

**THY KINGDOM COME #28**  
**Developing A Biblical Worldview**

**I. Introduction**

**Walking in Truth in a World of Lies**

I want to conclude our little mini-series on 'Walking in Truth in a World of Lies' with a famous text from the Lord Jesus...

**John 8:32**

**And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free...**

My title for tonight adds a thought

**"The Truth Shall Make You Free"**  
**(But First It Will Make You Miserable)**

There is a truth about the Truth that's often overlooked.  
This is something God graced me to learn early on in my walk with the Lord:

**Bob Mumford**

**Truth, at its first appearance, will often seem negative.**

The truth can cut like a knife. Listen to what Jesus said to the Pharisees...

**John 8:44-45**

**You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.**

(It's not a stretch to say that telling the truth put Jesus on the Cross!)

Truth makes men miserable when it corrects their errors, like Paul in Galatia:

**Galatians 4:16 NLT**

**Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?**

(Testimony: I've lost many a member because I told a truth they didn't like)  
Telling the truth will always make some men men miserable.  
Ask former U.S. Presidents. It was President James Garfield who first said...

**President James A. Garfield**

**The truth will make you free; but first it will make you miserable.**

After WWII, President Harry Truman was the Donald Trump of his day; he was known for his confrontive style and they called him, "Give 'em hell Harry")

**President Harry Truman**

**I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell.**

One President told us the difference between liberals and conservatives...

**President Theodore Roosevelt**

**If you want to make a conservative angry, lie to him.  
If you want to make a liberal angry, tell him the truth.**

By the way, this is true to this day!

The truth that makes us miserable is that America has become a land of liars; we are like Israel in the days of the Prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah.

**Jeremiah 7:28-29**

**So you shall say to them, 'This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.'**

**Isaiah 59:4**

**No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.**

**Isaiah 59:14-15**

**Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.**

**Isaiah 59:15 NLT**

**Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who renounces evil is attacked.**

The is the Old Testament version of our modern ‘cancel culture’; to speak the truth in a land of liars puts a target on your back.

**George Orwell**

**Truth is the new hate speech. The further a society drifts from truth the more it will hate those that speak it.**

So how does a society, especially a nation founded on Christian principles, drift so far from the truth? I will take the rest of our time to talk about:

The Truth that makes us miserable about the Church

The truth that makes us miserable about our government

## **II. A Painful Principle To Remember**

### **A. The Truth That Makes Us Miserable About the Church**

1. People tend to take for truth whatever agrees with what they want to believe; I’m sad to say this is true in the church as well as in the world.

**Steve Gallagher**

**Satan’s greatest asset in his efforts to influence and deceive is that he understands what people want to hear; their ears are wide open to anything that supports, encourages, and helps them achieve their cherished desires. People are only vulnerable to being deceived when they want what is being offered to them.**

2. People seek a preacher who tells them what they want to hear; this is a sure sign we’re living in the last days

**2 Timothy 4:3-4**

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.**

**2 Timothy 4:3-5 HCSB**

...according to their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new. They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

**2 Tim 4:3-4 NLT**

They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

**Steve Gallagher, "Walking in Truth in a World of Lies"**

Paul could see the day coming when people would contort the fundamental beliefs of the Church into a new collective mindset dictated by their emotions and desires. He clearly saw a time in the future when professing Christians would be so given over to things of the world that they would demand that the teachings coming forth from the pulpit be force-fitted into what they wanted to hear.

**Steve Gallagher**

They will find for themselves man-pleasing preachers who will flatter them and give them a distorted gospel that will allow them to pursue their worldly interests and carnal desires without conviction.

**The Biblical Illustrator**

In the last days there will be many false teachers. There will not be one or two, but heaps and swarms of them. Men will have a variety of lusts and call for a variety of teachers to uphold them. If men once set open their doors, they shall not lack deceivers. (T. Hall)

**Steve Gallagher**

Professing Christians turn to false teachings that support what they want to believe. And woe to the preacher who attempts to tell such Christians the truth! They are determined to reshape God into the God they want Him to be, but the desire to believe something does not make it true. A person can force-fit

scripture into what he wants to believe, but one day he will have to face the Truth.

**Steve Gallagher**

The devil will give people a form of religion that allows them to keep their carnal lifestyle.

**Mario Murillo**

Discernment has left the building.

1 Kings 22:8

So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

CHEAP GRACE/  
THE RAPTURE HOAX

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B. The Truth That Makes Us Miserable About the Government

**George Orwell**

In times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act.

B. The Truth That Makes Us Miserable About the Government

**Academy of Ideas**

The responsibility for totalitarian rule lies mainly with those who support it.

**Plato**

**The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.**

**Vaclav Havel**

**There is obviously something in human beings which responds positively to the totalitarian system. Human beings are compelled to live within a lie, but they can be compelled to do so only because in fact they are capable of doing so.**

**Vaclav Havel**

**Therefore, not only does the system alienate humanity, but at the same time alienated humanity supports this system as its own involuntary master plan, as a degenerate image of its own degeneration, as a record of people's own failure as individuals.**

**Jeremiah 5:1**

**"Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; see now and know; and seek in her open places if you can find a man, If there is anyone who executes judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her.**

THE PRINCIPLE

IN THE CHURCH

**Leonard Ravenhill**

**We live in a day of itching ears, but I have no commission from God to scratch them.**

IN THE WORLD

**Winston Churchill**

**Truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end...there it is.**

God's Truth, what Francis Schaeffer called 'true truth'

- Negative
- Confrontive
- Divisive

NEGATIVE

We are all born as sinners by nature; there is none good, no, not one  
The only way to God is through Jesus Christ  
All sinners will go to hell

Confrontive

Truth confronts lies and deception, which may include our deepest held beliefs  
Repent!

Divisive

Truth is how God separates His people from the world

LIES AND WHY WE BELIEVE IN THEM

**Mark Twain**

The truth has no defense against a fool determined to believe a lie.

**Dr. Everett Piper**

In times of universal deceit, truth becomes the only rebellion left.

**C.S. Lewis**

Nothing can deceive unless it bears a plausible resemblance to reality...No one can deceive you unless he makes you think he is telling the truth.

**Steve Gallagher**

In the same way he inspired Ponzi to appeal to the greed in people, the devil appeals to the desires of the fallen nature to lure people away from the Truth.

**John Calvin**

All truth is God's truth.

Testimony: People love me until...

