

Satan's lies obscure truth, lead to misinterpretation

There is a reason so many people misinterpret Bible texts.

2 Corinthians 4:3, 4 says, "If now, the good news we declare is in fact veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing, among whom the god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious good news about the Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine through."

The Bible is clear that it requires effort to learn the truth and that there is someone fighting to keep us from understanding God's word accurately.

That "someone" is Satan, the Devil, who spreads any lie he can to tear us away from God. He lied to Eve to get her and then Adam to disobey God, and he has continued to use lies and deception to mislead people.

Among the lies he perpetuates is that people have souls that leave their bodies at death. At 1 Samuel 28:8-19, Saul seeks advice from the late prophet Samuel to help him



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• use it or lose it

fight the Philistines.

Was Samuel able to talk to Saul from the grave? Psalm 146:4 says, "His spirit goes out, he goes back to his ground; in that day his thoughts do perish."

If Samuel's thoughts perished, how could he talk to Saul from the grave? He couldn't.

Who was speaking? 1 Samuel 28:8 says, "So Saul disguised himself and clothed himself with other garments and went, he and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. He now said: 'Employ divination, please, for me by spirit mediumship and bring up for me the one whom I shall designate to you.'"

Saul went to a spirit medium to try to contact Samuel, a faithful

prophet of God. Among God's laws to the nation of Israel, His people at that time, is the law found at Deuteronomy 18:10-12: "There should not be found in you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, anyone who employs divination, a practitioner of magic or anyone who looks for omens or a sorcerer, or one who binds others with a spell or anyone who consults a spirit medium or a professional foreteller of events or anyone who inquires of the dead. For everybody doing these things is something detestable to God."

Is it reasonable to think Samuel would have participated in such a thing? If we ignore the scripture in Psalms and assume Samuel was in heaven, would he have answered Saul's questions through a spirit medium?

It would seem that such a thing would be repulsive to Samuel, and the penalty for doing so would have

been great — God would certainly have seen him do it.

So who was speaking if it wasn't Samuel? The practices God condemned in Deuteronomy were associated with pagan religious practices. Where did those religions come from? From Satan, who sought from the start to turn mankind away from God.

What better tactic than to give them religions that direct people to worship him while letting them think they are worshipping God. The practices of divination and consulting mediums were detestable to God because they were the work of Satan.

Demons imitated the voices of the dead to trick people into thinking they could communicate with them. The Bible warns us so strongly against such practices because they open us up to Satan's deceit.

Satan's lies have been against God (Genesis 3:4, 5), Jesus (the Jews accused him of blasphemy and sedition and hung him as a criminal) and

against God's servants, for example, at Job 1:9-11, he accused Job of serving God out of selfish motives.

In the environment of lies and deceit Satan has set up, how is a Christian to know what is true?

Proverbs 2:1-5 says, "My son, if you will receive my sayings and treasure up my own commandments with yourself, so as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear, that you may incline your heart to discernment; if, moreover, you call out for understanding itself and you give forth your voice for discern-

ment itself, if you keep seeking for it as for silver, and as for hid treasures you keep searching for it, in that case you will understand the fear of God, and you will find the very knowledge of God."

It takes time and effort to dig into the Bible to find out what is true. Having someone with a knowledge of the Bible can help, but it is still important to read the scriptures directly from the Bible to be sure what is in there. Anyone who really wants you to learn the truth will encourage that.

Animal shelter needs money, manpower

As the years go by, the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter has grown more than we ever thought possible. We've accomplished a lot, as well as learned a lot.

Our biggest hurdles continue to be money and manpower. We are looking for anyone interested in helping us in many areas — from fundraising to fostering to feeding and caring for the animals.

We have a website to keep up records to keep, medical situations to address, dogs to transport, the City Pound to keep up, and the list goes on. We are so busy caring for the animals that some of our educational activities, community events, obedience clinics and public relations doesn't get as much attention as we would like.

Perhaps there is something that appeals to you. If you could help,



sandy rogers

• animal shelter

give us a call at 899-6464.

We continue to save and adopt hundreds of animals each year. Unfortunately, the number of abandoned animals continues to rise, and until we can make folks understand the importance of responsible ownership and of spaying and neutering, the consequences of abandonment and overpopulation will continue.

We have discovered there are many cases of animal neglect and abuse right here in our own community, and there aren't strict enough

laws in place to protect the animals in the manner they should be.

Hopefully, those of us in the animal welfare world can continue to strive to make changes through education. Animal cruelty doesn't just happen somewhere else; it is right here in north-west Kansas.

We have had many success stories this year. We have rescued three dumped pregnant dogs this year and provided them medical treatment and placed the pups in rescue. The mamas were spayed and placed for adoption.

