LYING

* THE HORRIFIC STENCH & DEADLY POISON OF LYING *

"Thou shalt not bear false witness..." – Ex. 20:16

Have you ever told a **lie**? Do you always speak the truth? Or, like most people, do you tell **lies** when it is to your advantage? After weighing the consequences of such actions, you wouldn't think **lying** is advantageous for yourself or anyone else. There is no such thing as a harmless white **lie**!

"...All **liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." – Rev. 21:8; Prov. 19:5, 9

Sadly, most people live in a constant state of **lying** as slaves of their own personal insincerities. They are tormented with an inferiority complex as "Men of High Degree" are enshrined as idols before the eyes of the public (Ps. 62:9). The vulnerable up-and-coming generation is reared in a toxic culture that has normalized insults and ridicule. Frightened sinners are driven to be someone they are not – to become "a **lie**" – and hereby they **deceive** themselves and everyone else (Ps. 62:9; Jer. 17:9). Based upon unpleasant past experiences, and deep personal regret, people will reinvent themselves in hopes for a different future. As habitual **liars**, "...having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" (Jude 1:16), the common people learn to manipulate their own personalities to become popular. Men will do almost anything to get the honor and respect of their peers! Meanwhile, they all claim to be strong believers in God.

"How can ye believe, which receive **honour** one of another, and seek not the **honour** that cometh from God only?" - John 5:44

People feel no shame about their desire for acceptance. Naturally, it's all just a part of surviving in a world of envious and hateful sinners (Lk. 16:15). Therefore, conveniently, the reinvention of oneself is dubbed the discovery of oneself! No wonder. For, it was written, "A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself." (Prov. 18:2). Modern society tells us that anything and everything is ethical as long as you are being yourself! This is a lie from hell.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" – Jer. 17:9

Ignorance is bliss ever since *The Enlightenment* of the 17th & 18th centuries, when men decided to exalt their own power of *Reason* above *the Bible*. Then all the sinners huddled together to try to figure out what is wrong with humanity, and they called it *Psychology*. Now, hundreds of years later, people have never been more intelligent and knowledgeable, while at the same time they have never been more confused and immoral. 20 million people a year are so depressed in life that they attempt to kill themselves! That's 200 million people per decade desperately attempting to die by suicide! Given the circumstances, I wonder...will you suffer God to tell you the truth?

"Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him." – Prov. 26:12

The curious discovery of oneself is a horrifying exercise, like digging up the coffin of a dead corpse so that you might open it up and discover the *sights*, *sounds*, and *smells* of the hot, vaporous, and rapidly decomposing flesh

that is before you (Rom. 3:13). If everyone on earth was interested in this kind of a discovery, then the whole world would be polluted with the smell of the dead. This is a spiritual reality! If only men could see things the way that God sees them.

"Their throat is an open sepulchre [grave]; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:" – Rom. 3:13

Do you use your tongue for deceit? Honestly deceived people unknowingly become the ministers of deception. The Devil, the Father of Lies, is a master manipulator who controls the world through deception (Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2-3). This reign of terror is perpetuated through lies. Meanwhile, God hates the lying lips and tongues of sinners (Prov. 6:16-19, 12:22)! Only because the haters of God disguise their hatred for the LORD through promoting lies (Prov. 10:18). Sinners proudly and contemptuously argue against the truth to their own hurt (Ps. 31:18)! Each in their own way, everyone is honestly playing a part in the madness: call them Prophets, Preachers, Politicians, or Professionals; or call them Businessmen, Journalists, Reporters, or Authors, the damning presence of deception is everywhere.

Some men create their own "truth" like traditional false Prophets, as Mohammad did in *Islam*, Buddha in *Buddhism*, the Pope in *Catholicism*, the Brahmans in *Hinduism*, or the Sanhedrin in *Judaism*. Others do the same through political ideologies like *Conservatism*, *Liberalism*, or *Socialism*. Every belief system or ideology that relies upon the inherent *goodness* of humanity is fundamentally **false**. For, the Word of God says, "...there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:12). However, naturally, sinners will be all that they can be through works-based Religions or works-based social agendas of Nationalism and Globalism. They will encourage themselves in these affairs despite the fact that nothing ever goes as planned. Sinners just can't stop biting and devouring one another! Meanwhile, the common people don't even know that their definition of morality and goodness is contrary to the Bible (Php. 3:18-19; Gal. 6:14; Jer. 9:23-24).

"Every way of a man is **right** in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts." – Prov. 21:2

The noble men and women of society believe in *themselves*, and they believe in *the best* of people (Jer. 17:5). Therefore, when someone says *good things* about other people, he or she has a reputation of being a *good person* (Rom. 3:10-12). This is called "love" in the 21st Century – it is manifest in *tolerance*, acceptance, harmony, & unity. Furthermore, the elite of America will go on to tell you that Democracy is the light of the world! Literally, millions of pilgrims will annually visit the governmental buildings of Democracy with reverence and awe as those that venture into sacred grounds. Meanwhile, the patriotic dreamers and military personnel of America treat the national holidays like religious holy days. This is **blasphemy**!

"And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." - Luke 16:15

Every lie from each category carries with it the same **poison**. In every case the *righteousness* and *honor* of the good man is a lie (Isa. 64:6)! *Religiously, nationally, culturally,* or *patriotically,* the **deception** comes in the form of **flattery** (Prov. 26:28). Evil men are seduced by a blinding force of *pride* that makes sinners feel good about themselves (1 Jn. 2:15-17). All the *ideologies, philosophes,* and *dogmas* of the world are different shades of gray. One way or another, sinners come to believe that they will be allowed into Heaven because of their good deeds.

"Woe unto them that call *evil* good, and *good* evil; that put *darkness* for light, and *light* for darkness; that put *bitter* for sweet, and *sweet* for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" – Isa. 5:20-21

The most famous false Prophets of today are theoretical scientists. Maybe you've heard of them. Men like Darwin, who was a theoretical evolutionist. Men like Stephen Hawking, who was a theoretical physicist. The theoretical scientists of modern times influence the skilled writers and storytellers of the day, so that the Authors and Scriptwriters then produce radical tales of Science Fiction that captivate the world with amazement and wonder. The desire to peer into a fantastic story is simply irresistible to sinners! The love for television and movies transcends cultural, national, and religious differences all over the world. This is wickedness!

"A wicked doer giveth heed to false *lips*; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue." – Prov. 17:4

In every case the *popularity* of the **lie** gets the people's attention, and with so many people in agreement about something the **fantasy** becomes powerful, not because the **lie** itself is powerful but because the ingrained desire to please men in sinners is powerful (Ex. 23:1-3; Gal. 1:10). The naughty tongue of a **fantastic** *storyteller* is just a prolific **liar** who makes a living out of entertaining other **liars** (Prov. 17:4). Literally, *Science Fiction* is nothing more than an intelligent **liar** entertaining people with **fantasy**!

"And for this cause God shall send them strong **delusion**, that they should believe a **lie**: That they all might be damned who believed not **the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." – 2 Thess. 2:11-12

"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." – Rev. 22:15