Jesus in John 6

**TRUTH THAT MAKES YOU MISERABLE**

**Theology**

**We are born sinners/People are not basically good**

**Jesus Christ is the only way to God**

**Christian Culture**

**Jesus is not coming back to rescue us-He is coming back to judge the world**

**Prophecy is real-but there are many false prophets**

**WHY DO PEOPLE RESIST TRUTH/BELIEVE LIES?**



**2 Timothy 4:1-2**

**I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.**

**Universal health care; free college for everyone;**

**Proverbs 17:4**

**An evildoer gives heed to false lips; a liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.**

**James 1:13-15**

**Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

**John 8:30 many came to believe in Him.  
29-30 If you abide...know the truth...set you free.**

**John 8:31-32**

**Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

**John 8:44-45 HCSB**

**When he (the devil) tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of liars. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.**

**Does this dress make me look fat?  
How much do you weigh?**

**You're not meeting my needs.**

**Jeremiah 5:31**

**The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?**

**Jeremiah 23:15-16**

**For from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone out into all the land. Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord."**

**Jeremiah 23:17-18**

**They continually say to those who despise Me, the Lord has said, "You shall have peace"; and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'"**

**Luke 6:26**

**Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.**

**John 3:18-21**

**"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."**

**2 Peter 2:1**

**But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.**

**2 Peter 2:2-3**

And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

**Acts 17:21**

For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

**Job 21:13-15**

They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Yet they say to God, 'Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways. Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?'

**Jeremiah 6:10**

To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the Lord is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it.

**Sex-Abortion-Free Stuff-Equity-**

**J.I. Packer**

The truth is that because we have lost touch with God and His word, we have lost the secret both of community and our own identity because at the deepest level we do not know who or what we are or what we exist for.

**Ephesians 6:10-12**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**Ephesians 6:13-14**

**Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...**

**Academy of Ideas**

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**Hannah Arendt**

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**Pastor Shane Idleman**

**Postmodernism really isn't about 'truth', it's about doing what is right in your own eyes.**

**Ayn Rand**

**We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule.**

**David Barton  
Democrats put 410 million into abortion issue.**

**Of 384,000 Senior Pastors in America only 2.8% will speak out against abortion**

**Only 27% of voters 18-29 turned out for the midterm election. A record high!  
Less than ½ eligible voters voted.**

#### **GOD AND TRUTH TEXTS**

##### **Deuteronomy 32:3-4**

**For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God.  
4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth  
and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.**

##### **Psalms 31:5**

**You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.**

##### **Isaiah 65:16**

**So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of  
truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth;**

##### **John 4:24**

**God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

##### **2 Timothy 2:24-26**

**Be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who oppose  
you, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the**

truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil,  
having been taken captive by him to do his will.

**Ps 119:160**

The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments  
endures forever.

**John 17:17-19**

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I  
also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that  
they also may be sanctified by the truth.

**John 14:15-18**

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and  
He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the  
Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor  
knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I  
will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

**NKJV**

**John 15:26; John 16:13**

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the  
Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."  
However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all  
truth."

**John 14:6**

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the  
Father except through Me.

**1 Corinthians 13:6**

Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth.

**2 Thess 2:10-12**

and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did  
not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this

**reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

**Romans 1:17-18**

**For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...**

**Ephesians 6:10-13**

**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**Ephesians 6:12-13 NKJV**

**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**Ephesians 6:13-14 HCSB**

**...so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist...**

**Ephesians 6:14 ESV**

**Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth,**

**Ephesians 6:13-14 NASB**

**that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth,**



## **Nihilism**

### **The rejection of all religious and moral principles; the belief that life is meaningless**

Nihilism is the belief that all values are baseless and that nothing can be known or communicated. It is often associated with extreme pessimism and a radical skepticism that condemns existence. A true nihilist would believe in nothing, have no loyalties, and no purpose other than, perhaps, an impulse to destroy.

Nihilism was popularized by Friedrich Nietzsche, the 19th century German philosopher who proposed that existence is meaningless, moral codes worthless, and God is dead.

An example of nihilism is the desire for the complete rejection of the established order or social system and religious principles.

The nihilist says, 'there is no God, no heaven or hell, nothing is absolutely right or wrong.

Nihilists don't think we live in a reality with a meaning of life set in stone by the Creator.

Daily-Philosophy.com

A good way to deal with nihilism would be to contrast it with the diametrically opposite possibility; a situation where there is perfect meaning to life, with perfect happiness, no sorrow or injustice, and where the progress of nature ensures this in every way.

CollinsDictionary.com

Nihilism is a belief which rejects all political and religious authority and current ideas in favor of the individual.

a. Solzhenitsyn had something to say to those who choose to live by lies:

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

**Let not him who lives by lies brag of his progressive views, boast of his status as an academician or a recognized artist, a distinguished citizen or a general. Let**

him say to himself plainly: “I am cattle, I am a coward, I seek only warmth and to eat my fill.”

## **MIXTURE**

### **WORLDVIEW**

**Francis Schaeffer, “The Great Evangelical Disaster”, 1974**

Throughout all of my work there is a common unifying theme, which I would define as “the Lordship of Christ in the totality of life.” If Christ is indeed Lord, he must be Lord of all life—in spiritual matters, of course, but just as much across the whole spectrum of life, including intellectual matters and the areas of culture, law, and government.

**Francis Schaeffer, “A Christian Manifesto’, 1981**

It is not too strong to say that we are at war, and there are no neutral parties in the struggle. One either confesses that God is the final authority, or one confesses that Caesar is Lord.

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

How did the West decline from its triumphal march to its present sickness? By elevating Man over God, to the extent that Man is seen as the center of everything that exists.

**Francis Schaeffer, “A Christian Manifesto’, 1981**

Humanism is an exclusivist, closed system which shuts out all contending viewpoints—especially if those views teach anything other than relative values and standards. As a result, the humanistic, material-energy, ‘chance’ worldview is completely intolerant.

**Adolf Hitler** (addressing German Christian pastors)

“I will protect the German people. You Pastors should take care of the church. Worry about getting people to heaven and leave this world to me.”

**Joseph Goebbels**

**Accuse the other side of that which you are guilty.**

Why did many in the church comply with Hitler's policies? Hitler understood the theology of the churches of his day. Hermann Rauschning, a Hitler confidant, relates what he heard Hitler say about the clergy:

**Adolf Hitler**

**"The Protestants haven't the faintest conception of a church. You can do anything you like to them—they will submit. They are insignificant little people, submissive as dogs, and they sweat with embarrassment when you talk to them."**

**Francis Schaeffer, "How Should We Then Live?", 1977**

**As the memory of the Christian consensus which gave us freedom within the biblical form increasingly is forgotten, a manipulating authoritarianism will tend to fill the vacuum. One of the dangers will be manipulation by the media.**

**Francis Schaeffer**

**As the memory of the Christian consensus which gave us freedom within the biblical form increasingly is forgotten, a manipulating authoritarianism will tend to fill the vacuum. One of the dangers will be a reliance on sociological law—that is, law not based on the Bible or natural law or the Constitution, but law based on shifting public opinion.**

**Donald Trump, "The Art of the Deal", 1987**

**People want to believe that something is the biggest and the greatest and the most spectacular. I call it truthful hyperbole. It's an innocent form of exaggeration—and a very effective form of promotion.**

