath bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?'

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"There is always a bewitching power in heresies and in licentiousness. The mind is so deluded that it cannot reason intelligently, and an illusion is continually leading it from purity. The spiritual eyesight becomes blurred, and persons of hitherto untainted morals become confused under the delusive sophistry of those agents of Satan who profess to be messengers of light. It is this delusion which gives these agents power. Should they come out boldly and make their advances [whether of heresies or licentiousness] openly they would be repulsed without a moment's hesitation; but they work first to gain sympathy and secure confidence in themselves as holy, self-sacrificing men of God. As His [pretending to be God's] special messengers they then begin their artful work of drawing away souls from the path of rectitude by attempting to make void the law of God." 5 Testimonies, 142-143.

"Organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan's dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as day, belongs to the methods of the prince of darkness. His methods are practiced even among Seventh-day Adventists, who claim to have advanced truth.

"If men resist the warnings the Lord sends them, they become even leaders in evil practice; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God – [in fact] they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. They introduce their own methods and plans, and through their misconceptions of God they weaken the faith of other's in the truth, and bring in false principles that will work like leaven to taint and corrupt our institutions and churches. Any thing that lowers man's conception of righteousness and equity and impartial judgment, any device or precept that brings God's human agents under the control of human minds, impairs their faith in God; it separates the soul from God; for it leads away from the path of strict integrity and righteousness." Testimonies to Ministers, 366.

"No man is a proper judge of another man's duty. Man is responsible to God; and as finite, erring men take into their hands the jurisdiction of their fellow men, as if the Lord commissioned them to lift up and cast down, all heaven is filled with indignation. There are strange principles being established in regard to the control of minds and works of men by human judges, as though these finite men were gods . .

"Unless men are daily in communion with God, instead of seeking Him with all their heart for a fitness for the work, they will assume the power of dictation over the conscience of others. A sense of the divine presence would awe and subdue the soul, but this they have not . .

"Is the working of the cause of God to be entrusted to such hands? Are souls for whom Christ has died, to be manipulated at the will of men who have refused the light given them of heaven? We should be afraid of man-made laws, and of plans and methods that are not in accordance with the principles of the word of God concerning man's relation to his fellow. 'All ye are brethren.' " Testimonies to Ministers, 348, 349.

"I am instructed that you [J.H. Kellogg] are entertaining ideas with which God has forbidden you to deal. I will name these as a species of mind cure. You suppose that you can use this mind cure in your professional work as a physician. In tones of earnest warning the words were spoken: Beware, beware where your feet are placed and your mind is carried. God has not appointed you this work. The theory of mind controlling mind is originated by Satan to introduce himself as the chief worker, to put human philosophy where divine philosophy should be.

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"No man or woman should exercise his or her will to control the senses or reason of another, so that the mind of the person is rendered passively subject to the will of the one who is exercising the control. This science may appear to be something beautiful, but it is a science which you are in no case to handle . .

"I lift the danger signal. The only safe and true mind cure covers much. The physician must educate the people "" look from the human to the divine. .

"This science may appear of you to be very valuable; but to you and to others it is a fallacy prepared by Satan. It is the charm of the serpent, which stings to spiritual death. It covers much that seems wonderful, but it is foreign to the nature and Spirit of Christ This science does not lead to Him who is life and salvation."-Medical Ministry, 111-112

"[In heaven] The insinuations of Satan took effect, and they . .[the angels] really came to believe that the Father and the Son were their enemies and that Satan was their benefactor. Satan has the same power and the same control over minds now, only it has increased a hundredfold by exercise and experience. Men and women today are deceived, blinded by his insinuations and devices, and know it not..

"They rise up with bitter feelings against the ones who dare to speak of their errors and reprove their sins. Those who have in the fear of God ventured out to faithfully meet error and sin, calling sin by its right name, have discharged a disagreeable duty."-3 Testimonies, 328.

"With strong arms and brave hearts go forth into the conflict [that] all must enter, a conflict that will grow more and more severe as we approach the closing struggle. "-Manuscript 18a., 1901.

"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. ... -3 Selected Messages, 411-412

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. "-Colossians 2:8.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. "-2 Corinthians 10:4.

"Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread."-Isaiah 8:13.

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. Which some professing have erred concerning the faith." -1 Timothy 6:20-21.

"In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion."-Psalm 71:1.

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in Thy Word."-Psalm 119:14.

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## PART 2- BEWARE OF PSYCHOLOGY AND HYPNOTISM

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This is a companion tract to a ten-part tract set in our Waymarks Series, A New Crisis Confronts Us: Hypnotism Enters the Adventist Church - on our companion web, which documents the astounding invasion of training courses in hypnotism, which are being given to our workers and church members all across North America.

Physicians and psychologists say that, under hypnosis, "latent forces" within mankind are released which produce healing. But this is not true.

"Psychic healing is not a part of the natural or latent capacities of man. It is a distinctly supernatural, spiritistic power and carries grave consequences both for those who practice it [the hypnotizers] and those healed by it [the hypnotized]. Those who practice it may have no indication that spirit entities are the real source of the power, but that does not reduce their own responsibility for the spiritual and psychological destruction of those they heal. There is always a high price to pay when contacting forces alien to God." John Walden and Zola Levitt. *Psychic Healing*, 1982, p. 110.

At the direction of the operator, under hypnosis the subject will accurately describe homes of named people in distant cities which he has never seen, and he will give dates and events from earlier history, which are confirmed by research into history books. All this comes from supernatural forces; it was not within the ability of the hypnotized subject to produce this information of himself.

