



The Bible Banner

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FACT OR FALSEHOOD?



When Evangelist G. C. Morgan was a young man he visited two elderly ladies each week to read the Bible to them. When he read Matthew 28:20, *"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."* He said, *"Isn't that a wonderful promise?"* One of the ladies quickly replied, *"Young man, that is not a promise. It is a fact!"* The value of a promise depends upon the reputation or character of the one giving the promise, and God's Word has never failed.

Tofu Chicken–Gluten Free

1 block of water packed tofu 1 Tbsp olive oil
 1 ½ tsp beef-like seasoning
 1 ½ tsp chicken-like seasoning

Freeze and thaw tofu (this gives it a different texture). Squeeze out water. Dice or Slice. Add remaining ingredients. Bake at 350°F until desired consistency. Use in recipes as you would chicken.



Prophetic News Notes - LEGALIZED MURDER?

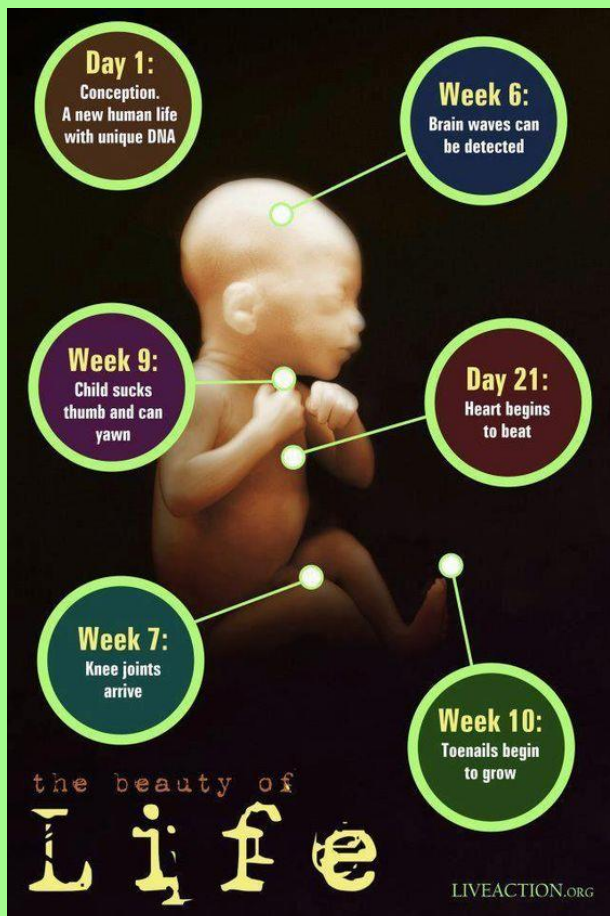
Despite more scientific knowledge detailing the miraculous life processes of the growing fetus in the womb, New York State passed a new law that allows for the abortion/murder of the baby up to the point of birth if even non-doctors deem the life or health of the mother at risk or the baby not viable.

The Bible specifically states *"hands that shed innocent blood"* are an abomination that God hates. (Prov. 6:16,17) In fact, in Israel, the practice of killing innocent babies, part of the false worship to the pagan god Molech, was punishable by death (Lev. 20:2).

What is perhaps not commonly known today is what OB/GYN Dr. Omar Hamada is trying to publicize. He protested that supporters of this new law are *"celebrating the death of infants – of babies that could live outside of the womb right then... There's absolutely no reason to kill a baby before delivery in the third trimester [which begins at week 28],"* he said. *"Not a fetal or maternal indication – what we say in medicine. If there's a problem, and there are problems in the third trimester, both with the babies and with the mom that require delivery, just deliver the baby. We don't have to kill it."* <https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/ob-gyn-rejects-ny-abortion-law-absolutely-no-reason-to-kill-a-baby-in-third-trimester>

PROFITABLE TRADITIONS

Cultivate Character---Give each member of your family 10 of your chosen game pieces (which may even be just specially cut pieces of paper.) Whenever someone catches them forgetting to say *please, thank you, I'm sorry, you're welcome or excuse me*, they have to give a piece to the person who caught them. If they always remember, they get to keep their pieces. Start over as often as needed. The ultimate goal is for everyone to be so polite that nobody loses their pieces, so at the end of the week everyone still has 10 pieces.





Devil in Disguise

I'll never forget the day about fourteen years ago when the phone rang. "Hello" I answered.

"Is Dallas there?" the caller asked. "No, but this is his wife, may I take a message?" I asked, totally unprepared for the reply.

