

# Everything You Know is Wrong



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This provocative title is meant to do more than trigger an oppositional reflex. While it would be impossible to have every known thing wrong, there is a useful purpose in an alarm bell being loud. This is particularly the case when that which is held dear is actually causing damage.

Few people want to hear even one thing they know is wrong. Fewer still are those willing to consider that much of what they know is wrong. I considered writing this using a humorous perspective, and while it is often more well tolerated to hear truth buried under humor, the alarm component is often muted.



This booklet is a call to see truth. Since most people see nothing wrong with the world around them, this alarm will often be seen as foolish.

Additionally, this book is written from a Christian perspective and considering how many ways Christianity has been poorly presented, it may be seen as even more foolish. Further, truth is not as welcome as one might think because it can conflict with a desire to feel good or make demands to consider complexities that can be taxing. However, for those few who seek to grow in the knowledge of truth (Christian or otherwise) who know that something is wrong with the world and want to understand why, this book may prove useful. The truth will set you free. Sadly most prefer to feel good instead.



A statement was once made that all psychology was wrong. Most would consider that such an absolute categorization would have to be wrong. However, if one considers that there is no theory of human behavior that includes the concept of sin (selfishness for the secularists), remedies derived from such inadequate

theories must at best meet with random success.

The field of psychology has been crippled by a poor understanding of the nature of man. However, it is not only religion and psychology that have error. Almost every aspect of modern life is permeated with that which is false. If we consider an assertion like, "Look both ways before crossing the street". We can see the danger in holding an opposite view. Many of us have grown up with beliefs just as dangerous as thinking that one does not or even should not look both ways before crossing the street. These ideas can have been inherited from parents, been taught to us in school, or even shaped by thousands of hours of TV watching. They form the reflexive way we deal with each other and the world. This book is an exercise to examine and question many of these deep beliefs so that the ones that operate against us can be modified or removed. In order to free ourselves from long established yet harmful assumptions, it is necessary to go back to a fundamental understanding of human nature.



We are all born helpless, ignorant, and selfish. As we grow and develop, our parents should help us become more self sufficient and knowledgeable.



The historically recent transfer of parental responsibility for the teaching of their children to public institutions is one of the major problems that will be considered. However, for now, suffice it to say that the diminishment of the family has resulted in not only greater helplessness and ignorance, but also greater selfishness.



Whether called sin or selfishness, there is that in humans that drives us to take what we want, push others around, and indulge every sensation. Even with parents that did not neglect external discipline, the ability to consider consequences, and the ability to delay gratification masking our selfish nature, it will always show through.

Perhaps it can be useful to examine the psychology thesis of the inner child to consider how unhelpful a misunderstanding of human nature can be.

### **The Inner Child**

(elevating selfishness to narcissism)



The idea that there exists a template of human perfection that can be accessed to not only repair damage,

but achieve higher levels of human potential has nothing to support it but the wish it were true.

The advocacy of this theory is not only ineffective, it can propel those that accept it into worlds of delusion. This can be more harmful than the snake oil salesman of the past.

There are those who advocate ideas of human perfectibility. They have been tried in utopian communities and even some religious communities for hundreds of years. They are all proven to fail. Yet new attempts continue to be made.



Brook Farm utopian community

There is a philosophical tradition that diverted from Christianity almost 1,000 years ago with Italian Humanism continuing through the so-called Enlightenment and Progressive eras and flowering in modern Liberalism. This

tradition began with the elevation of man and the diminishment of God until evolution allowed a complete divorce from God. Man, now seeing himself as the measure of all things, This distorted view of man leads them to view man as, if not perfect, then perfectible. The elevation in thinking man is the measure of all things begins to take Secularism, which is supposed to be the absence of religion, and instead make it an alternative religion, The worship of man in general and self in particular.

There are many harmful theories and philosophies that are propagated as truth. Perhaps a good starting point is to take a closer look at evolution. Some see in evolution a vindication of the selfishness that advocates a "dog eat dog" view of human existence.

## **Evolution**

(The desire to feel good over truth)



One can observe the effects of entropy on everything man creates, his buildings, machines, and even social

structures. Everything eventually falls apart. Even in the natural world there is a cycle of life where there is birth, growth, life, death, and new birth. There never has been observed a natural formation of increased complexity or the sudden appearance of any advantageous biological feature. One can observe genetic variability, but only within the information already in the genetic code.

One might ask why the idea of evolution is so strongly held. Perhaps the strongest reason is that it gives permission to reject God and see oneself as at the pinnacle of the universe.



Additionally, there is no one that can call anything one does as "wrong". It is similar to the appeal of Libertarianism, to be free from civil authority. The freedom thus imagined is illusory. The illusion of the Libertarian would be exposed quickly as without civil authority his

neighbors would kill him and take his stuff. For the evolutionist, the effects might not be so immediate.

Believing something that is not true is a type of blindness. The world has all sorts of hazards for the blind. Accepting the theory of evolution carries with it two types of consequences. The first are consequences from God which may not matter to an atheist, but it still might not be a bad idea to review them. Most people have an idea that there will be some sort of judgment after death. Obviously having rejected God at that point will have consequences. However, the bible also describes a condition called holding the truth in unrighteousness. Two examples are given of this. The first is worshiping the creature more than the creator and the other is refusing to retain even the knowledge of God. The consequences are compulsive perversity and a reprobate mind. The details are given in Romans chapter one.

Judgments from God may not be of much concern to those who do not believe there is a God. However, there are also natural consequences that come from taking an evolutionary view of the universe. Many after concluding that no one is running the universe,

think that they are the best ones to do so. They will always use the power of the collective to exercise their attempts to control, which subjugates those not contending for control.



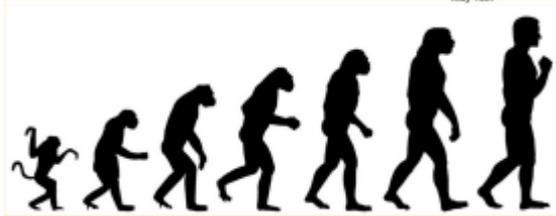
The idea of what is right and wrong become defined by those seeking power. Often it is deemed "right" for you to surrender your stuff and even your life to those in control.



Also, without an absolute right and wrong, people often allow themselves pleasurable indulgences that are self destructive. Without God there becomes little purpose in life beyond getting what you can while you can.

The idea that the collectivized government is the most powerful entity in the universe comes to foster a dependence on and even reverence for government.

By removing a reason for existence one is left adrift. If nothing matters but what you can get, selfishness is amplified. As others scramble to be in control, we can be enslaved. One can see the question of evolution is pretty basic to our lives.



Most people are not equipped to stand up to something like evolution. If you try to deny it, you will face an onslaught meant to intimidate you into submission. The pressure from those we know, those that cite "scientists", and other experts can be intimidating.

Either evolution is true or it isn't. This is the central question of this book, how can you tell what is true?

Either the universe created itself or it was created by God. This book will make use of Christian perspectives but not abusively so.

Many people ask, if there is a God why does he allow suffering and why does he allow confusion? The suffering may

be for our benefit to hinder our pursuit of self-destruction. The confusion may be that only those that seek truth will find it.

## **Conspiracy Theories**

(Figuring Things Out, Level One)

In attempt to explain why things are wrong in the world many people latch on to various conspiracy theories in an attempt to ease the discomfort of seeing something wrong but not understanding why. A conspiracy theory needs a villain, an objective, a method, and an effect. Most attempts to use a conspiracy theory to explain some event fall short in one or more of these areas. The journalistic "Who, How, When, Where, What, and Why" are usually not fully answered.

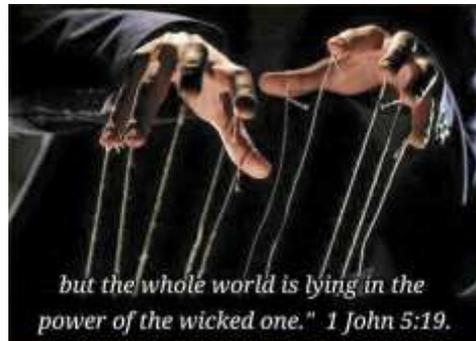


A basic problem with a conspiracy theory is that one has to assume a higher level of human competence than one usually encounters. Additionally,

it can be sometimes difficult to understand the how and the why of a conspiracy.

Most conspiracy theories act like an anti-anxiety pill. It makes you feel better because you think you understand why things are wrong. Sometimes so much comfort comes from thinking you have the answer, that any challenge is a threat to be defended against.

Most conspiracy theories fail a test of logic. But most are not intended to be intellectual answers, but emotional salve. Since this book is intended to seek truth, we will not stop at the most convenient answer that feels good.



The Christian explanation of the ultimate conspirator, Satan, is often ridiculed by those that see such a character as imaginary or mythological like Zeus or Loki. However, the bible

describes him as a person that sets the course of the world (for now and insofar as he is allowed by God). We can even learn of some of his intentions and ambitions. From this we can also surmise his influence. For example, God instituted different languages at the tower of Babel to limit our collective attempts. However since Satan cannot be everywhere at once, he seeks to restore and advance collectives to be able to leverage his influence with the ultimate objective of making a play to rule the earth.

A centuries long human cabal pulling off a conspiracy is unlikely as any parent knows the next generation will go it's own way. However, a powerful being working since creation to his own ends is a more plausible theory.



One might see a centuries long advancement of the collectivization of mankind such that we are now at the point that it is difficult to even imagine what life was like before the Industrial Revolution, corporations, and invasive government.

## **Free Will**

(Making Ill-informed Choices)

A creator would be faced with a couple of choices. Firstly do you create creatures that reproduce themselves or do you make them all at once. Christianity asserts that the angels were made all at once and humans were made to reproduce themselves.

The second choice is if you make the created beings obedient or allow them to have free will.

Evolution can be attractive because it gives us the idea that we are free from any responsibility and can do whatever we please. It is attractive and one can understand why some would hold to it so strongly. It can perhaps explain that in addition to creating humans who chose to go their own way, God also created angels, some of whom also chose to go their own way. That Satan would be attracted to an opportunity he saw to be free from restraint might explain why he continues to herd humans into an arrangement that would better suit his plans.

Jesus described Satan as the father of lies which suggests his primary mode of operation, lies. Apparently for now Satan is limited to using information

as his primary means of interacting with humans. By starting with vulnerable humans he is able to slowly create social currents that draw in more and more people to work to advance his plans. He has been so effective that this book is now necessary to try to show some that they themselves have been led to accept and even promote that which is against their own best interests.



From a tactical point of view Satan would have to create situations where people would make choices based on what appears advantageous. This requires skill at deception.

There are sayings that represent common encounters with deceptions. For example, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.



In order for Satan to get people to make poor choices, he often cloaks them as choices that will feel good. This is in contrast to choices that are complex or require analysis.

Evolution is perhaps a good starting point to layout some of Satan's methods as they will also come into play with other issues we have come to accept that also need to be exposed to truth.



### **Technology and Universities**

The Practical Taken to Endorse the Foolish

The timing of evolution is critical because if it is introduced too early in history, it remains an obscure

academic curiosity that is simply ignored by most people. It has to be introduced both at the start of the Industrial Revolution and when colleges are established. Colleges would be used to be the "source" of alternative "truth".

At this time in addition to Darwin, Freud and Marx are embraced as prophets of the new religion of secularism.

Darwin: The universe created itself.  
Marx: Everyone should have everything.  
Freud: Morality is fluid.

The Industrial Revolution would transform everyone's daily life with incremental advancements. These would be called "scientific" breakthroughs when they were simply the next obvious step of technology. The word "science" would come to be spoken almost reverentially as sacred to the new religion of secularism (the worship of man in general and self in particular).

If colleges were the temples of the new religion, "scientists" were the priests. Proclamations would flow out through media and education channels.



In Germany in the 1930s the "science" of phrenology (reading the bumps on people's heads) was taught in major universities. It carried the imprint of "science" and was endorsed by "experts". People accepted the assertions of those "smarter" as truth which seemed to be verified by the rapidly increasing technology of daily life. Margaret Sanger and Adolph Hitler took the idea of evolution to its natural conclusion of making the world "better" by extermination of those who were 'inferior'.

Technology advancement created an environment that seemed to confirm that progress was being made. As businesses were turning into corporations, the new educated elite were needed to administer them. An additional characteristic aided in the propagation of what was false, that of specialization.

As knowledge of God and his word (two sources of truth) diminish, pride

accompanied with blindness ascend. Increasing areas of specialization allowed something like the the Kinsey report of sexuality to pass for "science" in the mid 20th century. Funded by the Rockefeller Foundation Kinsey interviewed prostitutes and prison inmates and published his results as typical of average people. The fact that it is still often defended and cited as "scientific" and accurate is a shameful testimony to how easily people came to accept as truth whatever garbage came out of colleges.

Pushing God aside as mythical or an amusingly simpleminded belief of a bygone age was made easier when colleges expanded with government grants, endowments, tenure, academic accolades, and prestigious positions. These make one impervious to actual truth.



## Question Assumptions

(Subject belief to plausibility tests)

Evolution is also a good platform to use to introduce a skill set that is advantageous in getting to truth, skepticism. One of the many problems with public education is the unidirectional transmission of information. This tends to make developing children take in whatever they are told as truth and cripples the development of their critical thinking (more about education later). The ability to ask how and why is an essential skill to fend off lies and false assertions.



Those of us who were exposed to public education have the extra difficulty in shaking off years of programming to accept what we are told as truth.

Many of the things we were told can greatly benefit from closer scrutiny. If we have accepted something foundational that is wrong, we may become blinded to truth.

When presented with the idea that the universe created itself with a big bang when nothing exploded and became everything, then the material that was created organized itself into increasing complexity until it became us presents a golden opportunity to ask questions.



This thesis, one would think, would be ripe for questions as to how this could happen. When one states that there are no known laws of physics by which this could happen, one is told that there are special laws that operate during these times to cause this to happen. These special laws are simply conjecture with no actual tie to reality. If one looks past the claims of "science", "experts", and popularity, the actual premise of evolution is sort of magical and perhaps less logical than a creator.



