

There Is a War on Truth

Wednesday, NBC News anchor Chuck Todd said this:

I'm obsessed with the White House's war on the press and on the media. Let's be clear about this, that war is nothing less than a war on the truth. Do we get it right all the time? Nope, we don't. And when we don't, we run a correction, and in some cases, people lose their jobs. That's what just happened at CNN. CNN took responsibility for its mistakes.

At this network, we've done it quite a few times publicly as well. But because we try to get it right we take what we do seriously, because truth, viewers and readers' trust is all we have, and without that, we're nothing.

Todd is right that what we are talking about is a war on truth. Only he's got it backwards. It is not Donald Trump who's waging this war on truth but the low-information media.

Even Todd himself admits that NBC has choked on the truth "quite a few times" and has been forced to publicly correct its errors. Thus Todd himself admits that NBC can't be trusted. If the network got it wrong then, why should we trust it now? If it turns out we shouldn't have believed NBC then, why should believe what it is telling us now?

The premiere case in point of all this is the Talking Snake Media's obsession with the substance-free accusation that Trump somehow colluded with the Russians to steal the election from the American people. (I call them the Talking Snake Media in honor of their patron saint, the snake in the Garden of Eden who lied to Eve in order to frustrate the purposes of God.)

There never was any evidence at all of any such collusion despite over a year's worth of investigation. A senior

producer at CNN (which I refer to as the “Counterfeit News Network”) revealed to an undercover reporter from Project Veritas that there was in fact no smoking gun, the whole thing was probably “[expletive]” and that they had only been ordered to refocus on the Russia thing because it was good for ratings.

To top it off, Van Jones, CNN’s resident communist commentator, admitted to another undercover journalist, “This Russia thing is a nothingburger.”

In other words, CNN is not searching for the truth; it is searching for viewers. To this network, the truth is utterly disposable if twisting and distorting it serves their agenda.

Well, focusing on the fabricated Trump-Russia story is not working any more for CNN. Its ratings are in a freefall, now dropping far behind both Fox and MSNBC in prime time.

There is a larger dynamic at work here, especially for people of faith. And that dynamic is that error and falsehood can only be propped up for so long. You can lie to people for a time, but eventually the truth will come out, and the lie will be exposed for the ugly thing that it is. Abraham Lincoln was credited with saying, “You can fool all of the people some of the time, you can fool some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all of the time.”

Satan lied to Eve and got her to believe his lie because it was, well, so believable. The fruit was, he told her, “good for food ... pleasing to the eyes and ... desirable to make one wise” (Gen. 3:6b). Eve believed the believable lie, convinced her husband to join her, and the horrible truth was revealed in an instant.

The point here is that the fake news the media has been dishing out may sound plausible at first blush, but the facade cannot be sustained. If the media continues to traffic in patent falsehoods, eventually their entire enterprise will

collapse in on itself. In an almost biblical sense, the media will fall into the pit it has dug for the others.

That implosion seems to be happening as we speak. CNN is firing reporters for filing utterly bogus stories about Trump and Russia and is now admitting that there is no evidence to support the charge. CNN is rapidly going from the most trusted name in news to the most busted name in news.

CNN and the rest of the media have blindly blundered on, to focus now on an equally unsupportable lie, that the president obstructed justice by doing his job and exercising his constitutional responsibilities as the head of the executive branch.

Jesus told us that if we abide in His words, we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free (see John 8:31-32). We can spot the lies of the media in an instant by comparing what they say to what the Scriptures say. The truth of Scripture is the carpenter's level we use to identify declarations that align with the truth and separate them from those that don't.

The media is waging its war on the truth by relentlessly assaulting the truth not only about public policy matters but about abortion, marriage, the family, sexual immorality, homosexuality, abortion and everything else under the sun. But Christian citizens are not duped.

Todd said that without the viewers' trust, "we're nothing." He's got that right. The jig is up. The American people are on to him and his ilk, and in the end, the truth will be the only thing left standing. May Mr. Todd and his colleagues enjoy a long, serene and fact-free retirement as soon as possible.
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