

The Danger of Inventing Your Own Truth

(An Open Door to “Doctrines of Demons”)

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There was a woman who used to be the head of a statewide civil rights group in the U.S.A. For whatever reasons, she lied and repeatedly said she was an African American. When the truth came out, it was learned that she was 100% Caucasian. She refused to admit she lied. When confronted with her true racial makeup, she said this about her lie: “*Well, it’s my truth.*” (In other words, she manufactured her own truth and for her, that was the end of it. The truth she made up was as legitimate as any, because she chose to believe it. In time, she was discredited and removed from her position. This was not done because she was of a particular racial makeup. She was removed from her leadership position because her lie gave evidence that she could not be trusted in such an important position.

We can be tempted to invent our own truth to conveniently justify or validate our positions, actions or inactions. Inventing “truths” for personal gain is a deadly exercise and will become a pattern for defeat. Lies can be used to justify any position we take; but if we do this, we are playing into the hands of the devil and denying the truths of the Bible... and therefore we are denying Jesus. We become hypocrites who have seared our consciences and “*given heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.*”

1 Timothy 4:1-2

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,”

Doctrines of demons always include lies designed to convince you to deny God and value what’s inside of you that’s not from Him, and would not please Him. The result is self-serving manipulation without regret or conscience. This is pure “*hypocrisy.*” You persuade yourself to worship some falsehood as “*your truth.*” It’s completely self-deceptive sin and idolatry. James 3:14-15 calls it, “*self-seeking,*” “*earthly and sensual*” and “*demonic.*”

Inventing your own truth, as a way to justify yourself, denies you the opportunity to reverence and serve God. Make no mistake; He will not honor a lie or give favor to a liar!

Inventing your own truth is the exercise of rebellion. It's personal practice for failing life-patterns that will negatively affect your future. Lying guarantees a future of frustration, failure and worse!

I want to paraphrase another story about owning a lie and calling it truth. This one was a wide open door to hell. It demonstrates how "doctrines of demons" can occupy a lie we manufacture, accept and label as truth. It's called "A Demonic Lying Voice."

A Demonic Lying Voice

A TV commentator was interviewing a woman who was known for channeling demonic spirits. (This is expressly forbidden in the Bible.) This woman called up a demon spirit who was supposedly thousands of years old. The TV commentator asked what the demon wanted to say. The woman who was channeling the demon went into a trance, and spoke with a man's voice. The voice captivated the people who were watching and listening. Many were crying joyfully, as they listened in awe. Here's what the demon said: "Love yourself. Pray to yourself. You are God. Do what you really want to do. The greatest love is to love yourself."¹

The problem with this demonic, deceptive presentation is that it misrepresents and redefines truth. You have free will to control your decisions and actions. You are free to choose to worship whatever you want. You can believe in whatever you choose. You can be in awe of demonic deceptions and lies, but here's the real truth: You cannot control your ultimate destination. Only God can do that. When you attempt to elevate yourself to be the ultimate judge of truth, giving your heart to demonic lies, you set yourself up for a fall. Committing yourself to what's evil and self-centered, and swallowing the lies that accompany it, will cause you to suffer the consequences. The lie may seem right or even harmless at the time, but the price will be steep. God is not mocked!

¹ Source of this paraphrased account is unknown to this author.

Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 (NLT)

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”

People (and often, churchgoers) get sucked in by those who profess, teach or witness to doctrines of demons. It's easy to taste and swallow their lies; and later to be forced to try to digest the bitter fruit the lies carried. Lies can be so devious and convincing that many are trapped into going with them all the way. This causes them to leave their First Love (who is Christ) and commit to following various ungodly desires and apostate ideas. This is purely demonic. It's rebellious and dangerous. It's easy to be suckered into elevating your lie or someone else's deception to a place to be worshiped. This is the ultimate end of Satan's devious plans for every Christian.

You cannot straddle the commitment fence. If you do, you will fall away from God. Oppose whatever God opposes. Opposing God will lead only to the death of what could have been, should have been and instead, becomes what is. (Again, refer to Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25.) “Being committed to the wrong thing kills relationships; destroys potential and smothers ministries that count on faithful, discerning people. Opportunities are lost, and dreams die. Choose to become completely committed to what's truthful and right in the eyes of the Lord and perfectly aligned with His Word. Listen for that ancient voice of God's truth. It will speak to you with grace and direct your steps to an abundant life, filled with victory in Christ.

The Ancient Voice of God's Truth

John 8:32 (NKJV)

“And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

John 14:6 (NKJV)

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

1 John 2:21 (NKJV)

“I have not written you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.”

God’s people are not without the knowledge of the truth. That ancient voice of biblical truth has resonated throughout salvation history, and continues to do so today. It speaks to every willing listener’s heart. As believers, we need only to search the Scriptures and listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit. His voice may come to us as we meditate on the Scriptures, in the form of instructions, warnings or words of edification. It may come as a shout, a roar or perhaps a still small voice. In every case, it will carry the power of God to make a difference in us, for us and around us. It’s the same voice that has always been and will always be. This voice will invite you to be fully committed to what God says, as He speaks the truth that will make you free.

Truth is ingrained in the Holy Spirit’s character, temperament and therefore, it’s one of His divine attributes. As children of the Most High, we are filled with His power to discern the difference between the hypocrisy of lying and the blessings of truth. Our task is to recognize truth and then, to apply it. We get in trouble when we fail to do so, or when we accept the lie that there’s something greater than the absolute truths of Scripture. The hypocrisy of saying there’s a greater truth than that which God gives us always comes from the father of lies, the devil. Keep your spiritual ears tuned to God and your heart open to what He says. When you hear Him speak, act quickly in faith, never doubting. It’s a formula for success throughout your life.

You are destined to be a winner and a champion for Jesus. Don’t settle for less. Allow God to lead and guide you by His Spirit. Stand firm in your commitment to Him by your words and deeds... and never swallow the temptation to invent your own truth!