Being unable or unwilling to discuss the how and why of things should be the first indication that something is not completely right.

A widely accepted belief can also subject one to self-censoring. One has to be willing to question that which can trigger the objections of others. This questioning does not have to be done publicly, but a willingness to question is essential to be free.

Another skill that is useful is a sort of mental shelf where one keeps theories that are still being evaluated. One might be gaining support and another might be losing support. It can be useful for those ideas that one cannot come to an immediate classification of true or not.

In one's search for truth, it can be useful to take into consideration an

opposing view. For example, considering a particular decision can benefit from hearing from someone who made a similar decision and now regrets it. This can be useful to discover a factor that was previously unknown or not properly evaluated.



Woe unto the world because  
of offences! for it must  
needs be that offences  
come; but woe to that man  
by whom the offence  
cometh! Matt 18:7

There are those who do not have the mental capacity to question or analyze that with which they are presented. The statement by Jesus that offenses must come, but woe unto them by whom they come may have bearing for those who spread lies to the vulnerable. Those who are vulnerable have to have trust in those they know.

When considering truth, it is easy to see it as something fragile and easily lost. However, it is perhaps more accurate to say that truth is solid because it is absolute and unchangeable. What is fragile is our grasp of truth. As we read about all the things in the world that aren't true and how easily we have come to accept that which is not true, it will be important to have wisdom (from God,

James 1:5), discernment (sharpened by exercise, Heb 5:14), and familiarity with truth (steeped in God's word, John 17:17). The non-Christian may also recognize that many of the things we have come to rely on are not true, as well. This can be unsettling as without a foundation of what is true, one risks the unsatisfying philosophy of nihilism.



For many, truth is something optional or even unwelcome. For others it is something essential. It is for this second group that this book is written. The desire to know truth can be forged in a crucible of adversity, the pain of having been deceived, or a simple revulsion of that which is false. In the movie *The Matrix* the protagonist simply takes a pill and his eyes are opened to see reality. In the real world it can be years to even see past some of the deceptions. Satan has constructed his deceptions to appeal to our selfishness to such a degree that they are elevated and passed down to children as part of

culture. These deeply embedded deceptions are not easily unraveled.

A German historian once wrote that political liberalism was simply secularized Christianity. People thought they should do good, but did not know what that was or how to do it. Something to be drawn from this observation is that once God is pushed out, things become political because people see the control of others as their main way to act as they thought a god should have. In a way they are trying to cash in on Satan's first lie, "ye shall be as gods" Gen 3:5.



The self-esteem movement is another subject that can benefit from examination. Essentially if someone does not feel good about themselves, they should be praised so that they feel better. One assumption to question is should feelings be manipulated by that which is false. Accepting what is true can prevent the danger of blindness from deceiving ourselves.



## **Science**

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An Alternative and Variable "Truth"

What came to be called "science" started as people who had the time and money began to investigate the natural world. Those who recorded their observations came to be called scientists. At the time of Ben Franklin a lot of ground work had already been laid such that those who spent time making such investigations were becoming more accepted as a group whose collective writings were considered as truth mostly because they described the world God created. Concurrent with this was the divorce from God of such observations such that the order of the universe was almost seen as a result of man's control. Much like the person taking a picture of a house being built claiming credit for its construction.

The collection of these observations came into the almost total control of the newly established colleges where

added to them would be new "sciences" such as evolution, psychology, political science, and social science. By the time of Margaret Sanger and Adolph Hitler the extermination of lesser races seemed obvious. However, once bad press was given to these ideas, "science" took a new turn and embraced diversity.

Media and advertisers came to make use of the term "science" to infer the highest level of truth and authority. Public school children were exposed to "scientific" lessons that seemed abstract and unrelatable which further caused them to see science as the realm of cloistered experts whose pronouncements should be taken as gospel.



Mathematics was used to cloak science from intruders with exaggerated complexity further adding to the mystique. In reality, science is more the cart after the horse. When a technological breakthrough is made, science will come along afterwards to describe, measure, and classify it.

This became the perfect place for all sorts of declarations that could be made with little fear of contradiction.

An additional problem for science is that those that work in the field do not separate fact from conjecture. Someone will invent a model of something and someone else will contribute and build on it. After a while others learn the thesis and assume it is established fact.

The colleges from which such pronouncements would come were not too terribly concerned when proven wrong. They simply adapted. While declaring "truth", they held a more variable view of truth than most. For example, the claim that humans evolved over millions of years was modified once it was discovered that Mitochondrial DNA was inherited matrally. Suddenly a common ancestor was identified 40,000 years ago in Africa. Similarly, the predicted ice age of the 1960s and 1970s was changed to global warming in the 1980s and 1990s.

It was declared that eating peanut products before age three caused peanut allergies. Now it has been discovered that not eating peanuts before age three contributes to peanut allergies. While a complicit media

tends to herald "scientific" pronouncements, they often also tend to diminish revelations of error.



It was sad that women's studies, black studies, and gender studies all came to be placed under the umbrella of social "science". That young people go into huge debt to learn this "science" is shameful.

The "science" that men can become women and women can become men is a testimony to the damage these "scientists" can cause. That truth is important can be seen in that half of those that believed this lie will attempt to kill themselves.

## **Lying**

(Controlling the narrative)



The Liberal, Progressive, and Enlightenment tradition comes from a godless perspective where man is the measure of all things. In this tradition truth is not seen the same way it is in a tradition that has a higher view of God. A high view of God precludes the relativistic and malleable view of truth that is often used to achieve what one wants.

It is not an uncommon argument for a wife to complain to her husband, "You never talk to me". To which the husband might respond, "What do you think we are doing now". To analyze this exchange we might see the same language used for two different purposes. For the wife, language is used to express how she feels. For the husband language is used factually. Sadly, the husband often fails to recognize that it is up to him to translate his wife's distress and take steps to verbally connect with her.



In the example above, both parties were speaking truth but in different ways. Using the example of when a liberal accuses Trump of being Hitler, we find a greater distortion of language than just expressing emotional distress. The basic problem is a different view of truth. One can see truth as an absolute and unchangeable description of reality. However, liberals often see truth as relativistic and more fluid. A flexible truth in support of what one wants or how one feels can be much more useful to them.



Another component to factor in in understanding the trouble liberals have with truth can be found with the word "hypocrisy". Derived from the Greek meaning to "speak from under a

mask", we tend to think of the word as intentional deception such as the actor's art. However, the warning Jesus gave his disciples about this touches a more profound aspect, that of self-deception. This may be more similar to an actor who "gets lost in his part". In the Seinfeld TV show George Costanza attempting to condense his expertise in lying tells Jerry, "It's not a lie if you believe it".



We are all born helpless, ignorant, and selfish. We rely on our parents to help us learn to see truth, develop self-discipline, and navigate a potentially hostile world.

A world filled with people who do not seek God and truth, fill the world instead with lies and deceptions that are simply extensions of their desires, wishes, hopes, and dreams with the sincerity of one who believes wishes can come true.

Liberals are like children who never learned to see truth or have regressed to a childish state. One can see the appeal of the irrational to a child. For example, the prospect of unlimited ice cream might induce a child to agree with anything. Similarly, the appeal of communism (when presented as "everyone can have everything all the time") has a strong appeal. Decisions are made on the basis of what is attractive or feels good.



Perhaps Jesus warned his disciples against self-deception because it is a prison that one seldom escapes.

Without the ability or desire to see truth no amount of failure can put a dent into utopian dreams. Liberals lie because it helps them get what they want and makes them feel good. In the artificial world their childish imagination has created this is as real and true as unicorns, free beer, forgiven student debt, endless government borrowing, and unrestrained sensual indulgences. Anyone who might try to bring the light of truth to upset this pleasant delusion is seen as an enemy.



Satan is called the father of lies. This is perhaps because he knows people can become so motivated by their desires that can be led to do almost anything in the hope they can get what they want.



Rich Poor  
Tall Short  
Fat Skinny  
Smart Dumb  
Ugly Attractive

## **Democracy**

(The illusion of equality)

Hudson Taylor remarking on his observation of how the Chinese treated their women in the 1800s said that he didn't think English women understood how much their better treatment in life was due to Christianity. This was because for most of human history, the strong have always taken advantage of the weak.

The essential proposition of Democracy is that everyone has an equal voice, when in reality even if there were only two people on the planet, the stronger, pushier, or more devious one will always get his way. In modern Israel they intended to have a Democracy but mistakenly allowed their Supreme Court to have rule over any law they thought was unreasonable. As a result their country is ruled by a few judges.

In most places Democracy produces results similar to the French Revolution. In America two things

initially limited the destructive power of Democracy. The first was a large percentage of Christians who actually tried to live their faith. Secondly, a growing frontier siphoned off many of the ambitious as the relatively young cities had not yet accumulated large fortunes that future generations would contend for.

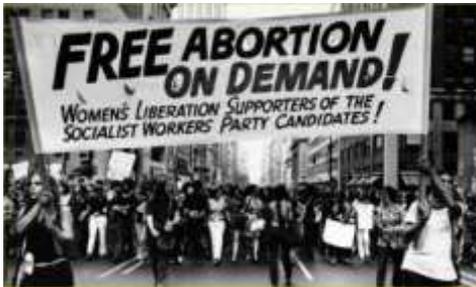


In the early 1800s a Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, came to the US. He was curious as to why Democracy seemed to work in the US after having failed in France. He concluded that Democracy would last as long in the US as it took people to realize they could vote themselves the treasury. He perhaps underestimated what could be achieved with complex systems of debt.

Plato thought that people should be governed by the best people, of which he thought himself. Defining "best" has always been difficult. Wisdom might be a good criteria except few that lack wisdom can even recognize it

much less see any value. Those who are truly wise often see an advantage in remaining anonymous. Most people want local government to arrest criminals and national government to maintain a military strong enough to deter those who would invade. However, since mankind is basically selfish, people and groups seek to control others and profit through government.

Perhaps the strongest advocates for Democracy are those who feel they can control what people think and thereby gain control of government. Perhaps the best argument against Democracy is that mob rule often ends badly. Democracy was necessary to get people to volunteer to enslave themselves in collectives. A king or emperor might have absolute authority, but in reality could not order his people to do this, people had to be led to do it to themselves.



## **Credit Cards**

Loan Sharks in business suits

Lending money is a practice as old as bible times. The Jews were prohibited from loaning other Jews money at interest. The Jews developed a reputation as money lenders to Christians in Medieval times at harmful interest levels that were called usury. Christians also were prohibited from exploiting other Christians.

Times change and today 30% per year is a typical rate of interest available on credit cards. Many states had laws against usury which had been defined as 10% until a few decades ago.

The usurer has an advantage in that people will misjudge their ability to pay back as quickly as they anticipate. As a result, people can bring on themselves a crushing debt comparable in some ways to slavery.

Historically, indentured servitude was a type of slavery for hire. However, there was an expectation that the debt would eventually be paid off.



## **The Corporation**

(Robotic Giants Made with Human Parts)

The joint stock corporation was first established to leverage a collective accumulation of financial resources to undertake a much larger enterprise than a single family could undertake. It also allowed risk to be distributed. This was first done to gain the riches to be had in trade with distant lands. It was soon apparent that these entities were here to stay, so legal status was given these entities that might be seen as sort of supermen, they never die and could accomplish what no mortal man could. Additionally the investors were not held liable for what the corporations they created did if something went amiss.

Over time corporations began to replace family businesses as they were able to leverage prices that made family businesses uncompetitive. While operating in an economic realm, corporations display the same growth

characteristics of government bureaucracies. People always want more money and less work so these organizations become bloated, inefficient, and ritualized. Most States have a department of motor vehicle (DMV) that is often used humorously to reflect the character of a bureaucratic organization.



At the Tower of Babel God saw the problems the collectivization of mankind would cause so he created different languages to limit them. However, one can observe historically from the Mandarin class in China to the Catholic church in Europe that people can be drawn into and seek positions in a hierarchical collective. Some seek power, others prestige, and most seek money, but the collective attracts people by providing security and the possibility of increasing prominence.

An interesting feature of the collective that can be seen in

corporations is the desire to proceduralize everything. The reason for this is that no one wants to be held accountable for anything so if there are procedures to replace human judgment, no one can be punished if something goes wrong. As a result, collectives operate like machines that are programmed to process components. One can observe the almost mechanical effect this has on the people who make the machine work as their own lives become circumscribed to the point of mechanism themselves.



After mankind sinned, we had to live apart from God. God made the world more difficult to live in not so much as punishment, but as a benefit because that without God, our self-directed lives almost always tend towards the self-destructive path of consumptive indulgences. After what might be called a "reset" by the world wide flood, the environment became even more difficult. Now the ease our technological world has provided has

returned us to the self-destructive pursuits that preceded the flood.

Corporations, like all collectives, operate through specialization. One hand does not know what the other is doing. This can seem attractive because not only is one isolated from the natural world and the hardships God created for our benefit, but one does not have the anxiety of trying to manage all of the functions of the corporate machine. By offering one safety, ease, and the comforts of prosperity, the corporation can attract many to serve it.



Humanity flocks into these organizational systems not realizing that they themselves are being turned into compliant components in systems that Satan will use to attempt to rule the world. Expanding on this observation, one can see why Western Civilization was used to collectivize the world. Both China and Japan had pretty intensive collectivization. However, Christianity was more useful as the sublimation of self to transition from our natural selfishness to the selflessness that

defines the love of God (which is supposed to define Christian maturity) also makes it easier to exploit people. The Christians of the first millenia West allowed themselves to be first collectivized into the church (a monolithic organizational system).

Out of the church organizational pattern came the economic collectives that would be the basis for corporations as well as the pattern for other collectives such as colleges and governments. While early corporations had little effect on the average guy, when the Industrial Revolution ramped up, people would begin to feel the impact it would make on their families.



The manufacturing technology of mass production would provide the economics to facilitate the growth of corporations which in turn could be used to develop and fabricate the

tools Satan would need to try to control the whole world.



Now that this work is almost done, he may need to have us weaken or destroy ourselves so that the organizational systems he needed would not continue and be a potential obstacle to him.

It can be useful to consider some of the characteristics of collective activity in that corporations and governments often function to resist truth.