"Oh, you're his wife. He told me he was getting a divorce. This is his girlfriend."

I think I probably stopped breathing there, but managed to pull myself together enough to ask. "Where did you meet?"

"Starbucks, we met at Starbucks a while back." "Oh," I answered, having no idea what Starbucks was.

Somehow, I politely closed the conversation and hung up, before I totally fell apart. One of my close friends had just gone through a divorce and the concept of unfaithfulness was a little too familiar. Immediately, I tried to call my husband, but no answer.

This only made matters worse. Finally, my husband called me back and in tears I told him the whole story. He was furious that somebody would do that, and to my relief, declared it to all be a made up story—a prank call using his name out of the phone book. In addition, one of my friends pointed out to me that Starbucks was a coffee shop, and my husband not only doesn't drink coffee, but he hates even the smell of coffee. The price of the lie had been high, but the truth had set me free from fear, sadness, and a broken heart.

This is the purpose of truth, to set people free from the lies of the devil. Jesus said, *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:32

Like the woman who made the prank phone call, the devil wants to make people unhappy. He wants to wreck marriages and families. And the devil has been studying to figure out how to make his evil more subtle for 6,000 years. The Bible itself warns of one of his tricks. *"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness..."* 2 Cor. 11:13-15 Like the prank caller, the devil assumes a fictitious character, collecting just enough truth to make it sound feasible. While I have no doubt that the devil indeed does come as an angel of light, as a minister, or as a popular evangelist—

I am also certain that he sometimes manifests himself under a perhaps less religious, but so-called "innocent" guise.

Let me illustrate. The Bible says, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* 1 Peter 5:8 So what if, instead of a lion, the devil came under a more "innocent" guise? Instead of a



roaring lion or a talking snake, since that is obviously exposed in the Bible, what if, perhaps he might pull a "talking cat" out of his magic hat? Hmm, ever hear of *"The Cat in the Hat"*, a fictitious "children's" story about a talking cat that barges in and does tricks for children while their mother is gone?

First of all, since it is fiction, this story fails to match the Biblical directive in Philippians 4:8 *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

Also, under the guise of a fun bouncing rhyme, the story teaches children that it is fun to get into mischief when their mother is not at home, at least as long as you "cover your tracks" so you don't get caught. This is far from the Biblical directive in Ephesians 6:1 *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother;...That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."* Ultimately, the story teaches misbehavior without consequences. This is the opposite of Numbers 32:23 which says *"be sure your sin will find you out."* However, in this tale, somehow a cake that is smashed and a rake that is bent are magically fixed by the Cat.

The tendency of this fable toward misbehavior is not just my opinion. Wikipedia notes, *"Theodor Geisel, writing as Dr. Seuss, created The Cat in the Hat partly in response to the May 24, 1954, Life magazine article by John Hersey.... In the article, Hersey was critical of school primers like those featuring Dick and Jane: 'In the classroom boys and girls are confronted with books that have insipid illustrations depicting the slicked-up lives of other children... All feature abnormally courteous, unnaturally clean boys and girls.... In bookstores anyone can buy brighter, livelier books featuring strange and wonderful animals and children who behave naturally, i.e., sometimes misbehave... Given incentive from school boards, publishers could do as well with primers.'"* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Cat_in_the_Hat

Also consider the author's own words concerning the book. *"Reflecting on the book's success, Dr. Seuss said this in 1983: 'It is the book I'm proudest of because it had something to do with the death of the Dick and Jane primers.' He also admitted that same year that he wrote the story with a political message in mind. 'The Cat in the Hat is a revolt against authority, but it's ameliorated [to make something unsatisfactory better] by the fact that the Cat cleans up everything at the end. It's revolutionary in that it goes as far as Kernesky and then stops. It doesn't go quite as far as Lenin.'"* <https://www.biography.com/news/story-behind-dr-seuss-cat-in-the-hat>

In addition, from a Biblical perspective, animals only talk when connecting with the supernatural world [unless they happen to be a talking bird]. God used Balaam's donkey for a solemn purpose, but Satan, just like the Cat in the book, used a serpent to question authority and teach Adam and Eve to misbehave, even denying the consequence of death that God had set in place (Gen. 3:4). Even more sinister is the fact that according to the Collins Dictionary* a familiar spirit is defined as *"a demon supposedly attending and obeying a witch, often said to assume the form of an animal."* Could books with talking animals be included when God says, *"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God."* Leviticus 19:31?

