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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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"Fake News" In the News

"Fake news" is in the news, or is it "fake news" about "fake news?" If "news" is "new information about specific and timely events," then it may, or may not be "true." Some refuse to face facts: an election is over; there are illegitimate babies and illegal aliens; education is not, actually; profit is not evil and Christians are not hypocrites! "Truth" is "conformity to fact or reality."

Jesus said He came into the world,

... That I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice" (**John 18:37**).

Pilate replied, "What is truth?" (**John 18:38**).

Pilate represents people who cannot accept reality, so they question "truth" as if it were "fake news." Since "no lie is of the truth" (**1 John 2:21**), then there is no "fake news" about Jesus Christ in the Bible. Believe it!

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**Useless "Religion"**

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you.'  
(**Acts 17:22-23**)

"Religion" literally means "fearing some deity," in this case, idols. Some people are "very religious" about the "gods" of: power, sex, money, sports, themselves, or things. "Worship without knowing" the God of Heaven and Earth and the Bible is vain. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. (**James 1:26**)

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Labels Are Not Arguments

The Devil doesn't deal with truth and its defense, but retaliates with lies, labels, slander, and blasphemy. Since "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," (**Romans 10:17**) preaching God's Word brings forth a torrent of misrepresentations. Preaching: "baptism doth also now save us" from **1 Peter 3:21** brings the slander of "water salvationist;" or, Jesus' statement, "He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female'" in **Matthew 19:4** brings the blasphemy of "homophobe;" or, after Jesus raised a widow's dead son, we conclude with the crowd, "'A great prophet has risen up among us'; and, 'God has visited His people' (**Luke 7:16**), would label us "Islamaphobes."

Whoever spreads slander is a fool (**Proverbs 10:18**).

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## **The Devil You Say #3**

"Triskadekaphobia" is a strong fear of the number 13. Sometimes it's seen on a "Friday 13th;" or architects designing buildings without a 13th floor; or city plans that omit a 13th Street; or the "Death" card in a Tarot deck is the 13th. However, it is the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that abolished the practice of slavery; it was in Josiah's 13th year as King of Judah that the Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:1-2**); and Jesus actually had 13 Apostles (Judas was replaced, Paul was Apostle to Gentiles! Instead of fearing a number:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**).

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The Holy Spirit Or the Written Word?

Why do people listen to what God says first but not last? Jesus promised the Apostles the Holy Spirit when He said:

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (**John 14:26**).

When this happened on Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-4, 14-22**):

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen (**Mark 16:20**).

Those miracles cease when the word "was confirmed to us" (**Hebrews 2:3**). Scripture says:

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord (**1 Corinthians 14:37**).

The written Word is God's Message today.

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