

Psychological Manipulation - The New Norm In Elections - Revelation 13

In times of yore, elections were an opportunity for the various parties to put forward their platforms. Then the voters would carefully consider the facts and make a well informed choice. Some say that it was only fantasy, that it never happened.

If you were to look at the history of democracy, you will see how much it has changed. At one point in time, only white, male, WASP landowners could vote. So, with the level playing field available, how have people responded? While the turnout for elections is different at the various levels; the overall trend is downward. The question is how to get more people out to vote, and especially the younger ones? Why do so many feel dis-connected, that they do not want to fulfill their civic responsibilities?

Politics is not mere child's play. It is serious business. The winner takes all the prizes. And not many are able to withstand the temptations of influence peddling and corruption. Recently in Quebec, a Commission investigated illegal activity in the construction industry. By the time they were finished, half a dozen mayors were arrested and thrown in jail.

In 2004, an even bigger scandal was revealed. The Federal Liberals had been pouring money into Quebec to combat the PQ separatists. However it was not done above board. Bags of cash were handed out to friends for services not rendered. And there was a least \$40 million that could not be accounted for. The following election saw that corrupt party thrown out of Office, and a 10 year rule of prudent Conservative fiscal management began.

Why is it that absolute power corrupts absolutely? Is this not portrayed in the current TV series, "Game of Thrones". The movie, "Wag the Dog" showed how easy it was to manipulate the electorate. Politics is such a serious business, it has been even called a blood sport. How many Christians have been destroyed in a campaign? When the unfounded rumours and lies sent start to get around, there is very little they can do to defend themselves, as the ungodly media tears them apart.

In a perfect world, the parties would release their platforms and let the

voters rationally consider them and choose the best one. But we do not live in a perfect world. Instead of reaching the highest common factor to elevate civilization; too many sink to the lowest common denominator, and sometimes to the depths of depravity.

And as the Conservatives recently experienced, following the honest and intellectual course does not always succeed. Paying off the debt and balancing the Budget was not what people wanted. They chose to bask in legalized pot, abandoning the fight against terrorism and extravagant spending. That clearly was not a rational decision.

So unscrupulous politicians will not try a rational campaign based on honesty. What can they use? How can they get people off being rational, and well, become irrational? The truth is that they do not have to go too far. Many political leaders do not think that most people are capable of behaving rationally. And so they treat them like that. In the recent baseball playoffs, many people in Toronto were so absorbed in sports that they did not even know the National Leaders.

Some people refuse to participate in elections because it does not make any difference. There might be some validity to that. How many Propositions and Laws that have been approved by the people, have been turned down by the Courts? Also a recent article showed how the ruling class or the Oligarchs got their own way. Even when the majority of people wanted to go in a certain direction, these people would lobby and pressure the governing officials until they got their way.

The preferred course is not to use the iron fist but the velvet glove. How can they get the public to accept their agenda? No rational person would willingly cave in and give up. How could they turn rational people into irrational beings? That is when they then rely on their spin doctors, their rain makers etc. These are expert in the arcane arts of psychological manipulation. They have mastered the occult technology of power. And this is the new norm in politics.

The art of getting beings to go against their will and better intentions is as old as the devil. In the beginning, he conned one third of the angels to rebel against the True and Living God. They were cast out of Heaven.

Simon Magus was such a manipulator that he had people thinking that he was of God. Acts 8:9-11 - But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

Near the end of time, the devil will be pulling off some of his biggest scams. Revelation 13:11-18 - And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Revelation 19:19-21 - And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

And in a final hor-rah, he conns the world again. Revelation 20:7-10 - And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

So the tendency of abandoning Godly leaders has been part of the fallen nature of mankind. This was clearly demonstrated in 1 Samuel 8. And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken Me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his

officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day. Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

The devil even bragged to Our Lord Jesus Christ of his role in the setting up of the world's leaders. Luke 4:6 - And the devil said to Him, All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Now the devil wants people to serve him willingly. Luke 4:7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours. And he makes it more attractive by offering bribes. The challenge is: how many people are able to resist him like The Son of God did. Luke 4:8 - And Jesus answered and said to him, Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.

The devil was faced with a dilemma. How could he get God's people away from following Him? Out-right persecution did not work. Many believers lost their lives. Revelation 12:11 - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. And they received an extra reward, a martyr's crown.