Hypnosis is exceedingly dangerous, and it has been known to be dangerous for over a century. It is the control of one mind by another!

"In hypnotism we have a 'silent and mysterious force,' which usurps the place of the Creator and enables one man to seize on its very throne the will of another man and make him conform to his slightest wish in every act and feeling' [quoting a hypnotist]. Surely no man has any right to make such a surrender of his will, to so place himself under the power and will of another; and just so surely has no man the right to usurp such power over the mind and will of another. Such power belongs alone to God, for He only can safely hold such power.

"Nor is it necessary in all cases that the subject make a conscious surrender of his will to the operator. LW. DeLaurence, professional hypnotist and magnetic healer, in his book, *Hypnotism, under the head, "People Hypnotized Against Their Will,"* says: "There is a way in which a shrewd hypnotist can succeed in putting people under the influence who really do not care to be hypnotized.' He then describes his method of entrapping an unwilling victim, and concludes this: 'You can then proceed by a few well-chosen suggestions to put him dead asleep and induce somnambulism or trance in the regular way. He will ever afterwards be your subject if you

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understand your business in giving posthypnotic suggestions [just before bringing him out of hypnosis].' . .

"How fully the will power may be seized upon, and with what results, may be seen by the following warning from a noted hypnotist of the better class. He says:

"The hypnotized may fall hopeless victims to the most criminal and harmful actions, not only while they sleep, but after they have been awakened. . There lies such infernal power in the hands of the hypnotizer that every one ought to be strictly forbidden to meddle with hypnotism, except those who are honorable and trustworthy. The hypnotized can by all kinds of suggestions be made not only to harm themselves, but also others, and they may even be irresistibly driven to any crime.' "- James Edson White, Past, Present, and Future, 1909, pp. 338-339, 340-341.

"He who created the mind and ordained its laws, provided for its development in accordance with them." Education, 41 (1903).

"The true principles of psychology are found in the Holy Scriptures. Man knows not his own value. He acts according to his unconverted temperament of character because he does not look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of his faith. He who comes to Jesus, he who believes on Him and makes Him his Example, realizes the meaning of the words "To them gave He power to become the sons of God.' " Those who pass through the experience of true conversion will realize with keenness of perception, their responsibility to God to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, their responsibility to make complete their recovery from the leprosy of sin. Such an experience will lead them humbly and trustfully to place their dependence upon God." My Life Today, 176 (MS 121).

"When temptations assail you, when care, perplexity, and darkness seem to surround your soul, look to the place where you last saw the light. Rest in Christ's love and under His protecting care. . Entering into communion with the Saviour, we enter the region of peace." -Ministry of Healing, 250 (1905).

"When men go forth to their daily toil, as when they engage in prayer; when they lie down at night, and when they rise in the morning; when the rich man feasts in his palace, or when the poor man gathers his children about the scanty board, each is tenderly watched by the heavenly Father. No tears are shed that God does not notice. There is no smile that He does not mark.

"If we would but fully believe this, all undue anxieties would be dismissed. Our lives would not be so filled with disappointment as now; for everything, whether great or small, would be left in the hands of God, who is not perplexed by the multiplicity of cares or overwhelmed by their weight. We should then enjoy a rest of soul to which many have long been strangers:'-Steps to Christ, 86 (1892).

"Human knowledge of both material and spiritual things is partial and imperfect; therefore many are unable to harmonize their views of science with Scripture statements. Many accept mere theories and speculations as scientific facts, and they think that God's Word is to be tested by the teachings of 'science falsely so called' (1 Timothy 6:20). The Creator and His works are beyond their comprehension; and because they cannot explain these by natural laws, Bible history is regarded as unreliable. Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments too often

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go a step further and doubt the existence of God and attribute infinite power to nature. Having let go their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity." -Great Controversy, 522.

"Let us go to the Word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a 'Thus saith the Lord.' We have had enough of human methods- A mind trained only in worldly science will fail to understand the things of God: but the same mind, converted and sanctified, will see the divine power in the Word. Only the mind and heart cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things".-Gospel Workers. 310 (1915).

"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, serpent-like, he imperceptibly creeps in to corrupt the work of God. The miracles and works of Christ he would make appear as the result of human skill and power.. "

"If he should make an open, bold attack upon Christianity, it would bring the Christian in distress and agony to the feet of his Redeemer, and his strong and mighty Deliverer would put the bold adversary to flight. He therefore transforms himself into an angel of light and works upon the mind to allure from the only safe and right path. 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."-1 Testimonies, 290 (1862).

"For thousands of years Satan has been experimenting upon the properties of the human mind, and he has learned to know it well. By his subtle workings in these last days, he is linking the human mind with his own, imbuing it with his thoughts: and he is doing this work in so deceptive a manner that those who accept his guidance know not that they are being led by him at his will. The great deceiver hopes so to confuse the minds of men and women that none but his voice will be heard. "- Medical Ministry, 111 (Letter 244, 1907).

"The light of truth which God designs shall come to the people of the world at this time is not that which the world's men of learning are seeking to impart, for these men in their research often arrive at erroneous conclusions, and in their study of many authors become enthused with theories that are of satanic origin. Satan, clothed in the garb of an angel of light, presents for the study of the human mind subjects which seem very interesting and which are full of scientific mystery. In the investigation of these subjects, men are led to accept erroneous conclusions and to unite with seducing spirits in the work of propounding new theories, which lead away from the truth."-9 Testimonies, 67-68 (1909).

