

CONSPIRACY & THE CHRISTIAN MIND

Apologetics

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	<p>2Sa 15:12 And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the <u>conspiracy grew strong</u>, and the people with Absalom kept increasing</p>
<p>9 Spoločujte sa, národy, zúrte, dešte sa, počúvajte všetky diaľavy sveta, zbrojte, ale dešte sa, zbrojte, ale dešte sa! 10 Pripravujte plán, ale stroskotá, navrhňte niečo, ale neuskutoční sa to, pretože Boh je s nami [עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים]. 11 Takto mi povedal Hospodin, keď ťažko doľahla na mňa jeho ruka a varoval ma, aby som nešiel cestou tohto ľudu. 12 Nenazývajte sprisaháním [קִשְׁרָה] všetko, čo tento ľud nazýva sprisaháním a čoho sa bojí, vy sa nebojte ani sa nestrachujte! 13 Hospodina zástupov pokladajte za svätého,</p>	<p>Is 8:9-13 Be broken,¹ you peoples, and be shattered;² give ear, all you far countries; strap on your armor and be shattered; strap on your armor and be shattered. ¹⁰ Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us.¹¹ ¹¹ For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: ¹² "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. ¹³ But the LORD of hosts, him you shall regard as holy. Let him be <u>your fear</u>, and let him be your dread.</p>
	<p>Luke 12:4-5 "I tell you, <u>my friends</u>, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: <u>fear him</u> who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell.¹ Yes, I tell you, fear him!</p>
<p>Acts 4:27 V tomto meste sa naozaj spojili (συνήχθησαν) (1) Herodes a (2) Poncius Pilát s (3) pohanmi a s (4) izraelským ľudom proti tvojmu svätému Služobníkovi Ježišovi, ktorého si pomazal,²⁸ aby vykonalí všetko, <u>čo tvoja ruka a vôľa vopred určili</u>, že sa má stať.</p>	<p>Acts 4:27-28 in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,²⁸ to do whatever <u>your hand</u> and your plan had predestined to take place</p>

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0. INTRODUCTION

- Freemasons → French revolution; Jews → Bolshevik revolution; KGB → Velvet revolution; ???
- President John F. Kennedy
- 9/11 Twin towers...
- the world is a MATRIX of secret manipulation

0.1. DEFINITION

- conspire, v. → (L. *conspīrāre* lit. 'to breathe together', whence, 'to accord, harmonize, agree, combine or unite in a purpose, plot mischief together secretly') To combine privily for an evil or unlawful purpose; to agree together to do something criminal, illegal, or reprehensible (esp. to commit treason or murder, excite sedition, etc.); to plot. Const. with, against, to do something
- conspiracy → The action of conspiring; combination of persons for an evil or unlawful purpose

0.2. A THREEFOLD PROBLEM

- (1) political/media → law & crime; (2) psychological → emotions, obsessions; (3) theological → faith in God and fear of man

1. CRITICAL THINKING

1.1. MARKS OF TRUTH

- witnesses → WHO says it (**Pro 14:5** A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies)
- independent corroboration → **Dt 19:15** A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established (not MULTIPLIED one type of testimony)
- quality of evidence → WHAT is the proof (sources?)
- what is the OPPOSITE possibility? → COUNTER-evidence
 - PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION—a document forged by czarist secret police to incriminate Jews

1.2. SELF-CRITICISM

C	O	N	S	P	I	R
						
Contradictory	Overriding suspicion	Nefarious Intent	Something Must Be Wrong	Persecuted Victim	Immune to Evidence	Re-interpreting Randomness

- “C” simultaneously believe in ideas that are mutually contradictory
- “O” a nihilistic degree of scepticism towards the official account (“kto nikomu neverí, tomu nič neverím“)
- “N” motivation always negative
- “S” official account is based on deception (podľa seba posudzujem teba?...)
- “P” self-perception simultaneously being a victim and a hero
- “I” evidence that counters a theory is re-interpreted as originating from the conspiracy
- “R” nothing occurs by accident

1.3. MIND-CONTROL

- “Why do I believe the source of conspiracy theory?”
- “Am I free to look for evidence?”
- Just Because You’re Paranoid, Doesn’t Mean They’re Not Out to Get You

2. THE PROBLEM OF RESPONSE

- objective ACTION ↔ subjective REACTION

2.1. THEOLOGY OF PROVIDENCE

- against God’s sovereignty → Job (devil’s conspiracy) → ascribed to God
- **Isa 45:7** I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things

2.2. FAITH AND FEAR

- **Luke 13:31-32** At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

2.3. CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT

- **Rom 13:1** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. ↔ **Acts 5:29** "We must obey God rather than men
- **Rev 20:4** Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands

2.4. ATTENTION

- Conspiracy theories detract attention from the REAL CONSPIRACY of (1) my ignorance (2) my sin, (3) the devil

3. SELF-PROTECTION

3.1. BY THE TRUTH

- Know God, Know the Bible,
- **2Thes 2:10-11** ...because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

3.2. BY FOCUSING ON THE THINGS TO DO

- QUESTION: “What can/should I do about it?” → action!
- **Pro 4:25-26** Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. ²⁶ Ponder¹ the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure

3.3. LIBERATION & GUIDANCE

- **Matthew 6:13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ).

- **2 Tim 4:18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. (ρύσεται με ὁ κύριος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔργου πονηροῦ καὶ σώσει εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν αὐτοῦ τὴν ἐπουράνιον·)

4. REMEMBER

- Conspiracies are “normal” reality in the sinful world. → counter them by being “salt”
- No conspiracy can succeed without the sanction of God → believe in the sovereignty of God (LIVE BY FAITH, not BY SUSPICION)
- Fill your mind with truth of the Bible and your heart with the presence of the Holy Spirit → He will protect you from worshipping the beast with its conspiracies.