

Illuminati in the Bible

Commentary for November 1, 2016 — Who Are the True Illuminati?

The Illuminati is supposed to be the overarching conspiracy in control of politics, nations, and world affairs. That assessment is untrue, although such groups strive for that control. Examination of this group fits with this month's article, "Conspiracy In Scripture." Read the "[November 2016 Newsletter](#)" first for background. Hardly secret anymore, a Google search for "Illuminati" yields 47+ million hits. I will identify the true "Illuminati in the Bible."

"The Order of Illuminists was founded on May 1, 1776, by a professor of canon law at the University of Ingolstadt in Bavaria, Adam Weishaupt, and four associates. The order was secret and hierarchical, modeled on the Jesuits (whose long domination of Bavarian education ended with their abolition by the Papacy in 1773) and dedicated to Weishaupt's Rousseauian vision of leading all humanity to a new moral perfection freed from all established religious and political authority.

Weishaupt did not so much invite intellectuals to join his new pedagogic elite as taunt them to do so. He radiated contempt for men of the Enlightenment who 'go into ecstasies over antiquity, but are themselves unable to do anything,' and insisted that 'what is missing is the force to put into practice what has long been affirmed by our minds.'"

• **James Billington, *Fire in the Minds of Men*, 94**

The Illuminati existed as one of the major controlling conspiracies in the world.¹ Both Thomas Jefferson and George Washington wrote about the group as a real organization in their day. Jefferson appreciated Weishaupt, while Washington considered him and his associates to be a dangerous political philosophy and a threat to the new republic of the United States.²

Broadway dramatist, producer, and later political commentator and author Myron Fagan (a Jewish convert to Christianity) presented his expose in 1967, "[The Illuminati and the CFR](#) [Council on Foreign Relations]."³ I first heard it from three 33½ long-playing records in 1969 or 1970, my first exposure to the idea of a world-wide conspiracy. Even today the lecture is interesting; Fagan's presentation is masterful. Several of Fagan's secular prophecies from 1967 did not occur, although the goals of the conspiracy (as he saw it) are still compelling.

¹ There were several groups that called themselves "illuminists," see "[Illuminism](#)," in *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (The Gale Group Inc., 2003). Philosophical illuminists held to teachings similar to Gnosticism in the 1st century and before. Dr. Ernest Martin explains how gnostic religious teaching infiltrated the Christian *ekklesias* in New Testament times, furthered by Simon Magus in [The People That History Forgot](#) (Portland, OR: ASK Publications, 1993/2003).

² *The Writings of George Washington*, Volume 14, 1798–1799 (New York, G.P. Putmans Sons, 1893), 119.

³ The internet link takes you to the best quality audio I could find, probably downloaded from the original LP records. For a transcript, scroll down to the paragraph beginning, "**The question of how and why the United Nations is the crux ...**" at <http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/illuminati.htm>.

The political movements of Fascism, Nazism and Communism were historically recent conspiracies. All revolutions are conspiracies. Few revolutions spontaneously occur. They are planned. All countries and governments in the world have enemies who wish to destroy or replace those in power. It is likely impossible for us to know or understand all conspiracies of the world, including the Illuminati.

I believe the Bavarian Illuminati was evil and contrary to biblical or any morality. Operating without scruples to achieve their goals, God still allows them to operate. While all governments are sanctioned by God for as long as He wishes, control by elites backed by force in any country leads to tyranny. Such groups should have no dominion over you; any more than governments should have dominion over you. You should try hard to extricate yourself from such dominion. For believers, a different realm should rule your mind and heart, yet the laws should be obeyed within the land you live in. The power of God's Spirit is feared and you are more likely to be confronted by an attempt to be seduced than to be directly attacked by one of these secret societies or conspiracies.⁴

What Should We Do?

Scripture tells of large-scale conspiracies. Humanity has not improved at all, and may worsen as we near the time of Christ's return. What should Christians do in response to conspiracies? It is not our job to fight battles with various enemies to make the world better, although defending our loved ones, our homes, and our nation is honorable, **"for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword"** (Matthew 26:52). Remember, we are responsible to another realm:

"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as you have us for an ensample.

For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

• **Philippians 3:17–20**

If you are a target of a criminal conspiracy, a government conspiracy, or other kind of conspiracy, you may have to resist in whatever mode is appropriate: legally, avoiding physical confrontation, perhaps moving to another locale.