"He who has a knowledge of God and His word has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He does not test the Bible by man's ideas of science. He brings these ideas to the test of the unerring standard. He knows that God's word Is truth, and truth can never contradict itself; whatever in the teaching of so called science contradicts the truth of God's revelation is mere human guesswork."- 8 Testimonies, 325 (1904).

"There are but two parties. Satan works with his crooked, deceiving power, and through strong delusions he catches all who do not abide in the truth, who have turned away their ears from the truth, and have turned unto fables. Satan himself abode not in the truth; he is the mystery of iniquity. Through his subtlety he gives to his soul-destroying errors the appearance of truth. Herein is their power to deceive.

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"It is because they are a counterfeit of the truth that spiritualism, theosophy, and the like deceptions gain such power over the minds of men. Herein is the masterly working of Satan. He pretends to be the saviour of man, the benefactor of the human race, and thus he more readily lures his victims to destruction. "- Testimonies to Ministers, 365 (Special Testimonies, Series A, No.9, Sept 24, 1897).

"The magicians of heathen times have their counterpart in the spiritualistic mediums, the clairvoyants, and the fortunetellers of today. The mystic voices that spoke at Endor and at Ephesus are still by their lying words misleading the children of men. Could the veil be lifted from before our eyes, we should see evil angels employing all their arts to deceive and to destroy. Wherever an influence is exerted to cause men to forget God, there Satan is exercising his bewitching power. When men yield to his influence, ere they are aware, the mind is bewildered and the soul polluted. The apostle's admonition to the Ephesian church should be heeded by the people of God today: 'Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them' (Ephesians 5:11)"-Acts of the Apostles, 290 (1911)

"We must keep close to the Word of God. We need its warnings and encouragement its threatenings and premises. We need the perfect example given only in the life and character of our Saviour. Angels of God will preserve His people while they walk in the path of duty; but there is no assurance of such protection for those who deliberately venture upon Satan's ground.

"An agent of the great deceiver will say and do anything to gain his object. It matters little whether he calls himself a spiritualist, an "electric physician,' or a "magnetic healer.' By specious pretenses he wins the confidence of the unwary. He pretends to read the life history and to understand all the difficulties and afflictions of those who resort to him.

"Disguising himself as an angel of light, while the blackness of the pit is in his heart" he manifests great interest in women who seek his counsel. He tells them that all their troubles are due to an unhappy marriage. This may be too true, but such counsel does not better their condition. He tells them that they need love and sympathy. Pretending great interest in their welfare, he casts a spell over his unsuspecting victims, charming them as the serpent charms the trembling bird. Soon they are completely in his power, and sin, disgrace, and ruin are - the terrible sequel."- Christian Temperance-and Bible Hygiene. 116, 1890.

"The apostles of nearly all forms of spiritism claim to have power to heal. They attribute this power to electricity, magnetism, the so-called sympathetic remedies, or to latent forces within the mind of man. And there are not a few, even in this Christian age, who go to these healers instead of trusting in the power of the living God and the skill of well-qualified physicians."

"The mother, watching by the sickbed of her child, exclaims, "I can do no more. Is there no physician who has power to restore my child? She is told of the wonderful cures performed by some clairvoyant or magnetic healer, and she trusts her dear one to his charge, placing it as verily in the hand of Satan as if he were standing by her side. In many instances the future life of the child is controlled by a satanic power which it seems impossible to break."-Prophets and Kings. 211 (1917). (See 5T 193; Ev 609.)

"Satanic agents claim to cure disease. They attribute their power to electricity, magnetism, or the so-called sympathetic remedies, while in truth they are but channels for Satan's electric currents.

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By this means he casts his spell over the bodies and souls of men."-Evangelism 609 (Signs Mar 24. 1887).

"Those who give themselves up to the sorcery of Satan may boast of great benefit received thereby, but does this prove their course to be wise or safe? What If life should be prolonged? What If temporal gain should be secured? Will it pay in the end to disregard the will of God? All such apparent gain will prove at last an Irrecoverable loss. We cannot with impunity break down a single barrier which God has erected to guard His people from Satan's power."-5 Testimonies, 199 (1882).

"Side by side with the preaching of the gospel, agencies are at work which are but the medium of lying spirits. Many a man tampers with these merely from curiosity, but seeing evidence of the working of a more than human power, he is lured on and on until he is controlled by a will stronger than his own. He cannot escape from its mysterious power.

"The defenses of the soul are broken down. He has no barrier against sin. When once the restraints of Goers word and His Spirit are rejected, no man knows to what depths of degradation he may sink."-Desire of Ages. 258 (1898).

"To many, scientific research has become a curse. God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world in discoveries in science and art; but even the greatest minds if not guided by the Word of God in their research, become bewildered in their attempts to investigate the relations of science and revelation."-Great Controversy, 522.

"A minister once said that he could but think that Christ must have known something about science. Of what could this minister have been thinking? Science! Christ could have opened door after door of science. He could have revealed to men treasures of science on which they might have feasted to the Present time. But knowing that this knowledge would have been appropriated to unholy uses, He did not open the door."-Medical Ministry, 116 (MS 105, 1901).

"That night in that boat was to the disciples a school where they were to receive their education for the great work which was to be done afterward. The dark hours of trial are to come to everyone as a part of his education for higher work, for more devoted, consecrated effort. The storm was not sent upon the disciples to shipwreck them, but to test and prove them Individually..

