

THE WAR ON TRUTH Text: Luke 11:14–26

To Reject the Savior of the World—is to Embrace the Deceiver of the World

- “Men stumble over the truth from time to time, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.” – *Winston Churchill*
 - “We love the truth when it enlightens us, but hate it when it convicts us.” *Augustine*
 - The Question is not IF there is Truth—but if we can handle the Truth
 - Those who claim there is no absolute truth are claiming that is an absolute truth!
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I. THE DANGER OF REJECTING THE TRUTH (v.14–22)

A. THE CHARGE AGAINST JESUS

1. **Jesus has just cast out a demon—**
 - a) He just set this poor man free from demonic oppression
2. **The Enemies of Christ Cannot Deny the Truth—so they Slander the Truth**
 - a) They Admit He Cast Out a Demon—
 - b) but THEY CLAIM it is NOT by the power of God...but the power of satan.

B. THE RESPONSE FROM JESUS

1. **1ST: A House Divided Cannot Stand...**
 - a) Why would satan be casting out his own demons?
 - b) You can't even get your slander to be consistent with logic
 - c) If satan is divided against himself—then he will fall
2. **2ND: If Your Condemning Me—then you actually condemning yourselves**
 - a) If You've Judged Me — You've Actually Judged Yourself!
3. **3RD: If I'm Casting Out Demons by the Power of God...**
 - a) then the Kingdom of God is here — and even Satan cannot stop it.
 - b) And if Jesus is working miracles by the power of God—His Authority is from God!

C. THE DANGER OF EXCHANGING THE TRUTH FOR A LIE

1. **When faced with the Truth—**
 - a) Some would rather Slander the truth than admit the truth
 - b) They would rather call the truth a lie—than admit they are wrong
 - c) People of the lie attack others rather than face their own failures (Dr. M. Scott Peck)

EXAMPLE: Like when you see a criminal who is finally caught—

—Notice how fast they can turn from a Criminal to a Victim—in an instant!

—When the Truth caught up to them—they couldn't deny the truth—so they slander it

2. **In Warfare this is called: Scorched Earth...**

- a) When a defeated enemy knows they cannot win they go scorched earth...
- b) When Saddam Hussein knew he lost—he lit the oil wells of Kuwait on fire
- c) When Hitler knew he lost Russia—they burned the fields, the houses, and villages
- d) When Satan was cast out of heaven—he made war on the saints on earth

II. THE DANGER OF INDIFFERENCE TO THE TRUTH (v.23)

A. THERE IS NO NEUTRALITY BETWEEN TRUTH AND ERROR

1. **Whoever is not with Jesus is against Jesus...**

- Either Your gathering people to His Kingdom—
- or your scattering people away from His Kingdom
- There is No Middle Ground between Good and Evil

2. **It is impossible to remain neutral in the battle between Christ and Satan**

- To Avoid the Choice — is to making the choice
- To Reject the Light — is to Embrace the Darkness
- To Reject the Truth — is to Embrace the Lie
- To Reject the Savior of the World—is to Embrace the Deceiver of the World

B. THERE IS A WAR OVER THE TRUTH

“The Truth is like a lion. You don’t have to defend it, let it loose, it will defend itself.” (Augustine)

1. **Truth is Power — Truth has it’s own intrinsic power...**

“Truth is Truth even if no one believes it, and a lie is still a lie even if everyone believes it.”

2. **This is Why there is A Battle Over the Truth...**

- a) Have You Noticed How Every News Event Has to be Filtered through a Narrative?
- b) WHY? Because there is an INFO-WAR Over Narrating What is Truth

3. **Now there’s an entire Academic philosophy called ‘Deconstructionism’**

- a) An effort to Deconstruct the Truth—in order to reconstruct it for their own power

“One who claims to be a Sceptic of one set of beliefs is actually a true believer in another set of beliefs.” (Phillip Johnson)

4. **Some Reconstruct the Truth to Fit their Own Paradigm, and own Agenda**

- a) Like Silicon Valley Billionaires who want An A.I. Techno-Tower of Babel
- b) Elon Musk says that Google is trying to construct an “A.I god”
that will have All the answers to All the Questions of Life.

“When you don’t believe in God, it’s not that you believe in nothing, it’s that you’ll believe in anything,” Gilder said. “And Silicon Valley needs a religious vision. And it’s religious vision is that its artificial intelligence can transcend human minds.”