Some should spend more time studying the mysteries of God than studying **"the mystery of iniquity,"** which was progressing even in the days of the apostle Paul (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Conspiracies are indeed "mysteries of iniquity." In God and Christ **"in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"** (see the context of Colossians 1:26–2:3), there are no more secrets to be revealed regarding God's plan. The full purpose and scope is now known and in the open. We cannot know details of how God will fulfill His plan.

To quote from one radio preacher, **"God is on the throne and prayer changes things,"** keep in mind that everything is proceeding according to God's plan and under His control,

⁴ In the wilderness Israel was seduced by Moabite women advised by the soothsayer Balaam (Numbers chapters 22–25, Joshua 13:22).

- despite opposition to us personally
- despite attempts by human beings and spirit beings to harm us,
- despite conspiracies by individuals and groups, great and small, to thwart God's will.

God's plan for man accounts for all conspiracies — in the spirit and physical realm. They continue to exist and even flourish so God can demonstrate their future impotence. Such is the system God has put in place. We on our part should resist sin and evil.

The most effective way to work for change is on a LOCAL level. Unless you have resources and have counted the cost, it might be best not to involve yourself in national and international affairs to expose evil. You will do that soon enough once God gives you the power and authority to do so effectively (Colossians 1:20, 23, 2:10). Even now, we have knowledge that supernatural principalities and powers did not know until God revealed the Mystery to Paul, Peter, John and others (Ephesians 3:3–4),

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church [ekklesia] the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal [eonian] purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

• Ephesians 3:8–11

Do you find the things of God more fascinating and interesting than the study of evil? If not, ask yourself the question, why not? Is God boring? If you enjoy looking into such things, and have a talent to do so, I will not discourage you. Dr. Martin did not spend much time reading about conspiracies, although he was aware of them, as am I. Study into such matters is time-consuming, littered with MUCH disinformation and, realistically, it is not our task to do anything about the various groups at this time.

True “Illuminati”

All believers are the true “illuminated” ones. God is light (1 John 1:5) and that light was given to Christ (Luke 2:32; John 8:12, 9:4–5; 1 Timothy 6:16). He gave it to His apostles (Matthew 5:14–16). We are that light now, by virtue of God's gift of the Holy Spirit s-l-o-w-l-y transforming our character to conform to Christ's character (Ephesians 5:8–9, 13–14; Colossians 1:12–13; 1 Thessalonians 5:4–5; 1 Peter 2:8–10; 1 John 1:5–7).

Read and study the subject of “light” in the New Testament, especially John 1:1–9 and the passages mentioned above. Examine the contrast of light and darkness in the world in Acts 26:18; Romans 2:19, 13:12; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 4:6, 6:14; Colossians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:4–5 and Peter in 1 Peter 2:9. While darkness should be exposed (Ephesians 5:13) we war not against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12–13). The apostle Paul wrote, telling us what is important,

“And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity [love, *agape*], I am nothing.”

• **1 Corinthians 13:2**

I grew up in the 1950s and 60s believing a communist conspiracy was seeking to take over the world (and it was). Powerful criminal conspiracies certainly exist such as the Mafia, Triads, Yakusa, powerful drug lords, and other organized crime groups certainly exist. World-wide organizations, such as Fagan talks about, the CFR (the Council on Foreign Relations), the Bilderbergers, the Tri-Lateral Commission, these are all thought to conspire for control of the world, whether or not they are led by great families. Banking and industry strive for monopolies and even control of governments. Today many believe religious groups — the Vatican, the Jesuits, the Mormons, Wahhabi-Sunni Islam, or Shia Islam, are trying to gain control of our societies. Indeed, Paul tells us that evil often mimics righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:14–15).

Each conspiracy group like the Illuminati feels they are the pinnacle of humanity in the supernatural hierarchy of the cosmos. They use biblical terminology of light, but it is false light of deception (2 Corinthians 11:13–15). It is likely that supernatural beings are in contact and tell them they are important “leaders,” as the Gnostics claimed in their writings. All are as nothing compared to YHWH, just as all nations are, and as we are. Even if conspiracies exist today (and they do, some large, some small), the bottom line is this — **we win, they lose**.

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