

**The Struggles And Battles Of The Young Christians
Spiritually Surviving The Modern American Culture-The Big Lie**

Born Into The World Of The Big Lie

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

“Adolf Hitler and his propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels mastered the art of what has been termed “the big lie.” According to Nazi propaganda theory, one effective way to persuade the masses is to develop and repeat falsehood (*Age of Propaganda*, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson p.72)

“Factoids are “facts which have no existence before appearing in a magazine or newspaper.” We define factoid as an assertion of fact that is not backed up by evidence, usually because the fact is false or because evidence in support of the assertion cannot be obtained.”
(*Age of Propaganda*, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson p.71)

The Persuasion Of The Masses And Children With The Big Lie

Proverbs 14:15 The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

“To whom should propaganda be addressed? To the scientifically trained intelligentsia or to the less educated masses? It must be addressed always and exclusively to the masses.”
(Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*, p.179)

“The goal of modern propaganda is not to inform or enlighten but rather to move the masses toward a desired position or point of view.”
(*Age of Propaganda*, Anthony Ptathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.11)

“Children below the age of eight demonstrate very good recognition of advertised brand names, poor recall of the specifics of the advertised claims, and are highly persuaded by advertising.”
(*Age of Propoganda*, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson p. 206)

“The receptivity of the great masses is very limited, their intelligence is small, but their power of forgetting is enormous. In consequence of these facts, all effective propaganda must be limited to a very few points and must harp on these in slogans until the last member of the public understands what you want him to understand by your slogan....“It must confine itself to a few points and repeat them over and over.” (Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*, pp.181-184

The Methodology Of The Big Lie

Jude 16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.

"The more self-assured and confident a communicator appears, the more likely that we will accept what is said."

(Age of Propaganda, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.119)

"There is an ongoing debate about the mechanism of evolution. That debate does not touch the fact of evolution. Creationism does not merit scientific discussion."
(Abusing Science-The Case Against Creationism, Philip Kitcher, The MIT press, 1982,p.171)

Psalms 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

Romans 1:20-25 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

"Christianity has fought, still fights, and will fight science to the desperate end over evolution, because evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason Jesus' earthly life was supposedly made necessary. Destroy Adam and Eve and the original sin, and in the rubble you will find the sorry remains of the son of God. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and this is what evolution means, then Christianity is nothing."

(G.R. Bozarth, *American Atheist*, September 1978, p.30)

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

"More cases of loss of religious faith are to be traced to the theory of evolution...than anything else."

(*Studies in Comparative Religion*, Martin Lings, Winter 1970)

"It would not be impossible to prove with sufficient repetition and psychological understanding of the people concerned that a square is in fact a circle. What after all are a square and a circle? They are mere words and words can be molded until they clothe ideas in disguise."

(Joseph Goebbels)

Hebrews 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

"If you have nothing to say—distract them" When confronted with a persuasive communication, especially one that runs counter to important beliefs, we tend, whenever feasible, to invent counterarguments on the spot."

(Age of Propaganda, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.139)

"Selectivity of news is the beginning of propaganda."

(Age of Propaganda, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.224)

"rallies, and propaganda films always showed masses of cheering, applauding, saluting Nazi supporters....if everyone else agrees, so should I."

(The Age of Propaganda, Anthony Ptathanis and Elliot Aronson, p. 252)

Exodus 23:2 "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.

"labels can be used to pre-persuade."..."One serious consequence is that out-group members are dehumanized; they are represented in our mind by a simple, often derogatory label."

(The Age of Propaganda, Anthony Ptathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.168)

"People tend to act on the names and labels that are given to describe an event or situation."

(Age of Propaganda, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.47)

"Its effect for the most part must be aimed at the emotions and only to a very limited degree at the so-called intellect."

(Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf, p.180)

"The way an object is described and the manner in which a course of action is presented direct our thoughts and channel our cognitive responses concerning the communication."

(Age of Propaganda, Anthony Prathanis and Elliot Aronson, p.44)