**Malcolm X**

**The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that is power because they control the minds of the masses.**

**Nancy Pelosi**

**The fight is not about inflation. It's about the cost of living.**

**Nancy Pelosi**

**The point is that when you reduce unemployment, that is inflationary. That is a fact.**

**Francis Schaeffer, "How Should We Then Live?", 1977**

**My hope is that this generation may turn from that great wickedness, the placing of any created thing in the place of the Creator, and that this generation may get its feet out of the paths of death and may live.**

**Franklin Graham**

**We are experiencing a full-scale assault against Christianity and the followers of Christ. When prayer is banned from the public square; when our President fails to defend biblically defined marriage and he openly and zealously advocates for gay rights...**

**Franklin Graham**

**...when legislators rush to overrule existing laws to promote gay marriage; when schools and courts consistently suppress religious freedom; we know we are locked in a war against the Christian faith.**

**Dr. Clay Christensen, Harvard Business School Professor**

**If you take away religion, you can't hire enough police.**

**Elon Musk**

**At its heart, wokeness is divisive and hateful. It gives mean people a shield to be mean and cruel, armored in false virtue.**

**Build Back Better Bill**

**Where did the \$1.75 trillion go?**

**The money goes right to China.**

**Here are the countries that have lower inflation rate than us:**

**Matthew Henry**

**Those that will be faithful to the truth must be valiant for it, and not be daunted by the opposition given to it, nor fear the face of man. For Truth has fallen in the land, and many dare not lend a hand to help it up. We must answer not only for our enmity in opposing truth, but for our cowardice in not defending it.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**

**The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

2. This sounds like what we are witnessing today; *a separation*, not of Republicans and Democrats, or liberals and conservatives; but a separation of those who will perish in deception from those who will be saved by receiving the love of the truth.

3. Paul goes on to tell us that God Himself will bring judgment on those who follow lying leaders:

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

**And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

**Kids told they are racist.**

**BLM**

**Antifa**

**But if you support the constitution, want a legal count, you're a radical.**

**G B**

**Al Gore didn't concede in 2004**

**Russia stole the 2016 election and spent over \$30 to try and prove it.**

## **Who's the Governor of Georgia? Stacey? Lost by 50K votes**

**Matthew Henry**

**The best evidence of our having the truth is walking in the truth.**

The full revelation of God's truth is in the Christian church. The great doctrines of that church are the truth without error, metaphor, or figure.

the knowledge of the great system of redemption is preserved on earth unshaken, because the church is preserved, and because its foundations cannot be moved.

This does not refer, I suppose, to creeds and confessions, or to the decisions of synods and councils; but to the living spirit of truth and piety "in" the church itself.

**Albert Barnes**

**The church is entrusted with the business of maintaining the truth, of defending it from the assaults of error, and of transmitting it to future times. The truth is, in fact, upheld in the world by the church. The people of the world feel no interest in defending it, and it is to the church of Christ that it is owing that it is preserved and transmitted from age to age.**

**Psalm 51:6**

**Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.**

**Isaiah 5:20-21**

**Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**

**Charles Spurgeon**

**The Holy One of Israel judges men by their inner nature, and not by their outward professions; to him the inward is as visible as the outward, and he rightly judges that the essential character of an action lies in the motive of him who works it.**

**Steve Gallagher, "Walking in Truth In A World of Lies"**

A person's perspective about truth will be heavily clouded by what he wants the truth to be. The one who hungers after righteousness will tend to be very open and amenable to God's truth. On the other hand, a sex addict, for instance, would be very vulnerable to the falsehoods of antinomianism—the errant belief that grace frees the Christian from the Gospel's demand for holy living.

**Steve Gallagher, "Walking in Truth In A World of Lies"**

In large part, human beings are willing to believe anything, as long as it caters to what they want.

Politicians tell voters what they want to hear for the sole purpose of getting elected to office.

**Alisa Childers**

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Accuser of the brethren-CRT

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**The more a person is deceived, the less trust he will have for others. Such a person can easily erect an imperceptible wall of mistrust in his heart toward everyone—including the Lord. Before long, Scripture comes under a cloud of suspicion; doubts about the veracity of God’s statements become strengthened.**

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**An atmosphere of unbelief can hover over every aspect of a person’s life. It is a very dangerous mindset to allow to fester because the Christian faith is built upon trust in and dependence upon the honest and upright character of God.**

Psalm 137:2-4

We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst of it. 3 For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, and those who plundered us requested mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How shall we sing the Lord's song  
In a foreign land?

Psalm 137:4 KJV

How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?

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**Breitbart News, 7/7/22**

**Army training now says soldiers must shower with transgender persons of the opposite sex.**

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**The ACLU and the National Education Association now claim that children are ‘never’ too young to undergo sex change.**

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**Galatians 4:16 NLT**

**Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?**

**Rev. Edwin Rian**

**Christianity is a world and life view and not simply a series of unrelated doctrines. Christianity includes all of life. Every realm of knowledge, every aspect of life and every facet of the universe find their place and their answer within Christianity. It is a system of truth enveloping the entire world in its grasp.**

**Rudy Ruettiger**

**John Wycliffe**

**The true Christian was intended by Christ to prove all things by the Word of God: all churches, all ministers, all teaching, all preaching, all doctrines, all sermons, all writings, all opinions, all practices.**

**John Wycliffe**

**These are the marching orders. Prove all by the Word of God; measure all by the measure of the Bible; compare all with the standard of the Bible; weigh all in the balances of the Bible; examine all by the light of the Bible; test all in the crucible of the Bible...**

**John Wycliffe**

**That which cannot abide the fire of the Bible, reject, refuse, repudiate, and cast away. This is the flag which He nailed to the mast. May it never be lowered!**

**1 Thessalonians 5:21**

**Test all things; hold fast what is good.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 KJV**

**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

**Matthew 4:4**

**"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"**

**1 Timothy 4:16**

**16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.**

**1 Timothy 4:13**

**Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**

**John 5:37-40**

**37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**Isiah 28:15**

**In 2016, the Oxford Dictionary named 'Post-Truth' as Word of the Year.**

**"Post-Truth"**

**The phenomenon in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.**

**Katherine Viner, The Guardian**

**In this era, truth is being replaced with feelings and personal experiences. The bedrock of objective truth is eroding with each passing year. It seems journalists are no longer required to believe their own stories to be true, nor apparently, need to provide evidence.**

**Instead it is up to the reader—who does not even know the identity of the source—to make up their own mind. But based on what? Gut instinct, intuition, mood?**

**Katherine Viner, The Guardian**

**The public is increasingly favoring the more tolerant philosophy of humanistic relativism. People think everyone's opinions and ideas should be considered 'relative to differences in perception and consideration'. There is no universal, or objective truth according to relativism; rather, each point of view has its own truth.**

**Frederich Nietzsche, German Philosopher**

**Frederich Nietzsche was convinced that a person's beliefs were neither right or wrong. He dismissed the ethical system of Christianity as a 'slave morality'**

**designed for weak, fearful people. He believed an emotionally healthy person would reject the Christian ethic and create his own.**

The Hebrew word for truth (emeth) is derived from a word (aman) a term that describes something firm and immovable, such as the pillars of the Temple. The Greek word for truth (aletheia) which means 'unconcealed' or 'unhidden', that which is without pretense, falseness, or duplicity.