If Jesus came to your house, would He read this tale to your children? Perhaps we should think twice before giving this and many other supposedly “innocent” books, even if they are classics, to our children. [*www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/familiar-spirit](http://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/familiar-spirit)

But that is not the only trick under an innocent guise the devil has “up his sleeve”. What if, just as he spoke through a snake in the Garden of Eden, the devil speaks through movie stars acting their part in “innocent” movies? As I look back over my own life, I thank God for His mercies, as I often unknowingly listened to the devil “as an angel of light” in multiple books, movies and TV shows. Back when I watched “*Little House on the Prairie*” every day, I never suspected that Michael Landon, known as “Pa” on “*Little House on the Prairie*”, was receiving some of the scripts for the various TV shows he directed from his dead father (in reality, an evil spirit impersonating his father). He states, *“I felt my father's presence with me, enlightening my memories, helping me to commit to paper the feelings I had. I really heard my father speaking to me from the other dimension, filling my mind with just the right words. The story came so fast and was so right. In three days, the script was complete.”* – (Michael Landon, quoted by Brad & Sherry Steiger, Hollywood and the Supernatural, Berkley Books, 1992, p. 17)



According to the Bible, the dead have nothing more to do with what happens on this planet. Job 7:9, 10 says, *“As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.”* And Ecclesiastes 9:5,6,10 reiterates, *“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, ... neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun...there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”* Thus, what Landon thought was his father, was instead an evil angel masquerading as the dead and “enlightening” and “helping.”

(For more info on what happens to the dead, visit this link on our website <http://www.biblepicturepathways.com/characteristics-of-death.php>)

Unfortunately, this is not the only “innocent” movie that may carry with it more than is on the surface.

When we took in two unofficial foster toddlers, we got to observe first-hand the spirit behind many of the “children’s” cartoons and Disney characters that they had had unlimited access to watching before coming to our home. After they came to our home, the girls would regularly play together with some realistic toy animals we had. Usually there were only minor skirmishes at least until one of them named an animal after a Disney character from a “family movie”. Then suddenly, the spirit in the room would change and it was almost impossible to make the girls get along. Smurf characters were exceptionally bad in their reactions, and often the girls would have to be separated and given a lengthy time-out as well as the animal being renamed or even removed. It mattered not how innocent the guise—the spirit behind that which was untrue was the spirit of that old serpent, the devil.

Recently, a friend over in Africa, saw what she thought was a nonpoisonous snake. Despite a desperate attempt, she unsuccessfully tried to catch it by the tail before it disappeared behind some things. But her lack of success was rather providential, because when it was found, it was not a nonpoisonous snake but rather a deadly puff adder (the snake which causes the most snake fatalities in Africa).

Today, many people, like this lady, are playing with snakes; they are reading fictitious books or watching movies that are unreal, thinking that they are innocent and nonpoisonous. But one day, the satanic serpent that is masquerading under these innocent guises will bite and they will pay for their ignorance. How much better it would be to heed God’s warnings before it is eternally too late. For He counsels us *“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.”* 2 Peter 3:17

(For more info, check out our documentary “Tainted Vision”, here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJ32r7dpxcU>)



PARDON REFUSED

In 1830 a man by the name of George Wilson was convicted of robbing the U.S. Mail and was sentenced to be hanged. President Andrew Jackson issued a pardon for Wilson, but he refused to accept it. The matter went to Chief Justice John Marshall, who concluded that Wilson would have to be executed. *“A pardon is a slip of paper,”* wrote

Marshall, *“the value of which is determined by the acceptance of the person to be pardoned. If it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must be hanged.”*

By perfect life and His death on the cross, Jesus Christ has written a pardon for our sins. Colossians 1:14 says, *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”* To accept this pardon means more: God says, *“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”* Isaiah 55:7 Don’t be like George Wilson, who was hanged instead of accepting his pardon. For *“As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?”* Ezekiel 33:11





Doctored Disease

I'll never forget standing at the checkout in the library and seeing the sadness and confusion on the face of the librarian. She'd been drawn into conversation with the documentary that we had just checked out entitled "Cut, Poison, and Burn." As we told the story of our son who had been forced by the state to undergo chemotherapy and later died of the long term side effects of the chemo, she also told her story. She said her husband had gone into the hospital with cancer. After going through rounds of chemotherapy, her husband was discharged. The hospital told her that the cancer was all gone, yet about a month later her husband died, taking her completely by surprise. Her grief at the fact was heartrending. Yet she had apparently had been reassured by the medical establishment that he didn't die of cancer. We tried to explain to her the concept of "death by medicine".

