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## PREFACE

### (DECEIVED OR BE DECEIVED)

(I needed to interpolate this in *Reality Quest*. It should have come out a few issues ago.)

For centuries magicians have amazed their audiences with spectacular tricks which appear as real as the magician himself. The magician never reveals the secrets behind his tricks or illusions. If the audience knew how the trick was performed, the magician would lose respect and the magic act would be finished. Magicians guard these secrets with their own set of unwritten rules and honor codes. Like magicians, hypnotists use a trade secret to perform the seemingly magic act of hypnosis. Under hypnosis one can achieve miraculous things both with the mind and the body. To be a good hypnotist, one must study the trade and learn the techniques required to bring both the body and soul under command. Like the magician, the hypnotist also guards his secrets well, so as to better impress the ignorant. Both trades require the tradesman to use deception and illusion to gain the respect necessary in order to be successful.

There are other people who use similar deceptive techniques to accomplish their desires. These people include politicians, businessmen and women, and religious leaders. These people use deception, illusion, and misdirection to control the minds and hold the respect of those who have put their trust in them.

Ever since human beings have been known to associate one with another, there has existed the art of deception. It is taught to children from birth by those in whom they put their trust, i.e., the parent. How many of us have told our child to tell the unwanted caller on the phone that, "I'm not home." Even the myths of Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, or the Tooth Fairy are forms of deception used by the parent to make their child feel good.

Men have used deception to keep the woman under his subjection. For thousands of years this was done by assuming the "headship" role, because of his natural physical strength, or by introducing a belief system which taught the woman to subject herself to the stronger male. If the woman disobeyed, the man used his strength to bring her back under subjection. For many years women have regarded themselves as the "weaker sex" in all aspects of life. It wasn't until recent times that women have finally realized they have been *duped* by the physically stronger sex.

If it is safe to assume that women have been deceived by men for centuries, then one can correctly surmise that there is still a lot of "duping" going on in the world which has not yet been uncovered.

Human beings can be classified into two general groups: the strong minded and the weak minded. Those of a strong mind are usually those in positions of authority and power. They are the rich who remain so because of the use of their "strong mind". They are usually admired by the weaker minds, because the weaker mind desires to become like them. The majority of human beings belong to the class of "weaker minds".

The strong learn what it takes to use the weak for their own gain and can, therefore, keep the weak from being strong like themselves for selfish reasons. (If there were no poor, there would be no rich.)

This book is dedicated to the weak minds of the world. In it, the weak mind will discover one of the techniques which the politician, business person, and religious leaders have borrowed from the magician and the hypnotist. Like the magician and the hypnotist, these people guard their secrets closely so as to keep the respect and awe of their innocent, weak minded audiences.

If this book fulfills its intentions, it will teach the weak some of these secrets so that the weak may become strong also.

The only true way to peace and happiness for all in a world of so many human frailties, is that all become of one mind. The strong can never unlearn what they know, therefore, they will always be strong. In order for all humans to be of one mind, the weak must become strong. They can no longer remain deceived.



**DECEIVED OR BE DECEIVED** deals with the author's attempt to use his "strong mind" to do what has been done by the "strong minds" of religion for centuries. Religious deception is covered in this book, but it is the hope of the author to open the eyes of the reader to what is possible with a "strong mind", that they too may become strong in all areas and not be deceived by others.

Being a member of a religious community brings happiness and a needed sense of belonging. All people desire to be accepted and loved. I belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (The Mormons). For many years I relished the fact that I belonged to, what had been taught to me as being, the only true church of God on earth. With this membership came a great sense of pride and self worth. I gave my whole life to this church and revered its leaders, who to me, were God's chosen servants on earth. I was taught the history of this church and relished its beginnings and the wonderful stories told about its leaders. I loved the history of the Church, its trials and tribulations, its victories and failures. Yes, I was a member of God's church and this guaranteed me a secure place in the hereafter.

With this sense of pride, I seldom, if ever, questioned my church or the leaders in whom I had placed my trust. Any unanswered questions were simply overlooked by my faith in my leaders and the gospel I believed in. Never did I question these leaders. I accepted what they presented to me as God's truth.

