

Appearances Can Be Deceiving

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Recently there was an online news article/video about reporters from TIME magazine talking to a robot telemarketer. It was newsworthy because it was a lying robot telemarketer. A health care exchange company hired a woman to record a script which included a number of responses that could fit any number of questions. They even recorded her laughter to make the robot telemarketer sound real or "live". When I listened to the recording of their exchange with this robot, it was creepy on many levels and my hackles rose up straight at the blatant, scripted lie.



What was the lie? The reporter asked many times, "Are you real?"

She laughing answered, "Of course I'm a real person-we must have a bad connection."

Spooky...anyone remember Hal 9000 from the film, 2001 Space Odyssey?

The Master of Lies uses every trick in the book to deceive. We have to keep up. God knows this and warns us to stay alert. Edited stories, altered photos and now computerized "people" help create a composite of ideologies to replace reality. What a perfect way to shape our "perception = reality" culture!

No doubt the devil of no new ideas will use these refurbished old tricks to cause our human eyes and ears to war with our spiritual ones. God alerts us to what's ahead in Matthew 24:23-25, Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.

The consequence of sin means we still have to walk through a world turned over to satan so we need to keep our discernment sharp through the knowledge of Scripture.

Now breathe, we don't go it alone. The Shepherd is guarding His flock, and His Flock has strength in numbers so stay close to the herd. We can lead alert lives in holy peace even among the wolves in sheep's clothing because the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, knows it all, sees it all and has control of it all.

And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. 2 Thessalonians 3:2-5



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Scripture References: Matthew 5:37; Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 1 Peter 5:10

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