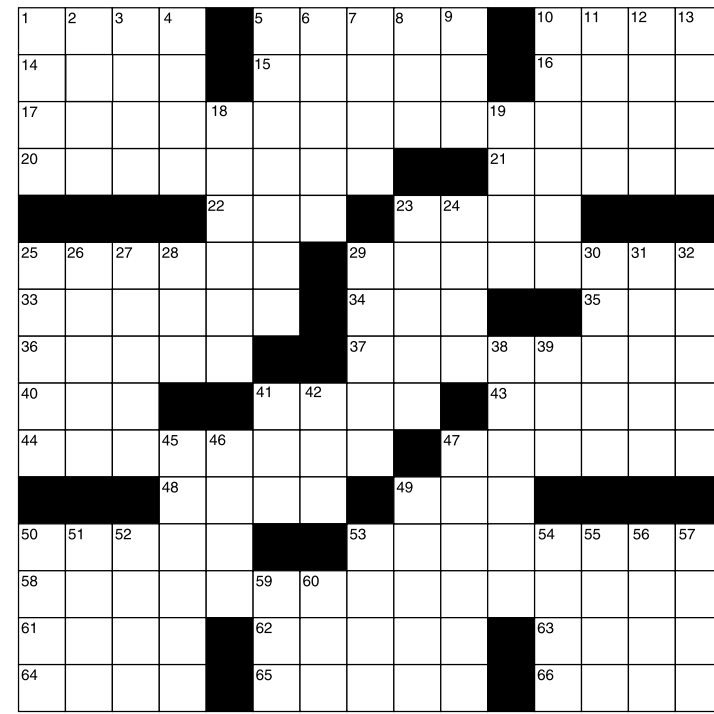
We have assisted people who were in extreme hardship with spaying and neutering and food for

their pets. We have saved the city several thousand dollars in euthanasia costs. Several dogs have been returned to their rightful owners through our help.

Our goal is to be an asset to the community, while improving the plight of the unwanted animals in our area. We hope you will open your hearts and help us keep this very important organization thriving.

Over 300 dogs — counting the puppies sent to puppy rescue (a no-kill organization in Colorado that accepts puppies from several shelters to place with families) and cats have been spared from being put to sleep and placed for adoption the first half of this year, simply because you continue to support us. Thank you.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian cross
5. Bearskin hat
10. Wild swine
14. Supernatural force
15. ___ B. de Mille, filmmaker
16. Yesterdays
17. Bernini artwork
20. Type of caption
21. Emitted coherent radiation
22. Directed
23. Blats
25. Rouse
29. Coves
33. In a way, lessens
34. They ___
35. A California engineering company
36. Awards
37. Used of time
40. Compass pt. midway between north-east and east
41. This (Spanish)
43. Eastern liquor
44. Injection devices
47. Most wise
48. Aromatic herb
49. No longer is
50. Thou ___ not
53. Hushed
58. Short shot
61. Passage
62. Cast
63. A plant fiber used in making rope or sacks
64. Foundations
65. Large cats
66. Type of bomb

CLUES DOWN

1. Portuguese nurses
2. Indo-Malayan mouse deer
3. Part of a door
4. Come to rest
5. Sea ducks

6. Form of hold, obsolete
7. Skin disease
8. Young goat
9. Not new
10. Takes traffic around the edge of a town
11. Expresses delight
12. Thomas ___, British composer, 1700's
13. Type of instrument
18. Tiger and Easter
19. Wings
23. Delicately iridescent thimble-shaped ctenophores
24. In a way, a great server
25. Norman — in "Psycho"
26. Dark olive black
27. More coherent
28. Teletype (computers)
29. Water vehicles
30. A way to tend
31. Sea eagles
32. Pleasing to the ear
38. Blackboard or pencil
39. Cause to retch
41. Encourage
42. Date regularly
45. Small islands
46. European defense organization
47. House and Greek
49. Exert power
50. Take the place or work of someone on strike
51. Incline from vertical
52. Surrounded by
53. Exhort
54. Cobras
55. Danish King, short version
56. Outside, prefix
57. A way to consider
59. Current unit
60. Chiefly perennial grasses of cool temperate regions

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

July 28 — Shirley T. Walters reported the theft of prescription drugs and other items valued at \$155 at 1016 Sherman.

July 26 — Joe Stringer reported the theft of a book of personal checks at 1601 Broadway.

August 1 — Stacey J. Yarbrough was the victim of aggravated battery at 400 W. 14th.

Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:



July 30 — Sabrina L. Erhart was backing up and began to turn east through the alley at 912 W. 13th in a 1996 Plymouth when she struck the garage opening of Peggy Siruta with the front driver's side.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

July 12 — Wendy R. Prince, 39, Gillette, Wyo. was fined \$159 for speeding.

Christopher W. Wall, 22, Arvada, Colo. was fined \$114 for speeding.

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 1997 GMC Suburban
 1996 Olds Cutlass
 1996 Dodge Intrepid
 1998 Ford Ranger
 1995 Dodge Dakota
 1995 Herra 4 Car Trailer

Other Equipment
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 2003 4 Wheeler
 2002 MZ Mosquito 125 Scooter
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Misc. Shop equipment

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