### **Truth**

**The actual state of a matter; conformity with fact or reality.**

### **Proverbs 1:7**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

### **The Biblical Illustrator**

**Because knowledge being the apprehension of facts, and application of them to life, it cannot properly begin, or be based on a right foundation, without first apprehending and applying a fact which includes and which modifies all other facts whatever.**

### **The Biblical Illustrator**

**He who does not reverentially trust in God knows nothing yet as he ought to know. His knowledge is partial and distorted. The knowledge of God is the root of knowledge.**

### **Mark Twain**

**He who defines the terms controls the debate.**

### **George Orwell**

**Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder sound respectable.**

**Abortion-the deliberate termination of pregnancy; the murder of an unborn child.**

**Political language: Women's rights/Women's health care/Women's reproductive care**

**Myths/Lies/Half Truths**

**Lies**

**Affordable Care Act  
Inflation Reduction Bill  
Reproductive rights legislation**

**Progressive**

**Gender affirming health care  
Build back better**

**Half Truths**

**Black Lives Matter  
No human is illegal  
Pro-choice**

**Myths**

**Global warming/climate change  
Love is love  
Gay/Homosexuality/Sodomy**

**Define:**

**Socialism  
Marxism**

**John MacArthur**

**Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God. Even more to the point: Truth is the self-expression of God. That is the biblical meaning of truth. Because the definition of truth flows from God, truth is theological.**

**Truth is also *ontological*—which is a fancy way of saying it is the way things really are. Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it so. Therefore God is the author, source, determiner, governor, arbiter, ultimate standard, and final judge of all truth.**

The Old Testament refers to the Almighty as the “God of truth” ([Deuteronomy 32:4](#); [Psalm 31:5](#); [Isaiah 65:16](#)). When Jesus said of Himself, “I *am*...the truth” ([John 14:6](#), emphasis added), He was thereby making a profound claim about His own deity. He was also making it clear that *all* truth must ultimately be defined in terms of God and His eternal glory. After all, Jesus is “the brightness of [God’s] glory and the express image of His person” ([Hebrews 1:3](#)). *He is truth incarnate*—the perfect expression of God and therefore the absolute embodiment of all that is true.

Jesus also said that the written Word of God is truth. It does not merely contain nuggets of truth; it *is* pure, unchangeable, and inviolable truth that (according to Jesus) “cannot be broken” ([John 10:35](#)). Praying to His heavenly Father on behalf of His disciples, He said this: “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” ([John 17:17](#)). Moreover, the Word of God is eternal truth “which lives and abides forever” ([1 Peter 1:23](#)).

**John MacArthur, “The Truth War: Fighting for Truth in an Age of Deception”**

**Postmodernism in general is marked by a tendency to dismiss the possibility of any sure and settled knowledge of the truth. Postmodernism suggests that if objective truth exists, it cannot be known objectively, or with any degree of certainty. This is because (according to postmodernists), the subjectivity of the human mind makes knowledge of objective truth impossible.**

**John MacArthur, “The Truth War: Fighting for Truth in an Age of Deception”**

**So it is useless to think of truth in objective terms. Objectivity is an illusion. Nothing is certain, and the thoughtful person will never speak with too much conviction about anything. Strong convictions about any point of truth are judged supremely arrogant and hopelessly naïve. Everyone is entitled to their own truth.**

**A.W. Tozer**

**Millions of professing believers talk as if Christ were real but act as if He is not.  
And always, our actual position is to be discovered by the way we act, not by the  
way we talk.**

**Titus 1:16**

**They profess to know God but by their deeds they deny Him...**

3 John 2-4

What does it mean to 'walk in truth'?

See 1 John 1:6-7

**Donald James** (British novelist)

**When a well-packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over  
generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous, and its speaker a raving  
lunatic.**

**J.C. Ryle**

**Let us never forget that truth, if distorted and exaggerated, can become the  
mother of the most dangerous heresies.**

**Hyper-Grace (Antinomianism)**

**Legalism**

**Syncretism**

**Liberation Theology (Social Gospel)**

**Noah Webster**

**Education is useless without the Bible.**

**Gary DeMar**

Like Archimedes who once boasted that given the proper lever and a place to stand, he could "move the earth," the Christian apologist seeks to base his defense on a sound foundation to move the hearts and minds of sinners to embrace the

eternal hope found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. But upon what would Archimedes stand to accomplish such a feat? He couldn't use the earth to move the earth. Archimedes needed a place to stand *outside* the earth, a place *different* from the earth he wanted to move. His lever also needed a fulcrum. This, too, had to rest on something.

Atlas had a similar problem when he was condemned by Zeus to stand eternally at the western end of the earth to hold up the sky. (In artistic renderings, Atlas is depicted as holding up the world.) But what is Atlas standing upon? And what is what he's standing upon standing upon? What's supporting Atlas? (You can see where this is going!)

Anyone involved in debate over any topic must deal with the issue of a sound and fixed starting point. It is fundamental. All debate will finally come to rest on a starting point. In the final analysis, the Christian's starting point is the Word of God. When the sixteenth-century Reformer Martin Luther "was called to defend his rejection of indulgences before the church and before the emperor, Luther, alone and in peril of his life, appealed to the authority of the Word of God. 'Here I stand,' he said; 'I can do no other.'

## **SOCIALISM**

Steve Gallagher

At first glance, socialism is a theory that any conscientious person could endorse or even get excited about. If enacted in its purest form, the idea that it would instantly right the wrongs of society and put an end to poverty, starvation, deprivation, and most of the violence in which the world languishes.

Steve Gallagher

According to its proponents, socialism is the one political system that would answer the world's woes and bring it into a social utopia. This belief system underlies and essentially controls the academic realm.

Webster's Dictionary

Diversity

The condition of having, or being composed of, differing elements or people  
College Today



The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique and recognizing our individual differences. It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive, nurturing environment.

BUT

Steve Gallagher

We all know this definition is simply not factual. A more honest evaluation of the new society is that in socialistic circles Christians are treated with the same kind of disdain as the Jews of pre-war Germany.

One of the core beliefs of socialism is that there are minority groups that have been mistreated, and therefore should be provided extra benefits. It is, in short, bias in reverse. White heterosexual males are at the bottom of the new social pecking order.

