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Lies

Introduction

It is almost twenty-nine years since my father, a man intrigued by gadgets and computers, died. If he were to come back today and see the iPads, iPhones, and computers, he would be amazed. When he was alive the internet was a virtual unknown, and the general populous knew little or nothing about computers, DOS, Windows, or Facebook. How things have changed medically, intellectually, scientifically, and politically, and yet, there is one thing which has not changed, man's self-deception in not only the accepting of lies but aggressively promoting them. Covertness is accepted as normal and man, by ignoring and rejecting the God of truth (Deut. 32:4; Psa. 31:5; Isa. 65:16), has accepted Satan whom the Lord describes as: "a liar, and the father of it" (Jn. 8:44).

Words have had their meanings changed or modified to words less straight. There was a time when the word "gay" meant to be happy, today it indicates a lifestyle. Telling a lie is modified to saying, "I misspoke". Those in high places tell lies and then, between what they say and through their lying associates, more lies are told until virtually nothing politicians and evolutionary scientists say is to be accepted as truth.

- a) The Supreme Court of the USA changed the definition of marriage
- b) Rachel Dolezal, despite being born white of white parents, says she is black
- c) Bruce Jenner says he is no longer a man but a woman.

It is all self deception and lies. No court on earth can change God's definition of marriage. An individual's DNA does not change with desire and surgery! Sadly there are persons in power who, in the promoting of political correctness, want to have no less than four different genders documented, male, female, those who are both, and those who are neither. Terry Glavin, speaking of humanity, said they had, "Lost the commitment to facts and telling the truth". George Orwell said, "In times of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolution".

We must look at the events and today's characteristics in the light of prophecy. It is the world being permitted by God to turn their backs on truth and reap His judgment. The way is being prepared for the man of sin who will, shewing himself as God (2 Thess. 2:4), change times and laws (Dan. 7:25). That is where the world is heading, and being blinded by Satan they do not see it.

What can we expect when God, as the Moral Absolute, is rejected. The river of "Rejection of truth" soon becomes the "Lake of self deception" which flows into the "Ocean of lies". Telling lies is a natural for every human being. The scriptures inform us: "They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies" (Psa. 58:3). Every parent knows how a baby will cry, not because there is something wrong, but they know that by crying they get attention. They are, by activity,

lying and do not know it. From this observation we learn that lies occur in a variety of ways. Some are verbal and some are action.

Who Do People Tell Lies To?

Humans tell lies to three peoples: to God, to other people, and to themselves.

- a) Telling lies and trying to deceive God
 - i) Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit in trying to make themselves appear more spiritual than they were (Acts 5:3, 9).
- b) Telling lies to other people
 - i) Jacob told a lie to his father when he said he was Esau, and how he got the animal for the venison so quickly (Gen. 27:19-22).
- c) Telling lies to one's own, self-deception
 - i) This is an activity a believer and unbeliever can be guilty of. God speaks of the evil man and declares: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). Note the expression, "being deceived". I take it to mean being deceived by others or their own selves. Untold thousands of religious leaders are deceivers, and while many know that the "gift of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6:23), yet they deceive themselves by thinking if they do their best they will get into Heaven.
 - ii) Believers also deceive themselves. James speaks of such when he wrote: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jam. 1:22).

Who Told Lies In The Scriptures?

- 1) Some of the persons in the Old Testament who told lies:
 - a) When Moses confronted Aaron about the golden calf. The children of Israel took off their earrings and melted them "fashioned" (Ex. 32:4), and "made" them (Ex. 32:8) into the golden calf. Yet Aaron, after blaming the people (Ex. 32:22-23), then told Moses that when they put the earrings in the fire, "There came out this calf" (Ex. 32:24). What a lie that was!
 - b) What a mighty man of God Abraham became and yet we discover he told lies concerning Sarah his wife, (Gen. 12:19) and more than that, he encouraged her to tell a lie and divert perceived danger from oneself (Gen.12:11-14; 20:2).
 - c) Sarah, when she laughed and denied it (Gen. 18:12,18).
- 2) Some of the persons in the New Testament who told lies:
 - a) Peter at the fire while the Lord was being judged (Jn. 18:18)
 - b) Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3, 9)
 - c) Saints in church fellowship (Col. 3:9)
 - d) False Christians or unbelievers (1 Jn. 2:4)

The Greatest Lies The World Will Ever Know

The following are the most influential lies of all earth's history because they effect every human being?