"The times of our educating will soon be over. We have no time to lose in walking through clouds of doubt and uncertainty. . We may stand dose to the side at Jesus. Let none . . shirk one hard lesson or lose the blessing of one hard discipline."-Our High Calling, 56 (Letter 13.- 1892)

"Corruptions of every type, similar to those existing among the antediluvians, will be brought in to take minds captive. The exaltation of nature as God, the unrestrained license of the human will, the counsel of the ungodly—these Satan uses as agencies to bring about certain ends. He will employ the power of mind over mind to carry out his designs. The most sorrowful thought of all is that under his deceptive influence men will have a form of godliness without having a real connection with God. Like Adam and Eve, who ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, many are even now feeding upon the deceptive morsels of error." -8 Testimonies. 293-294 (1904).

"I have spoken distinctly regarding the dangerous science which says that one person shall give up his mind to the control of another. This science is the devil's own."-Letter 130-112. 1901.

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"In the treatment of the sick the effect of mental influence should not be overlooked. Rightly used, this influence affords one of the most effective agencies for combating disease.

"There is, however, a form of mind cure that is one of the most effective agencies for evil. Through this so-called science, one mind is brought under the control of another so that the individuality of the weaker is merged in that of the stronger mind. One person acts out the will of another. Thus it is claimed that the tenor of the thoughts may be changed, that health giving impulses maybe imparted, and patients may be enabled to resist and overcome disease.

"This method of cure has been employed by persons who were ignorant of its real nature and tendency and who believed it to be a means of benefit to the sick. But the so-called science is based upon false principles. It is foreign to the nature and spirit of Christ It does not lead to Him who is life and salvation. The one who attracts minds to himself leads them to separate from the True Source of their strength.

"It is not God's purpose that any human being should yield his mind and will to the control of another, becoming a passive Instrument in his hands. No one is to merge his Individuality In that of another. He is not to look to any human being as the source of healing. His dependence must be in God. In the dignity of his God-given manhood he is to be controlled by God Himself, not by any human Intelligence.

"God desires to bring men into direct relation with Himself. In all His dealings with human beings He recognizes the principle of personal responsibility. He seeks to encourage a sense of personal dependence and to impress the need of personal guidance. He desires to bring the human into association with the divine that men may be transformed into the divine likeness. Satan works to thwart this purpose. He seeks to encourage dependence upon men. When minds are turned away from God, the tempter can bring them under his rule. He can control humanity."-Ministry of Healing. 241-243 (1905).

"No individual should be permitted to take control of another person's mind, thinking that in so doing he is causing him to receive great benefit. The mind cure is one of the most dangerous deceptions, which can be practiced upon any individual. Temporary relief may be felt, but the mind of the one thus controlled is never again so strong and reliable. We may be as weak as was the woman who touched the hem of Christ's garment; but if we use our God given opportunity to come to Him in faith, He will respond as quickly as He did to that touch of faith.

"It is not God's design for any human being to yield his mind to another human being. The risen Christ, who is now set down on the throne at the right hand of the Father, Is the Mighty Healer. Look to Him for healing power. Through Him alone can sinners come to God just as they are. Never can they come through any man's mind. The human agent must never interpose between the heavenly agencies and those who are suffering."-Ministry of Healing (MS 105. 1001).

"There is something better for us to engage in than the control of humanity by humanity. The physician should educate the people to look from the human to the divine. Instead of teaching the sick to depend upon human beings for the cure of soul and body, he should direct them to the One who can save to the uttermost all who come unto Him. He who made man's mind knows what the mind needs. God alone is the One who can heal. Those whose minds and bodies are diseased are to behold in Christ the restorer. 'Because I live,' He says, 'you shall live also.'

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"This is the life we are to present to the sick, telling them that if they have faith in Christ as the restorer, if they cooperate with Him, obeying the laws of health, and striving to perfect holiness in His fear, He will impart to them His life. When we present Christ to them in this way, we are imparting a power, a strength, that is of value; for it comes from above. This is the true science of healing for body and soul." -Ministry of Healing, 243-244 (1905)..

"The discipline of a human being who has reached the years of intelligence should differ from the training of a dumb animal. The beast is taught only submission to its master. For the beast, the master is mind, judgments, and will. This method, sometimes employed in the training of children, makes them little more than automatons. Mind, will, conscience, are under the control of another.

"It is not God's purpose that any mind should be thus dominated. Those who weaken or destroy individuality assume a responsibility that can result only in evil. While under authority, the children may appear like well-drilled soldiers; but when the control ceases, the character will be found to lack strength and steadfastness. Having never learned to govern himself, the youth recognizes no restraint except the requirement of parents or teacher. This removed, he knows not how to use his liberty and often gives himself up to indulgence that proves his ruin."-Education, 288 (1903).

"In matters of conscience the soul must be left untrammled. No one is to control another's mind, to judge for another, or to prescribe his duty. God gives to every soul freedom to think and to follow his own convictions. 'Every one of us shall give account of himself to God' (Romans 14:12). No one has a right to merge his own individuality in that of another. In all matters where principle is involved. 'let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind' (verse 5). In Christ's kingdom there is no lordly oppression, no compulsion of manner. The angels of heaven do not come to the earth to rule and to exact homage, but as messengers of mercy, to cooperate with men in uplifting humanity."-Desire of Ages, 550, 551 (1898)..

"Human minds are not to be trammled and harnessed up and driven by human hands." -Manuscript. 43,1895.

"God permits every person to exercise his individuality. No human mind should be submerged in another human mind. . For us to imitate the example of any man—even a person who in our human judgment we might regard as nearly perfect in character, would be to put our trust in an imperfect, defective human being, who is unable to impart one jot or tittle of perfection to any other human being."-Our High Calling, 108 (Letter 20, 1902).