-George Gilder, ‘Life after Google’, interviewed by Breitbart News

5. **A Favorite Tactic of Modern skeptics is to codify their beliefs as science...**

- a) Once a cherished belief is codified as science—its enshrined! Cannot be questioned
Why? Because they think **Science Determines what is Truth!**
 - (1) Darwinian Evolution is “Science” — Atheism then is “Science”!
 - (2) Humanism and Trans-Humanism is “Science”
 - (3) Critical Race Theory is Science! —trans-gender Theory is Science!
 - (4) Man-Made Global Warming is Science...

Marijuana = MEDICINE = SCIENCE = Would you withhold medicine? Psilicibin mushroom?

Science was once Revered as sacrosanct—now its used to codify ideology as Truth

C. WHO HAS THE TRUTH?

1. The Scientists claim they have the Truth
2. The Universities claim they have the Truth
3. The News Media Claims it has the Truth
4. The Government Claims it has the Truth
5. Social Media Masters of the Universe claim they have the truth in A.I.

—> SO WHO HAS THE TRUTH?

- **Anybody with a Bible has the Truth—Because God's Word is Truth!**
- *You Will Know the Truth, and the Truth Will Set You Free!*
- But Until Your Willing to Accept the Truth—You Won't Be Free

III. THE DANGER OF AN EMPTY SOUL VOID OF TRUTH (v.24-26)

A. WHEN AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT GOES OUT OF A MAN...

1. The Heart of a Man is Like a House - A dwelling place for good or evil
2. An unclean spirit has gone out of this man so what does he do?
3. He has a great opportunity and he takes it!
4. He cleans his life up! He gets his life in order! Improving himself

B. HIS HOUSE IS SWEEPED AND CLEAN—BUT EMPTY

1. After the Eviction is the Emptiness...

His Heart was Cleaned out of Evil—but Not Filled Up with Good

2. This is the sad reality of our post-modern world...

a) Postmodernism isn't about truth—it is about power, pleasure, prosperity, prominence—all the things the world obsesses over

3. But Without God—all of the inward self-focus, and self-improvement, self-empowerment becomes a cult of Self-Worship.

4. The Will Power of an Empty Heart is Not Enough!

An Empty Heart Won't Stay Clean—it must be filled with Good

- Like Pulling Every Weed Out of a Garden—but leaving it Empty

How Long Before it's Covered in Weeds Worse Than Before?

- My Sister Cleared Her Backyard and Planted it with Wild Flowers of all kinds
I Thought that would end up being over run by weeds—but it didn't!

- She Just Keeps throwing Wildflower seeds on so there's no room for weeds to grow!

C. THE LAST STATE OF THAT MAN IS WORSE THAN THE FIRST

1. **illustration... man went to prison giving his girlfriend opportunity to clean up life but left empty when he returns from prison...**
2. **We Might Think We Can Handle the Toxic Nature of Sin Like This...**
 - a) I'm going to clean my life up... I'll do better... I'll Try Harder...

- b) I will be a good person... but not necessarily a Christian... but a good person...
- c) They emptied their Life of Evil—but don't fill it with the Truth of God's word

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“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.” — Blaise Pascal

This God-shaped void is infinitely deep because it can only be filled by an infinite God

People try to fill this void with Money, power, status, pleasure...

only God can because He is the one who put eternity in your heart!

D. YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

1. Anyone w/ a Bible can Know the Truth—because God's Word is Truth!

But Until You Accept the Truth—You Can't Be Free...

2. Only Jesus can set us free from the double curse of sin...

(1) **GUILT/PENALTY OF SIN**: Sin Makes us Guilty and condemned to death

(2) **CORRUPTING POWER OF SIN**: that corrupts our way of thinking and it enslaves us by its deceptive power.

3. Jesus death, Burial & Resurrection provides a Double Cure...

a) **His blood on the cross was an atoning sacrifice**—for forgiveness of our sin, our guilt, and condemnation.

b) **His Resurrection from the dead by the power of God**—Gives us new life with Him when we are raised with Him in baptism to a new life.
Born again as a new creation by the power of God that raised Jesus from dead!

CONCLUSION:

Then Jesus said... “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31–32)