## **Collectives**

(Satan's Plantations)



The corporation is a picture of Satan's plans to collectivize the whole world. One might see in the horrific gang rape of 250,000 girls aged 10-15 in the UK over decades by Pakistanis as symptomatic of collectivism. Rather than risk the loud complaints of the evil perpetrators, the official response to these crimes was to occasionally arrest someone for complaining. The individual girls and their families were to suffer because the government collective did not want to deal with the anticipated discontent of the criminals. A collective, while given the rights of a person, is not held accountable as a person would be for the crimes it commits or allows. It has no sense of right or wrong, only what it considers advantage and disadvantage.

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One might say that a collective cares more about itself than its members. However, since it is individuals that administer a collective, one has to

ask how these administrative individuals come to all think the same way. An individual make take over a collective as dictator, but usually his reign is short lived. More often others at the top operate through alliances so that everyone can feel secure from any disturbances.

In Rome the barbarians fought their way in through weakened borders. In the UK barbarians were invited in by fools who thought all cultures are equal. Having come to think that being called a racist would threaten their position, those in charge concluded that there was no price too high for others to pay so that they could remain unperturbed.

Being vulnerable to accusation is an open door to blackmail. However if everyone administering a collective is also vulnerable, there is a powerful force for the group to protect itself and each other. As individuals seek advancement to administrative levels in a collective, they usually are discerning to understand what the prevailing values are and adopt them for themselves. This constitutes how "group think" develops. In the UK it was obvious to those seeking advancement that truth, justice, and protecting children were a low

priority compared with keeping things running smoothly.

Collectives are more powerful than people. Even though they are made out of people, they serve themselves even at the expense of those who run the collective. Enslaving is not too strong a word for what they do to the people that run them.

When the elite of collectives were Christian or influenced by Christianity, they were more like gentle giants. Today they are ravenous wolves. One might see in the fairly recent behavior of pharmaceutical companies the exploitation of the weak and vulnerable with the opioid crisis. The callous disregard for the pain and destroyed lives of individuals reflects the power of corporations and governments to act as pimps and drug dealers with the impunity that comes from being big. We individuals are simply slaves to be worked, victims to be exploited, or marks to be scammed.





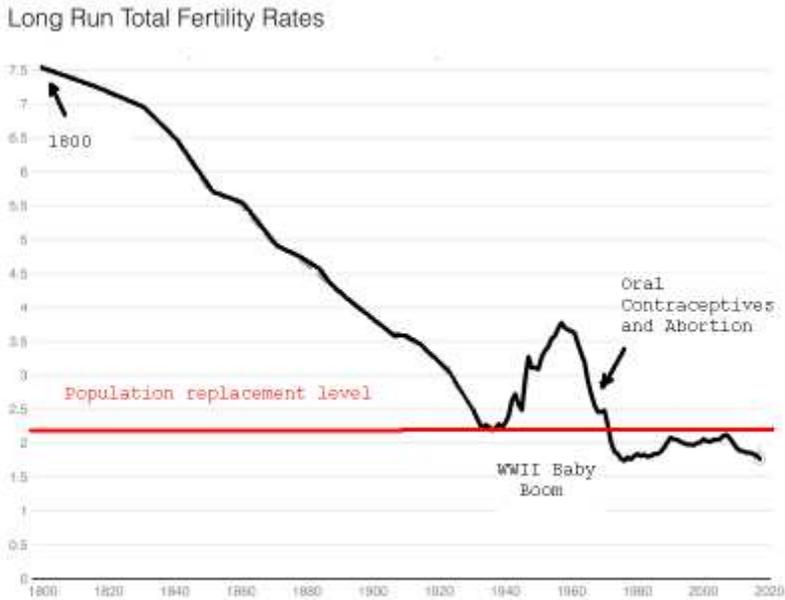
## **The Family**

(Only a Shadow of its Former Self)

Average family size in the US has been decreasing since 1800. It really began to drop with the manufacture and availability of barrier type contraception. When oral contraception and abortion were widely used starting in the 1970s, the birth rate dropped even more. As the formulation of oral contraceptives became less harmful to women, they also shifted from a mechanism of preventing ovulation to preventing embryonic implantation (perhaps better called chemical abortion).

To better understand how families worldwide used to function, one has to realize that people grew up, married, and raised families of their own in the place where they were born. Families were multi-generational and

composed of numerous siblings and cousins. When the automobile came along, younger people often moved away from their families for more personal freedom and economic opportunities in cities.



One might see the Industrial Revolution as taking men out of the home, public education taking children out of the home, and feminism taking women out of the home. In times past when two people got married it was for the purpose of building a family of their own and with an intimate and deep knowledge of each other that only growing up together can provide. A 50% divorce rate, the normalizing of

casual fornication, the increase in fatherless homes, and almost everyone being a relative stranger is indicative of a split from the past so great that it seems an alien planet.



The typical suburban home might be seen more as temporary housing for children until they can leave for a life on their own. The declining birth rate would be indicative of those who would be parents choosing instead to use their resources on themselves rather than the inconvenience of having children at all.

There has been a transition from what historically was called family life into an interaction with "society". Until recently the shrunken family at least had face to face contact with their friends, coworkers, and schoolmates. Now as husband, wife, and children each pursue their own interests using the home more as a

boarding house and with social media, there is even greater fragmentation and isolation.



### **Society** - Random Passengers on a Bus

Those we work with, go to school with, or find in church become those we have interaction with. This is not the same as family because these people navigate the social milieu by preference. Thus those with the most "likes" on their social media are those who are pleasing to others. A failure to please others condemns one to social ostracization. In contrast, a family was supposed to offer unconditional love and acceptance. For many families today, even this is missing.



Most people keep such a hectic schedule that the few minutes they can spare to interface with a "friend" is often jealously guarded such that if a "friend" does not produce sufficient pleasure to warrant the time, he is dropped. The movie "About a Boy" attempted to present the idea that any group of caring people could form a de-facto "family". Many cling to this fallacy in order to convince themselves that the right social connections will fill the void left from having attenuated family connections. Sadly, the shallowness of society is not the same as the depth of family.

The Milgram experiments were conducted in an attempt to discover why people in Nazi Germany would go along with their atrocities. It was observed that 85% of people would apply increasing electric shocks even leading to death when told to by an authority figure. It would have been interesting what the percentage would have been if the

person being tested thought it was a family member being tortured. That one would be 85% likely to kill a stranger because someone told them to is disturbing enough. It was unclear to what extent public education contributed to generating the compliant characteristics of the subjects tested.

There is that in each person that responds to and even cries out for that which was provided in family. Society and even many families today fail to meet these needs. This can lead to the consumption of deadening agents such as alcohol and drugs or attention focusing activities such as video games or entertainment consumption.

Harry Harlow conducted experiments with monkeys that showed the replacement of an actual mother with a wire substitute resulted in very neurotic monkeys. In a way, this might be seen as similar to the replacement of families with society.

Satan needs to have people disconnected from God and families. It may be that his ultimate purpose is to get people connected to himself when he tries to rule the world.



## **Equality**

### An Imaginary Mathematical Abstraction

The American and French revolutions carried with it a sense of repugnance for the aristocracy that demanded subservience based on the idea that they were "better" people. While not so prevalent yet in America at the time of the revolution, this polarization is found throughout history. The Baedeker travel guide to the US in the 1800s warned European travelers to the US to treat everyone as an equal in order to get along.

The idea of equal treatment and equal opportunity morphed into an idea of intrinsic equality. Those that came to hold this view did so with a religious fervor such that any attempt to describe differences were shouted down with accusations of racism, sexism, or any other -ism that could be used to bully.

This is imaginary equality. You cannot even find identical twins that are "equal". There are differences and those differences can be important. Mandating that 15% of all airline pilots be black is perhaps less important than mandating that all airline pilots know how to fly an airplane.

Consider comparing a gal that owns a flower shop with a guy that owns a plumbing supply store. There are those who would bemoan the disparity of income as being unequal. For these simple minded people differences in return policy, inventory costs, and marketplace competition, as well as owner preferences represent a complexity beyond their ability to comprehend or care.



Having been successful at getting legions of people to act as sort of terrorists crying racism at every perceived instance of inequality, Satan is able to unleash his jihadis at whatever target he needs to attack.



## **Public Education**

(Industrial Child Rearing)

There is perhaps no other institution that is defended so passionately while being so responsible for such misery in the world. The corrosive effects of being told to "shut up, sit down, and do what you are told " for 12 years (15 years if you include pre school and kindergarten) may work well to produce compliant drones for corporations, but it steals the soul from those created in God's image.

If we take a look at a fundamental area of education, learning to read, we might question if reading is even really "taught" If we consider the exceptionally high level of functional illiteracy, we might begin to suspect that not all children are being "taught". In reality, not all children have the same ability. A teacher claiming credit for "teaching" a child to read while classifying one that does not learn how to read or reads poorly a "failure". is shameful. A teacher can facilitate a child's

learning (or hinder it) but it is the child that actually learns or doesn't. Considering the widespread level of functional illiteracy, one might well ask if reading is an ability that is taught at all or simply guided for those who are capable.

Education is perhaps Satan's most important tool. By it he can destroy families, raise generations that look to his sources of information for truth, and even surrender their independence to become willing components in his collectives.

Group or classroom instruction was practiced as early as in ancient Greece, most likely because it was cost effective in contrast to hiring private tutors. While Physical training was useful for fighting in wars, the study of music, dance, and poetry had little to do with anything useful. When considering that these children were to be both exploited sexually as well as be expected to function in the upper levels of the city (polis) socially, one might see that this was more grooming and indoctrination than one usually thinks of with schooling.

There are two basic reasons parents are attracted to the idea of having their children educated.

1. The hope that your child will have greater advantages than you in life. Built into this view is an idea of equality such that a good education can overcome any individual limitations.

2. The second view is less noble. While someone else takes care of your children, you are free to do other things.

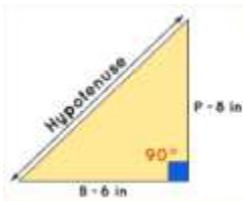


In the US there is a tendency to deceive ourselves into thinking everyone is educated. The high prevalence of functional illiteracy, when even considered, is often explained away as racism, poverty, or the need for higher teacher salaries. In Europe under-performing students are diverted to vocational training. In China they are often given even less consideration.

Universities are sometimes more interested in recruiting high IQ

prospects than athletes as these intellectual high scorers can help support the facade that their school produces ability.

That education is largely a fraud is sometimes exposed with things like "homework". One might ask if the teacher is really teaching, why does the student have to teach himself at home. Another thing that is questioned is why as an adult so little is remembered academically of the school experience. If it was so essential that we "learn" things, why are they so easily forgotten.



The institution of mandatory universal public education arose in the 1800s along with other social currents such as the abolition of slavery, feminism, prohibition, and secularism. Some of the intended objectives for undertaking the expense of universal education were;

1. Homogenize youth (particularly immigrant youth) to the standard of American culture.

2. Obtain universal literacy.
3. Inculcate values of industry, honesty, and morality.
4. An educated citizenry capable of democratic dialog.

Like many social programs, public education was instituted with good intentions. Also like other social programs, the real effects were never understood.

1. An institutional social environment similar to prison where the strong abuse the weak.
2. Twelve years of unidirectional transmission of information results in a population that simply accepts whatever they are told as true.
3. Retarded development of skepticism and critical thinking.
4. Inculcation of political values by those who themselves have been programmed when they were in college.
5. Little information is retained as it seems so abstract and unrelated to real life.
6. Socialized children reject their parents culture and values.
7. Shallow peer relationships replace sibling relationships.
8. Standards (tests) are increasingly lowered so that continuing "success" in education can be claimed.

9. The development of parents is retarded as they do not have to rise to the need to teach their children.

Considering the variability of children, it should not be a surprise that some would prove difficult to process. Schools seem adept at identifying those that require medication to help them be more easily processed. It is interesting that the idea of uniform processing of children is never questioned. It is just assumed that non-conforming children have some disorder that needs to be treated.



Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of mandatory public education is to be the source of compliant components for corporations and government bureaucracies.

**Church** - A Mini School

As early as the first century Christian assemblies began to have Catechetical schools. Christianity was reconfigured from being transformed and living for Christ, to memorizing doctrinal bullet points. A weekly Mass was introduced which had more in common with the Mediterranean mystery religions than it did with Christianity. As overseers (bishops) became increasingly important, an organizational system began to evolve that exercised greater and greater control. As Christianity became systematized, Christian life became a sort of schedule of works that had to be performed.



Even after the Reformation, most retained much of the Catholic tradition. Seminary instruction for pastors was considered essential as only very smart people were supposed to understand the depths and mysteries of Christianity. What came down to us was the Sunday sermon that mirrored the seminary lecture. One might see in Ephesians chapter four a description

of church and the object was not to lecture, but help each believer to become more like Christ. Using that metric, it is difficult to see any church as other than a failure.

There is a school-like environment of one way transmission of information. The idea that whatever is transmitted is to be accepted and not questioned. The information that is usually transmitted often seems unrelated to real life.

Churches can be faulted usually in three areas, doctrine, personalities, and structure. Many do not appreciate the structural problems. When churches are run as organizational systems or collectives, they become mechanical.



They operate with mechanical efficiency moving people through programs, events, activities, sermons, Sunday School, and even fellowship dinners. Organizational systems are unable to cultivate the relationships that should be at the heart of Christianity (us with God and each other).



Almost all brands (denominations) of Christianity see their churches incrementally embracing the world. Many past church practices were boring and unrelated to being like Christ. However, indulging emotions and sensations is not a step forward.



## **Media**

(The World as it "Should" be)

One might divide media into news and entertainment. However, in practice both serve to advance the propaganda of the left in general and Satan in particular. Having created a society where the influence of parents has been reduced, this conduit of

information is used to imprint an alternative to truth.

A reporter once reflecting on his work in the 1960 presidential election commented that he had been assigned to travel with the Kennedy campaign while a good friend of his had been assigned to travel with the Nixon campaign. He had teased his friend about his bad luck and his friend responded that he thought he could do Jack (Kennedy) more good reporting from the Nixon campaign. Most people who work in this field understand the effect their work can have.