"We are now to unify. . But let us remember that Christian unity does not mean that the identity of one person is to be submerged in that of another, nor does it mean that the mind of one is to be led and controlled by the mind of another. God has not given to any man the power that some, by word and act, seek to claim. God requires every man to stand free and to follow the directions of the word. "-8 Testimonies, 212 (1904).

"You belong to God, soul, body, and spirit. Your mind belongs to God, and your talents belong to Him also. No one has a right to control another's mind and judge for another, prescribing what is his duty. There are certain rights that belong to every individual in doing God's service. No man has any more liberty to take these rights from us than to take life itself. God has given us freedom to think, and it is our privilege to follow our impressions of duty. We are only human beings, and one human being has no jurisdiction over the conscience of another human being. Each one of us has an

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individuality and identity that cannot be surrendered to any other human being. We are individually the workmanship of God."-Letter 92. 1895.

"God alone is to be the guide of man's conscience. The truth is to be preached wherever an opening is found for it. The Word of God is to be explained to those who know not the truth. This is the work of God's ministers. They are not to teach men to look to them, or to seek to control the consciences of others. 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways' (James 1:5-8)."-Letter 26, 1907. .

"We are prone to look to our fellowmen for sympathy and uplifting instead of looking to Jesus. In His mercy and faithfulness God often permits those in whom we place confidence to fail us in order that we may learn the folly of trusting in man and making flesh our arm. Let us trust fully, humbly, unselfishly in God." -Ministry of Healing, 486 (1905).

"Advocate the science of mind cure is opening a door through which Satan will enter to take possession of mind and heart. Satan controls both the mind that is given up to be controlled by another and the mind that controls. May God help us to understand the true science of building on Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer." Our High Calling, (Letter 130, 1901).

"Interests most vital to you individually are in your own keeping. No one can damage them without your consent. All the satanic legions cannot injure you unless you open your soul to the arts and arrows of Satan. Your ruin can never take place until your will consents. If there is not pollution at mind in yourself, all the surrounding pollution cannot taint or defile you. Satan cannot touch the mind or intellect unless we yield it to him." Bible Conference, 1105 (MS 17, 1893).

"An acceptance of the truth of heavenly origin brings the mind into subjection to Christ. Then the health of soul, which comes from receiving and following pure principles, is revealed in words and works of righteousness. The faith, which leads to this is not the faith which believes in mind controlling mind till one person acts out the will of another. Church members having confidence in this science may be called sound in the faith, but it is not the faith of Jesus Christ. Theirs is a faith in the work which Satan is doing. He presents gigantic errors, and by the miracles which he works he deceives many. This work he will do more and more. A healthy church is composed of healthy members, of men and women who have a personal experience in true godliness." Letter 130, 1901.

"In these days when skepticism and infidelity so often appear in a scientific garb, we need to be guarded on every hand. Through this means our great adversary is deceiving thousands and leading them captive according to his will. The advantage he takes of the sciences, sciences which pertain to the human mind, is tremendous. Here, serpent-like, he imperceptibly creeps in to corrupt the work of God.

"This entering in of Satan through the sciences is well devised. Through the channel of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism, he comes more directly to the people of this generation and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the dose of probation. The minds of thousands have thus been poisoned and led into infidelity.

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"While it is believed that one human mind wonderfully affects another, Satan, who is ready to press every advantage, insinuates himself and works on the right hand and on the left. And while those who are devoted to these sciences laud them to the heavens because of the great and good works which they affirm are wrought by them, they little know what a power for evil they are cherishing; but it is a power which will yet work with all signs and lying wonders—with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. Mark the influence of these sciences, dear reader, for the conflict between Christ and Satan is not yet ended. .

"Neglect of prayer leads men to rely on their own strength and opens the door to temptation. In many cases the imagination is captivated by scientific research, and men are flattered through the consciousness of their own powers. The sciences which treat of the human mind are very much exalted. They are good in their place, but they are seized upon by Satan as his powerful agents to deceive and destroy souls. His arts are accepted as from heaven, and he thus receives the worship which suits him well. The world, which is supposed to be benefited so much by phrenology and animal magnetism, never was so corrupt as now. Through these sciences, virtue is destroyed and the foundations of spiritualism are laid." Signs, Nov 6, 1884 (2SM 351-353).

"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." Ministry of Healing, 243 (1905).

"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."-5 Bible Commentary, 1081 (Letter 159, 1903).

"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." Medical Ministry, 110-111 (MS 86, 1905).

"I am so weighed down in your case that I must continue to write to you, lest in your blindness you will not see where you need to reform. I am instructed that you are entertaining ideas with which God has forbidden you to deal. I will name these as a species of mind cure. You suppose that you can use this mind cure in your professional work as a physician. In tones of earnest warning the words were spoken: Beware, beware where your feet are placed and your mind is carried. God has not appointed you this work. The theory of mind controlling mind is originated by Satan to introduce himself as the chief worker, to put human philosophy where divine philosophy should be.

"No man or woman should exercise his or her will to control the senses or reason of another so that the mind of the person is rendered passively subject to the will of the one who is exercising the control. This science may appear to be something beautiful, but it is a science which you are in no case to handle. . There is something better for you to engage in than the control of human nature over human nature.

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"I lift the danger signal. The only safe and true mind cure covers much. The physician must educate the people to look from the human to the divine. He who has made man's mind knows precisely what the mind needs." Medical Ministry, 111-112 (Letter 121, 1901).

