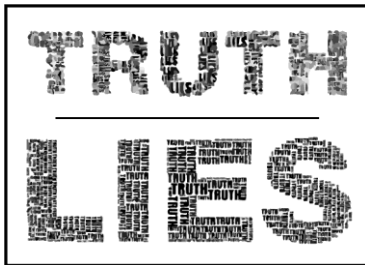


# CHAPTER 3

## Religion & Lies vs. Relationship in Truth

### SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS, POLITICIANS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND MEDIA TYPES YOU CAN TRUST

To avoid deception, we have found that as Believers we need to unplug or disconnect from untrustworthy secular media sources that have a politically *Left* leaning bias and agenda (E.g., CNN, CTV, CBC, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, etc.) and tune into trustworthy conservative voices with strong Judeo-Christian influence [(E.g. CBN (the Christian Broadcast Network), TBN (Trinity Broadcast Network), Newsmax Media, One America News (OAN), Fox News, trunews.com; Blaze Media, Breitbart News, Conservative Review, Etc.)]. We believe that scholars, scientists, politicians, religious leaders and media personalities who are strong “*born again*” Christians with strong Biblical values are people we need to connect with and tune into. In order to receive truth and true narratives on all aspects of life and on what is happening in today’s society including ongoing news events on all fronts. Unfortunately, many Christians are being deceived and compromised in their beliefs because they’re allowing themselves to be influenced by false narratives spawned by deceiving spiritual powers working through ungodly secular media sources. Thus, leading them astray and into deception in many areas regarding what they believe related to politics, science, and religion as well as social and moral issues. One vital thing we need to be aware of as mentioned at the outset is that the prophesied release of “*strong delusion*” has begun (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12). This “*delusion*” is greatly infecting many on the *Left* side of the cultural, moral and political spectrum as well



as some on the *Right* who have bought into their lies. It can infect Believers also, if we do not guard against it. Therefore, it is vitally important to avoid as much as possible godless media types and societal voices that are under the control of these evil influences. One note of caution regarding faith-based networks is that not all Christian programs being aired on these various networks

is scripturally sound. Therefore, Believers need to be prayerful and strong in their personal study of God’s Word in order to discern truth. Also, when you get a check in your spirit about what is being taught consult your pastor or other mature leaders for advice. Some of these teachers and ministers are false or unscriptural in their teaching and will need to be avoided (E.g., Book- *How to Have Your Best Life Now*).

One man who is not a strong professing Christian yet (more agnostic), but who is fairly honest in his opinions as a scientist and clinical psychiatrist is Dr. Jordan Peterson. What makes Dr. Peterson different from other non-Christian scientists is his value and respect for truth and his sincere desire for honesty and integrity. We believe this is what makes his writings and talks so very compelling and enriching. It is also why many of his positions on social issues such as transgenderism are mainstream science based and balanced. It is also one of the reasons why he is so drawn and intrigued by the Bible including the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Even though he does not profess to entirely believe in God or to being a Christian, he recognizes the wisdom and he values the truth and integrity of Holy Scripture and the unparalleled life of Jesus Christ. Dr. Peterson is one of the very rare non-Christian voices that has some practical wisdom and merit that we can glean from in the battle to discern and stand for truth. Christians need to pray for Dr. Peterson to find the peace and protection that comes in relationship with Jesus. Sadly, because of his stand for truth in many areas he is targeted by evil powers for destruction and silencing. The pressures without relationship with Jesus are overwhelming and have taken a great toll on his health and well being. Please pray that he will quickly recover and find the spiritual covering he needs to remain a strong and courageous voice for truth especially in the academic and psychiatric realms. One of the areas he has received much *heat* and opposition for is in regards to his stand for the fact that gender is biologically determined. He strongly contends that mainstream science and data clearly supports this reality, but mainline media and politicians are embracing and promoting the false narrative of multiple genders. Why? Because again, we're not dealing with only humans, but with demonic powers who are driving wealthy Deep State Elites to push any agenda that will serve to lower population growth on planet earth. We'll discuss the reasons for this in more detail a bit later. In conclusion of this segment, we strongly urge every Believer to unplug from lie based secular media sources and plug into reliable faith-based media sources. *Wherever you are on your personal journey, we all need to be aware of the ongoing battle with deceptive forces and humbly transition toward truth.*

