

## **Ignore the devil's Propaganda**

'In Boston, a minister noticed a group of boys standing around a small stray dog. "What are you doing, boys?" "Telling lies", said one of the boys. "The one who tells the biggest lie gets the dog". "Why, when I was your age", the shocked minister said, "I never ever thought of telling a lie". The boys looked at one another, a little crestfallen. Finally one of them shrugged and said, "I guess he wins the dog".

Obviously, this is an old joke. Because, at least in the mind of the minister, society expected that truth-telling was the norm in social interactions. But for these boys, the opposite is the case. Not only is truth telling the exception rather than the norm, these boys expected everyone to lie as a matter of course. A minister, a clergyman, a man of the cloth, was no exception! Unfortunately, in today's society of 2024, lying has surpassed being a science, and gone on to become an art form. And, yes, even Christians have succumbed to the brazenness and coarseness of modern society and become all too adept at lying themselves. Many ministers, pastors, clergy are no exception. Well, thankfully, not all of them. But many have been found out. Far too many have been outed as sexual sinners. Church pastors, youth group leaders, even rank and file members, have been exposed as having had

inappropriate relations, or having dipped their hands into the till. Just last week, a Maryland pastor pled guilty to having swindled \$3.5 million in COVID relief funds to indulge a lavish lifestyle. In addition to being sentenced to 18 months behind bars, he was forced to forfeit his 2018 Tesla Model 3, a luxury home he had purchased in a wealthy Maryland town, and \$2 million in cash.

Truly, lying has become an epidemic. And seemingly without consequence. Don't believe me? My first evidence exhibit is the Democratic nominee for president, Kamala Harris. Yes, she is a politician, and politicians are infamous for lying, but perhaps her biggest one yet is her claim that her "values have not changed", while on issue after issue, she is flip-flopping to sound better to whatever audience she is addressing. And while she is doing that, her running mate, Tim Walz has never ceased lying. But the traditional media outlets cover up all of it, trying to turn the tables and claim that it's only Trump and Vance who are lying, egregiously. It's amazing how we're literally living in a virtual, fake world when almost nothing is real, genuine and true. Mark Twain once said, "The truth has no defense against a fool determined to believe a lie". His statement truly describes our polarized society today. Those on the left, those who are pro death, pro murder, anti life, anti Christ, anti God, somehow believe they are the good people, the one's defending democracy. They are so deceived, and as II Timothy 3:13 says, self-deceived because they want to deceive and be deceived. Truly, it's a mental illness.

The lies go far beyond political posturing but reach down into the very fabric and roots of what it means to be human. For the liars, everything the Bible says, that God has said, is a lie. But the Bible tells us ahead of time, that all lies originate from the devil, for he is the veritable father of lies. The most foundational element of our existence is that we are alive. Each of us has been given the precious gift of life. Yet, the devil would have us believe that our lives are mere accidents of evolution, and have no intrinsic value at all. “Eat, drink and be merry” is the be all and end all of life. If we don’t like our lives, then we should just up and end them. No problem. No matter. Some people may miss us, but it won’t matter to us. For we’ll all just wink out of existence, as if we had never been. Our bodies will help re-fertilize the ground wherever we happen to be buried, or will help re-mineralize the planet if we’re cremated and our dust spread out on the ground and blown away by the winds.

But we know better. God is the author of all life. God is life itself. There is no life without God. Since God is holy and sacred, and since each of our lives, every human being’s, indeed, every animal and species, even, every thing that has any kind of life, are to some degree, valuable. But particularly humans, because unlike all other life, God has given us spirits, so we’re also holy and sacred. While all other life forms are born, live and then die, humans share the very life force of God Himself, and therefore, each and every one of us, even to the tiny embryos in petri dishes

formed in in-vitro fertilization procedures, are human beings. Each and every human life is sacred. And to destroy “unwanted” embryos, excess embryos left stored in cryogenic suspension in laboratories around the world, routinely destroyed to make room for newer ones, in case the implanted ones do not “take”, while many such procedures result in multiple babies, often more than what the parents desire, causing one or more of the excess babies to be aborted in favor of the one or two that are most wanted to the parents, having the most desirable of characteristics, is this not just murder, plain and simple, though called by other words?

Any and all abortion is sin. It’s killing. Murder. People often say we must allow abortion in cases of rape or to “protect the life or health” of the woman. They call this murder “reproductive health care”. What propaganda! “Reproductive health care” is not “care” at all. It results in the murder of a human being, one whom Christ Jesus died on the cross for! It also results for women, lifelong regret, emotional, and often physical, pain as well. It affects the fathers, too, though they often do not acknowledge it until they grow old. We must not use this deceptive language, words dreamt up in the most evil recesses of satan’s vicious mind. “Protect the life and health of the mother”? As if God is not capable of protecting the life and health of the mothers! But what about to avoid the anguish of giving birth to a child conceived in rape? Is not this child, this new life, God’s very answer to the trauma of a rape victim? Is not this child the very solution,

the very means, by which the woman is healed of this offense she suffered? Is God so weak, so clueless, that He does not know how best to heal such women? The bottom line here in all this is that these people want to deny that God even exists.

If there's no God, then we can do whatever we damn well please. We can pretend whatever we want. We can believe and declare to be true anything, no matter the facts! Boys can be girls, and girls can be boys, or cats, or dogs, an old woman one day, a young man the next, or both, or a tree, or whatever one imagines and feels good, at the moment. Why the source of all the world's problems is, wait for it, God! And so, the answer to all the world's problems is to get rid of Him. Entirely. He never was. He was always just a figment of our imaginations. Best to dispense with those fairy tales once and for all. And humanity will then be free to pursue true liberty, to live happily ever after.

So the world, the devil, is behind all of this insanity, it all wants to get rid of God. And to do so, the world must get rid of all reminders, all evidences that He ever existed. And so the world must get rid of all the Jews, and after they're finished off, then the world must get rid of all the Christians. Human beings innately know that only Jews and Christians know the One and Only True and Living God. All the other pretend gods are just idols, who, even if they exist at all, just help humanity do whatever it wants—whatever the demons actually want.

Folks, we're in the End Times. And the anti-semitism we see

around us gaining steam all over the world is more evidence of that fact. “From the river to the sea” chants supposedly call for the liberation of the Holy Land, restoring possession of it to the Arabs who have been trained to call themselves Palestinians. But that’s not what it’s about at all. What it really means is genocide, plain and simple. It’s a call for a Holocaust 2.0. But this time, to succeed because Hitler didn’t have enough time to finish them off last go round. No more Jews? Then that reminder of God is now gone. Next and last to go will be the true Christians. For, frankly, most who call themselves Christians aren’t. One test of them James 2, that is Jacob, shows us. No works of mercy, no loving of enemies, is evidence that there’s no saving faith. Real faith automatically motivates us to works of mercy and service of our fellow human beings because we know they are each and every one bearers of the sacred image of God, but living in bondage to the biggest lie ever conceived, namely that God doesn’t exist!

How do we combat this? Take a lesson from what King Hezekiah ordered the people in Isaiah 36:21: “Do not answer”. In other words, neither listen to the devil’s propaganda, which is what the Assyrian commander was spewing, nor even respond to it. For us, we need to gently, compassionately, but firmly tell the plain, unvarnished truth. For as our Lord plainly told us, “the truth will set you free”. The Truth will set all people free. They just have to believe it. But if they never hear it, how can they? Folks, live out the truth, and support in every way all who proclaim it.