News media is often populated with people who see truth more in terms of how things should be so if reporting on an unfavored politician, he is often portrayed as being opposed, causing contention, or making statements that are unsupported. Even things such as poor lighting all contribute to advancing what is sometimes called a "greater truth".

For people in entertainment media, telling stories is already being untruthful. However, telling stories in such a way that associates feelings with a particular image, situation, or political view can imprint people and in particular children. For example, if space aliens only had TV programs

from which to determine what life on earth was like they might conclude that fathers were a subhuman life form.



Media is a perfect tool to use to funnel a culture into a populace that has had their culture removed. As Satan has decimated family and the culture and values they had passed down for millennia, children are open to the imprint of media to absorb a new culture. God invites people to know truth and explore selflessness. Satan's plans are better accomplished by having people imprinted with selfishness and exchanging truth for feeling good. A disinclination towards truth makes one much easier to control.

While those that manufacture media often use it to imprint the recipient with the message they wish to impart, the consumer of media often is unaware of how he has been manipulated. For example the teenage boy who comes to

realize that a life of casual fornication that seemed desirable with the James Bond films is actually harmful. The gal in her late 30s expecting that she will always continue to be the object of passionate desire may find that the romance novels she has read did not paint an accurate picture.



Immersion in an artificial world often leads to expectations that are not based on reality. The two ways to minimize the effects of this distortion are to avoid media or to grow adept in discerning truth. Christians can learn from the bible that discernment has to be exercised. Since so much of what is in the media is false, watching it can be a good way to exercise discernment.



## **Discernment**

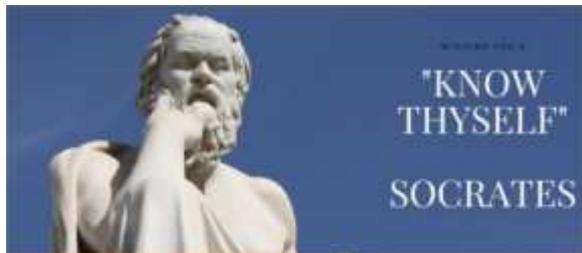
Navigating through a world of baloney

One might expect a salesman, card shark, or politician to lie. After having been taken advantage of over the years one generally develops a useful level of skepticism. Useful skepticism is that which helps you identify that which would take advantage of you or lead you into some deception. In a way, this book is intended to help some recognize that which is false.

Discernment however, should be more than recognizing and avoiding that which is false, it should also help identify that which is true. One thing that makes us vulnerable to deceptions is our desires. Buddhists see the elimination of desire as the doorway to Nirvana. Christians see the replacement of selfish desire with selfless desire as a more useful solution.

It was not so much the apple that Satan tempted Eve with as the suggestion that "Ye shall be as gods". Being able to discern truth is often a matter of trust (faith). Who did Eve trust more, God, Adam, or Satan? This can be a useful insight into discernment. If Eve had said to Satan when he asked, "Is it true God hath said...", "I can't remember exactly, let's ask him", history might have been different.

There was a conspiracy theory that Abraham Lincoln was not dead. The rumor had spread so far that a commission was appointed and the grave opened and Lincoln was still there. The un-discerning might accept a rumor without question. A person more discerning might ask questions such as if he were still alive, wouldn't someone have recognized him, or if someone stole the body, why would they do that.



Perhaps the first place to exercise discernment is with ourselves. While

some are able to recognize what is wrong in the world, fewer are able to recognize what is wrong inside themselves. Being able to recognize our own deficiencies is helpful both to protect vulnerabilities as well as identify that in which we need to improve.



Bad experiences can contribute to discernment. One might think that being smart would also contribute to discernment, but when you consider what the people in college believe, you might not want to rely too much on intelligence. However, most in college were discerning enough to recognize what the politics of the group were in which they desired to prosper.

If one considers truth as useful to discernment, then being immersed in truth would provide the highest ability to discern truth from what is false. Truth might be defined as what is absolute, unchangeable, and defines ultimate reality. If God created reality, he would be the ultimate source of truth.

## **Being "Of the Truth"**

(Won't Get Fooled Again)

Jesus told Pilate that those who were "of the truth" would hear his voice. This also conveys what might be called a resonance. Part of discernment would be this alignment with truth that results in an attraction to that which is true.

Paul wrote of a future time when those who did not receive a "love of the truth" would be all deceived to accept the antichrist. There is an individual internal configuration that depends on how highly we value and hold truth.

Mackenzie Phillips grew up in an environment of drugs and indulgences. Later in life she was trying to rebuild her life and wrote a book about her experiences. A family friend was once asked if the things in the book could be true and the friend responded that Mackenzie was going through a period of "brutal honesty", so, yes, it was probably true. One can develop a passion for truth after having suffered from not having it.



Learning through the experiences of others can be less painful and quicker, but perhaps not make as deep an impression as direct encounters with reality can provide. There is a truth in reality that often only those who have had harsh contact with it can appreciate such as combat veterans, emergency room nurses, cops, abuse victims, or even some ex-cons. Rather than waiting for a brutal slap in the face from reality to generate an interest in truth, one can cultivate a growing desire to seek it out.

Being of the truth is more than simply recognizing it. Being of the truth is hungering for and feeding on truth. Seeking truth is actively searching and questioning.



Media can supply ample opportunities to exercise discernment. One can apply a questioning reflex to every item one is presented. For example, a TV news reader can say that a politician made a comment. One might ask himself if the comment was actually made the way the news reader presented it. If so why was the comment actually given. Was it to describe truth or to obtain an effect.



What also emerges in cultivating discernment is that one becomes more precise in what one says, as well as, acknowledging what is not known so that assumptions are less indulged. Perhaps not to the extent of the law school illustration of Oliver Wendell Holmes, in which he is supposed to have told his wife on a buggy ride that her observation of a white house was incorrect, and she instead should have said that, "The side of the house facing us appears to have been painted white."

A movie character once declared that passion was in opposition to

precision. One might see a disconnection of those who are growing in truth, from those who enjoy the pleasures of the world. One can lose popularity and even become the object of scorn by simply questioning, much less rejecting, common social assumptions. This is why this book will be so unpopular. However, the truth will set you free. This freedom often comes at the price of awakening "Matrix-like" from the comfort of being fully integrated into the world system Satan is advancing.

To be "of the truth" requires more than just an awakening awareness. Seeking and holding on to truth are acts of one for whom truth is essential. A "love" of truth is to value it more than self.

### **Taken as Gospel**

Building on a Foundation of Sand

When coming into adulthood a person has already established a foundation for his life. It consists of many elements such as what he has been told by his parents, teachers, and friends. Often there are elements that are not true and can be a hindrance in life.

In primitive societies many of these beliefs would be called superstitions.

In the modern era, for example, beliefs can range from urban legends to conspiracy theories. The people in Korea were convinced years ago that the electric fan can cause death (fan death). Many today still have this apprehension.



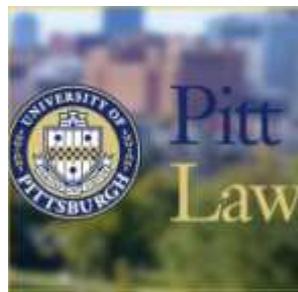
The "fan death" idea is illustrative of how an idea can persist in the absence of a hard definitive knowledge of truth. For a person more knowledgeable, the movement of air would not be considered dangerous except if the air was moving at a very high velocity, dry air (over days) removing moisture from a body, or high velocity air driving sharp objects towards a body causing lacerations. It also, might be possible for a worn bearing to put enough of a mechanical load on the fan motor to draw enough electrical current to start a fire with an un-fused circuit.

Having specific factual knowledge can allow unsubstantiated apprehensions to

be dismissed. However, the person without the knowledge of truth is at the mercy of his fears.

**Prejudice** - Our assumptions as a barrier to discernment

Prejudice is usually thought of in racial terms. However, even the decision to sit in a chair shows a pre judged opinion that the chair will hold your weight. A prejudice might be better thought of as conclusion we have reached that we use to navigate through life. We all pre judge things in that it is easier to go through life feeling certain about things.



Prejudice is a sort of short hand way to go through life. For example, if you have to hire a lawyer, you might not want to interview a guy from Harvard as you might assume he would be arrogant, unwilling to take instruction, and want too much money. A guy from a school in Pennsylvania

might look like a better prospect. However, by not interviewing each one, you can never know for sure. This is where discrimination can be helpful.

Discrimination is a word that also has been used so often in regard to racism that its utility in describing other things has often been lost. Racial discrimination is the simplistic determination of something based on skin color. Useful discrimination is seldom two dimensional. In hiring a lawyer asking each candidate to explain how they would draw up a contract for someone in a hypothetical company might help you discriminate as to what skills each might bring.

When discrimination is tied to prejudice it is almost useless. When it is coupled with discernment it can help identify that which is useful.

Discernment works with discrimination to determine truth. It requires one to be open to questioning. Prejudice is opposed to questioning. "Pre judging" is usually reflective of a basic belief that can be at the core of our existence. For example, assuming that the food placed before us is not poisoned is a common assumption. It can be unsettling to think that it might be. Similarly any basic

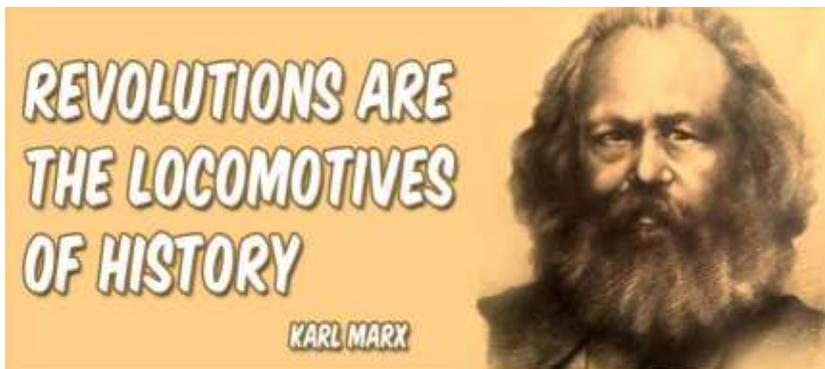
assumption is difficult to question because it is basic to our lives.



Prejudice and assumptions can provide a more comfortable life than questioning and evaluating. However, it leaves one vulnerable to error and getting slapped in the face by reality. Maturity is a result of the growth of learning which is a result of active questioning. As one grows both in depth and breadth of understanding one becomes more in control of their own life.

One of the most difficult things to understand is that a life of ease and comfort is usually one of ignorance and vulnerability as well as the arrested development of a sort of perpetuated infancy.





## **Communism**

Revolution Without a Reason  
Recreational social activism

If one selects a view of the universe that does not include God, It greatly amplifies the importance of this life as it seems all one can expect. Seeing others have what you want can be galling. For Marx the solution was obvious, if rich people were rich because they owned the factories, then if the workers owned the factories, they would be the ones who were rich. He thought that the factory workers would be so outraged at the wealth disparity that they would rise up in revolution and use violence to set things right.

In the Russian Revolution not being Christian was an advantage as those willing to kill others the quickest had a distinct political advantage. It was not so much that the workers rose up, but discontent with war and

starvation contributed to support for anyone that might help them.



The Soviet Union did try to subvert and infiltrate other nations. However, during the anti-communist posturing in the US Congress in the 1950s, the politicians were sending their own children to college where many would receive de-facto communist indoctrination.

To clarify, Communism is defined as the absence of private ownership of property. However, if a socialist says you can have private property, but you need approval to use it, there can be little distinction between the two.

The collective was the initial strategy of Communism. However, as factories were changing from individual ownership to collective (corporation) ownership, labor was also changing to the collectivization of unions.

Pure Communism does not exist. It requires a suspension of human nature. While attempted in various utopian communities, it never worked. Interestingly both Fascism and Communism are collectivist. Often less noticed, the dominant form of Capitalism (the joint stock corporation) is also a collectivist enterprise. The collective nature of socialism exists parasitically in most countries. Pure socialism would fail just as quickly as pure Communism. China is an interesting study as their government is called "Communist", but they were pragmatic enough to recognize that an alternative was needed. They are perhaps more accurately defined as an oligarchy over a capitalist population, economically succeeding by exploitation of their own people and minorities.



Essentially Communism and Socialism are attractive to those who see no God, but think they are best qualified

for the job. Using the power of a collectivized government, they seek to make improvements in the world. They do not make anything better, but, they do blindly inflict damage to that of which they remain blissfully unaware. Consequences mean little to them but they do find much to praise themselves for.

Yuri Bezmenov was a Soviet agent who defected to the West in 1970. He had some interesting interviews in which he described both the official Soviet plans and objectives, as well as, his own observations in working to subvert various governments and societies. He had commented that if any of those agents they encouraged to subvert their own government were actually successful, they would be the first ones to be liquidated, because they were too dangerous to keep around.

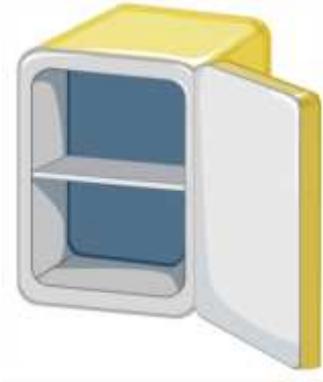
What makes those that agitate worthy of death to their communist sponsors is that they live to criticize, tear down, and foment discontent. They are very useful to destroy from within, but those that would impose a new order do not want them to continue running amok.



We find these people today still being formed in colleges. The age 18-22 is ripe for the formation of the social activist. Not yet being invested in their own lives, these young people can dedicate themselves to a cause that will inflate their pride, make them feel superior, and gain popularity with their peers. Whether demanding women have the right to kill their children, fighting to prevent perverts from feeling imposed upon, inciting blacks to burn their neighborhoods, or advocating for international issues like wanting to kill the Jews, there are many options for those led to social activism.

The 1960s saw an intense rejection of parental culture and values, in colleges. Today there are few values to reject and often parents have provided socialist values.