Because these leaders were the ones who presented the history of the church to me, I had no reason to doubt its authenticity. Surely, God would not lie to me. Surely, His leaders would never suppress the truth. Why would they?

I am sure I would have remained faithful to my religion and to my leaders had I not worked as a security officer for the LDS Church.

In 1986 and 1987 I worked in the security department of the Church at its worldwide general headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah. During my first employment interview, I was asked if my testimony of the Church was of such firmness that the things which I was about to experience as a security officer would not affect it. What could I possibly experience working for God's church that would affect my testimony of my great religion?

At first, I encountered the general problems one might expect working for a large corporation. I was soon able to look beyond the frailties of the member bureaucrats which made up the work force of church headquarters. However, the General Authorities of the Church affected me much differently.

Security is privy to many of the habits and personalities of the different General Authorities. Though I never served as a personal body guard to them, I was very well acquainted with the other security officers who did. Nevertheless, most security activities involve the wants and needs of these men.

The actions of the men regarded as the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ were what affected me the most. I could understand the actions of the younger General Authorities who were just getting their feet wet in church administration, but the behavior which I observed and experienced among the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ changed my life forever.

Never before had I witnessed arrogance as I did among these men. Perhaps, my expectations of them were so high, that their arrogance appeared to be excessive to me. These men were representatives of Jesus Christ. Though I was not so naive as to believe they were perfect, as a regular member of the Church, I was taught to believe these men were "chosen vessels", closer to perfection than most men.

I'll never forget the day when a loyal, Mormon sister tearfully explained the outburst of anger one of "the Twelve" demonstrated when he found out some of his personally submitted genealogy names had had their temple work done without his being able to do the work himself. (The temple work described here, is vicarious work done by members of the Church for the dead.) A mistake was made-simple and innocent-yet one would think that salvation was lost. According to some faithful church members, that day it was mine and that good sister's.

This experience was one of countless in which I witnessed these twelve men, who have presented themselves to the world as the ultimate emulators of Jesus Christ, demonstrate anger, pride, bigotry, and arrogance. I had been taught all my life that these men were the "mouthpieces" of God to mortal men. Because these brethren who had been my idols of morality and "Christ-like mortals" let me down, I could no longer function properly as a loyal member of the Church. I began to use my position and access to church property and records as a security officer, to investigate the doings of these men and the truth behind my church.



During my graveyard security rounds I performed a personal investigation which opened my eyes to some of the best kept secrets and deceptions in modern times. Not only was I able to go places where no regular member of the Church could go, but no one had the slightest idea I was doing this intensive investigation.

The conclusion of my investigation was simple. I had discovered that I had been duped. For twenty-five years I blindly accepted everything which was presented to me about my religion by my leaders as infallible truth. (To explain here the things which I discovered would take a tremendous amount of writing and could possibly get me into some trouble, owing to the fact that I was not doing my security job when I was suppose to. I would therefore, recommend to the reader the following work which I believe encompasses in more detail than I could give from memory, the outcome of my investigation: *Mormonism Shadow or Reality*, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner, published by Utah Lighthouse Ministries, Salt Lake City, Utah. LDS Church security has a classified list of "persona non-grata", a fancy name for people who security was to be aware of as possible terrorists of Mormon dogma. Gerald and Sandra Tanner were at the top of the list. I wondered why these seemingly good individuals would be restricted from any church property or church records. Upon reading their work, I found out why-From many years of research, the Tanners had correlated one of the most extensive research documents of LDS Church history ever produced. Their work did not influence my investigation at all. It simply reinforced the veracity of the conclusions made from my own investigation. Many years past after my investigation before I came in contact with their work. Since their work included all the facts which I might present as a case against the Church, I refer the reader to their work. If the reader would like to know in detail some of which I found out during the course of my investigation, the Tanner's work will enlighten them.

The fact is, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is not what it appears to be. The truth about its beginnings and current affairs are suppressed, hidden, and often changed in order to be more presentable to its members and the outside world, (generally referred to as the Gentiles).

I did not cease my investigation with this one particular religion. I continued to investigate Christianity and many of the other world wide religions. It was no surprise to find that every single one, without exception, had done, or is presently doing the same thing as the Mormon leaders, i.e., withholding the real truth from their followers to keep them blindly following their faith.

