Conspiracy Theories

Theories that try to explain the inexplicable have been around for a long time, but have blossomed recently. We hear of them trying to rationalize weather or cosmic phenomena, political reverses, societal disorders, artificial intelligence and more. They are the product of fertile minds creating answers that are purely speculative, and without being based on facts.

A recent one was the claim that avoiding Covid vaccination would avoid having a controlling microchip inserted, under the direction of dark forces. Responsible science has refuted this with research-based facts. But many people were early adopters and cling to it tenaciously. This is an example of Satan working diligently and subtly in the vacuum created by the widespread absence of faith and trust in God.

An Early Example

After Jesus, died His body was placed in a new tomb; a small cave with access through an even smaller opening, in front of which a stone could be rolled. The authorities were concerned lest His followers remove the body at night, so as to give credence to His predicted resurrection. In Matthew 27: 65-66 we read, *"Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch".* As if this could prevent the power of God from bodily resurrecting the Lord Jesus! Right away, and for days afterwards, there were ample witnesses to His appearance, voice, feel and teaching.

Certainly, those who had condemned Him to death were determined to explain by human logic what must have happened – that, in spite of the watchmen and the seal, the body was spirited away and hidden. Although He appeared to many, these were people ready to be impressed that Jesus was alive and well again. He did not reveal Himself to those who had opposed Him.

Resurrection

The thought of life after death has remained controversial ever since. But it is a fundamental part of the gospel story – the good news that Jesus Christ was born, lived, died, rose again and ascended bodily into heaven, from whence He came. It remains under attack to this day, because it doesn't fit into the framework of human logic and experience; confined as it is by the limitations of the human mind. The Word of God, the Bible, says this in 1 Corinthians 15: 3-6: *"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the scriptures: and that He was seen of Cephas (Peter), then of the twelve: after that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once".*

An invitation

You and I have been invited to be part of that miraculous resurrection by accepting Christ's death as the substitute for what we deserve. It means agreeing with God that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour. That's the turning point and the next step is to see Jesus, not only as <u>the</u> Saviour, but as <u>your</u> personal Saviour. Ephesians 2:13 *"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ"*. Accept Him today and enjoy His power in resurrection which assures you that you will someday rise up to join Him in heaven forever. Jesus said (Matthew 11:28) *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"*. We can rest right now upon His work accomplished at Calvary's cross, and look forward to eternal rest with Him in heaven.

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