# **Living in the Land of Liars: Part 2**

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<u>In part one</u> of this two-part series, we examined how we are living in an era when reality is being denied and when people no longer want to believe evidence and facts, and instead prefer to believe whatever makes them feel good, regardless of truth. The Bible predicted it would be this way:

The time will come when people will not listen to the true teaching but will find many more teachers who please them by saying the things they want to hear. They will stop listening to the truth and will begin to follow false stories (2 Timothy 4:3, 4 NCV).

Also in part one, we demonstrated that the very same methods of deceit followed by various forms of coercive pressures (accusation of heresy, shunning, fines, loss of position, etc.) used by the Dark Ages church are being employed by those promoting falsehood in the world today. We examined some of the lies being promoted now:

- we can only be successful in the future if we deny history
- the theory of godless evolution and the impact upon the mind of accepting these falsehoods

Here in part two, we will examine other common lies being told today and the impact upon our minds if we accept them.

## Your Truth, My Truth, and Gender

One of the most popular lies spreading across society today is: "There is no truth; your truth is your truth, and my truth is my truth." This lie denies reality because there actually is objective truth. But what makes the "no truth" lie appealing and insidious is that it is based on a truth—the truth that each person is free to decide for themselves what they believe.

The corruption is the imbedded lie that all beliefs are equally valid, accurate, and true. It relabels "individual beliefs" as "truths," which denies reality because not all beliefs are true. But once relabeled, the accepted lie decouples the mind from reality, opens the door to all kinds of distortions, fantasy, and destructive thinking. Worse, this false idea creates a defense that blocks actual healing truth from dispelling the lies. Thus, when genuine truth is presented, it is met with derision and the lie, "Well, that's your truth, but this is my truth." And the minds of those who accept this falsehood become enfeebled, losing the ability to reason and discern. This is exactly the opposite of what happens to the mature (Hebrews 5:14).

In conjunction with the "your truth-my truth" lie is the fiction that "there is no male or female; gender is whatever each person decides." This lie requires people to deny everyday reality, to deny what they know to be true—there really is male and female. Every species that we see on Earth has male and female. Every person, every day of their life, with their own eyes, sees males and females—millions, billions, everywhere—yet we are told, "No. There really isn't male and female; such ideas of gender are antiquated concepts from a religious past that was abusive. You must forget history, forget reality, forget logic in order to succeed in the future." It is our modern-day example of *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

This distorted thinking, embracing lies rather than reality, leads to actions like President Biden's executive order that male-to-female transgender individuals must be allowed to compete in female sports. Objective reality doesn't matter, and if you try to point out medical facts, you are immediately accused of being a bigot, intolerant, and threatened with being canceled, deplatformed, mobbed—a modern-day heretic and treated just like the church of the Dark Ages treated its so-called heretics.

#### But what is the truth?

Biological males get testosterone production at puberty that cause marked physical enhancement of their bodies—they grow taller, their muscles grow bigger, their bones become denser, and they get larger hearts and lungs with greater oxygen-carrying capacity than women. Additionally, testosterone provides muscle memory, so that muscles remember to regrow more quickly after a period of atrophy, as they have more nuclei that don't go away when testosterone lowers. These physical benefits to athletic performance persist, even if a biological male later identifies as a transgendered woman and artificially lowers their testosterone production.

But truth doesn't matter; facts don't matter; we must deny reality in order to be accepted: "Look, the emperor's new clothes are beautiful!" Our minds are under assault.

### **COVID-19 and Masks**

Let's take another example from the recent Super Bowl—indeed, from the entire football season, both college and pro—the messaging about wearing masks to protect from COVID-19.

Let's assume, for the sake of our discussion, that mask wearing does reduce viral transmission; it is actually a question still being debated and various studies indicate it is not true,[1] but let's assume that mask wearing does work to reduce transmission of COVID.

What is the messaging about wearing masks? "You must wear a mask in order to be safe! If you don't wear a mask, you are at a high risk of dying."

If we assume that using masks will reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19, and someone doesn't wear one, is that the same thing as putting themselves at a high risk of dying? No! If our assumptions about lowering transmission are correct, not wearing a mask merely puts one at a greater risk of *contracting* COVID, but in order to be at a high risk of dying, multiple other variables must also be true.

The virus must not only be contagious; it must also be virulent—and COVID isn't. If you are under 40 years of age, the survival rate from COVID is 99.997%. For those under the age of 18, the survival rate from COVID is 99.998%, which means children are 75 times more likely to die from the flu than COVID—yet many states have kept their schools closed even after these facts were revealed, injuring untold numbers of children and families (Mei Shang, Lenee Blanton, et. al., Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths in the United States, 2010–2016; *Pediatrics* April 2018, 141 (4) e20172918; DOI: https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2017-2918). This is not a virulent illness! It is not Ebola; it is not bubonic plague.

In other words, the likelihood of surviving without a mask is greater than 99.99% for those under 40, and even for older adults, survival rates are still greater that 99.5%. Thus, the idea that you are at a high risk of dying is factually false.

And the truth was revealed during the Super Bowl and in every other professional and college football game played this entire season. Yet the liars worked hard to obstruct the obvious facts before our eyes with false messaging, which worked to undermine our critical reasoning skills and damage our minds.

In every football game broadcast all season, we watched players, week after week, team after team, up in each other's faces, breathing on each other, grabbing each other, sweating on each other—and none of them were wearing masks. And none of them died from not wearing masks. Their lives were *not* in danger!

But then the broadcasters showed us images of the coaches along the sidelines and referees on the field, standing many feet away from anyone else, and they were all wearing masks. Or the very same players who just came off the field, after breathing all over each other in the trenches, were seen sitting down by themselves, many feet from others, and putting on masks. Why?