"In taking up the science you have begun to advocate, you are giving an education which is not safe for you or for those you teach. It is dangerous to tinge minds with the science of mind cure.

"This science may appear to you to be very valuable, but to you and to others it is a fallacy prepared by Satan. It is the charm of the serpent, which stings to spiritual death. It covers much that seems wonderful, but it is foreign to the nature and spirit of Christ. This science does not lead to Him who is life and salvation. .

"At the beginning of my work I had the mind cure science to contend with. I was sent from place to place to declare the falseness of this science into which many were entering. The mind cure was entered upon very innocently-to relieve the tension upon the minds of nervous invalids. But, oh, how sad were the results! God sent me from place to place to rebuke everything pertaining to this science." Medical Ministry, 112-113 (Letter 121, 1901).

"I wish to speak plainly to you. You have entered upon a work which has no place in the work of a Christian physician and which must find no place in our health institutions. Innocent though it may appear, this mind cure, if exercised upon the patients, will in its development be for their destruction. .not their restoration. Second Timothy describes persons who accept error, such as one mind exercising complete control over another mind. God forbids any such thing. The mind cure is one of Satan's greatest sciences, and it is important that our physicians see dearly the real character of this science; for through it great temptations will come to them. This science must not be allowed a particle of standing room in our sanitariums.

"God has not given one ray of light or encouragement for our physicians to take up the work of having one mind completely control the mind of another so that one acts out the will of another, let us learn the ways and purposes of God. Let not the enemy gain the least advantage over you. Let him not lead you to dare to endeavor to control another mind until it becomes a machine in your hands. This is the science of Satan's working." -Medical Ministry, 113-114 (Letter 121, 1901).

"Brother and Sister N, in the name of the Lord I ask you to remember that unless your sentiments regarding the science of mind cure are changed, unless you both understand that you are in decided need of having your own minds converted and transformed, you wilt be stumbling blocks-pitiful spectacles to angels and to men.

"The truth has had but little influence over you. It is dangerous for anyone, no matter how good a man he is, to endeavor to influence another human mind to come under the control of his mind. Let me tell you that the mind cure is a satanic science. Already you have gone far enough in it to endanger seriously your future experience. From its very first entrance into your mind until the present time, it has been a most injurious growth.

"Unless you can see that Satan is the mastermind who has devised this science, it will not be as easy a matter as you suppose to separate from it, root and branch. The whole philosophy of this science is a masterpiece of satanic deception. For your soul's sake, cut loose from everything of this order. Every time you put into the mind of another person ideas concerning this science, that you may

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gain control of his mind, you are on Satan's ground, decidedly cooperating with him. For your soul's sake, break loose from this snare of the enemy." -2 Selected Messages, 349-350 (Letter 20, 1902).

"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. The fact that you have had anything to do with this science ought alone to be sufficient to show you, Brother N, the inconsistency of your being the leading physician in the sanitarium . .

"In dealing with the science of mind cure you have been eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which God has forbidden you to touch. It is now high time for you to begin to look to Jesus, and by beholding His character become changed into the divine likeness.

"Cut away from yourselves everything that savors of hypnotism, the science by which satanic agencies work." -2 Selected Messages, 350 (Letter 20, 1902).

"Remember that Satan has come down with great power to take possession of minds and to hold them captive under his sway. Neither of you can do anything acceptably to God unless you follow the Saviour, who says, 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me' (Matthew 16:24). In all things Christ is our example." -Letter 20, 1902

"We do not ask you to place yourself under the control of any man's mind. The mind cure is the most awful science, which has ever been advocated. Every wicked being can use it in carrying through his own evil designs. We have no business with any such science. We should be afraid of it. Never should the first principles of it be brought into any institution." Medical Ministry, 116 (MS 105; 1901).

"Fearful is the power thus given to evil-minded men and women. What opportunities it affords to those who live by taking advantage of others' weaknesses or follies! How many, through control of minds feeble or diseased, will find a means of gratifying lustful passion or greed of gain!" Ministry of Healing, 243 (1905).

"Shall its managers consent to be the agents of Satan by publishing books dealing with the subject of hypnotism? Shalt this leprosy be introduced into the office? . .

"Satan and his agents have been and are working diligently. Will God give His blessing to the publishing houses if they accept the deceptions of the enemy? Shall the institutions which have been kept before the people as holy unto the Lord become schools in which the workers eat the fruit of the forbidden tree of knowledge? Shall we encourage Satan in his- stealthy entrance into the citadel of truth to deposit his hellish science, as he did in Eden?

"Are the men at the heart of the work men who cannot distinguish between truth and error? Are they men who cannot see the terrible consequences of giving influence to wrong? If you should gain millions of dollars by work of this kind, of what value is this gain when compared with the terrible loss that is incurred by giving publicity to Satan's lies?" -2 Selected Messages, 350-351 (Letter 140, 1901).

"Satanic agencies are clothing false theories in an attractive garb, even as Satan in the Garden of Eden concealed his identity from our first parents by speaking through the serpent. These agencies are instilling into human minds that which in, reality is deadly error. The hypnotic influence of

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Satan will rest upon those who turn from the plain word of God to pleasing fables."-8 Testimonies, 294 (1904).

"We have reached the perils of the last days, when some, yes, many, 'shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.' Be cautious in regard to what you read and how you hear. Take not a particle of interest in Spiritualistic theories. Satan is waiting to steal a march upon everyone who allows himself to be deceived by his hypnotism. He begins to exert his power over them just as soon as they begin to investigate his theories." -Medical Ministry 101-102 (Letter 123, 1904).