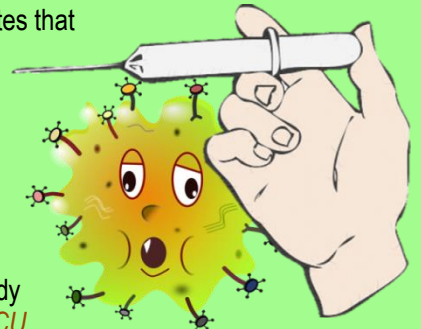
Most people don't go to the doctor hoping to get sicker. But unfortunately that indeed happens quite frequently. *"According to a recent study by Johns Hopkins, more than 250,000 people in the United States die every year because of medical mistakes, making it the third leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer. Other studies report much higher figures, claiming the number of deaths from medical error to be as high as 440,000. The reason for the discrepancy is that physicians, funeral directors, coroners and medical examiners rarely note on death certificates the human errors and system failures involved. Yet death certificates are what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rely on to post statistics for deaths nationwide."*¹

Undoubtedly, deaths from iatrogenic disease are under-reported. Iatrogenic simply means *"Induced by the words or actions of the physician or by medical treatment or diagnostic procedure."*² In other words, an iatrogenic disease is *"A disease caused by or arising as a complication of medical or surgical intervention."*³ Actually, getting sicker after going to the doctor is an age-old problem. The Bible even records the story of a woman who was made worse by going to the doctor. *"And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment."* (Mark 5:25-27)

Note that iatrogenic diseases are not diseases caused by lack of medical care. Instead JAMA states that *"Iatrogenic disease was defined as a disease induced by a drug prescribed by a physician; or after a medical or surgical procedure, excluding intentional overdose, nonmedical intervention; or unauthorized prescription, and environmental events (falls, equipment defect)."*⁴

We got to learn first-hand what iatrogenic disease was while we were in the hospital with our son.

During a round of chemotherapy, his blood pressure suddenly plummeted landing him in the intensive care unit (ICU). In addition, he became disoriented and lethargic, and periodically he heaved violently and vomited up green bile. Finally, even the staff at the hospital had to admit, this was not from cancer, or even an infection, but rather a reaction to their toxic chemotherapy. A study published in JAMA [Journal of American Medical Association] states, *"Of 623 patients admitted to the ICU, 68 (10.9%) were included [under iatrogenic causes]; the cause of the ID [iatrogenic disease] was drugs in 41, medical acts in 12, and surgical acts in 15. These 68 patients were in the ICU for 472 days, with a 13% fatality rate (9 patients) ... Risk factors for ID were old age and the number of prescribed drugs. The rate of preventable ID was 51%."*⁴ Iatrogenic diseases can include everything from cancer, encephalitis and polio to kidney failure, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, and bone marrow depression.⁷



Many iatrogenic diseases simply are the result of human error. For example, my father had a nurse forget to disinfect his stitches before removing them. Worse yet, *"Emily Jerry was two years old when she lost her life after a pharmacy technician filled her intravenous bag with more than 20 times the recommended dose of sodium chloride."*¹

Other iatrogenic adverse events are from surgical or medical acts, even a diagnostic. For example, I remember the story of a man who died after having a routine colonoscopy. According to Dr. Mercola *"About 1 in every 350 colonoscopies do serious harm. The death rate is about 1 for every 1,000 procedures."*⁵ Indeed, *"Iatrogenic colonoscopy perforation (ICP) is a severe complication that can occur during both diagnostic and therapeutic procedures."*⁶

Some iatrogenic diseases are from germs spread in the hospital. A nosocomial infection is an infection acquired during hospitalization.

For example, while in the hospital, my son acquired a C. difficile infection spread by bacteria from other patients in the hospital.

But according to all the statistics I looked at, the largest cause of iatrogenic diseases are pharmaceuticals. People take a drug or combination of drugs that the doctor prescribes and then they get sick or die. Statistics echo the words of an 18th century health reformer. *"More die from the use of drugs than would die from disease, were nature left to do her own work."* {RH, September 5, 1899 par. 6}

So here are a few tips to avoid iatrogenic disease. #1. Arm yourself with knowledge—knowledge of how to treat and cure disease naturally, at home. #2. Avoid toxic pharmaceuticals like a plague-- especially taking several drugs at one time. #3. Especially if you are elderly or end up unavoidably in the medical system – take an advocate with you. Someone who can ask questions, look after your well-being, and look up the details of any diagnosed conditions as well as side effects of procedures, etc. #4. *"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."* Psalm 118:8

1 -- <https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/22/medical-errors-third-leading-cause-of-death-in-america.html> 2-- <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/iatrogenic>

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God's Amazing Creatures

One day my sister was raking some brush when she hit something that squeaked at her. She wondered what it was. Carefully, she pulled what felt like a blob of "jelly" out of the brush where she could see it. The blob had two eyes, but she still didn't know what it was. Finally she saw some legs. It was the fattest frog she had ever seen.