Perhaps college students are so vulnerable to leftist indoctrination because a week after their parents move them into the college dorm, they discover their mini refrigerator is out of food and to replenish it will take money. It can seem very unfair.



Those who, instead of going to college, went to welding school or learned to be a dental assistant seldom followed a path of liberalism, perhaps because they were too busy with reality to have their egos so inflated.

Few consider that in their zeal to attack and tear down, there is little of creating and building up. As most age out of active activism, they usually carry their past glories (protests of foot stamping declaring "we don't like it") smugly as a badge of honor advancing the cause of

justice. This delusional state often grows with the years. These people permeate corporations the government, and academia. They have a huge impact on society and continually push issues and agendas that are harmful. They are attracted more to liberal causes and issues because those that programmed them in college had that intention.

### **Insurance**

A gamble we know we are going to lose



The movie "The Incredibles" has an animated character that is an executive at an insurance company who instructs his employees to not pay claims. This is a relatable character because many people have experiences of being denied a claim.

One disability policy, I saw, stated on page 14 that benefits would not be paid if the insured had another source of income. This meant that a Social Security disability payment would nullify the policy and if someone was

disabled, the insurance would not pay. The idea that paying for a disability policy that would not pay if you were disabled seems not too far from fraud.



In fairness an insurance company has many people trying to steal from them. Since they are a large corporation run by procedures, they program their collective to operate machine-like so that they keep as much money as possible. They have no capacity for, or interest in, what is true. They simply work on making their corporate collective a successful money making machine. These companies often fall into a pattern of trying to spread fear to get people to purchase their product, and then get the government to pass laws to reduce the chances that what they've made people afraid of will actually happen.

Early humanity huddled together in huts fearful of lightening strikes. Most of the trajectory of civilization has been to find a way to move from a fearful dependence on God to a life of

comfort and security. Part of this comfort that is sought is the comfort that having insurance imparts. If anything bad should happen one can be assured that it can be fixed with the money that insurance will provide. This is perhaps a good example of the comfort and assurance one can derive from self-deception.



In a real or natural world family and friends help us if we're faced with calamity. In the Satanic world that is emerging, one can neglect others by assuring themselves that insurance or government takes care of those in need so one can focus more intently on himself.

By creating a world in which even normal fears and apprehensions have been reduced by thinking that in the unlikely event anything worrisome should happen, insurance will remedy the situation, we can create a delusional state of comfort and ease. In this state we might even neglect

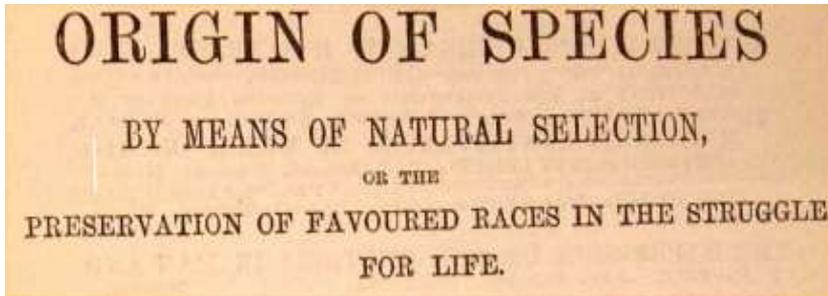
the prudent steps we should take to minimize actual risks. We can even come to think that a risk free environment is natural.



The sort of "magical thinking" that can arise from seeing no un-resolvable hazards in life can lead to an increasingly unrealistic view of the world. Many find the evolutionary idea that there is no God attractive because they can think of no reason a god would create a world that allowed there to be any pain, suffering, or even discomfort. However, when one considers those historical incidences where a king or emperor indulged their children with such comforts, the children almost always turned out to be little monsters whose selfishness and cruelty often seems unlimited, that delusional thinking often is self-destructive.

## **Human Nature** - Bad to the Bone

Some liberal thinkers like Rousseau thought humans were born perfect and only exposure to civilization corrupted them. He anticipated that as Americans moved westward, they would encounter the "noble savage" whose purity had not yet been corrupted by civilization. He would have been surprised to learn that Indians were just as corrupted as anyone else.



Liberals have always been attracted to evolution from which they see themselves as at the forefront of morality, intelligence, education, and enlightenment. Initially they saw other races as inferior and even worthy of extinction because they, the other races, failed to evolve as well as they themselves had. However, after Hitler, they amended their view to say that those less developed simply needed to be educated.

The liberal view that there is nothing wrong with humans is simply wishful thinking. If one takes a creator view of human existence, one sees a disconnection between humans and God. Ever since that disconnection we have been guided by our own selfish interests.

The initial difficulties God placed on creation for our benefit ultimately proved insufficient to restrain our self destructiveness;

*And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. - Genesis 6:5*



The earth, after having all but eight people killed by the flood, became environmentally even more difficult. These climatic hardships were sufficient for over 4,000 years to keep us from being like the people before the flood. However, our

technology has made us increasingly free from climatic difficulties such that our indulgences are beginning to follow the pattern that was seen just before the flood.

Western Civilization was Christian even if its rulers were not, and those that were often had a remarkably poor understanding of Christianity. This created a society in which people could fool themselves into thinking that man was basically good.



Now that the West is turning from Christianity, even though the legacy of a Christian culture still has some inertial momentum, the cracks are beginning to show and more and more people are beginning to show the natural man in all of us.



## **Christianity**

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More than a ticket to Heaven

It is quite often that people have an impression of Christianity that is not accurate or complete. Even for many that claim Christ, it comes as a surprise that there is more than just doing good to escape hell and go to heaven. The first point of confusion is about how one becomes a Christian. It is not by an act or even an acknowledgment. It is by trusting.

*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

The gospel (good news) that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again to forgive our sins is what we trust in (the English word "believe" may not carry the full understanding that the word "trust" does).

When a person trusts in Jesus, he is placed into what is called the body of Christ and is sealed with the Holy Spirit. The new Christian is set free from the compulsive power of sin, yet may continue in sin because he has not yet learned to walk by the Spirit as opposed to walking in the flesh.

If allowed, the Holy Spirit can make a Christian a better person.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*

The goal of this transformation is the maturity of the Christian so that he grows into Christ-likeness. This process of maturity is the transition from selfishness to selflessness.

Sadly, few Christians themselves understand this process. As a result, they often portray to the world a confusing array of pompous leaders claiming magical prosperity, miracle cures, uttering gibberish, and the greedy seeking money. Alternatively, an effusive indulgence of emotional sensualism is demonstrated called "Christian love" that endorses every perversity one can imagine. Still others, emulating the Stoics, advocate



this, everyone knew everyone else intimately. When a person changed to be more loving, faithful, diligent, or honest, it was such a powerful testimony that others would want the change for themselves. Today hardly anyone knows another well enough to even notice any change.

Today, most who claim to be Christian show so little evidence in their lives as to be indistinguishable from anyone else. It makes one question if there is any benefit to being a Christian at all.

God still welcomes the one who trusts in Jesus as seen with the story of the the father of the Prodigal son.



In the story the son was raised privileged and his natural selfishness led him to abandon his family. Having

come to destitution, he returns home seeking his father's forgiveness.

### **Being Comfortable**

#### Unanticipated Time Travel

There was a public service commercial on TV once that finally portrayed marijuana use accurately. It showed a 25 year old smoking marijuana in his bedroom and telling the camera that he had been smoking it for ten years and it hadn't affected him one bit. Then a voice came from outside the camera range asking him if had gone out to look for a job. He opened a window and tried to fan the smoke out so it wouldn't be detected by his mother.

The kid in the commercial was correct, he hadn't changed a bit. He was a 25 year old 15 year old. It was like he took a one way time travel trip to the future, but when he got there he was older. This is sort of a picture of those who create a comfortable life for themselves. Even for Christians, the insulation of comfort can be spiritually crippling.



Most people would see a comfortable life to be their highest ambition. One goes to college to be able to secure a high paying job so that one can have a comfortable life. One robs or scams to get the money to have a comfortable life. One can use drugs or alcohol to blot out the reality that their life is not very comfortable. We all prefer to avoid discomfort.



Our being comfortable may not have been the purpose God had in creating humans. When comfortable, we tend to think strangely. We become vain in our imaginations. We have thousands of years of history that show we do not do well with prosperity. It is God's will that everyone would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Truth and comfort often seem in opposition.

The bible describes the optimum Christian life as a transition from living for self to living for others.

If the fall of the first humans was a result of choosing their own path away from God, the rest of human history might be seen as God trying to reach out in a way that some might be enticed away from selfish interests back to the life that was intended for them, through Christ.

*And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 2 Corinthians 5:15*

Jesus, in his earthly ministry, called three groups of people hypocrites: the Pharisees, who thought they were sufficient for what they did; the Sadducees, who thought they were sufficient for who they were; and the Herodians, who thought they were sufficient because of who they knew. This sort of hypocrisy is the deception of self. This state of comfortable complacency can also deceive Christians into thinking that God has blessed them, rather than that they have blinded themselves.

*Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 2 Corinthians 3:5*

**Feminism** - Provoked to Discontent by Satanic Ideas.

In the 1960s a popular book read by many women was "The Feminine Mystique" by Betty Friedan. She surveyed college classmates and found them to be unsatisfied with their lives. Her solution was to recommend increased selfishness as a remedy. As a result, many women that graduated college were made to feel that they were being exploited in caring for their own children. Perhaps these women, in sending their children off to school, felt a sense of underutilization. Perhaps a feeling of superiority (often a result of attending college) contributed to a restlessness of unfulfilled ambition.

Seeing oneself as a maid that cleans the house until the children come home, watch TV, have dinner, and go to bed created in women a growing resentment. Women, may have more accurately seen the government that took their children away as the one who failed them. Also blamable were her church and family that failed to teach her how important it was to raise children and how to do it.



The post WWII era was permeated with the idea of mass production, as this was seen during WWII as responsible to make the planes, ships, tanks, and ammunition needed to win the war. The idea that children would be "educated" by a similar process was seldom questioned. This led many women vulnerable to this to conclude that they should be working in the industrial machines (corporations) of society outside the home, rather than sitting in an empty house perhaps watching TV soap operas or otherwise idle.

Feminism is essentially a selfish denial of having and caring for family. One result of this deception was that many women came to believe that there were no differences between men and women, thus causing them to be triggered to shout down any

suggestion that there were any differences. This oppositional perspective was seen in combative terms as it was in their eyes, that their enemies that were blocking their ambitions. Here there is a confluence of Satanic strategies. The idea of evolution removes the idea that "God created them male and female". With no divine purpose in sex differentiation, one is much more able to convince oneself that there is no difference much less that there is a reason for the differences.

**Slavery** - The exploitation of the weak by the strong

Until the Industrial Revolution everything in the world was accomplished through muscle power, wind power, and water power. Slaves could provide muscle power. At the tribal level after a war, those of the losing side would often be assimilated into the victorious tribe and in a generation or two not be considered significantly different. At the national level, war produced a surplus of people from the losing side that could be bought or sold. The Vikings did a brisk business selling captives to the Mid East.

Even though a great number of captives could be obtained after a large battle, most families needed only a few slaves as much business was conducted by families. The plantation system was an attempt to industrialize the use of muscle power in agriculture. This was also attempted in the ancient Roman empire. It is interesting to note that slavery was ending all over the world in the 1800s as the Industrial revolution was advancing. Even before the Industrial Revolution it made much more sense economically to tell people that they would only be paid for the hours they worked and they would need to find their own food, place to rent, and care for their own children, sick, and elderly. That this was not done much in antiquity may have been the result of families not wanting to appear heartless and ruthless.



Indians in Western Massachusetts were able to escape being made slaves because Jonathan Edwards insisted that

Indians learning Christianity not be exploited by local farmers. While there can be a racial element in slavery, it is not a requirement. In the early Industrial Revolution factory owners worked to change laws in England so that men could no longer feed their families by hunting and, facing hunger, would have to seek factory work. It is sadly part of sinful (selfish) human nature to see an opportunity to make money from exploiting others and take it.

One might see in the US Civil War a use of force to end slavery (which was ending on it's own), as well as a Satanic tactic to increase the power of the Federal government. Also, the self-righteousness of social activists could be used to advance temperance, feminism, and progressivism. Together with media newspapers, people could be woven into a society of factory workers seeking collective action.

The modern state of employment by corporations has been called "wage slavery" and while not as brutal as plantation slavery was, bureaucracies often also have mind-dulling effect and sense of hopeless servitude.



## **Racism -**

Real = A simple-minded assumption

Perceived = A manipulative accusation

The police in the UK understood they would be crucified in the press if they investigated the Pakistani sex trafficking of young girls. As a result they turned a blind eye to the evil deeds done against their own youth. A similar problem was present in the American South in the 1920s. Law enforcement, instead of being incapacitated by the press, was tied to the prevailing view of black inferiority. When the automobile was introduced, drunk young men of the baser sort discovered they could go slaughter blacks with little risk of arrest. This was actual racism in its most grim form.

There were two parallel ideas about blacks in segregation in the 1920s. The integration idea and the development from within idea. The integration idea received funding from

various foundations and emerged as the approach that liberal whites embraced. As a result, blacks with abilities left their communities, went to college, got jobs in corporations and government, and made new homes in suburbia. Left behind were those with lesser abilities whose families were destroyed and communities ravaged by drugs and alcohol as well as gang activity. Similar to those Native Americans of ability that integrated out of the reservation, or the white flight from Appalachia.

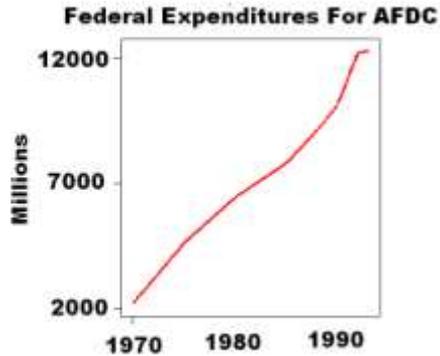
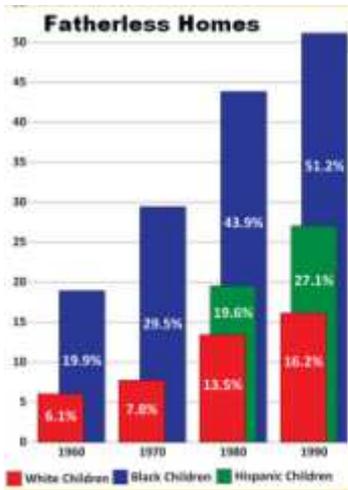


The self righteous social activists in the 1950s and 60s used confrontation to accelerate the changes that were happening anyway in the South. As a result, 150 race riots in 1967 and 100 more in 1968 were indicative of the anger and frustration that had been encouraged to be demonstrated. The FBI was sure that these had been aggravated by Soviet agents.