The reality of the socialism in Western academic circles is the belief that white America has, at best, taken advantage of minority groups; at worst it has subjugated and abused them. The typical thought that reigns in academic circles is that the onus is on white Americans to correct past wrongs through reparation.

b. Marxism, Socialism, and Communism are atheistic worldviews that prove the point. They justified the murder of any millions of their own citizens the name of their ideology. Look at these numbers from the 20<sup>th</sup> century:

**Catholic Website: [patheos.com](http://patheos.com)**

**Mao Ze-Dong (China, 1958-69) 49-78,000,00 people murdered**

**Jozef Stalin (USSR 1932-39 only) 15,000,000 people murdered**

**Pol Pot (Cambodia, 1975-79) 1,700,000 people murdered**

**Kim Il Sung (North Korea 1948-94) 1.6 million people murdered**

**Tito (Yugoslavia 1945-1987) 570,000 people murdered**

**Suharto (Indonesia 1967-66) 500,000 people murdered**

**Ante Pavelic (Croatia 1941-45) 359,000 people murdered**

**Ho Chi Min (Vietnam 1953-56) 200,000 people murdered**

**Vladimir Ilich Lenin (USSR, 1917-20) 30,000 people murdered**

**Adolf Hitler (Germany 1939-1945) 12,000,000 people murdered**

**Gary DeMar**

Every decision that man has made and will make is determined by the place he decides to take his stand. Where does finite man plant his epistemological feet when he makes a decision about the rightness or wrongness of certain behavior?

Gary DeMar quoting **Robert L. Reymond, "The Justification of Knowledge"**  
Prior to the Fall, Adam "gladly acknowledged the fact of God's sovereignty over him and the fact of his own creaturehood. God was his his final reference point for every human predication. It was God who determined for him right and wrong, and he willingly thought God's thoughts after Him."

**Robert L. Reymond, "The Justification of Knowledge"**

It was Adam's decision to shift his place to stand that made the Fall a fall. He no longer stood on the solid foundation of God's Word, but instead chose to view his own opinion and that of an equally finite and incompetent outsider as reliable sources of authority.

**Robert L. Reymond, "The Justification of Knowledge"**

After the Fall, it became man's nature to 'suppress' God's revelation to him, both general and special. He found the most successful means of doing this to be a preoccupation with his own ideals and purposes on the one hand, and increasing sin and immorality on the other."

**Gary DeMar**

**The position that says, 'Everybody's truth is equally valid' is itself a worldview known as 'relativism' which, if true, would mean that all contradicting worldviews are false. So, there's no neutrality in the collision of worldviews.**

**Gary DeMar**

**Everyone will have answers to big-picture questions which will slope their view toward or away from truth.**

**Greg Hood**

**Today, truth is more detested than a lie. We are in that day right now. We have news cycles all day long, 24/7, but little of it is truth. Instead, we are seeing**

**reporting seeking to change our culture, our times, and the assignments that God has given us as individuals and as a nation.**

**Isaiah 5:20**

**“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”**

**G. Gresham Machen, “Christianity and Culture”**

**“To bring back truth, on a practical level, the church must encourage Christians to be not merely consumers of culture but makers of culture. The church needs to cultivate Christian artists, musicians, novelists, filmmakers, journalists, attorneys, teachers, scientists, business executives, and the like...**

**G. Gresham Machen, “Christianity and Culture”**

**...teaching its laypeople the sense in which every secular vocation—including, above all, the callings of husband, wife, and parent—is a sphere of Christian ministry, a way of serving God and neighbor that is grounded in God’s truth.**

**G. Gresham Machen, “Christianity and Culture”**

**Christian laypeople must be encouraged to be leaders in their fields, rather than eager-to-please followers, working from the assumptions of their biblical worldview, not the vapid clichés of pop culture. The Christian cannot be satisfied so long as any human activity is either opposed to Christianity or out of all connection with Christianity.**

**SEE LENGTHY MCARTHUR QUOTE ON EVOLUTION**

**Charles Darwin**

**I am determined to escape from design and a personal God at all costs.**

The bottom line is that people do now want to be held accountable for their actions. See John 3:19-21

SEE SECTION ON INDOCTRINATION

**C.S. Lewis**

**Nothing can deceive unless it bears a plausible resemblance to reality...No one can deceive you unless he makes you think he is telling the truth.**

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

**For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.**

**Gil Courtemanche, Canadian journalist**

**Propaganda is as powerful as heroin; it surreptitiously dissolves all capacity to think.**

**Webster**

**Socialism is a system of society or group living in which there is no 'private property' and in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state.**

**Steve Gallagher**

**If there is one thing I have learned over the years it is that I must immerse myself in truth: think the truth, speak the truth and live the truth. Truth must be something more tangible than an ethereal belief system.**

**Steve Gallagher**

**If the truth of scripture is not a powerful force in my life, directing the way I think, speak, and act, then my witness for Christ will be meaningless and will even do damage to the name of the Lord and His kingdom.**

Psalm 31:5

**Thomas Sowell**

**“How long do politicians have to keep promising heaven and delivering hell before people catch on and stop getting swept away by rhetoric?”**

**Joseph Goebbels**

**A lie told once remains a lie but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth.**

**Joseph Goebbels**

**The essence of propaganda consists in winning people over to an idea so sincerely, so vitally, that in the end they succumb to it utterly and can never escape from it.**

**Winston Churchill**

**Truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end...there it is.**

**Michael Rivero, Talk Show Host**

**The truth is ‘hate speech’ only to those who have something to hide.**

**Psalm 62:2**

**They delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.**

**Shane Idleman**

**When a pastor stands firm for truth, he is demeaned, mocked, and scorned—or people simply leave that church in search of a more “loving” pastor. But this persecution, according to Scripture, can be a badge of honor, as long as our boldness is a fruit of the Spirit and not the fruit of an arrogant heart.**

Civil rights activist Shaun King says this. “Since the early 1970s, Joe Biden has been a serial liar ...”

Mr. King goes on to explain.

“In 1987, when Joe Biden was running for president for the very first time, his campaign got swallowed up in a swarm of lies that [he] told about himself all over

the country. First, Biden was caught plagiarizing a famous speech from, then, British Labor Party Leader Neil Kinnock — including parts of the speech that came straight from Kinnock's personal life that were not true for Biden.

"Then, he plagiarized yet another speech from the late Robert Kennedy and another from JFK and another from Hubert Humphrey ... Soon, it was discovered that Biden had not just plagiarized those four speeches, but had lied about academic awards [that he never earned], lied about scholarships [that he never received], and lied about his ranking in law school [stating he graduated in the top half of his class when in fact he finished 76th out of 85]."

Mr. King then concludes by highlighting the series of 31 Biden lies he finds most foul; a list of prevarications dating back to the '70s that are beyond the pale because they show Mr. Biden to be a bald-faced liar about his involvement in our nation's march for civil rights.

After going through each one of these deceptions in great detail, Mr. King offers this summary: "Joe Biden ... on the backs of people who actually paid an enormous price for being activists and organizers in the Civil Rights Movement, created a completely false narrative of his work and contributions ..." In other words, Mr. Biden repeatedly claimed that he took part in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and not a word of it was or is true. It never happened. He is lying.

