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## Mass Formation Psychosis

A powerful "group think" that takes hold of large numbers of people at the same time, drawing them into a type of group hypnotic state where they think alike, feel alike and quickly respond to outside suggestions in a similar manner.

#### Stages of Mass Formation:

Submergence — a phase characterized by losing individual identity.

 Contagion — a phase where ideas and emotions are spread like a contagious disease. (often instigated by an influential leader.)

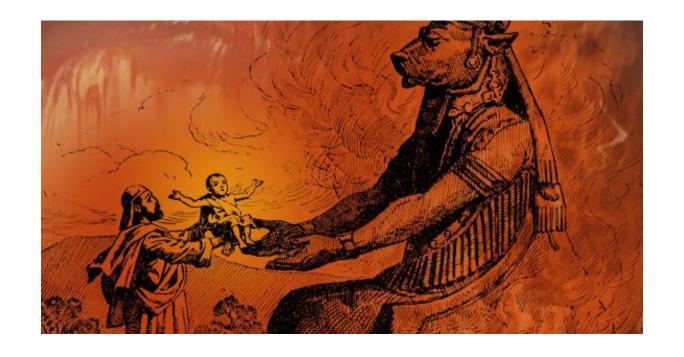
 Suggestion — the phase where the group has developed a shared unconscious which affects their decisions and feelings. Group is wide open to any suggestion, even if it doesn't make logical sense. Dr.Mattias Desmet a Professor in Clinical Psychology at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences at Ghent University, Belgium.

#### Four conditions that may have resulted in mass formation during the COVID pandemic.

- 1- lack of social bonding/ isolation
- 2. Experiencing life as meaningless
- 3. Free floating anxiety
- 4. Free floating frustration and aggression



If ANY narrative is distributed through the mass media identifying an **object** of the anxiety and providing a strategy to deal with that object, mass formation can thrive.



The object of the anxiety can be based on a lie and the strategy doesn't have to make any sense. The strategy becomes a religious ritual with a required sacrifice.

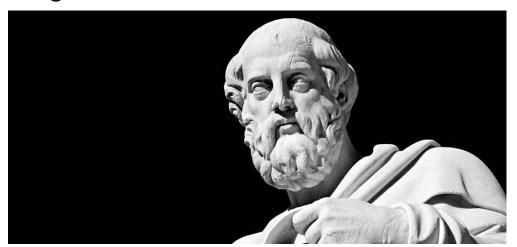
## we're all in this TOGETHER ... six feet apart

#### Who is most Susceptible to Mass Formation?



#### Plato's Noble Lie

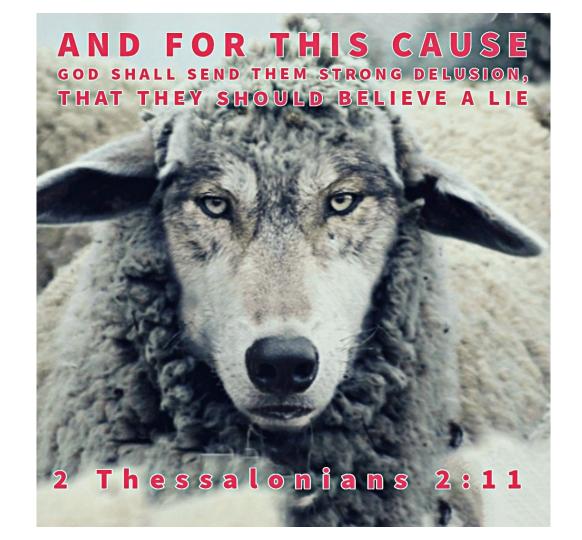
In politics, a noble lie is a myth or untruth, knowingly propagated by an elite to maintain social harmony or to advance an agenda.



#### The Strong Delusion

...and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused the love of the truth that would have saved them. For this reason God will send them a strong delusion so that they believe the lie, in order that judgment may come upon all who have disbelieved the truth and delighted in wickedness.

(2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)



energeia: working, activity

Original Word: ἐνέργεια, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: energeia

Phonetic Spelling: (en-erg'-i-ah)

Definition: working

God will send them a working (out) of delusion

#### **Natural Law**



#### Our Founders Understood Natural Law



"Laws of nature and nature's God"

"Endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights"

#### Romans 1

For since the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse. (verse 20)

Who is without excuse?

Back up a couple of verses....

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them

#### A Natural Working Out of Delusion

...and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, <u>because they</u> refused the love of the truth that would have saved them. For this reason God will send them a natural working out of delusion so that they believe the lie, in order that judgment may come upon all who have <u>disbelieved the truth</u> and delighted in wickedness.

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#### What Did God Love?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### Strongs #2889-Kosmos- Order

kosmos: order, the world Original Word: Κόσμος, ου, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

**Transliteration:** kosmos

Phonetic Spelling: (kos'-mos)

Definition: order, the world

#### **Combatting Mass Formation**

make an alternative narrative available for people **tell the truth**.

- i.e. **tell the truth.** 



# My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6)

### Immanuel Kant, a philosopher from the Age of Enlightenment, once said,

" There are many things that I believe that I shall never say,

But I shall never say the things that I do not believe."

#### **Combatting Mass Formation**

— We must not encourage people to go back to their old "normal" — People need a new normal. Their old lives were meaningless and superficial. Their old normal is what made them vulnerable to mass formation in the first place.





## comes for God to restore everything as He promised long ago through his holy prophets. (Acts 3:21)

Heaven must receive Him until the time

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.

John 8:31-32



THIS DAY I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH AS WITNESSES AGAINST YOU THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND **CURSES. NOW CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT** YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY

LIVE

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

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