### **TRANSTIONING OUT OF FALSE RELIGION INTO A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP**

Please understand beloved that we are not meaning to hurt or offend anyone, but the reality is ... truth hurts. Especially our pride because we don't want to admit we're wrong or that we've been deceived. Deb and I don't condemn or belittle you in any way because we ourselves were personally wrong and deceived in many areas in our life journey. The key to overcoming is to humbly admit our being duped and deceived and by God's grace make the course corrections needed to get on God's true path toward knowing Him and the abundant life He has for us. For example, Deb and I had to come to the realization and admit that our lifestyle choices were

for the most part very sinful and displeasing to God and that we needed to change. Also, we had to admit that our family religious upbringing was totally inadequate and misleading in so many ways. Deb was raised in the United Church the largest Protestant Church in Canada and I in the Roman Catholic Church the largest church of all denominations in Canada. However, neither of these supposed *Christian* religious bodies has sound Biblical teaching on how to truly come into a personal saving relationship with God as Father through Jesus Christ and the “*born again*” experience (John 3:1-8). The “*born again*” experience is an essential supernatural transforming encounter with God that frees you from the power and penalty of our inherent sinful nature. Thus, resulting in the total liberation from sinful habits and the full assurance of forgiveness. This spiritual rebirth causes you to be “*born again*” into God’s eternal family and brings total assurance that you will make Heaven your spiritual home as God’s child (John 1:12-13; 3:36; 6:47; Rom. 6:6-8).

### **WATER BAPTISM DOES NOT PRODUCE THE “BORN AGAIN” EXPERIENCE**

It is important to understand that the teaching that a baby or adult is “*born again*” at their infant or adult sprinkling called a *baptism* (also known as *baptismal regeneration*) is not in the Bible and is totally false. In John chapter 3 Jesus taught Nicodemus a Pharisee (the equivalent of a Bishop or Cardinal in today’s Catholic religious hierarchy) that the “*born again*” experience would occur through whole hearted belief in Him as the Divine Messiah and Saviour of the world (John 3:1-21). The belief Jesus was referring to in this passage was not mere mental assent. It was a supernatural gift of faith that would result in the release of grace to obey Jesus’ word and to overcome the practice of all sinful behaviour through repentance (Ephesians 2:1-9). Many Catholic and Protestant theologians misinterpret when Jesus said “*Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God*” (John 3:5 KJVER) as referring to water baptism. The Holy Spirit reveals that the water imagery which Jesus uses in this verse is really referring to the cleansing and renewing power of His Word working with the Holy Spirit to bring regeneration. You can research and confirm this for yourself by studying the following scriptures I Peter 1:23; Ephesians 5:25-26; John 15:3. Paul the apostle especially brings out this spiritual imagery in Ephesians 5:25-26 when he declares; “*just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water of the Word ...*” The “*born again*” experience is a supernatural transformation not as a result of any natural works, but by the supernatural power of God’s Word and Holy Spirit. Problems arise in interpretation of Scripture when men attempt to interpret the Bible with their natural minds rather than by prayerful revelation by the Holy Spirit. At this point it is needful to realize that no religious work including infant or adult sprinkling

(baptism) can change the sinful heart of man. Only humble, contrite surrender (repentance) and belief in Christ and His shed blood sacrifice for us on the Cross can bring liberation from sin. Babies and little children do not have this capacity and to teach that a religious act of *sprinkling* has this power is totally unbiblical and false. Salvation by grace through faith and not of any religious works (Ephesians 2:8-9) is the true gospel message that Jesus, Peter, John and Paul the apostle taught since the beginning of Christianity. They also taught that obedient good works such as water baptism will follow a true salvation not produce it. One would be wise to pay heed to Paul the apostles Holy Spirit warning in his letter to the Galatians:

***<sup>8</sup>“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that, which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup>As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed (damned)”*** (Galatians 1:8-9 KJV). Sadly, many leaders in both Catholic and Protestant Churches as well as Christian cults will come under this curse for changing the truth of salvation. They will fall under judgement for teaching a religious works-based salvation rather than salvation by grace through faith and repentance leading to the “*born again*” experience as Jesus and His apostles’ taught. Lord willing, this will become clearer to you as we share in greater detail just ahead.