Because we must be sent the right "optics," the right visual images that reinforce the approved narrative—that if you don't wear a mask, you are at a high risk of dying. "You can't function safely in society if you don't wear a mask. If you don't have a mask on, you should be afraid; you could die!"

Understand, these pro and college football players were not putting their lives on the line to play in

these games all season long. You may remember Ryan Clark, a player for the Pittsburg Steelers. He has sickle-cell trait, and a few years ago, when the Steelers were in the playoffs and had to play the Broncos in Denver, he did not go. Why? Because of the altitude, he was at risk of having a heart attack or stroke—his life would really have been in danger. So he didn't play. If these players' lives were in real danger from not wearing a mask, they wouldn't be playing—and we all know it! Yet at the same time, we all agreed to deny the evidence—a grand mass-delusion.

## Why Is This Happening?

Our minds are being purposely manipulated to be less capable of thinking, to be more fearful, more willing to trust others to tell us the answer, more willing to accept authoritarian rules—and this all leads to intolerance.

We are being conditioned to deny history, to deny reality, to accept mere claims and proclamations, and authoritarian rule even if it doesn't make sense—to take it on faith that someone in charge knows better, that they know what is right; we're not to ask questions—we are required to just believe and do. And this results in more fear, seeing those who don't comply as threats, and this causes greater intolerance and increased willingness to use coercion on others—all to make oneself feel safe.

Consider this: If you are wearing a mask and you go into a store and another patron comes in without a mask, what is your response? Are you tempted to be irritated? Do you feel threatened, less safe? Do you want to report them and make them comply? But why? If your mask is protecting you, why are you afraid if another person isn't wearing one? After all, if your mask really does keep you safe, aren't you just as safe wearing yours whether they wear one or not?

If you are wearing your seatbelt and see a person in the car next to you not wearing their seatbelt, do you become afraid? Why not? Likewise, if your mask is protecting you, why are you distraught that someone else isn't wearing one? We are being manipulated to be less tolerant, more controlling, and more willing to coerce others.

Let me be very clear: I am not criticizing *voluntary* mask wearing. In fact, I'm going on record here that I support every person who chooses to wear a mask *voluntarily*. I applaud you! Why? Because when you think for yourself, reason out your risks and the potential benefits of wearing a mask, and conclude for yourself that doing so is best in your situation, and then choose to apply your decision to your life, your mind is strengthened. Your ability to think for yourself improves, your individuality grows, and your self-governance and discernment skills increase.

But many who want mask *mandates* don't want you to gain discernment skills. They want to break down your individuality, your ability to think and to act as an agent of God. They don't want *you* to decide whether to wear a mask or not. What they want is for you to comply, to surrender your choices to the higher authority—that is the point. Your agreement is not required; your compliance is. **That is the goal—to condition you to accept lies as truth and the irrational application of imposed laws by the ruling authority. Then, when more irrational laws come down, you will be less capable of resisting them. Of course, all this will occur under the guise of "saving lives" or promoting "justice."** 

But God's ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8, 9). His method is to present truth and evidence to people and then *leave them free* to make their own decisions (Romans 14:5). It is only by exercise

that we are strengthened; it is only by thinking and choosing for ourselves that we mature.

However, you will surely hear that you can't decide for yourself because you don't know enough, aren't educated enough, aren't wise enough and, therefore, you must listen to the "experts," the "scientists," the "epidemiologists." The "professionals" should decide for us what is best. The church of the Dark Ages said the very same thing—"you're not smart enough to understand Scripture, to work out the evidence in your own mind, so we will tell you what it means, and even though our interpretation defies all logic, you will accept it or be shunned, canceled, or even killed."

Note what many political leaders are doing. They are not encouraging us to listen to the scientists in order *to be educated* with facts, risks, potential benefits, and then decide for ourselves what action is best in our situation. No, the leaders who are touting listening to the scientists are insisting on mandates *to force us to do* what some scientists say, to have the decisions taken away from us. Is that your approach to such decisions: surrender choice to the "experts"? Do you always want to do what the scientists say—whether it be on global warming or COVID or anything else?

Consider this: How many today remember the science articles of the 1960s and 1970s that concluded cigarette smoking did not cause cancer? Or the multitude of big Pharma peer-reviewed studies that subsequently turn out to be false. In 2011, researchers at Bayer examined 67 cancer drug studies published in *Cell, Science, Nature* to determine if the positive results would be validated. And what did they find? 75% of the studies failed to replicate. Or, what of all the science that concludes that there is no God and life began all on its own, as we discussed in part one? What have we learned from history? That scientific articles and conclusions can be corrupted by money, politics, ego, and personal bias to misinform us.

When "experts" have rejected the truth, the actual evidence and facts, their own minds become damaged and their ability to discern and understand reality is equally compromised. It is unavoidable. New facts and evidence get filtered through their false beliefs about reality. They are blind guides leading the blind. And the minds of those who follow, rather than becoming mature thinkers, rather than developing their own discernment skills and gaining the ability to differentiate the right from the wrong, become less capable of thinking and more dependent on others to tell them what to think. This is exactly the same method of the Dark Ages church—deny evidence, reject truth, teach ideas that contradict the reality, and then ostracize, fine, and punish all who question the orthodox narrative.

You have a choice: think for yourself or surrender your thinking to some person in authority. God has given you your own mind, your own individuality, your own ability to think and reason—and He wants you to become a mature Christian, one who has developed by practice the ability to discern the right from the wrong (Hebrews 5:14).

So, even though we live in the land of liars, I encourage you to become a lover of truth, to think for yourself, to apply God's methods to your life, and exercise your own reasoning ability to examine the evidences and facts and come to your own conclusions.

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