"I have been shown that we are not to enter into controversy over these Spiritualistic theories, because such controversy will only confuse minds. These things are not to be brought into our meetings. We are not to labor to refute them. If our ministers and teachers give themselves to study of these erroneous theories, some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. It is not the work of the gospel minister to voice Satan's theories. Go steadily forward, building up the old waste places and restoring the foundations of many generations. Present the truth, sacred, sanctifying truth, and let the seducing theories of the enemy alone. Give him no ground on which to plant the seeds of these theories. I was warned to enter into no controversy over these matters. Let not our ministers or teachers or students give their lips to the repeating of the enemy's sophistry."-Letter 175. 1904.

"There are doctors and ministers who have been influenced by the hypnotism exercised by the father of lies. Notwithstanding the warnings given, Satan's sophistries are being accepted now just as they were accepted in the heavenly courts. The science by which our first parents were deceived is deceiving men today. Ministers and physicians are being drawn into the snare."-Manuscript 79, 1905.

"The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized." -8 Testimonies, 293 (1904)

"It was reported all around (in 1845) that the visions were the result of mesmerism, and many Adventists were ready to believe and circulate the report. A physician who was a celebrated mesmerizer, told me that my views were mesmerism, that I was a very easy subject, and that he could mesmerize me and give me a vision.

"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." -Early Writings. 21 (1882).

"In New Hampshire (in 1848) we had to contend with a species of spiritual magnetism, of a similar character with mesmerism. It was our first experience of this kind."-Life Sketches, 79 (1915).

"It is not God's purpose that any human being should yield his mind and will to the control of another, becoming a passive instrument in his hands."-Ministry Of Healing, 242 (1905).

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"The mind cure must be free from all human enchantment. It must not grovel to humanity but soar aloft to the spiritual, taking hold of the eternal." Ministry of Healing, 110 (Letter 120, 1901).

"If Satan can so befog and deceive the human mind as to lead mortals to think that there is an inherent power in themselves to accomplish great and good works, they cease to rely upon God to do for them that which they think there is power in themselves to do. They acknowledge not a superior power. They give not God the glory which He claims, and which is due to His great and excellent Majesty. Satan's object is thus accomplished, and he exults that fallen men presumptuously exalt themselves."-1 Testimonies. 294 (1862).

"Satan beguiles men as now he beguiled Eve in Eden, by flattery, by kindling a desire to obtain forbidden knowledge, by exciting ambition for self-exaltation. It was cherishing these evils that caused his fall, and through them he aims to compass the ruin of men. 'Ye shall be as gods,' he declares, 'knowing good and evil' (Genesis 3:5). Spiritualism teaches 'that man is the creature of progression; that it is his destiny from his birth to progress, even to eternity, toward the Godhead,' And again: 'Each mind will judge itself and not another.' 'The judgment will be right, because it is the judgment of self . . . The throne is within you.' Said a Spiritualistic teacher, as the 'spiritual consciousness' awoke within him, 'My fellowmen, all were unfallen demigods.' And another declares, 'Any just and perfect being is Christ'.

"Thus, in place of the righteousness and perfection of the infinite God, the true object of adoration; in place of the perfect righteousness of His law, the true standard of human attainment, Satan has substituted the sinful, erring nature of man himself as the only object of adoration, the only rule of judgment, or standard of character. This is progress, not upward but downward."-Great Controversy, 554-555.

"I was directed to this scripture as especially applying to modern spiritualism: Colossians 2:8: '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.' . .

"'Vain deceit' fills the minds of poor mortals. They think there is such power in themselves to accomplish great works that they realize no necessity of a higher power. Their principles and faith are 'after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.'

"Jesus has not taught them this philosophy. Nothing of the kind can be found in His teachings. He did not direct the minds of poor mortals to themselves, to a power which they possessed. He was ever directing their minds to God, the Creator of the Universe, as the source of their strength and wisdom. Special warning is given in verse 18: 'Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.' "-1 Testimonies, 297 (1862).

"He [Satan] has destroyed and is destroying thousands through the indulgence of the passions, thus brutalizing the entire nature of man. And to complete his work, he declares through the spirits that 'true knowledge places man above all law'; that 'whatever is, is right'; that 'God doth not condemn'; and that "all sins which are committed are innocent.'

"When the people are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that liberty is license, and that man is accountable only to himself, who can wonder that corruption and depravity teem on every hand? Multitudes eagerly accept teachings that leave them at liberty to obey the promptings

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of the carnal heart. The reins of self-control are laid upon the neck of lust, the powers of mind and soul are made subject to the animal propensities, and Satan exultingly sweeps into his net thousands who profess to be followers of Christ." Great Controversy, 555-556.

"Lucifer desired God's power but not His character. He sought for himself the highest place, and every being who is actuated by his spirit will do the same. Thus alienation, discord and strife will be inevitable. Dominion becomes the prize of the strongest. The kingdom of Satan is a kingdom of force; every individual regards every other as an obstacle in the way of his own advancement, or a stepping-stone on which he himself may climb to a higher place." Desire of Ages, 435436 (1898).

"When God sent Moses to Pharaoh, he had light, but Pharaoh resisted, and every resistance brought up a heavier stubbornness. Did God put a power upon him that he could not turn to the light? No, it was indifference to evidence. The stubbornness of Pharaoh was because light was shining that he would not receive."-Manuscript 15. 1894.

