

Deprogramming Update – Doubling the Efforts of Evil

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Since we have begun the year 2000, we have received reports from many across the country that the battle seems to be increasing greatly. My prayer is that all who labor for the Lord will take comfort in His promise from Proverbs 21:30-31: “There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for battle, but victory rests with the Lord.”

Since I have been in the field now for the past ten years, I have heard of many horrible things, but nothing has impacted me in such a personally wounding way as the most recent method of spreading deception and evil that has come to light. When I first learned of this evil plan, my reaction was that this one is too far-fetched, and I put it aside. In recent months, we have been hearing of it so much that we can no longer ignore it. Maybe you will read this and react like I did at first. I would ask that you pray about it and let God reveal if there is truth in what I am about to share. If there is truth in it, I believe that God wants it in the light, as it appears He is currently doing in so many survivors.

So, what am I talking about? Reportedly, the newest evil plan is to fashion doubles of counselors in this field and use them in ritual ceremonies in order to make it appear to the survivor that there is no one to trust and no where is safe. We have reports of doubles fashioned after each of us at C.A.R.E., and other prominent leaders in this field.

When I questioned survivors how this was possible, they reported that cult members with a particular counselor’s body type would be assigned the identity of the counselor and would be put through plastic surgery to create a double of the counselor (in some cases, depending on how much they wanted to target a particular counselor, several “look-a-likes” were fashioned). One survivor put it this way, “you are trying to come against people who have all the money in the world and have the resources to use the best plastic surgery. They watch those who persevere and are effective in their work for God, and fashion their doubles to come against Godly relationships for the survivors who are trying to escape the cult.”

Sounds too wild? Maybe. Cheryl Knight happened to see a television interview that brought some validation to the feasibility of this. She saw Elvis impersonators who were reporting about the many plastic surgeries that they had gone through in order to look more like Elvis. They had also interviewed Marilyn Monroe impersonators who had done the same thing. They looked remarkably like these two stars.

What can be done about this if it is true, and you suspect that your clients have been with doubles of you or other helpers? Survivors that we have worked with who report having been hurt by “look-a-likes” of ours have had success in distinguishing the difference. All of this must be done by asking the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, for truth about this. Some important safeguards are: (1) to pray on behalf of the survivor to gather the parts of the system who know the truth. Watch and pray against vows they might have been forced to take to keep the Christian parts submerged, and apostate systems up who will not know the difference. (2) The survivor should break all vows and agreements they were forced to take to not recognize the difference between the counselor and the double. The cult likes to hide important information behind systems with internalized parts who are fashioned after the counselor’s double. The cult is hoping that it will be too scary for the survivors to allow the same person who is their helper to also lead them to parts who have experienced this “same face” having hurt them in the past. In

high-level international cults, they often choose highly significant persons from the cult (usually beloved family members) to use as “look-a-likes” for the counselor/caregiver. This puts the survivor in a terrible double-bind, since they fear harm for the counselor’s double (who is actually the beloved family member with the face of the counselor), who is threatened with harm if the survivor remembers the truth and reports it to the counselor. The other bind for the survivors is that they will continue to have important healing information locked in these “look-a-like” systems and unavailable for healing if they do not pursue the truth and look at this scary information behind the “counselor’s” face.

Does the Bible have anything to say about this strategy of the enemy? Jesus warns us about it in Matt. 10:24-26, “A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more, the members of his household! So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing hidden that will not be made known.” Many survivors that I’ve worked with have reported cult persons being dressed up like Jesus and brought into a ceremony to be portrayed as powerless, or as a perpetrator. These became internalized spiritual strongholds over parts inside that have taken on a role of “false Christ.” If they have done this to Jesus, how much more than those who are representing him?

As I stated earlier, there has been nothing they have devised that compares to the personal hurt I feel when I hear of reports that they have taken my image and portrayed me to survivors as a person who could be double-minded, while serving God at the same time. The C.A.R.E. staff wants to take this opportunity to apologize to the survivors out there who may have encountered these “look-a-likes,” or any others in our profession. We also pray for those who have been chosen by the cult for this horrible plan. I cannot imagine how awful it must be to have to take someone else’s identity and to be used this way.

We do forgive anyone who is being used in this way. We pray that God will allow us to claim back much healing for those who have been hurt by these doubles and for the “look-a-likes” themselves who have also been hurt by this. We pray for the truth to be revealed. We also challenge any counselor or caregiver in this field to pray this with us for their survivors, in case this has been done to you also.

I had a difficult time writing this article, because I also did not want it to add confusion for survivors or cause mistrust of counselors. I felt that this article was timely because of the frequency in which we are encountering this, both in our counseling, and as reported by other counselors. I also, in no way, wanted this article to be used as justification for counselors and caregivers to automatically assume that reports are always about cult “look-a-likes.” Jesus warns us again, in Matt. 8:15, “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” There will be false prophets sent among us in the role of caregivers and counselors. I believe that the ferocious wolves Jesus is referring to is our battle against the spirit powers that control that “double-mindedness” - not flesh and blood (see Eph. 6:12). We have seen many loving and wonderful counselors and caregivers also discover their own dissociation while trying to help others. We encourage counselors, caregivers, and survivors alike to pray and seek God for truth, and for counselors and caregivers to get assessments for dissociation before going into this field. God calls us to remain accountable to Him and to those in the body of Christ whom He has provided for us.