**Jeff Chidester, Seacoastonline.com**

**On numerous occasions, Joe Biden claimed he was an activist and organizer within the civil rights movement, that he had been trained as a civil rights activist in Black churches, that he had participated in civil rights sit-ins, boycotts, and marches, and even went so far as to claim he was 'raised in a Black church.'**

**Jeff Chidester, Seacoastonline.com**

**None of this is true, not even a little bit. It's all a complete fabrication. A decent man does not do this; a deceitful man does. But there is more. A lot more.**

Mr. Chidester writes of the "one Biden lie, above all others" that he considers "not only repugnant, but vile to its very core."

In 1972 after Mr. Biden's first wife, Neilia, and his daughter, Naomi, lost their lives in a tragic auto accident, Joe Biden immediately took to the stump, claiming that Curtis C. Dunn, the driver of the tractor-trailer rig that hit the Bidens, was drunk at the time of the accident.

Here's the problem. This is not true. Not even close.  
Mr. Chidester writes, "[The fact is that] Biden's wife failed to yield the right of way, Dunn put his life in jeopardy when trying to avoid hitting the Biden vehicle, and after the accident tried to render aid to the Biden family. Delaware Superior Court Judge Jerome O. Herlihy, who oversaw the police investigation as chief prosecutor [at the time], said there was absolutely no evidence whatsoever supporting Joe Biden's 'claim.' Curtis Dunn was, in fact, cleared of any wrongdoing."

Jeff Chidester

**For over 47 years of public life, Joe Biden has shown himself to have an irresistible propensity to lie. He has lied to his professors. He has lied to his constituents. He has lied about his academic work. He has lied about his speeches. He has lied about his support of civil rights. He has even lied about the death of his own wife and young daughter. And today, he continues to lie to us about his son, Burisma, the CCP and himself.**

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**John Fetterman**

**I never supported a socialist healthcare system.**

**In 2016**

**"Socialist single-payer health care is ideal."**

**Jon Fetterman**

I support fracking/but he did oppose it and even signed a pledge to ban it.

Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania

Many others have pointed out the folly of using the term 'trickle down economics' while no real economic model or serious school of thought stands behind what has long been a term of art at the intersection of politics and media.

Professor Joao F. Gomes, Wharton

I have a little bit of a hard time with the terminology and the idea of trickle-down economics. Although everyone in the popular press has a somewhat different characterization of what it means, this is not something we have tested or seriously theorized about as economists.

## SYNCRETISM

Ken Ham

Worldview matters! How you see the world has consequences for what you do, what you value, and what you pass along to the next generation. A worldview that isn't firmly anchored to the truth of God's Word is ultimately going to shift and change with the ideas that prevail in our culture. Such a Christian can't be salt and light.

It's like what Jesus described in Matthew:

Matthew 5:13

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

And, like I wrote above, what you believe—what shapes and forms your worldview—will determine what you pass along to your children (and even grandchildren). And Barna pointed to research that found only 2%—**two percent**—of US parents with children under the age of 13 have a biblical worldview! He added, Why does that matter? . . . Because you can't give what you don't have. And here we have 98 out of every 100 parents in America who cannot give their children a biblical worldview because they don't have one.

How heartbreaking! That's why we're seeing such secularism and godlessness among Gen Z and the generation coming up after them. They've never been taught the things of the Lord because their parents can't pass along what they don't possess, even if they want to!

There's absolutely no replacement for time spent in God's Word! It's there that he leads us into truth.



4,000 years later, the Son of God confronted the preachers of His day to confirm that the nature of the devil never changed.

John 8:44-45

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

## II. What Is Truth?

### A. Tonight's

#### KEY POINTS

What is truth?

Who is the greatest enemy of truth?

Syncretistic worldview

Regime of lies (politicians, media)

Live not by lies

The father of lies

#### Gallup Poll 2021

Church attendance in 1999: 70%

Church attendance in 2021: 47%

## Live Not By Lies

### 1 John 2:3-6

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

### The Biblical Illustrator

"The lusts of the devil" are to be understood in this way, not of his individual desires or longings-- for how could the Jews do these?-- but of the things which are the object of his desires-- such as the establishment and permanence of error, vice, and misery among men-- whatever is calculated to gratify his impious malignant mind, a mind of which, as Milton powerfully expresses it, "evil is the good." To do the things which the devil desires is to oppose truth and to increase sin and misery. These things the Jews did-- habitually did.

### John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

### Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago

And the lie, has in fact, led us so far from a normal society that you cannot even orient yourself any longer; in its dense, gray fog not even one pillar can be seen.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Lying has always been used for political purposes. Lies cover up corruption, past mistakes, and hidden motives, and they are an essential ingredient in political campaigning.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Sometimes, however, political lies take on a much more sinister form. The lies become all-encompassing, embrace every aspect of life and infect every corner of society. This occurrence is a sign that totalitarianism may be rising.

Hannah Arendt, Political Philosopher

Totalitarianism, at its essence, is an attempt at transforming reality into fiction. It is the attempt of corrupt and pathological state (political) actors to impose a fictional account of the world onto the entire population.

Nazi Germany-the superior race vs. the Jews  
Soviet Union-that communism would work

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*

In our country, the Soviet Union, the lie has become not just a moral category but a pillar of the State.

Vaclav Havel

Life in the system is permeated with hypocrisy and lies. Because the regime is captive to its own lies it must falsify everything. It falsifies the past. It falsifies the present, and it falsifies the future. It falsifies statistics.

Vaclav Havel

The best resistance to totalitarianism is simply to drive it out of our own souls, our own circumstances, our own land, to drive it out of contemporary mankind.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, "Live Not By Lies"

We are approaching the brink; already a universal spiritual demise is upon us; a physical one is about to flare up and engulf our children, while we continue to smile sheepishly and babble, "But what can we do to stop it? We haven't the strength." But we can do—everything!—even if we comfort and lie to ourselves

that this is not so. It is not “they” who are guilty of everything, but “we” ourselves,  
only we!

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, “Live Not By Lies”

And therein we find, neglected by us, the simplest, the most accessible key to our liberation; a personal non-participation in lies! Even if all is covered by lies, even if all is under their rule, let us resist in the smallest way: Let their rule hold not through me!

Vaclav Havel

If the main pillar of the (totalitarian) system is living a lie, then it is not surprising that the fundamental threat to it is living the truth. This is why the system must suppress the truth more severely than anything else.

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For Havel, to ‘live within the truth’, is to stop parroting the lies of the state, and to refrain from acting in which ways conform to state propaganda. It is to live as freely and authentically as possible, to boldly express our individuality and spontaneity.

Hannah Arendt

Spontaneity, with its incalculability, is the greatest of all obstacles to total domination over man. It is to follow our conscience and place morality above unjust laws, to fearlessly pursue personal and communal values, and to give voice to our thoughts, undeterred by ridicule.

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To live within truth is to act in ways which promote a cultural reawakening, thus serving as a counterforce to the totalitarian system’s coercive march towards cultural stagnation, suffering and death.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago  
Our way must be, never knowingly support lies!