After Our Lord's Ascension, there were ten major persecutions. But instead of stamping out Biblical Christianity, it took over the Roman Empire. So hanging his head in despair, the devil went back to the drawing board. Instead of frontal attacks, he would infiltrate and destroy from the inside. He does this on all levels. That is why Our Lord Jesus gave us the ability to cleanse ourselves, by the casting out of the devil's workmen. Luke 10:17-20 - Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name. And He said to them, I saw Satan fall like

lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

The process of getting people to abandon their established beliefs and courses of action, in favor of less principled ones is called psychological manipulation. And the devil is the best at it. And he gives this ability to those who will do his bidding. Balak could not destroy God's People, because they were in a Godly Righteous relationship. So he hired Balaam, supposedly a Godly prophet. His curses could not take hold, and were turned into blessings. Numbers 22:12 - And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

Balaam, then came up with a devious plan of how to get God's People out of their Godly protection. Revelation 2:14 - But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. Did it work? Numbers 25:1-5 - And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.

This is just one of the examples of how the devil afflicted the people. There were ten incidents where God's People succumbed to the devil's manipulations that God had to severely punish them. While there are many examples of similar happenings throughout history, let us jump forward to the current age. As we are racing toward the last days, the devil is working hard to make sure that the deck is stacked in his favor.

In order to entirely captivate the world, he had to get the people's

anchor off the Rock, so that they would drift. Those who do not believe in something, will fall for anything. Matthew 7:24-29 - Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine: For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

How could the devil blur the line, so that people would be confused as to where the True God is? He brought in many religions to dilute the choices of worship. But his specialty is in setting up the many counterfeit Christian groups. By being off on a major issue of doctrine, they could miss the mark. Paul mentioned three main points that the devil uses. 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 - But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

No wonder why Paul was exhorting people. 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? If you were to look out at the religious landscape to-day from Our Lord Jesus' perspective, what would you see? Matthew 7:13-14 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

While the atheists deny that God exists, the Modern Theologians preaching accomplish the same thing. People who do not know the True and Living God, and His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. And the people's anchors are not fastened on the Solid Rock, but on the sifting sands. No more absolutes

like the Ten Commandments, but situation ethics, if it feels good, then do it. The Word of God has been so watered down and explained away, that many do not know what the Bible really says. Amos 8:11-12 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

Without a personal relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ, and without the Standards of the Word of God; how can people withstand the devil's psychological manipulations? Paul had some interesting musings on this. Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Hebrews 5:11-14 - Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Now that the devil has effectively undermined people's faith in God and their morals; what would he overthrow next? Knowing that he could not overcome the resistance of the mature Godly people; he would bypass them. He would subtly subdue their children. God had given the responsibility of educating the next generation to their parents. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. The devil conned them into giving up that blessing. The devil's been undermining parents for a long time. He tells them that they are not child psychology experts. They are not good enough to teach their children. But both father and mother can go out to work, and pay higher taxes and send the children to government regulated, secular, anti-Christian institutions at age three. And if you saw what the children are learning, the last thing you could say, was that it was Christian. The latest trend is repackaging yoga for

kindergarten students. Recently, an atheist teacher was psychologically manipulating her students by having them write a report that God was a myth. When some brave young Daniels refused to comply, they were threatened with a failing grade. Nothing really has been done to that abuser of children's values. How many Christian educators have been fired on the spot for only mentioning Jesus Christ?

It is said that a balanced society needs four pillars to uphold it. They are the nobles, the clergy, the middle class, and the media. Christianity has been mainly neutralized. There are only a handful of radicals left who will not bow the knee to the devil's image. Exodus 20:1-6 - And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

The middle class has to be destroyed as well. The devil just cannot tolerate happy Godly families living comfortably in their own home, with the husband making a decent wage in a decent job, where the wife is content to be a virtuous homemaker and able to nurture their children, instead of killing them. This happy family bliss really bothered the devil. How could he shake it apart? His unscrupulous leaders or nobility recklessly wasted the finances on useless programs, so that they had to raise the taxes. After a while of being squeezed, mothers thought that by going to work it would help. But does it? The more money that is earned, the more is more heavily taxed. By not being in the home, the children are not supervised as much. 1 Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Many are not able to stand the pressures, and go on anti-depressant pills. A recent report said that two thirds of women on the pills did not meet the medical definition of being depressed. Then all too many families buckle under the onslaught and split up. The children are the worst affected victims.

The clergy has been neutralized aslo. Remember the time that Mary, Queen of Scots feared the preaching of John Knox more than the armies of Elizabeth I? Those days are long gone. The education system has been completely neutralized. The middle class has been reduced to virtual serfdom. The dream of owning your own home is out of the grasp of most people. And since the 2008 collapse when millions of people lost their homes and the government did nothing to help them, many gave up ever wanting to own their own homes again. The well-paying middle class jobs are gone too. It seems that while people are getting jobs, it is not the ones who were born in their own country. And many have given up even looking for employment.

What else is there to subdue? For those who live in a democratic nation, there is another Institution; the media. This does not apply to Russia, as they are devolving from a democracy to an absolute dictatorship. The current czar was even seen riding bare chested on his horse. The warrior king is back! And one of the biggest losses is the freedom of the press. There is no more independent media. The more fortunate ones get to go to jail. The others are simply blown away, just like the Opposition leader a while ago.