In reality, fellow travelers (home grown socialists and communists) who had been active in labor disputes had branched out to student recruitment for racial activism.



The abandonment of these communities by those seeking better opportunities for themselves, should have been expected. The Democrats sought to gain political advantage by passing legislation that pumped Federal money into the economically disadvantaged areas. Thomas Sowell spoke to the damage these policies caused to black families further damaging these communities and creating dependencies on governmental handouts.



The black comedian Dick Gregory once said in his comedy routine that if someone was told he had to make love to a black black woman or a white white woman and the black black woman was Lena Horne and the white white woman was Kate Smith what you would find was that race mattered much less than attractiveness. This was back when people could still joke about race.



The risk of being called "racist" became so great that people would do anything to show that they weren't.

Even the threat of being called a racist created such cowardice that it was sufficient blackmail for race hustlers to make comfortable livings for themselves from corporations. However, this time may be passing.

Trump has shown that being called "Hitler" is not the death sentence it used to be. Perhaps one might be able to mention aspects of race in the future without coming into reflexive condemnation. Consider the thought experiment where one is leaving the cash register in a cafeteria with a tray of food. There are two tables, each with one seat open. One table has all black people and one table has all white people. Which one would you choose to sit at.



A Dick Gregory variation on this thought experiment is that the white people were bikers and the black people were all well-dressed and studying the bible. All people have racial preferences along with all

sorts of other preferences. If the person hated Christians, he might sit with the bikers. If the person was concerned about safety, he might sit with the Christians.

In a way, what was seen as issues of race might now be more accurately seen as issues of class, culture, or even as issues of ability. In the movie "Absolute Power" a thief was looking into moving out of the country with his money because his life was at risk. The gal advising him on this says that her "runners" are usually dead within five years. The implication being that surviving in an alien environment is so difficult that even with money, it can lead to suicide. This perhaps captures some of the distress of the unfamiliar. This has bearing on what is called race, but may actually mean culture.

"Integration" appears mostly to have been a vehicle for people with ability (black, white, and red) to abandon their old communities for the personal comfort of enclave life. The absence of the stabilizing influence their presence could have had allowed their former neighbors to sink into the chaos of single parent homes, drug and alcohol abuse, and crime.



Some have found that even in comfortable enclaves, the lack of real friends and close family, and having politely distant neighbors, that a circumscribed life may not be as rewarding as had been anticipated.



This might be seen as an example of how Satan presents a package that superficially looks good, only to find out that it contains poison. Using blacks as an example, some of them have obtained increased prosperity. However, one has to ask if a 50% rate of fatherless homes, a 0.23% incarceration rate, a 400% higher rate of abortions than whites, and a 21% welfare rate was worth it.

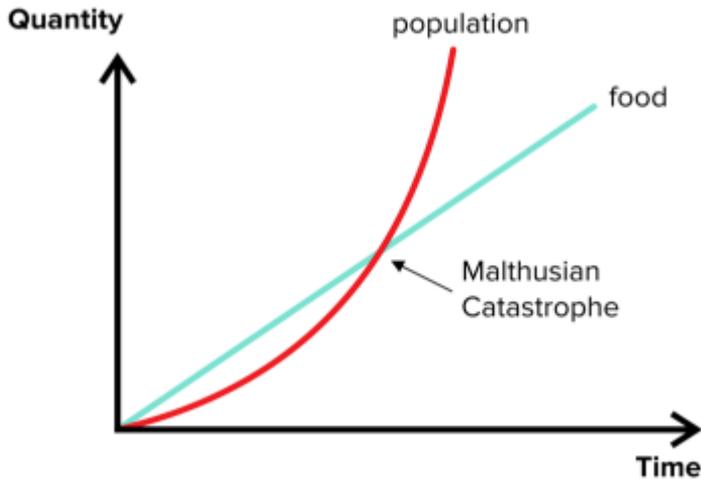
The social activism that led to the race riots of the 1960s was similar to the social activism that led to the George Floyd riots, these being based on the mistaken report that an innocent black man had been murdered by the police, when he actually died from an overdose of drugs that he was trying to hide from the police. It is difficult to see the race hatred stoked by the social activists as accomplishing anything more beneficial than allowing strutting activists to demonstrate their self-righteous indignancy. A lot of people have paid a high price for the comfort of a few.



## Climate Change

- Chicken Little "Science"

Perhaps to counter the enlightenment optimism of his father and his father's friend, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Thomas Malthus wrote an economic treatise countering the idea that a limitless utopia was right around the corner. He warned that the recent increase in food availability due to the invention of the seed drill that population would increase proportionally and that the future was doomed by limited resources.

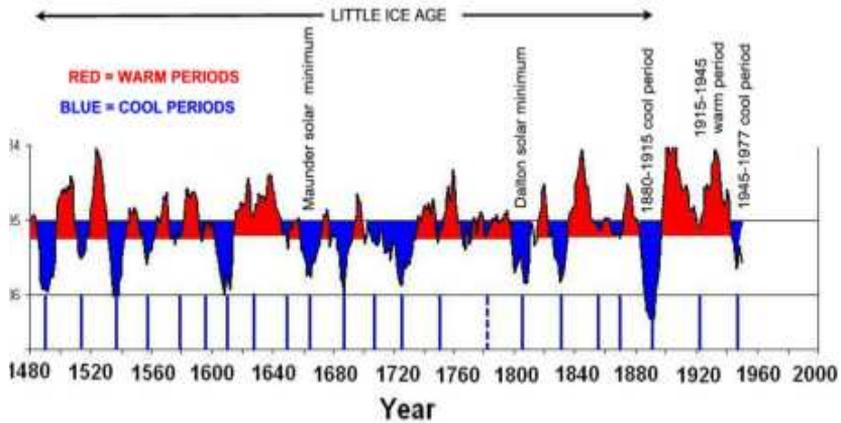


Malthus had no idea that the Industrial Revolution was already in progress as he wrote and that in a little more than a century people would willingly abort their children

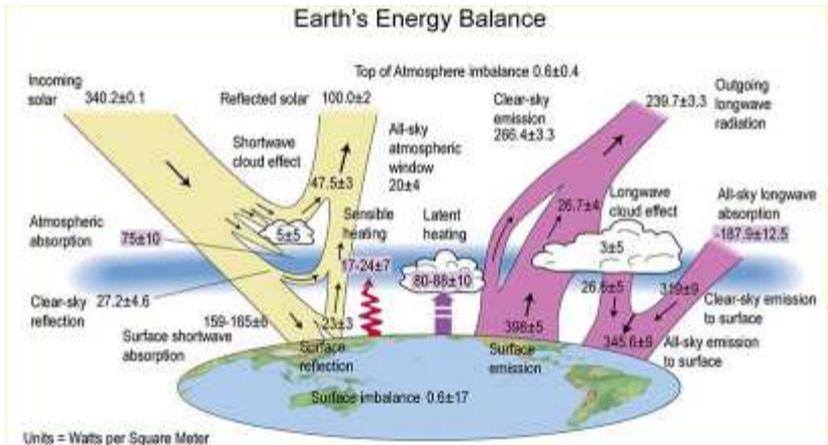
either through surgical abortion or the chemical abortion of oral contraceptives. From his perspective, his concerns seemed justified.

As what was called "science" became increasingly specialized, an expert in one field demurred to the expertise of someone else in their field. One flagrant example of the abuse this allowed was the Kinsey Reports of sexuality in the 1950s. This academic bacchanalia is an example of what can be done when adults leave the room.

In the 1960s and 1970s a series of alarming statements from universities raised alarm over global cooling and the threat of a new ice age. In the 1980s and afterwards it became the threat of global warming. While warming is still presented as the threat, the name has been changed to "climate change". While much of the alarmism can be attributed to academics looking to get something published and media looking for something alarming to attract viewers, there are a number of people seeking political advantage as a result of fear mongering.



Having established universities as sources of alternative "truth", Satan was able to use various declarations, assertions, and pronouncements to direct people to take actions that he wished. He was even able to get some to take action with the zeal of a martyr or jihadist. Since universities were first to adopt evolution and reject God, they were the ideal place to find those willing to fight for an alternate truth. Even to the extent of altering historical climate data to conform to the new "truth".



The earth receives heat from two sources. The first is internal as there is perhaps nuclear fission taking place in the center of the earth that produces enough heat for volcanoes and hot springs. There is no way of measuring this to see if it varies, but one might assume that in geological time it would be decreasing. The other source of heat is from the sun. We do know that there are variations such as the eleven year sunspot cycle. However, 70% of the earth's surface is water which tends to evaporate into the atmosphere to make clouds when it is hotter. The increased cloud cover would reflect more heat back into space resulting in a sort of heat regulator. Real science would attempt to measure this instead of screaming that the world is ending.

## **Birth Control**

### Murder Cloaked as Prudence

Not all birth control is murder. Barrier type birth control is simply telling God to mind his own business (a bold move unless evolution is actually true). Oral contraceptives were introduced with the assertion that they prevented ovulation. In reality that may have been one of the mechanisms of the early formulations. However, those pills had such a high dose of hormones that women were having severe side effects such as blood clots. Over the years the dosages have been reformulated such that the mechanism of preventing embryo implantation by a thicker mucosal lining may now be the primary mechanism, which is abortion.

Some tell themselves that life does not begin at conception. However, from a biblical perspective Elizabeth felt John the Baptist's leap within her upon the arrival of her newly pregnant cousin Mary. This indicates that Jesus was considered deity at his conception. It should not be a surprise that parents kill their children for convenience and tell themselves all sorts of reasons why this is a good idea.



In the movie "Overboard" Goldie Hawn playing a wealthy character, calls her mother and asks if she should have a baby. The mother responds, "If you have a baby, you won't be the baby." This captures some of the human dilemma. If we have children we are almost forced to give up some of the selfishness that defines our own childhood. In a prosperous society that cherishes self-indulgence, it should not be surprising that children would be seen as an intolerable inconvenience.

Pregnancy is often the result of playing with fornication. Many do not even realize they are pregnant when an embryo is prevented from attaching to the uterus.



Satan accomplishes a lot with this one tactic. For example, the college freshman girl who is seduced by Thanksgiving and pregnant by Christmas can see an abortion in January as her only hope to hide her secret shame. Bitter ever afterwards, she may become one of the most vocal advocates for what she calls "abortion rights" because she feels it "saved" her. By using a post Christian culture like America, Satan is able to trick people into thinking that they have no need to protect their women and girls because we are not like those countries with leering rapists behind every corner.

In addition to the murder of children, Satan is able to cripple many girls with secret shame (if not for fornication, then shame for simply being naive). He may also gauge the effectiveness of his deceptions as to how many believe life does not begin at conception or how many think oral contraception does not involve abortion.

## **Divorce**

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### The Painful Result of Ignorance

Most young people grow up with a view of life that has been defined by TV, movies, magazines, and the opinions of

their friends. This does not provide either an accurate or helpful understanding of the reality of marriage. Coupled with the expectation of casual fornication, it is amazing that so many marriages survive.

For most of human history marriages were mostly for survival. With the Industrial revolution and the ease of living that technology brought, there was an easing of environmental pressures that often kept people together.

To consider the rate of divorce that began to rise slowly around 1890, one might consider that married couples that moved from rural areas to urban centers with the increase in passenger rail travel might have experienced stresses that those that remained in rural areas did not encounter. The rate of divorce continued to accelerate after WWI perhaps influenced by the availability of the automobile as well as the "party" atmosphere of prohibition.

The divorce rate doubled from 1965 to 1975. During this time divorce became legally much easier to obtain, oral contraceptives were introduced, feminism became more widely accepted, and drugs were much more widely in use. In 1990 the divorce rate started

to decline. However, this was mostly because the marriage rate was declining faster. One might also see a contribution from the baby boom generation having been intentionally raised with a TV advertising consumer culture and "expert" advice, such as from Dr. Spock to not discipline children, that an historically unprecedented generation of selfish children would grow to be poorly suited for marriage in general.



To understand the prevalence of divorce, it can be useful to consider the dynamics of marriage. God placed a curse on the relationship between men and women. Adam and Eve were told that the man would rule over the woman and the woman would "desire" her husband. Perhaps a better translation of the Hebrew word *teshûqâh* is to seek to control. At it's worst, this tension of mutual selfishness can lead to two people who want to kill each other. Moderating this tension is parenthood that often draws two people somewhat out of their own childish selfishness

to take care of their own selfish children.

Satan has advanced birth control and abortion to accomplish many things. One of the most important to him is to insure people are not taken out of a state of selfishness. This is because selfishness keeps people contending against each other. A writer once describing collaborative writing (writing with a partner) said that each person will think he is doing 80% of the work, and as long as both are OK with that, it will work. This sheds a little light on what is needed to make a marriage work, selflessness.



We are all born helpless, ignorant, and selfish. As we grow we should improve on all three conditions. In a prosperous technologically advanced society there is little external environmental pressure to sustain a marriage. The observation of declining rates of marriage can be made. One would expect rising rates of divorce as external constraints diminish.

However, even divorce rates decrease as people no longer feel any need to marry at all.

To understand what real Christianity can bring to the table in such an adverse society, we can consider Buddhism. The advocacy of sublimating desire is starting to get close to the real source of the problem of human nature. However, suppressing selfishness is not the complete answer. The transformation from a selfish life to a selfless life is the key to everything.