1) **The lie of Satan to Eve**

- a) When the Serpent tempted Eve and she, referring to the tree in the midst of the garden, did not just repeat what God said, but added to it saying: "God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye died" (Gen. 3:3). Satan immediately told the first recorded lie of the Scriptures when he said: "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4), and tragically Eve believed him. Possibly, as Adam looked at Eve, he saw no difference in her and in himself questioned God's warning of judgment. For whatever rationale, he accepted the Serpent's lie. The result was and is the distorting, damaging, and domination of sin on humanity with death, spiritual and physical, following as the bells of sorrow and grief tolled their mournful tune.

2) **The lie of the acceptance of the Satanic deception that Jesus was not the Christ**

- a) The Holy Spirit has given to humanity two gospels presenting the evidence that Jesus was the Christ, the One God anointed and appointed to be the supreme Prophet, Priest, and King. When on earth people, both Jews and non-Jews, confessed Him as the Christ. For instance, Nathaniel confessed Him as: "The Son of God and King of Israel" (Jn. 1:49); Peter, the woman at the well confessed to those of the city that He was the Christ (Jn. 4:29), being greater than Jacob (Jn. 4:12), a prophet (Jn. 4:19). To her voice was added the expression of the Samaritans who said: "We have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (Jn. 4:42). His works authenticated Him as the Christ (Jn. 10:25, 38; 14:11), but the greatest

authentications were when God opened the Heaven and declared Him to be His beloved Son (Matt. 3:17; 17:5); and declared His decree to glorify Him (Jn. 12:28); and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:15; 4:10; 13:30). His fulfillment of the prophecies authenticated His claim to be the Messiah (too numerous to mention) and His open declaration when He said: "I that speak unto thee am He" (Jn. 4:26) or, "It is He that talketh with Thee" (Jn. 9:37). Despite all the evidences, Satan deceived man, and having accused the Lord of blasphemy crucified Him (Jn. 10:33; Matt. 26:65; Mk. 14:64).

3) The lie that Jesus never rose from the dead.

- a) It was immediately after the Lord had risen the soldiers were bribed to say they had slept and the body had been stolen (Matt. 28:13). What "straw men" Satan has presented through the ages in seeking to deny the truth that Jesus rose from the dead.

4) The lie is the old lie of Eve and Adam, I am not responsible for what I do and there should be no accountability for my doing it.

- a) Each individual is responsible for the acceptance or rejection of salvation.
 - i) God told Abel there was a sacrifice available, and a personal decision had to be made, accept it or reject it. Abel was responsible for his decision (Gen. 4:7).
 - ii) The Israelites had a decision to make. Would they accept God's way of liberation and the firstborn have life? It was a personal decision they had to make, accept it or reject it. In most, if not all the cases, the father had the personal responsibility for the liberation of his family and life of his son.
 - iii) The Holy Spirit inspired the writings of Mark when he wrote: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:16). It was a personal decision and responsibility.
 - iv) The Lord Himself said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hearth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (Jn. 5:24). It is an individual's decision and responsibility to accept or reject everlasting life.
- b) Each human will stand before the Lord as the Judge, and the individual will be accountable for their own works and activities.
 - i) When it comes to God's evaluation of my life, I alone am responsible, for the scriptures teach: "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).
 - ii) At the judgment of the Great White Throne, it plainly states: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).
 - iii) In the parable of the talents there is personal responsibility (Matt. 25:14-30)
- c) It is a satanic lie to teach that the individual is not accountable for the decisions they make. What a difference it would make to the world today if people were held responsible for what they do by the governments of the land.

5) The lie that, by good works and religious observances will cause God to overlook their sins and let them into Heaven.

- a) What an insult to the sacrifice of God's Son. In Gethsemane He prayed: "Oh my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me" (Matt. 26:39). If an individual by their honest endeavor was able to attain salvation, would God have brought such suffering and anguish on His Son? Whither an individual accepts the lie of "doing the best you can", God's verdict is already pronounced. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8)

Conclusion

Concerning the ancient Israelites, God said: "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" (Deut. 32:29). Surely it is an indescribable tragedy that untold millions who have lived, are living and will live, will accept the lie of Satan, trusting in their sincere but futile attempts to secure salvation, and will in the first milliseconds after physical death awake to the fact that they are in Hell for all eternity. No hope, never again to hear the gospel message, never again to have an opportunity to accept Christ. No wonder God says:

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(Deut. 32:29)**

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