"As you read the letters I have sent to Oakland, you will have some idea of the stubbornness of the man and his determination to do as he pleases and to have his own way. He has not heeded the counsels of the Lord but has considered it safe to walk in the sparks of his own kindling. He will do anything and everything to be a servant of the cause, but he will not do the very thing that the Lord has signified is right to be done. If he will turn traitor as did \_\_\_\_, he will doubtless do it under a great plea of conscientiousness.

"This pretense of conscientiousness has been pretty thoroughly tested and proved. I speak understandingly when I tell you that I have very little confidence in his conscientiousness. There is a good conscience and a bad conscience, and the man is most thoroughly deceived in himself. Under this deception he will do many things in his own spirit that are not in harmony with the Spirit of God. Yet he will be as immovable as a rock to counselor to any way except his own way." Letter 48, 1892.

"To be without the graces of the Spirit of God is sad indeed; but it is a more terrible condition to be thus destitute of spirituality and of Christ and yet try to justify ourselves by telling those who are alarmed for us that we need not their fears and pity. Fearful is the power of self-deception on the human mind! What blindness-setting right for darkness and darkness for light! The True Witness counsels us to buy of Him gold tried in the fire, white raiment, and eyesalve. The gold here recommended as having been tried in the fire is faith and love. It makes the heart rich, for it has been purged until it is pure, and the more it is tested the more brilliant is its luster." 4 Testimonies, 88 (1876).

"How vain is the help of man when Satan's power is exercised over a human being who has become self exalted and who knows not that he is partaking of the science of Satan. In his self-confidence he walks right into the enemy's trap and is ensnared. He did not heed the warnings given and was taken as Satan's prey. If he had walked humbly with God, he would have run into the trysting place God had provided for him. Thus in times of danger he would have been safe, for God would have lifted for him a standard against the enemy." Letter 126, 1906.

"The world, who act as though there were no God, absorbed in selfish pursuits, will soon experience sudden destruction, and shall not escape. Many continue in the careless gratification of self until they become so disgusted with life that they kill themselves.

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"Dancing and carousing, drinking and smoking, indulging their animal passions, they go as an ox to the slaughter. Satan is working with all his art and enchantments to keep men marching blindly onward until the Lord arises out of His place to punish the inhabitants of earth for their iniquities, when the earth shall disclose her blood and no more cover her slain. The whole world appears to be in the march to death." Evangelism, 26 (Manuscript 139, 1903).

"What a victory you will gain when you learn to follow the opening providences of God with a grateful heart and a determination to live with an eye single to His glory, in sickness or health, in abundance or want Self is alive and quivering at every touch. Self must be crucified before you can overcome in the name of Jesus and receive the reward of the faithful." 4 Testimonies, 221 (1876).

"God cannot connect with those who live to please themselves, to make themselves first. Those who do this will in the end be last of all. The sin that is most nearly hopeless and incurable is pride of opinion, self-conceit This stands in the way of all growth. When a man has defects of character, yet fails of realizing this; when he is so imbued with self-sufficiency that he cannot see his fault, how can he be cleansed? "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick' (Matthew 9:12). How can one improve when he thinks his ways perfect?" 7 Testimonies, 199-200 (1902).

"Those who think that they can receive the blessing of God at this meeting (a council meeting in Michigan) without humiliation of self will go away just as they came. They will have as much perplexity as they had before. But, brethren and sisters, we cannot afford this. Let us humble our hearts before God. Let us allow Christ to anoint our eyes with the heavenly eyesalve that we may see. We do not want to be blind; we want to see everything distinctly. We do not want to be marching one day toward Canaan, and the next day back to Egypt, and the next day toward Canaan, and then back to Egypt again. Day by day we are to march steadily forward. It makes my heart ache, it fills me with the keenest sorrow, to think of the precious blessings we are losing because we are so far behind the light " Manuscript 56, 1904. .

"True self-knowledge leads to a humility that will open the way for the Lord to develop the mind and mold and discipline the character:'-Counsels to Teachers, 419 (1913).

"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked' (1 John 2:6). 'Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His' (Romans 8:9). This conformity to Jesus will not be unobserved by the world. It is a subject of notice and comment. The Christian may not be conscious of the great change, for the more closely he resembles Christ in character, the more humble will be in his opinion of himself; but it will be seen and felt by all around him.

"Those who have had the deepest experience in the things of God are the farthest removed from pride or self-exaltation. They have the humblest thoughts of self and the most exalted conceptions of the glory and excellence of Christ They feel that the lowest place in His service is too honorable for them."-5 Testimonies, 223 (1882).

"Men are tested and proved not only before human intelligences but before the heavenly universe. Unless they fear and tremble for themselves, unless they realize their own weakness and remember their past failures, striving to guard against repeating them, they will make the same mistakes, which were attended with results that they cannot afford the second time." Manuscript 43, 1898.

'Wrongs cannot be righted, nor can reformations in conduct be made by a few feeble, intermittent efforts. Character building is the work, not of a day, nor of a year, but of a lifetime. The struggle for

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conquest over self, for holiness and heaven, is a lifelong struggle. Without continual effort and constant activity, there can be no advancement in the divine life, no attainment of the victor's crown." Ministry of Healing. 452 (1905).

"Let not self wax to great proportions lest the whole man be defiled. One leak will sink a ship, and one flaw break a chain; so there may be some hereditary or cultivated trait of character that will work in the heart and develop into words that will make an impression for evil which will never be effaced. We are all building for eternity. Let the character have the impress of the divine in pure, noble utterances, in upright deeds. Then the whole universe of heaven will behold and say, Well done, good and faithful servant" Letter 91, 1899.