It is getting harder and harder to get good, honest information. That is a tactic of psychological manipulation too. If the people do not know what is going on, how can they make an informed decision? Most of the coverage is dumbed down. News articles used to be written at the Grade Four level, in order to reach most of the reading populace. But now, the standards have been lowered. Maybe that's why many papers are going out of business. However, comic book sales are still going strong, and appealing to the intelligent giants of today's society.

For those who can read more than Dick and Jane, what is there? Most media have two main sections, the entertainment, and the sports sections. You can tell how important these are, because that is what most people are talking about. Sports still has a huge following and brings in a lot of money for the TV Networks. The CBC in Canada was getting the most amount of money from its sports coverage, that when they lost the rights to NHL games, they went in a financial tailspin. However, the Opposition Liberals and NDP promised to increase their funding if they were elected. A bribe you say! So, did it work? The Liberals outbid the NDP by offering \$150 million.

Their coverage was so biased and anti-Conservative that they were able to psychologically manipulate the masses by their distortions and out-right lies. They even promoted the false story that the Prime Minister was personally responsible for the drowning of that Syrian boy. Even though they knew that it was wrong, they still promoted it for a long time. By the time they changed, the court of public opinion was solidly against the Prime Minister, and they never recovered from it.

CNN is the official voice of the Democrats and the White House. Many people are able to realize that, and are turning them off. Actually, many are Cord-Cutters. They have had enough with the garbage on Network TV. And there are many independent sites streaming news to those who want the real story. Here in Canada, a new startup, TheRebel.media is growing by leaps and bounds. It appeals to the conservative minded individual who does not want to be manipulated by the nanny state.

So the clergy, the middle class, and the media have been reduced to serfs. That leaves the nobility or the ruling class. How is it, that in a democracy, there is very little divergence of leadership? More and more countries are seen passing down the mantle of leadership to their offspring. Aren't normal people allowed to obtain office? Isn't that getting back to a Monarchial leadership? Canada has just elected the son of a controversial former Prime Minister to be Prime Minister. What were his qualities? People liked his hair. What a platform to get office on.

Leaders used to be people who used to know something, or have some skills that can be used, like a lawyer or an economist. Not anymore. You have to be a celebrity. A rich playboy would get the simpletons on side. A drama teacher or movie star would be the best. Of course, they will not talk about policy, because they do not know any. But the budget will balance itself. The economy will grow out of the heart. They do specialize in convoluted logic, motor mouthing and baffle-gab.

So the spin doctors or psychological manipulators have their job cut out for them. As they have bought off the media, they know that they can count on them. No matter what messes the court jester makes, they manipulate it to make it look good. And at the same time they actively mis-represent the

non-compliants. This constant bombarding of the masses has a brainwashing effect, as the deceptions are burned in. This will captivate the undecided or swing voters. Many of them will enter the voting booth, not knowing who to vote for. But these implanted images and messages will surface and compel them to vote for the celebrity.

The strategy is to get the people from voting rationally to irrationally. Who else would vote to throw away a balanced budget and go back into debt. Their convoluted logic says that as interest rates are so low, they can spend as much as they want. Would you run your family finances long that way before the bank pulled you back? By clever manipulation of the message, the people are taken down from their intelligent or rational level to the irrational one. As most unscrupulous leaders have no trust that the ordinary people can make the right choice, they then have to manipulate them into that direction. The Nudge Theory is a current favorite. By giving two bad options, they manoeuvre people to the supposed lesser of the two evils. But a bad choice is still a bad choice. Taking a bad treaty or going to war are not the only options. Why do people let themselves get stampeded into doing the wrong thing?

So the irrational approach is used on the masses. This is a tricky matter. There is more than one level. These were described by the influential psychologist, Erickson. He was an expert in psychological manipulation. His tactics are used all over the world. You will see them used by more and more salesmen. When they have an inferior product, they know that they cannot sell it on the intelligent level. Their product might be much more expensive and inferior. How can they get a sale? They will psychologically manipulate the potential customer down to the emotional level. Then they will behave irrationally. Car salesmen do this all the time. If an husband and wife look at a new car, who does the salesman work on? They will avoid the man as much as they can, and focus on the woman. They will stress the creature comforts, instead of the important matters, like gas mileage. If the car is a soft pastel colour and looks pretty, the woman will usually go for it. Remember, in the Garden of Eden, who did the devil go for?

Genesis 3:1-6 - Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea,

hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

It has been known for a long time, that women are more successfully scammed than men. Politicians know this, and use it for their advantage. If they can get a sexy celebrity, with a girlie-man look; they know that they will lock up much of the female vote. However, Godly women are not fooled by it.