Vaclav Havel, The Power of the Powerless

The 'velvet revolution' in Czechoslovakia occurred not through political reform, but upon the existence of growing numbers of individuals who were willing to live within the truth, even when things were at their worst.

Vaclav Havel, *The Power of the Powerless*

They could have equally been painters, musicians, or simply ordinary citizens who were able to maintain their human dignity. One thing seems clear: the attempt at political reform was not the cause of society's reawakening, but rather the final outcome of that reawakening.

Vaclav Havel, *The Power of the Powerless*

This unveils an important but underappreciated characteristic of this type of political system. Despite appearances, it is by nature weak, brittle, and in need of constant infusions of fear and lies in order to prevent it from collapsing. This weakness is why totalitarian regimes constantly slander and persecute anyone, even harmless musicians, who engage in an even modest attempt to live within the truth.

Truth is the primary enemy of totalitarianism because it erodes the foundation of lies upon which it is built.

Totalitarian systems condition their citizens to believe that the individual is powerless to effectuate social and political change; but history has repeatedly shown otherwise.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*  
One man who stopped lying could bring down a tyranny.

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What we choose to say and how we decide to act influences not just the state of our own character but also the state of society. And when living in the midst of totalitarian rule, the fundamental choice to make is whether we are going to stand on the side of truth, or on the side of lies and malevolent authority.

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For those who choose the latter, whether out of fear or apathy, or merely to take the path of least resistance, A.S. had this to say...

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*

Let him not brag of his progressive views, boast of his status as an academician or a recognized artist, a distinguished citizen or a general. Let him say to himself plainly:  
“I am cattle, I am a coward, I seek only warmth and to eat my fill.”

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The responsibility for totalitarian rule lies mainly with those who support it.

Vaclav Havel

There is obviously something in human beings which responds positively to the totalitarian system. Human beings are compelled to live within a lie, but they can be compelled to do so only because in fact they are capable of doing so. Therefore, not only does the system alienate humanity, but at the same time alienated humanity supports this system as its own involuntary master plan, as a degenerate image of its own degeneration, as a record of people's own failure as individuals.

Vaclav Havel

Steve Deace

You cannot defeat an evil if you do not understand what it is. And a lot of what we have called liberalism, or leftism, or progressivism for the past decade is really just plain old paganism. It's really an attempt to take us back to a pre-Christian view of the world.

Steve Deace

The minimal stakes we are playing for here is the end of western civilization. When you go to nihilism you have man becoming like God where you step into the realm of transcendence. You declare yourself the highest law. This is true Antichrist nihilism, where there is no Transcendent truth.

Nihilism

The rejection of all religious and moral principles; the belief that life is meaningless

**Nihilism is the belief that all values are baseless and that nothing can be known or communicated. It is often associated with extreme pessimism and a radical skepticism that condemns existence. A true nihilist would believe in nothing, have no loyalties, and no purpose other than, perhaps, an impulse to destroy.**

**Nihilism was popularized by Friedrich Nietzsche, the 19th century German philosopher who proposed that existence is meaningless, moral codes worthless, and God is dead.**

**An example of nihilism is the desire for the complete rejection of the established order or social system and religious principles.**

**The nihilist says, ‘there is no God, no heaven or hell, nothing is absolutely right or wrong.**

**Nihilists don’t think we live in a reality with a meaning of life set in stone by the Creator.**

**Daily-Philosophy.com**

**A good way to deal with nihilism would be to contrast it with the diametrically opposite possibility; a situation where there is perfect meaning to life, with perfect happiness, no sorrow or injustice, and where the progress of nature ensures this in every way.**

**CollinsDictionary.com**

**Nihilism is a belief which rejects all political and religious authority and current ideas in favor of the individual.**

**Gary DeMar**

The manifestation of evil today is real. The conflict is expressed by differing worldviews, energized by contrary principles. There is no neutral ground in the conflict between worldviews. Jesus says, “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters” (Luke 11:23).

**Gary DeMar**

Religion will always exist in society. If the biblical God is not recognized in a culture, something else will take His place. Even atheism is a religion, though the atheist will deny it.

Gary DeMar

If Christians attempt to be neutral (an impossibility) they allow man's worldview (humanism) to prevail. The myth of neutrality must be eliminated from the Christian's mind. In the last analysis we shall have to choose between two theories of knowledge. According to one theory God is the final court of appeal; according to the other theory man is the final court of appeal.

3. The 1 true religion is based on the authority of the Word of God; the other, no matter what name you give it), is based on the authority of the word of man.

A.A. Hodge

It is our duty, as far as lies in our power, immediately to organize human society and all its institutions upon a distinctively Christian basis. Indifference or impartiality here between the law of the kingdom and the law of the world, or of its prince, the devil, is utter treason to the King of Righteousness.

A.A. Hodge

The Bible, the great statutebook of the kingdom, explicitly lays down principles which, when candidly applied, will regulate the action of every human being in all relations. There can be no compromise. The King said, with regard to all descriptions of moral agents in all spheres of activity, "He that is not with me is against me."

A.A. Hodge

If the national life in general is organized upon nonChristian principles, the churches which are embraced within the universal assimilating power of that nation will not long be able to preserve their integrity.



Isaiah 33:22

For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us.

**BeliefNet.com**

“I’m not religious. I’m an atheist” is a common statement today but it is at heart an oxymoron. While atheism does not look like Christianity or Islam, the two largest religions in the world, atheism is a religion. While it is true that atheists do not believe in God, that does not mean that they are not religious.

In daily conversation, atheism is equated with other religions. When asked, “Are you a Christian?”, most atheists will respond, “No, I’m an atheist”. Atheist Atheist, then, becomes a religious label just like “No, I’m a Buddhist.” Atheists also evangelize, though they do not want to use that word to describe their conversion attempts. “Evangelize” is most commonly used in relationship to Christianity, but it can be used to describe other religion’s attempts to gain converts, and atheism aggressively seeks to create new converts. Many atheists feel a sense of obligation or desire to “open people’s eyes” to what they see as the folly of other religions. There is no difference between an atheist attempting to get a Jew to admit there is no God and a Christian seeking to get a Hindu to denounce the idea of reincarnation. Both people are trying to convert a person from one belief system to another. Atheists’ conversion attempts are also blatantly religious because they are focused on beliefs about and in God

The most common misconception that keeps people from correctly labeling atheism a religion is the idea that religion is confined to beliefs in God, not beliefs about God or the actions taken as a result of those beliefs. Were religion merely beliefs in God, then Christianity, Islam and Judaism would technically be the same religion, and no one with any sense is going to argue that those three are actually one religion. As such, perhaps it is time that the list of major world religions is expanded to include the latest serious player on the religious stage: atheism.

Romans 1:17-18

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...

Isaiah 1:7-9

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; strangers devour your land in your presence; and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a hut in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 Unless the Lord of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah.