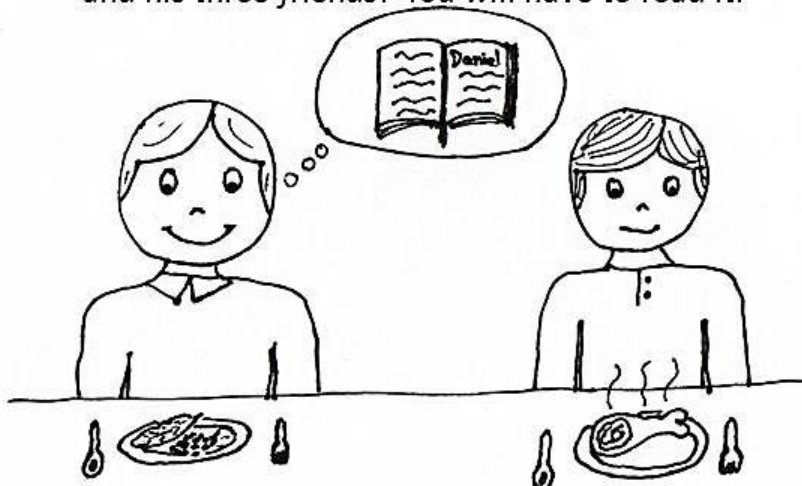
The desert rain frog is found in Namibia and South Africa. Desert rain frogs are very fat and have short legs. They cannot hop because of their short legs. Instead, they have to walk. The underside of the desert rain frog is transparent, meaning that you can see through its skin and see its inside organs.



This frog also has an unusual high-pitched sound, similar to that of a squeaky toy. Desert rain frog babies go from being in the egg to being an adult frog without ever becoming a tadpole like other frogs do. God made so many interesting animals for us to see. I like learning about new animals, don't you?

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:"
Daniel 1:8

Carnal didn't want to eat his spinach and vegetables. He just wanted to eat meat. Christian told Carnal, *"You have to eat your vegetables. Haven't you ever read the amazing Bible story in Daniel 1 about Daniel and his three friends? You will have to read it."*



Christian knew that Daniel and his friends ate their vegetables and beans instead of the king's meat. He knew that God blessed Daniel and his friends and made them smarter and healthier than all the other boys. Christian liked to eat his vegetables, especially cabbage.



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Study to Show Thyself Approved —The Effect of Believing Error

Several years ago, a friend turned to me and asked, “What do you think are the implications of believing that error?” Today, as so many “winds of doctrine” are circulating, let us consider this question. What does the Bible say will be the effect of believing a lie?

The Bible warns of Woe (Grief, Sorrow, & Calamity) on those that mix up Truth and Error

Isaiah 5:20,21 **Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**

The spirit of Error and the Spirit of Truth are entirely opposite

1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**

Truth = Jesus and the Holy Spirit

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Error, Lies = The Devil, Unclean spirits and Babylon

John 8:44 Ye are of your father **the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

1 Timothy 4:1,2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils; Speaking lies** in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Rev. 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the **habitation of devils**, and the **hold of every foul spirit**, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.



Truth is Sanctifying; Error causes Fornication (sometimes physical, sometimes spiritual)

John 17:17 **Sanctify them through thy truth**: thy word is truth. (John 17:19)

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which [falsely] calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Those who don't accept the Truth are set up for a Strong Delusion of Satan

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Error ultimately ends in Spiritual Death

James 5:20 Let him know, that **he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death**, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Prov. 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Also Prov. 16:25)

2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, **being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.**

How do we keep from espousing Error?

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Isaiah 8:20 **To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that **men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**

Quotable Quotes

"ERROR IS NEVER HARMLESS.

If never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension.

It is always dangerous... Wherever an influence is exerted to cause men to forget their Creator, there Satan is at work, it matters not how innocent the guise under which he conceals his purpose." --E. White {CW 46, and ST, May 18, 1882 par. 23}