

Are You Believing This Dangerous Lie About the End Times?

There is a lie so demonically destructive that it has literally rewritten the history of the world, and yet this lie is so entrenched in Christian thinking that it's rarely questioned.

In fact, most believers have heard the lie so many times that they actually assume it's a verse in the Bible. It kind of reminds me of one of my mother's famous sayings, "God helps those who help themselves." She repeated it so often that I was shocked when I started following Jesus, read the entire Bible and couldn't find that verse anywhere! In fact, I found the Bible to be quite the opposite of my mother's mistaken understanding. I discovered that God helps those who can't help themselves, won't help themselves and who don't know how to help themselves!

What Lies Are You Unconsciously Believing?

Yet the lie I am referring to is not like my mother's innocuous quote mistaken for a Bible verse. No!

This lie actually undermines the destiny of nations, decommissions the weapons of our warfare and derails the Great Commission.

One of the simplest ways to get people to believe anything, (be it true or false), is to repeat it often. No one in modern history has ever done this better than Adolf Hitler. Hitler knew that if he confidently repeated his propaganda long enough, the masses would eventually assume it to be true. So persuasive was his lying ideology that he literally convinced an entire nation into genocide of their Jewish friends and

neighbors for the common good. Six million Jews were murdered at the hands of a compulsive liar! This should serve to remind us of the power of repetition and the utter depth of deception.

OK Kris, no more suspense; what's the lie? One of the most destructive lies of all times is that "In the last days the church will get brighter and brighter while the world gets darker and darker!"

Jesus clearly stated the status of light when He proclaimed, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a basket, but on a candlestick. And it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

Turn on the Lights, Church!

The apostle Paul did speak of a dark time in the last days. Most of us have read his commentary as a description of only the world. Read it for yourself, " Know this: In the last days perilous times will come. Men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, slanderers, unrestrained, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying its power. Turn away from such people" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Did you notice that the list includes "having a form of godliness, but denying its power"? That line certainly doesn't sound like a description of the world; this sounds like a powerless, harmless, fruitless church. In other words, the light went out in the church, and that's the reason the world got dark. Dark times were perpetuated by the "last one out,

turn out the lights” mentality.

Yet I propose to you that our kingdom motto should be, “The first one in, turn on the lights!” In fact, that actually is what Isaiah prophesied 500 years before Christ. He proclaimed,
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