

PANDEMIC WORLDVIEW

Conspiracy Theories and the Christian Faith

Genesis 37:18-36; 50:20

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“Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that polluted vehicle ... I will add, that the man who never looks at a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them.”

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1. **Conspiracies are common in life and in the Bible because man is _____.**

A conspiracy is: *“A combination of men for an evil purpose; an agreement between two or more persons, to commit some crime in concert; particularly, a combination to commit treason, or excite sedition or insurrection against the government of a state; a plot.”*

- Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary

- a. Conspiracies begin _____, within the sinful heart of man.

- b. Conspiracies bring _____ into the evil agreement as they see how it benefits them.

c. A conspiracy theory is speculation about possible conspiracies.

1) These speculations can be driven by personal _____.

2) *“When people use the phrase ‘conspiracy theory’ today, it is for the purpose of being a thought stopper and an argument _____.*
All you have to do these days to make sure no one questions what you are saying is to label those who disagree as conspiracy theorists.”

- Doug Van Dorn

2. **Considering conspiracy theories can be dangerous, but it can also be faith building.**

- a. Believers must beware of the great _____ of worry, fear and obsession when considering conspiracy theories.

- b. Believers must consciously rest by _____ in the good and wise providence of God when considering conspiracy theories.

“Joseph _____ distinguishes between the wicked counsels of men, and the admirable justice of God, by so ascribing the government of all things to God, as to preserve the divine administration free from contracting any stain from the vices of men.”

- John Calvin