

A NEW (FALSE) GOSPEL

DECONSTRUCTION

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TOTALITARIANISM

- ▶ Authoritarianism is what you have when the state monopolizes political control. That is mere dictatorship - bad certainly, but totalitarianism is much worse. According to Hannah Arendt, the foremost scholar of totalitarianism, a totalitarian society is one in which an ideology seeks to displace all prior traditions and institutions, with the goal of bringing all aspects of society under control of that ideology.

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TOTALITARIANISM

- ▶ A totalitarian state is one that aspires to nothing less than defining and controlling reality. Truth is whatever the rulers decide it is. As Arendt has written, wherever totalitarianism has ruled, "It has begun to destroy the essence of man."

Rod Dreher, *Live Not By Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents* (New York City: Sentinel, 2020), 7-8

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REPRESSIVE TOLERANCE

► Everything from the Left must be tolerated, including violence. Everything from the Right must be suppressed and even pre-censored if you know that the group doesn't align with progressive ideology.

Herbert Marcuse

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DOUBLETHINK

▶ "The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination."

Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be An Antiracist*

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DOUBLETHINK

▶ The toolkit warns educators that "white supremacy culture" shows up in the classroom every time teachers "treat mistakes as problems by equating them with wrongness" because it "reinforces the ideas of perfectionism (that students shouldn't make mistakes) and paternalism (teachers or other experts can and should correct mistakes)"—both among the ideas commonly ascribed to "white supremacy culture."

A Pathway to Equitable Math Instruction

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SEE, JUDGE, ACT

- ▶ See - Be awake to the realities around you
- ▶ Judge - discern soberly the meaning of those realities in light of what you know to be true, especially the truth of Scripture
- ▶ Act - resist evil

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HOW?

- ▶ Hold tightly to the truth
- ▶ Fill our hearts with Scripture
- ▶ Speak the truth in love
- ▶ Build relationships/share the Gospel

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▶ The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

Psalm 18:2

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▶ The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Psalm 28:7

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▶ 'So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change! And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness. This is where we find his strength and comfort, for he empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time—an unshakable hope!

Hebrews 6:18-20 (TPT)

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▶ We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold, and where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone in before us. He is now and forever our royal Priest like Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:18-20 (TPT)

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▶ 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. '

Colossians 3:16

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▶ 'Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.

Phillipians 4:6-8

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▶ His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.**

Phillipians 4:6-8

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▶ ...We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. **Instead, we will speak the truth in love,** growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Ephesians 4:14-16

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▶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:14-16

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▶ 'A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth.

2 Timothy 2:23-26

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▶ Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants. Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. '

2 Timothy 2:23-26

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▶ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God’s love.

Jude 1:20-25

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▶ And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

Jude 1:20-25

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▶ Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

Jude 1:20-25

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