

Satan's Current Most-Damaging Lies

- Today, our nation celebrates its *declaration of independence* from England. Unfortunately, it has also apparently *declared its independence* from God. Here's how...
- John 8:44, Satan is a *murderer* and *liar*- such is his *nature*, and he has been from the beginning.
- Gen.3:1-7, He uses *subtlety/craftiness* to deceive and destroy; here he cleverly got Eve to: deny God's truth, v.4; doubt God's *wisdom, motives, and character*, v.5; and to egotistically decide that she knew more/better than God what was *good and best* for her and her husband, vv.6-7. Sound familiar?
- Satan has not changed, he's just "upped his game" over the millennia.
- Headlines and descriptions of lists that feature the "Worst," "Most-Damaging," or "Most Horrible/Horrendous" capture our attention- call it our all-too "human nature." Hence our title, and the following list of **Satan's most-damaging lies**:

Lie #1- That "God is only *imaginary*, and therefore exists in whatever form you chose to believe."

This is exactly what Rom.1:22-25 describes: Satan convinces us that we are the epitome of *wisdom*, v.22; cf. Gen.3:5; we therefore begin to worship *self*, v.25; cf. Phil.3:19; and then "God" becomes what we want Him to be- "Mother Earth/Nature," "Cosmic Consciousness," or whatever "Higher Power" we imagine and choose to believe. Thus, the *created creature* becomes the *creator* and the *Creator* becomes the *creature created*!

Why do you suppose the Bible as it does in Gen.1:1- with the *origin of the heavens and the earth and all things in/on them*? The answer is that if God didn't create man, then man has created God. If God created man, God has the right to rule man. If man created God, man has the right to rule God. For the last two hundred plus years especially, man has come more and more to believe Satan's lie (surely helped by Darwin, *et.al.*) that man *created* "God" and therefore has the "right to rule" over Him, and certainly the right of self-rule. But despite Satan's lie and man's belief in it, the truth remains, cf. Heb.3:4; 11:3; Isa.45:18; Acts 14:11-17.

Lie #2- That "Truth is *subjective*, and therefore, *relative*."

The phrase "personal truth" makes my skin crawl like fingernails on a chalkboard. Unless it refers to the truth about a person, a "personal truth" is a lie of Satan some person has believed and adopted. Here's why (are you ready for this?): **Truth is objective**. Therefore, it cannot be *subjective*, or *relative* to any one person. This is because "truth" is fact-based. Facts are facts because they are verifiably true. When Pilate asked "*What is truth?*" in John 18:38a, he did so to obfuscate (and deny) the *truth* Jesus had just spoken in v.37! *Witnesses provide evidence to establish facts that lead to truth*. None of which are *subjective* or *relative*. Only when man chooses to believe Satan's lie that "truth" is *subjective* and therefore *relative* does "truth" become *personal*, cf. Rom.3:3-4. Jesus' miraculous *birth*, His miraculous *works and words of truth*, as well as *witnesses of the past* (OT

prophecies) and *present* all bore *witness* to and *established* the “*truth*” which Pilate sought to obfuscate with his question, “*What is truth?*” despite knowing it to be so, v.38b!

Lie #3- That “Loving One Another” requires:

- a. **Acceptance of their “personal truth.”** (Now you hopefully see how important Lie #2 was!). If a person chooses, despite clear contrary evidence and facts, to believe a lie either *personally* or about their *person* (e.g. their *gender*), loving and caring for that person DOES NOT require one to likewise accept the lie they have believed. If I *personally* believed that I was Jesus Christ- despite the multitudinous contrary evidence, you would *lovingly* reject that “personal truth” because it was, in fact, a lie and seek professional help for my mental psychosis. But denying the reality- established by facts and evidence, and “accepting” my lie, wouldn’t help me at all. In truth, it would damage me further by lending credence to the lie which I believed (cf. John 8:31-34 where Jesus *denied* rather than *accepted/confirmed* the *lie* the Jews believed and espoused about themselves)!
- b. **Requires *Tolerance and Support*.** To *tolerate* fundamentally means to “endure.” We don’t “endure” things that right, proper, and good- we “enjoy” and “celebrate” them. We endure/tolerate things that are wrong, improper, and bad though we neither agree with nor accept them as true and right, cf. Matt.11:20-24; Rom.2:4; 2Cor.11:19-20. We can, and are actually required to *tolerate* one another’s quirks and personality differences, Eph.4:2, but not *sinful choices/lifestyles*, Rev.2:2; cf. 1Cor.5:1-8. Satan has lied to us about what “tolerance” is, and what should be *tolerated*. If someone is addicted to alcohol/drugs, should we be “tolerant” of their sin which will ultimately destroy their *physical* and *spiritual* lives? Certainly not! Love would require us to help them: 1) see their error of judgment; and, 2) free themselves from their sin- both for their *physical* and *spiritual* well-being. But if we “tolerate” their choices, we become “enablers” and “supporters” of their sin, cf. 1John 5:16; 2John 9-11.

Conclusions

Today, July 4th, we celebrate our nation’s declaration of independence from England.

Unfortunately in June, our nation *accepted, tolerated, supported, and celebrated* those who have declared their independence from God.

Any nation that does this is doomed to destruction *physically* and *spiritually* (the Roman Empire crumbled not from *external* forces but *internal moral decay*).

National repentance is possible, and it is the only way to avoid collapse, cf. Jonah 1 - 4. Barring such, there is *hope* but *security* for those *individually* who refuse and reject the lies Satan has perpetrated not only on our nation, but also on the world, cf. Rev.3:4.