Real Christianity is simply being reconnected to God through trusting in Christ and that he died, was buried, and rose again in payment for our sins. After we have a new connection with God, we are able turn from selfishness to the selflessness of love as we surrender ourselves to the work of His Holy Spirit in us. What can make a marriage work is the transformation of our natural selfish nature into a loving selfless nature without regard for circumstances.

This transformation not only makes it possible for us to grow closer to God, but show his love to those around us. Parallel to our growing in love comes access to wisdom and a knowledge of truth. For the child that is raised to

follow this path, he has resources to draw on that will help him avoid selecting a marriage partner that would make his life miserable. That this is so seldom exercised is a testimony of Satan's cleverness in blinding Christians and keeping them immature and ineffective.

### **Politics**

Trying to get what you want

Sometimes people get involved with politics because they feel that it is a civic duty. After a short time, one becomes disgusted and leaves. The lengths people will go to to get what they want is shameful.



An author once observed in Washington politics that both on the left and the right were "true believers" that the majority on both sides found laughable. The 90% in the middle were there just for money, power, prestige or other advantage.

The phrase "office politics" implies that "politics" is not just limited to government. One can see the maneuvering to gain advantage in any collective such as government, corporations, school, and even church. Given the selfish nature we have we should expect that people would use each other as pawns to get what they want.

Perhaps one of the most effective wheeler dealers was president Johnson. He had come to the presidency after a long time in the Senate where he mastered the political art of deal making. He had once expressed exasperation with Ho Chi Minh (the leader of North Viet Nam) because he couldn't buy him off with a deal.

One might find trying to understand the world much easier when considering 90% of the people are seeking some sort of advantage for themselves often employing deception as one of the tactics. Often done with the sincerity of self-deception.

### **Military Service**

An enforcer for the mob.

Mag. General Smedley Butler wrote a book "War is a Racket" citing his

experience in what were called the "banana wars" (military intervention in the Caribbean to pacify unrest to the advantage of US corporations).

Most military activity is in support of combat troops who are the leading edge of force to be applied to opponents.

If a collective can be seen as a giant robot, the military might be seen as a giant robot with a gun. In trying to see behind all that is false in the world, it can help to de-mystify many of the things we have come to rely on.

In dealing with others we can get them to agree with us (political deal), threaten them with a consequence, or we can kill them so that their objections no longer matter.

If one looks at history, these dynamics are played out from street gangs to kingdoms. In Medieval times any thug could declare himself to be in charge of a county (usually the distance one could cover by horseback in a day). If anyone else wanted to be in charge, they would fight to the death for it.



The two uses of force were to defend against somebody who wanted to take away your control of your county or to be used to take control of someone else's county. To maintain the ability to apply force, one kept some knights on hand to use to attack or defend against the knights of others.

The balance of power lay in the willingness to use violence to get what you wanted. The clergy even began to advocate for a code of chivalry to limit the violence that these "leaders" would inflict on each other.

As nations began to grow out of these local contentions, so did the size of military forces and the logistics to support them. This costly enterprise was often cloaked in moral terms such as with the crusades.



When one-sided technology provided the ability for colonialism, the "us versus them" dynamic was often cloaked in the vocabulary of how they are being "helped".

In the present day, military service is often presented in patriotic terms, but still has the function of being used by the worst sort of vain, self-serving scoundrels one can imagine.

There can be deep feelings of sacrifice and suffering associated with military service. However, it can be beneficial not to allow that as a cover for the unscrupulous to waste the lives of our youth.

If we consider the US involvement in Viet Nam, one can see politics at work. Truman gave some support to the French in their colony in Indo China in an attempt to prevent France from going Communist after WWII and

consistent with his view of containment.

Ho Chi Minh had already been fighting for independence for decades. President Johnson, perhaps mindful of the trouncing the Democratic party took in 1952 because they appeared soft on Communism, may have felt that there was political advantage in being "tough on Communism" and so escalated the US role in the Viet Nam war.

If one thinks of the military as a weapon, it can be tempting to use it (or misuse it). Beyond just defense, the opportunity it seems to offer in nation building and being a threat used to bully others into doing what you want is often too tempting to resist.



Seeing truth requires us to set aside those images we may hold dear. No one wants to think the lives of their children were wasted. No one wants to think that those who have been crippled live lives of unnecessary

difficulty for no reason. However millions dead and wounded are undeniable facts. That it was done to make France feel good or a political party appear in a good light seems tragically stupid. That those who make these decisions do so with apparently little regard for the lives that are wasted, is a testimony to the need to expose to the light of truth that which the powerful wish to remain hidden.

### **Patriotism**

Cloak or badge

Samuel Johnson wrote that patriotism was the last refuge of the scoundrel. This described his view of the false patriot that used patriotism as a defensive cloak to deflect criticism.

Some of the "scoundrel" type find their adventures take them too far and retreat to a position of emotional sentimentality so that anyone attempting to bring justified retribution on them is halted. This is similar to hiding behind a nun.

There are many whose patriotism is worn as a badge of honor and invested in it is the emotional feelings of family and clan.



Because of the intense emotional investment, some have tried to manipulate and exploit this to obtain enthusiasm for wars and expenditures that benefit themselves. Think of how the white non-slave owners in the South were induced to fight for the confederacy.

## Theater

How to look good.



The media in its various forms have made a lot of money out of offering diversions based on the distortions of truth. Even news readers play upon our biases, perceptions, and desires such as with, "If it bleeds, it leads".

As individuals we also have our moments of performance. It has been said, "All the world is a stage, and all the men and women merely players".



We all may try to put our "best foot forward", "make a good impression", or "be seen in a favorable light". When we conduct or present ourselves in a way to solicit a particular reaction from others, we distort reality.

Whether from peer pressure, fear, seeking advantage, or even vanity, we can all find ourselves distorting the truth of who we are. The problem with distorting the truth is that we can deceive ourselves such that we become blind to truth.



James Clavell in writing about the orient says that they have six different faces and none of them are true. This might sound brutal, however, if one has experienced severe oppression, one might expect skill at appearing as one is expected.

Not only do we live in a world of deceptive images, we can attempt to project our own. When this is done with self-deception, we can find ourselves adrift in a sea of lies.

## **Truth**

(The Source of Freedom)

The key to knowing what is wrong in the world and in ourselves is to know truth. Since a knowledge of truth can also be applied to ourselves, we may find a growing humility. Humility often does not feel good initially.

However, there are advantages in humility. One becomes less easily offended. The bible says that God is able to give more grace to the humble (perhaps as a result of an alignment with truth).



Being able to discern truth provides options. It allows one to avoid all sorts of traps. It can help avoid wasted time such as trying to curry favor from others, conform to their expectations, or get sucked into their propositions.



Truth, however, is not only limited to self-protection. By being able to clearly see what is of value, a course through life can be charted that is truly rewarding. A life can be built

that has both depth and breadth and satisfies.

Truth also works like a radio receiver tuned to a station that transmits truth. This allows those so "tuned" to recognize each other and that also which is of truth.

This brings us to consider God the creator. The person who has read this book so far may still be skeptical. However, if one is honest, the possibility of a creator God is not impossible.

Hopefully this book was able to dispel enough of what is false in the world so that one might begin to see the existence of a creator God as even probable.

### **Approximating Truth**

Figuring out what is true

We often are unable to determine if something is true or not at first consideration. We can hold an item for later consideration. Slowly over time we can add to or subtract from something so that we can become more or less convinced of the truth of something.



If a person hears about a flying fish, he may at first be skeptical. If he goes fishing off the Southern California coast and sees one, he can be convinced of the truth (seeing is believing). Even if the fish does not truly fly, he can see why it is called so. (It sort of glides from one wave crest to another).

It has been said that if you are not a liberal when you are young, you have no heart and if you are not a conservative when you are older, you have no mind. This illustrates a process of transition with an emphasis of the emotive feeling of youth and the hard won discernment of age. A young person might see nothing wrong with giving poor people money, while an older person has observed the corrosive effects of dependency.

Growing in the knowledge of truth is a process of both learning and skill development. However, it can't start without being of the truth. When truth

matters so much that one will tolerate difficulty and discomfort, a loss of friends, and even sacrifice, the journey can begin.

The process of learning is aided by asking questions, both of yourself as well as others. Today the Internet gives a good opportunity to get information and almost requires one to get proficient at sifting through that which is not true, is probably not true, and may be not true.

Using the example of Christianity, one can first ask if there is a God or how likely it is that there is a God. If one determines that it is likely there is a God, why would he create a world with so much suffering.



If we accept the possibility that most of the suffering we inflict on ourselves, we can begin to understand wars, murders, tantrums, thefts, slavery, bullying, and all sorts of human characteristics.



That the suffering resulting from the natural world may be by design to force us to need each other, recognize that there is that in us that is hopeless, and the only way out is to ask God for help.



One can see that an investigation into the truth of a proposition usually comes in stages. One does not have to complete each stage, but as new information is acquired, the reliability of other stages can be increased or decreased. The process can seem tedious if one simply evaluates whatever comes his way by

chance. Active seeking and inquiry can speed things along.

The process of aggregating information and assessing if it is true is useful to other subjects, as well as Christianity. Here are some helpful questions to apply when assessing truth.

1. Is it logical? What different circumstances would make it logical or illogical?

2. Is there a bias? Does the person presenting the information gain from my acceptance (either monetarily or emotionally).

3. Is it consistent with what I would expect? If not, why?

4. What are the reasons (if any) that convinced the presenter?

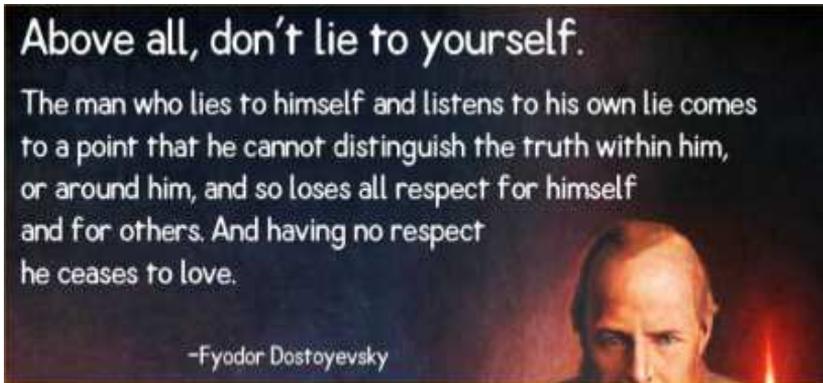
5. Do I have a bias? Does this proposition make me feel either good or bad?

6. Is there additional information needed? If told of a fever of 101F, it would good to determine if it was because of a cold or because of the plague.

## What in Us is "Wrong"?

Applying truth to ourselves

The is perhaps the most difficult assessment we can make. Our natural desire to feel comfortable often resists any consideration of personal defect or quickly justifies it. A guy was once asked why he stole a cart from a grocery store. His answer was that, "They have ripped me off plenty of times". This obvious fabrication might be seen as wound ointment to sooth the trauma of even considering he had done anything wrong.



Even people who sincerely believe they are seeking truth often halt at the point of applying it to themselves. Reflecting on the last time we hurt someone else is a good starting point to reflect on our motives. It is common to strike out in response to feeling hurt. This in turn usually

makes someone else feel hurt and want to strike back. It is easy to seek how arguments escalate.

We might reflect on a story we often tell about ourselves to others. We can attempt to recall the story but in stringently accurate terms. When we spot embellishments, we can ask ourselves why these were added. One can use the precision of memory as a "scalpel" to identify distortions and begin to see why we make them. Do we want to make ourselves more heroic? Are we afraid that our real selves will not be acceptable? Are we trying to manipulate someone to gain a favorable opinion? Were we trying to impress ourselves?



In such a self assessment one might discover that they routinely present themselves in a more favorable light than the facts justify. They might discover that it is not so much pride that drives this, but an attempt to sooth anxieties. This sort of identification is helpful because one can address the correct area.

In a way, this sort of process can be thought of as reprogramming yourself. By taking a sort of "manual control" over your life, you have the opportunity to break into reflexive processes. For example, if someone says something hurtful to you, instead of firing a stinging rejoinder, one can ask, "That really hurt, why do you say that?"

The bible says that the heart is deceitful above all things. This one saying captures much of the polarity between feelings and truth. Being able to "turn down the dial" of feelings can provide a window to truth less clouded by what we want.

There is a saying, "Evil cannot be conquered in the world, it can only be resisted in yourself". This may be true for those who are not Christian. However, Christians have the opportunity to make major changes within themselves by first having the compulsive nature of the flesh made ineffective and secondly by choosing to pursue truth. Those who pursue truth will eventually have to consider Christianity (real Christianity) and the bible.

## **Outline of the Bible**

For those unfamiliar

Thy word is truth (John 17:17)

Aside from the creation story in the first part of the first book of the bible, Genesis, The "Old Testament" is a history of the nation of Israel and how they repeatedly failed to be the nation of priests God wanted to use to bring the knowledge of him to the whole world.

The "new testament" (second part of the bible) is two stories. The first four books, called the gospels, are about Jesus and his offer of the promised earthly kingdom to the nation of Israel. The books of Hebrews through Revelation are various writers to those of Israel in the hope and expectation that the nation would repent and receive Jesus as their king.

The second story was a sort of parallel activity by the Apostle Paul to bring the gospel of salvation to non-Jews. This is recorded in the books of Romans through Philemon.

Interestingly the bible is the only book that has made prophecies about the future, many of which have already come true. One event still pending is the removal of Christians bringing a

return to God working through a restored nation of Israel. This transition will be brutal as described in the book of Revelation.

One might take a look at the bible especially if one is growing in an appreciation of truth.

### **Summary**

We have all been deceived in numerous ways. Being able to extract ourselves from deceptions can be difficult. Much of our entanglement with lies results from the fact that they have been crafted to appeal to our baser selves. The selfish consumptive self can be easily drawn into the pursuit of that which never satisfies. Even encountering painful consequences can be insufficient to motivate us to seek truth.



Truth is the only way to be free from the grip this world can have on us. Most accept that which is not true and even defend it because it feels good, is comfortable, or supports delusion. The last 100 years has seen a major transformation of human existence. Families have shrunk often to non-existence. Birth rates and marriage rates are dropping. Corporations and government collectives are enslaving the world. Real relationships have been replaced with cartoon cardboard cutouts on social media. Even endless entertainment is unable to completely numb the feeling of emptiness and dissatisfaction.