## **THE RISE OF FALSE CHRISTIANITY**

Suffice it to say at this point that we were misled by the very organizations that were supposed to help us find peace and reconciliation with God. The sobering reality is that many of you along with us have been deceived by large religious organizations that teach that Jesus is the Christ, but actually are leading you astray from the truth, just as Jesus warned. In Matthew’s gospel in chapter 24 it is recorded how Jesus’ disciples came to Him and asked Him what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of this age as we know it. The following is the first sign He warned would happen in the lead up to His return to earth: <sup>4</sup>“*And Jesus answered and said unto them, “Take heed that no man deceives you. <sup>5</sup>For many shall come in My Name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many”* (Matthew 24:4-5 KJV). This first sign that Jesus brings to His disciples’ attention is that many would come in His Name as Christians or Christian organizations and be proclaiming He ... Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ and that they would deceive multitudes. Let us tell you dear one, we are the victims of the fulfillment of this prophecy, it has happened just as Jesus predicted almost 2,000 years ago. Not only has this prophesy been fulfilled, but everything Jesus prophesied in this passage is coming to pass in our generation. We won’t go down that path right now, but we will come back to this important reality of fulfilled prophecy further down the road. The main thing we want to convey at this point is

that many have been victims of false religion and false Christianity even as we were. Therefore, we don't look down or condemn you or anyone for what you believe, we only desire for you to discover the liberating power of truth.

## **NEWS FLASH! JEWS DO NOT NEED TO STOP BEING JEWISH TO EMBRACE YESHUA (JESUS) AS THEIR MESSIAH**

As Christians we're extremely thankful for the Jewish foundation of Christianity. Jesus / Yeshua was fully Jewish in His humanity, born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah in the direct lineage of King David (Luke 3:23-38). That is why He was often referred to as "*the Son of David.*" The vast majority of the early church was overwhelmingly Jewish and they did not forsake their Jewish heritage. They simply embraced Jesus Christ of Nazareth as Messiah and Saviour in fulfillment of the ancient Hebrew prophetic scriptures. They believed that He was the "*Lamb of God*" prophesied by Isaiah and openly announced by John the Baptist a Levite and prophet to Israel at that time (Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12, John 1:24-37). We deeply love and respect our Jewish brethren for being the people of Messiah and for giving us the Bible both the Tanakh and the New Covenant writings which were authored again overwhelmingly by Jews. In fact, as an expression of our love and appreciation to our Jewish brethren we at Hosanna Church will provide you with a brand-new quality bound copy of the Tanakh and the New Covenant writings absolutely free. All you need to do is send us a request with your address and we will gladly send you either a Hebrew/English; Hebrew/Spanish; Hebrew/Russian; Hebrew/French or Hebrew only copy of these sacred writings with absolutely no obligation to respond or do anything. The only prerequisite by our Ministry Supplier is that you are of genuine Jewish descent. We ask those of you who are of Gentile heritage to please refrain from masquerading as Jews to get a free book ... thank you for being honest! ☺ Please email, call or write us with your request and we by God's grace will endeavour to accommodate it. All our personal contact information can be found at the end of the book.

Again, we want to reiterate to our beloved Jewish friends that you don't have to leave your Jewish heritage to receive Yeshua as Messiah. I have personally visited Messianic Jewish congregations in New York city and witnessed first hand their love and faith in Yeshua. If you would like to hear powerful personal stories of Jews from Israel who have embraced Yeshua as their Messiah and are still fully Jewish in every way; please visit [oneforisrael.org](http://oneforisrael.org). Now let us take a moment to share some scriptures from the Jewish prophets that Yeshua fulfilled.

<sup>14</sup>“Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (i.e., God with us; Isaiah 7:14 KJVER).