Revelation 13:8

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:46

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

It's a battle of 2 religions

Christianity, which is based on the Word of God, versus  
Teach them that the world is in a war between 2 religions

Brandon Clay, TruthStory.org

Whenever we express an opinion we smuggle in our personal bias. Whether it's in the comfortable confines of your dining room or the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court, every opinion in religion or otherwise is backed by a theological bias. This is just as true for the Christian as it is for the secularist.

Charles Hodge

This is true religion. To approve what God approves, to hate what He hates, and to delight in what delights Him.

David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

I am never tired of saying that what the Church needs to do is not to organize evangelistic campaigns to attract outside people, but to begin herself to live the Christian life.

Chuck Pierce

We don't need to think humanistically. Humanistic religion can wear you down. We need to know that we are coming into a time when it is not just about right versus left, male versus female, culture versus race, but kingdom versus kingdom.

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

The point is this: all law is enacted morality and presupposes a moral system, a moral law, and all morality presupposes a religion as its foundation. Law rests on morality, and morality rests on religion as its foundation. Law rests on morality, and morality on religion.

Whenever and wherever you weaken the religious foundation of a country or a people, you then weaken the morality also, and you take away the foundations of its law. The result is the progressive collapse of law and order, and the breakdown of society.

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

This is what we are experiencing today. Law and order are deteriorating, because the religious foundations, the Biblical foundations, are being denied by the courts and the people. Our American system of laws has rested on a Biblical foundation of law, on Biblical morality, and we are now denying the Biblical foundations in favor of a humanistic one.

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

From colonial days to the present, American law has represented Biblical faith and morality. Because it has been Biblical, our laws have not tried to save men by law, but they have sought to establish and maintain that system of law and order which is most conducive to godly society.

Now, our increasingly humanistic laws, courts, and legislators are giving us a new morality. They tell us, as they strike down laws resting upon Biblical foundations, that morality cannot be legislated, but what they offer is not only legislated morality but salvation by law, and no Christian can accept this.

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

Man can only be changed by the grace of God through the ministry of His word. Man cannot be changed by statist legislation. He cannot be legislated into a new

character. The evil will or heart of man can be restrained by law, in that a man can be afraid of the consequences of disobedience.

We all slow down a bit when we see a cop car.

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

The majority of men in office today are intensely moral and religious men, deeply concerned with saving men by law. From the Biblical perspective, from the Christian perspective, their program is immoral and ungodly, but these men are, from their humanistic perspective, not only men of great education but men of earnestly humanistic faith and morality.

R.J. Rushdoony, "Law And Liberty"

The Bible is religiously barred from the schools, because the schools have another established religion, humanism. The courts will not recognize Christianity as the common law foundation of American life and civil government, because the courts have already established humanism as the religious foundation of American life.

John 19:14-16

14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

Judgment fell upon Israel less than 40 years later, with the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple. The Jews were scattered through the earth, not to regather for over 1900 years!

A.A. Hodge

The kingdom of God on earth is not confined to the mere ecclesiastical sphere, but aims at absolute universality, and extends its supreme reign over every department of human life.

A.A. Hodge

It follows that it is the duty of every loyal subject to endeavor to bring all human society, social and political, as well as ecclesiastical, into obedience to its law of righteousness.

Gary DeMar

Early in the nineteenth century, a blasphemer in New York thought that religion and politics did not mix. “Nonsense, ruled Justice James Kent, for the people need religion and morality ‘to bind society together.’ He then added: ‘The people of this state, in common with the people of this country, profess the general doctrines of Christianity as the rule of their faith and practice.’ The decision in this case, the justice concluded, rested upon the incontrovertible fact that ‘we are a Christian people.’” **[1] (Reynolds Vs. Ruggles, 1811)**

Gary DeMar

Many wish to maintain that the State must be religiously and morally neutral. The Bible makes no such suggestion. Even our Constitution assumes the protection of the Christian religion. The First Amendment had the specific purpose of excluding all rivalry among Christian denominations. Paul expected even the Roman civil government to protect him from those who threatened the Christian religion (Acts 23: 12— 31; cf. 25: 11). This means civil government cannot be religiously neutral. If the Christian religion is not defended, then some other religion will be, usually a State religion that degenerates into secularism. The State cannot be neutral toward all religions because all religious views or philosophies necessarily entail uncompromising moral systems, and this guarantees conflict with those of other religious systems. If the State were truly "neutral," it would enact no laws, for each law would penalize someone's religion or religious view or religious practice.

Francis P. Miller, “What is the Chief End of Man?”, May 26, 1947  
his mind illumined by faith can discern that human existence has significance and that God intends man to have a destiny both in **this** world and in the world to come.

It is precisely at this point that modern Protestantism is weakest and most vulnerable. Religion is usually conceived of by Protestants as being primarily concerned with the destiny of man’s soul and, as a corollary, with man’s conduct

(personal and social). As far as it goes that is a true conception. But concern for conduct in relation to man's spiritual destiny does not necessarily include concern for man's destiny on this planet. And it is about their destiny on this planet that men are most confused and disturbed. As rational beings and as beings capable of faith, men have the right to inquire and to seek assurance regarding their earthly pilgrimage. But when men inquire, contemporary Protestantism is unable to give a satisfying answer.

**Francis P. Miller**

Our failure as Christians to give man some adequate clue to the meaning of his earthly existence is the explanation of the underlying crisis of Western civilization. At the very moment when we are most inarticulate on this subject, Communism (the only serious rival of Christianity as a world religion) is passionately articulate.

The Communist faith is concerned exclusively with man's hopes on this earth. That explains the appeal that it makes and will continue to make to the masses of mankind. The Communist faith is false, but we must beware lest our aversion to the Marxist lie blinds us to man's legitimate hunger for assurance regarding the significance of his life in this world as well as in the next.

Henry Meeter, "The Great Ideas of Calvinism"

If God is Ruler, no man may ever insist that religion be a merely private matter and be divorced from any sphere of society, political or otherwise. God must rule everywhere! The State must bow to His ordinances just as well as the Church or any private individual.

**Barna Research**

**90 percent of the pastors we surveyed agreed that the Bible does speak to every political issue. But when the pastors were asked if they were teaching their people about what the Bible says about those issues, only 10 percent of the pastors said they were, or that they would do so.**

a. 90% of our Christian churches won't confront the lies because they're too busy conforming to the ways of the world.

### **Os Guinness**

**The church, in its effort to become relevant, has become irrelevant. It has decided to redefine itself in such clearly cultural terms to appeal to the culture that it cannot confront the culture.**

b. Churches become irrelevant to the world when they pursue popularity in the same way the world does.

c. For some churches, that means avoiding anything that may offend; a kind of self-imposed 'political correctness' that requires silence on subjects that involve political governments. The Greek philosopher Plato warned us...

### **Plato**

**The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.**

d. When senior pastors are silent, we open the door for the election of evil leaders; then we see a fulfilment of...

### **Proverbs 29:2**

**When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.**