This has all been done by an entity that is planning on making his move to try to run the world. This is being allowed to sift out those who seek truth from those who pursue self.

Even him,  
whose coming is after the working of  
Satan with all power and signs and  
lying wonders, And with all  
deceivableness of unrighteousness in  
them that perish; because they  
received not the love of the truth,  
that they might be saved. -  
2 Thessalonians 2:9-10



The bible describes a future time when Satan will try to make his play. It will involve everyone on earth being made to take his "mark". This will separate those who seek truth from those less interested. It will be difficult for those who refuse the mark. They may be killed or have to try to survive on the run and in hiding through calamitous times. The key to survival will be having received a "love of the truth".

A special section for Christians will be presented because so much of Christian practice is wrong and seeing what is true can be helpful.

### **Problems for Christians to Understand**

The subject of Christianity has been touched on several times in this book. This section is particularly for Christians because much of what you know is also wrong as well.

First the establishment of denominations has been a disservice. A denomination is essentially a franchise brand of Christianity presented as a complete package. The doctrines are considered final and complete so learning and maturity are seldom emphasized.

The original purpose of Christianity (individual growth and maturity) might be summed up in Ephesians;

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a*

*perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: Ephesians 4:11-15*

This is how Christianity should work (Christian leaders teaching Christians how to be like Christ). Since what is commonly done in the name of Christ falls so far from this, we might surmise that Satan had a hand in the current configuration.

Paul wrote the Corinthians that since they argued and disputed with each other it was indicative of their immaturity. Few people can be as brutal to each other as some Christians can be.



A Christian who has gotten this far in this book may not be one of the brutal ones because there was so much to be angry with earlier, that he would not have made it this far. However, there can be much for a Christian that recognizes a particular environment he is in to consider if he should be making any changes.

### **The Legacy Christian Environment**

These are older congregations that are shrinking. Sometimes liberals will target these particularly in inner cities as the accumulated financial resources can make them tempting targets.



These are often heavy on ritual and seldom inspire anything in the sermons. People raised in these denominations usually find little to justify going and move on. Some move on to other churches, but most leave Christian practice altogether.

### **The Dynamic Christian Environment**

These churches are more hip and usually feature music with a rock inclination. The emphasis is on the experience one can have. Like all activities that emphasize feelings, repetition dulls the experience and after awhile, there can seem little reason to continue.



These churches are very youth oriented and may sing what are called 7-11 hymns (seven words sung eleven times). The church "experience" is often discussed in terms of sensations.

### **The "Loving" Environment**

This type of feeling stimulation is more related to a sense of self-righteousness. There is an emphasis on tolerance, acceptance, and being "affirming". If they do not have any homosexuals, transsexuals, or other oppressed group, they may have to recruit some so that their "love" can be demonstrated.



The "love" demonstrated here is a sort of embarrassing self-stimulation. Biblical love on the other hand is selflessness;

*Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

Some of these can be even more arrogant than a legalist.

## **The Supernatural Environment**

The general category includes talking in tongues, healing, and prosperity. One can understand the attraction if such things were possible. However, while the bible does describe some supernatural activity in the early church, the bible also describes it as being limited and more a "taste" of the power of the age to come.

Sadly, many with serious health problems are told that their condition continues because of their weak faith.



God can and does answer prayer. However, presenting God as a magic genie is to blaspheme.

Speaking what might kindly be called ecstatic speech (less generously - gibberish) is not a sign of the Holy Spirit. Rather it can be the result of an intense desire to meet the expectation of others.

## **The Achievement Environment**

There are churches that emphasize intellectual mastery such as having read all of the Puritan authors or being steeped in commentaries on arcane aspects of doctrine unique to the denomination.

Similarly there are legalist churches that emphasize mastery over the sin nature or ability to meet criteria often spelled out on a list such as don't smoke, drink, swear, dance, play cards, or go to movies.



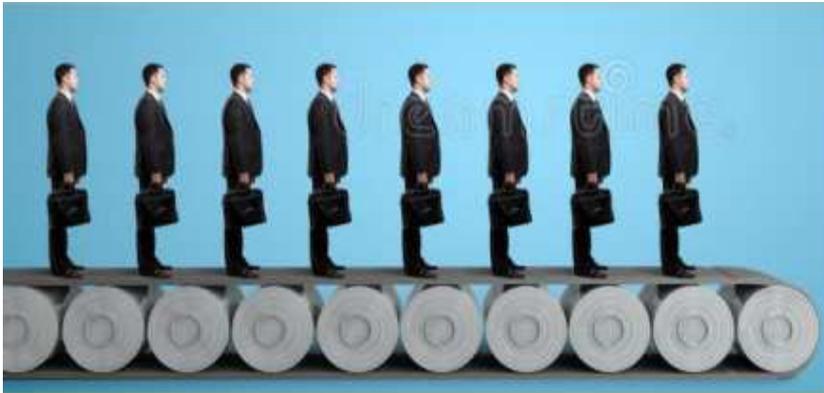
Achievement churches often demonstrate smugness with a degree of swagger. the New Testament version of this would be the Pharisees.

It is often these that contribute the view that Christians are hypocrites because of the frequent failure to be as righteous as claimed.

Christian maturity should be measured by to what degree one is less driven by the flesh and more driven by the Holy Spirit.

## **Christian Structural Problems**

Regardless of doctrine, most churches suffer in general from the way they are configured. An organizational system is intended to process components in a machine-like fashion.



A repetitive cycle of sermons, activities, events, and programs can generate a busyness that is often mistaken for progress.

Running a church like a mechanical system or a collective provides advantages for the administrators such as reducing activities to procedures.



A young boy in a bible study asked which church he should go to. It was sad because any church he went to would take one look at his age and stuff him in a youth group where they would go bowling and have pizza. If he asked what it had to do with Christianity, it would be difficult to answer other than to say this is where we put the kids.

The basic problem with churches is that they not only cannot facilitate relationships between people, but often hinder them.

The static doctrine of a denomination often stifles the inquiry that would help one mature because anything "spiritual" is often seen as solely the pastor's realm. In addition, limiting what one can share or even inquire of from others. This sort of stifling can result in social conversation limited to sports, homemaking, and car repair.



The boy in the bible study could benefit from a mentoring relationship with his father. However, today's fathers are usually ignorant themselves. The father usually thinks that putting his son in a church group is sufficient. It is not. Both father and son can benefit from mentoring, unfortunately there is often no one from whom they can learn. This leaves learning on one's own, which will be addressed later.

### **Christian practice**

Often going through the motions

Most people do not think about why they go to church and would be hard pressed to give a reason for why they believe whatever it is they believe. Most go through life on inertia and momentum. Most people want to be

comfortable and avoid any discord. If asked why they believe something, they may get mad more for being made uncomfortable than in defense of a particular doctrine.



Most people think going to church is Christianity. Francis Chan once in asking a former gang member why he was quitting his church was told that he thought Christianity was like joining a gang, He said he didn't know that Christianity was just something you did on Sunday mornings.

It was enlightening to hear a gang member whose former experience was perhaps similar to that of a combat veteran in that the closeness he felt to the members of his former gang was absent in his Christian church experience.

This is key to a great deficiency in modern Christian practice, that of

relationships. It is perhaps a good point to consider this topic.

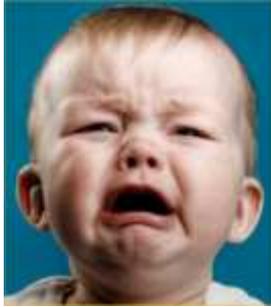
## **Relationships**

Avoiding depth to feel good

A quote from Sartre is, "Hell is other people". There is nothing that will come close to exposing our own selfishness as other people.



One might consider that after humans took a path away from God, he put a curse on the world so that life would not be easy. In doing so we would be forced together. In order to survive other people we would be forced to abandon some of the selfishness that got us into trouble in the first place.



Parents have to abandon some selfishness when they have children. However, marriage also requires the abandonment of some selfishness. Even lighter weight relationships such as talking about the previous night's sports scores with the security guard when coming in to work can require one to sacrifice a few minutes of time.



We live in times of prosperity, comfort, and ease. We do not willingly surrender our comforts, time, or resources for the sake of others. As a result we have no desire to make the sort of personal sacrifice to cultivate deeper relationships.



An elderly woman was inquired of at a church by a visitor as to how she was doing financially. She admitted to having some difficulties. She had attended the church for 30 years and even her best friend did not know of her difficulties. This is a picture of the superficial level of church relationships today.



Christians can have an additional difficulty with relationships because of a denominational imprint. Our conversation is often halted and even an angry response can be triggered if one mentions a view that is not approved or might otherwise be seen as

heresy. Instead of kindness for those whose level of learning is different, often one encounters a rebuff for violating approved speech. This can lead to self-censoring such that only safe or superficial topics are touched upon.



People are inclined to recoil from deeper relationships because it can deplete scarce resources such as time. One may have to accommodate markedly different personalities, and one might become obligated to future encounters equally demanding.



Reader's Digest used to have a column called "interesting characters". While perhaps still interesting to read about, no one has the time or wants to take the risk to actually spend with one.



This self-isolating result is beneficial to Satan as it keeps people from really getting to know each other, reduces the flow of information to mostly sources he controls, and keeps us from the maturity selflessness would facilitate.

When families and village life were the norm for most humans, there were plenty of relationships. However, many were filled with hate, envy, lust, and greed. This is because we have always been selfish. A return to the past is not necessarily a solution to relationship difficulties. In fact the reduction in the number of and depth of relationships can even be seen as positive in contrast to painful relationships.



Relationships are hard because as humans we all have intrinsic selfishness to varying degrees, even and perhaps especially Christians. This selfishness is poison. However, in difficult times, we often suppress our selfishness because we need other people.



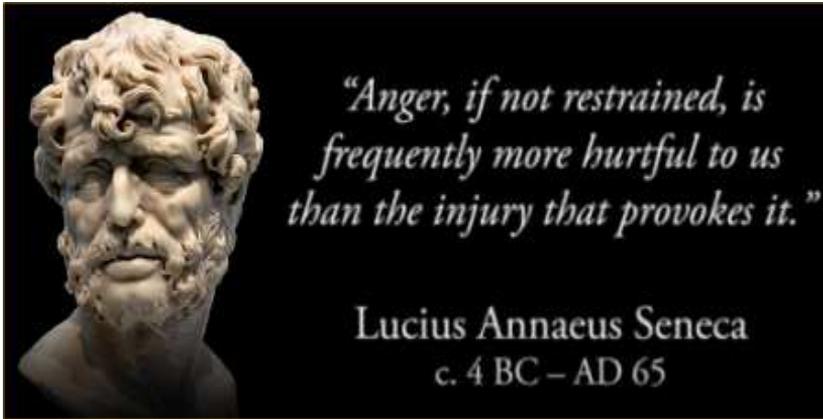
In modern society, there is less need for others and as a result, relationships. One finds relationships of all kinds becoming less substantial and even disappearing altogether.



We were created for relationships and there is that in us that poisons them. While the hazards of the natural environment can force us to give up some of our selfishness, the real solution is found when a Christian realizes that it is in best interest to willingly give up selfishness and walk by the Holy Spirit. One finds that temptations to selfishness begin to lose their attractiveness.

For people who are not Christian as well as Christians who never took advantage of what is available to them, the intrinsic problem of relationships remains. Relationships can be longed for and yet be painful.

Without Christ working to change us, we are left to try to tough it out with relationships.



Without trusting in Jesus, we do not have access to the power of God to change our life. In this case it is often just the power of self-control resulting in the contemplation of consequences that usually keep our behavior restrained.



A former POW of a German Luftstalag (Air Force prison camp) upon liberation by General Patton was excited to be able to have an opportunity to go out and kill some Germans before the war was over. POWs

were rounded up by Patton and put back in the camp because Patton didn't want to have to deal with the chaos.



A man in Gaza reportedly put a baby in an oven to burn to death while he raped the baby's mother.



A list of human atrocities could go on and on. It is not just the millions killed by Stalin, Hitler, and Mao, but the one by one atrocities committed everyday by humans who are unable to contain their selfishness.

The sad realization is that this evil is inside of each one of us. We may have a culture, habit, or social pressure that inhibits it, but it is

our nature. The POW might seem partly vindicated for revenge, but giving free reign to hatred was the same problem the Gazan had.

The reason "relationships" was put at the end of this book is because it is the only part of life that has any real value. Money, fame, power, prestige, intellect, talent, or accomplishment are all transient and even can be harmful.

Satan sets the course of the world and does so to take us captive through our own lusts to build a world that he can take over. the only way out of this tightening noose is through the truth and that is found in Christ. Christ can still be found in spite of churches and religion.



## **Finding Truth**

### Digging through Trash

This book has been mostly touching on various elements of the world system and how much of the world system has been deceptively presented. Christianity has been often presented as an alternative to find truth that remains elusively hidden in the world at large.

Since the world seems to fail at presenting truth, and churches often are less than helpful in finding truth, most have to rely upon their own resources to search it out.

1. TV preachers. This source of information can be helpful in a limited way. An occasional nugget or two of truth may be gleaned, but one has to be discerning from being taken in by various pleas, declarations, or other errors that can cripple.

2. Bible Churches. These can be helpful by being non-denominational. Sometimes one can find someone that can help at learning how to use bible tools like a concordance or software like esword.

3. The Internet. When TV was first expanding it was called a "vast

wasteland". The person who coined that term perhaps never envisioned something so large as the Internet. However, there are many web sites that can offer help with a particular word study, a topic study, or a book study.

As with anything else one has to exercise discernment. One should expect to take wrong turns or even find dead ends.

Edison and his team tested 6,000 plant materials for the electric light bulb before settling on carbonized bamboo. The truth seeker may not face as arduous a task, as much that is in error can be quickly identified and rejected.

Skepticism and questioning are useful in identifying what is false so that what is true can be fondly retained. However, they also have use in application to what is held dear as it can refine and strengthen that which is still found true when reexamined.

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