All the campaign issues will be patterned to have an emotional outlook. It has long been known that there are two approaches to the voters. One is for the intelligent, the rational. The other is for the heart, the emotional, or the irrational. Which way will people go? In the vast majority of situations, people follow their heart, their emotions, and not their head, or being rational. How many women following that instinct, marry the wrong man, only to regret it.

Unscrupulous leaders know this and will govern from that point of view. They have Behavioral Insight teams to manage their policies so that the people will be more easily controlled. To legitimize this, they make frequent mention that they are the boss, the Commander in Chief. The power of suggestion is readily accepted by the mentally feeble. So far has governance descended. Instead of being servants to the people, the new dictators manipulate them to do what they want them to do.

So they play the emotional card. Facts and figures do not matter. As long as it feels good, it is all right for the gullible. And should they promise some forbidden fruit, like legalizing prostitution or drugs; the addicts will step right up to support them. You might ask, why bother having a democracy if the voters are so shallow and uninformed? Another vote getter

for the female elite is free day care. If they do not want to raise their child, why did they birth one? They would have been better off with a coiffured rib boned French poodle. Besides most parents do not want more government run day care. Give them the resources and they or their family will take care of the children, and do a much better and cheaper job.

The next level down is the reptilian or animal state. This is the fight or flight mode. Issues of terrorism or war will resonate with many people. This usually appeals to conservatives, who want to protect their country from being invaded. The pseudo-progressive crowd tries to avoid this, as it does not benefit them. Some years ago in Spain there was a terror attack on a train. Many people were killed. Pressure was put on the government to pull its troops from Afghanistan or else something worse would happen. However, this was during an election, and the masses were overwhelmed, and the government was defeated. After the recent Canadian election terrorist groups were praising the defeat of Prime Minister Harper and his war on terror. The first thing the new PM did was to give notice that he was pulling the CF-18s from Iraq.

I add another level; the deranged or lunatic one. This was seen in the Canadian election, as many years before in the USA. Then it was the Bush Deranged Syndrome. Here it was named the Harper Deranged Syndrome. You could not reason with those people. They were not in their right mind. Even though the Budget was balanced and verified, they would not believe it. How can you discuss rationally with irrational people? The same goes for dealing with terrorists. They are on a mission from God, and nothing, not even dying, will turn them aside. This group has two levels. The top one is comprised of those who are so involved with their cause that it blanks out any other information. Cults specialize in this by their tactics of brainwashing, sensory deprivation, isolation etc. But the other group is more scary. These are those who are in drug-induced states, and are not in control of themselves. North America has the highest rate of people on psychedelic drugs. Now when people go to hospital, they are offered strong pain meds if they need them. How many are addicted to oxy-Contin. And then there are the SSRI drugs. There have been many violent actions of those on them or who have gone off too fast. But suppose that people are only on pot. Now usually they will not

bother to vote, but when someone promises to legalize pot, they don't walk, but run to the voting booth. Isn't it interesting, that while tobacco is so bad and people are being discouraged from smoking, pot is going the other way and can be smoked anywhere. Here's a novel proposal: that voters be given a sobriety test at the voting station. Should they fail, then they cannot vote. Why not? More people are having breathalyzers in their vehicles. If they fail, it will not start. Recently, a man faced that situation. He had to get home, so he found a raccoon and had it blow into the tube. He must have held it so tight that it lost consciousness. Apparently, he kept it in the truck, and shortly it woke up very angry. It bit him all over and caused an accident.

The dangerous thing is that the deranged are very susceptible to psychological manipulation. If their baser instincts are satisfied, they can really be an army of zombies or lunatics. Such a one encountered Our Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 8:22-39 - Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and He said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. But as they sailed He fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Master, Master, we perish. Then He arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And He said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of Man is this! for He commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey Him. And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when He went forth to land, there met Him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God Most High? I beseech Thee, torment me not. (For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought Him that He would not command them to go out into the deep. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and

they besought Him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And He suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought Him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and He went up into the ship, and returned back again. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with Him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

People do need to be in their right mind to vote. It is getting harder and harder. The media info is distorted and unbalanced. The education system is anti-Christian. The government bureaucracy is anti-conservative. The religionists are anti-Christian. But all is not hopeless. Paul shows us how we should be focused. Ephesians 6:10-18 - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

We can bind and loose. Matthew 16:19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 12:25-30 - And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.

All this is prayed according to the Will of Our Heavenly Father. It is not a magic wand to impose our will on others, but a means to tie up the demonic hordes that are controlling people and nations.

So your only choice is in waging spiritual warfare. Bind the strong man over all parts of the country, states & provinces, political parties, media, Churches, and the voters. And get deliverance from all those psychological manipulations and mind control that you have been under. And do not use it on anyone else.

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Name of Jesus!

Amen!

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