

“ALTAR'D”

Sub-Topic: THE PROBLEM WITH ALTERNATIVE FACTS
TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY REID NORTH - 2/28

VIDEO

“IN A TIME OF UNIVERSAL DECEIT, TELLING THE TRUTH IS A
REVOLUTIONARY ACT.”

- GEORGE ORWELL

DEFINITION

While it may not be a surprise to those that are more than nominal Christians the term “Alternative Facts” does not appear in the Bible. The primary word that is used in the Bible for something other than the truth is, Deception.

DECEPTION; is a fiction narrative based on a true story prompted by a decision to substitute reality for idealism

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- DECEPTION led Eve in the Garden to eat forbidden fruit.
 - DECEPTION tricked Abraham into lying about his wife, Sarah.
 - DECEPTION convinced Jacob to steal his brother's birthright.
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8 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Now early[a] in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught[b] in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded[c] us that such should be stoned.[d] But what do You say?”[e] 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear.[f]

7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up[g] and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience,[h] went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, [i] “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? [j] Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and [k] sin no more.”

WHAT TRUTH IS AND IS NOT

- Divine Truth is not Synonymous with *H_____ n O_____*.
- Divine Truth is not rooted in *L_____*.
- If our _____s do not line up with the Word of God then they are not true.

VALUE OF TRUTH IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

- Truth has one primary purpose---to free us from the prison of falsehood and introduce us to our authentic selves.
 - When we do not live in Truth our energy disappears, our character wanes and our integrity depreciates.
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37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

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39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as *You will.*”

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40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” - [Matthew 26:37-41]