At this point, I asked myself why in the world is this going on, and why don't more people know about it. The answer became very clear with more research, more tolerance, and a greater understanding of the human race.

As stated in the beginning of this preface, "Being a member of a religious community brings happiness and a sense of belonging". Most people need a belief system, or religion, as much as they need the air which they breath. Just like the air which we breath, religions are bounteous, but often polluted.

I came to the realization that religion was necessary in order to promote morality and goodness in an orderly way. Religion plays an important part in the life of the human species, because it answers all the unanswerable questions. If we can not find the answer through science, study, or reason, we simply turn to faith, which is literally believing in the unknown. I concluded that nothing was wrong with faith, and if that is what is needed to promote the general welfare of the human race, then count me in.

With my new enlightenment, I decided to use the techniques used by other religious leaders to start my own religion. I decided to choose the Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith Jr., as my mentor. I wanted to start where he left off.

Along with my security investigation, I studied the organization of Smith's church intensively. I found that the foundation of his church and beliefs was *The Book of Mormon*. I knew, as he did, that humans love the written "Word of God". In his time, Joseph Smith realized that he could not present his religious views to a society that was so entrenched in the Bible as the "Word of God", that any mention of a religious view which did not agree with the written text of the Bible, wouldn't have a hope of being heard. Joseph found a way around this-make his own Bible and present it as an inspired work which he had been chosen by God himself to do. That is exactly what he did.

Because I had chosen Smith as my mentor, that was exactly what I was going to do.

Being about the same age that Joseph Smith was when he begin his scripture writing, and having not much more education than he did, I proceeded with the process of writing scripture. The process seemed fun at first, and I impressed myself at my ability to do it.



This book outlines the process which I chose, and also presents to the world my scripture. From reading this book, the reader will come to realize the potential which I had, (if I were to continue with my deception), to deceive and bring under my own power of persuasion, many people.

However, I came to the point where I knew the chain of deception had to be broken. I could not deceive any longer. I stopped deceiving and wrote this book.

I hope this work helps all my fellow beings to realize how easy it is to be duped by those in whom we put our trust. Deception is used daily by those who know how to use it to accomplish their designs.

I will not debate whether or not Joseph Smith, the Catholic Church, or any other religion is doing wrong in deceiving their followers. Our politicians do it, magicians do it, attorneys do it, so who are any of us to judge. All I want to point out, is that deception does take place in the most cunning ways, and unless we are cautious, we will fall prey to its devastating affects.

Well was it said: **YOU CAN FOOL ALL THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE TIME, SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ALL THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME.**

## FATHER'S DAY

(Letter written to my dad on the date below)

June 18, 1994

Dear Dad,

Just a note to let you know that, though we have grown apart over the years, my appreciation for all that you have done for me as a father has never wavered.

As I dedicate my life to others, I see how much you sacrificed to take care of all of us as we grew up. I will never forget how hard you tried to take care of our temporal needs. Raising children is not an easy thing to do, and takes a very selfless individual to do it right. Do I think you did it right? Yes, I do!

Being a good father is a learning process which can only be experienced by being one. No one can learn or teach how to be a father by writing a book, or studying other fathers. One must experience it for oneself, if a competent understanding of the role is to be gained.

Many of the things which I disagreed with you on while I was growing up, have become crystal clear now. You know? You were right in most cases.

I have only one regret- That your religion keeps you blinded to unconditional acceptance of me, as well as all humans who think or act differently. However, I know this shortcoming is caused by your religion, so I blame it on that. You will find someday, that the most important thing any father can do, is to love his children unconditionally; and allow them to pursue life the way that makes them happy; and as long as they do not hurt another person in doing so, allow them this privilege forever. Anything short of this father's grace, will cause that child to rebel against his father forever.

As I go through the experience of being a father, I learn to respect you and the judgments you made as mine.

When I was five, you were the smartest man alive.

When I was ten, my head began to spin.

At sixteen, I knew much more than you.

"This can't be right!" I said at twenty-two.

At thirty-three, you act just like me.

At fifty-five, you'll be the smartest man alive.

C. Nemelka to his father - June 1994

Dad, I hope you have a wonderful Father's Day. Thanks for everything!

Your Son Forever,

