

When the Church Chooses Deception

Our peers had told us what was true, but nothing was going to change our belief; only to discover later on what we had believed was misinformation or worse, we had believed a lie.

Accurate reporting and a free press are critical to the well-being and the sustaining of liberty for an individual and for a nation. There is no greater bondage than someone living in deception; thinking themselves to be free when they are in fact slaves. Darkness has become their light. What they believe to be true is, in reality, misinformation or disinformation.

What they assume to be accurate is distortion.

Distortion is changing the shape, the characteristic or the design of an object or a fact. Misinformation is the unintentional reporting of inaccurate facts. Disinformation is the purposeful dissemination of inaccurate information with the intent to distort the truth.

The consistent reporting, teaching and publishing of a lie will ensure it becoming the new “truth”—disinformation.

The mission of the church is to bring the message of truth to the world, *“and [they] shall know the truth and the truth shall make [them] free”* (John 8:32, KJV).

The church has been given the amazing responsibility of ensuring every generation has access to the truth so they can live in true liberty. The apostle Paul wrote a solemn warning to his spiritual son Timothy on two different occasions.

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and

doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth" (1 Tim. 4:1-3, NKJV).

"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 Tim. 4:3-5, NKJV).

Why would anyone actually choose to accept deception over truth? It makes no sense, **or does it?**

A person's morality will always determine their theology.

When people make the choice to follow Christ casually and to loosen their moral standards, they must adjust their theology accordingly.

We are living in such a time.

Many professors, pastors and church leaders are teaching and publishing the infallible Holy Bible "*contains God's words.*" According to them, many of the facts are inaccurate and many of the principles are cultural ethics of ancient times. Such compromise on the infallibility of the Living Word of God will make the church vulnerable to misinformation, disinformation and distortion.

Historical rewrite and moral compromise will become accepted norm, and the church will have a form of godliness, but she will be stripped of her power to make a difference in a lost and dying world. {eoa}

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