... *“by way of the sea beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great Light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the Light shined”* ... <sup>6</sup>*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* <sup>7</sup>*Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from hereafter even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this”* (Isaiah 9:1c-2; 6-7 KJVER).

*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* Jesus Christ of Nazareth fulfilled these prophecies and all the prophecies of the Tanakh related to the first coming of the Messiah as the suffering Servant and Saviour [(see Pg. 35 **PROPHECY PROVES GOD’S EXISTANCE & THE BIBLE IS GOD’S WORD**)]. Sadly, many Jews missed and misunderstood their visitation of *Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, because they earnestly desired the conquering Messiah that is revealed in relation to His second coming. This was due in large part because they were being oppressed by the Roman Empire and wanted the deliverance now ... not later. However, God had a plan to save and engraft the Gentile nations into His eternal family tree before regrafting the original Jewish family branch. The Scriptures prophesy that many Jews will embrace *Yeshua* as Messiah during this coming season of unparalleled shakings and judgement (Romans 11:1-33). In the Tanakh the prophet Zechariah prophesies of the mourning of all Israel for the *Messianic One* whom they had pierced and whose hands were wounded by His friends (i.e., His own people). Zechariah also predicts that at this time of Jesus’ (*Yeshua*’s) appearing that two thirds of Israel will perish, but one third will be successfully purified and preserved through the fires. <sup>9</sup>*“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.* <sup>10</sup>*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, (Yeshua/Jesus on the cross) and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.* <sup>11</sup>*In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo.* <sup>12</sup>*And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart”* ...

***<sup>6</sup>And one shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. <sup>7</sup>Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the man that is My fellow, says the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn My hand upon the little ones. <sup>8</sup>And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. <sup>9</sup>And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God”*** (Zechariah 12:9-12; Zechariah 13:6-9 KJVER). Thank God for the one third who will be saved during this time in Israel and other nations as well. The sober reality is that the book of Revelation reveals that approximately two thirds of the Gentile nations will also perish during this horrific period. Jesus warned that if it wasn't for God's intervention at this time that, “*no flesh (would) be saved ...*” (Matthew 24:22 KJVER). He revealed that it will be the most destructive period in the history of mankind, but the *chosen* who turn to Him shall be saved from these wrathful judgments.

*<sup>21</sup> “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the chosen's sake those days shall be shortened”* (Matthew 24:21-22 KJVER). The *Good News* is that God loves you and is giving you a heads up of what is coming so you may be prepared and preserved from coming judgement. Jesus said <sup>36</sup>“*Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man*” (Luke 21:36 KJVER).

Therefore, we urge every precious Jew and Gentile to embrace Yeshua/Jesus the Messiah of all mankind and be saved from coming wrath and eternal judgement. Again, we emphasize that you can join a Messianic Jewish Congregation that will enable you to serve God in your distinct Jewish traditions. However, one thing you will need to accept is that no number of good works performed in accordance with the Jewish works of the Law can forgive even one sin. Only by the grace of the blood that Yeshua shed for each one of us can we receive the full payment of His sacrificial death as the Lamb of God who takes away every sin of those who believe. In the Tanakh, Isaiah the prophet clearly predicts the coming of Yeshua, the suffering Messiah and Saviour:

***<sup>3</sup>“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him***

*not.* <sup>4</sup>*Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.* <sup>5</sup>*But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.* <sup>6</sup>*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* <sup>7</sup>*He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opens not His mouth ... Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief: when you shall make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied; by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.* <sup>12</sup>*Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul to death; and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors”* (Isaiah 53:3-7; 10-12 KJVER). You may not have a full understanding of all these truths at this point, but please read on with an open heart. God will bring forth a fuller revelation and understanding of how you can be saved and be grafted into His eternal family where Jew and Gentile will be one family in Messiah.

### **NOT OUR TRUTH BUT GOD’S TRUTH BY HOLY SPIRIT REVELATION**

Some of you may be thinking; *“Well, that’s your truth.”* No, beloved this is not our truth; it is God’s truth in His Word revealed by the power of the Holy Spirit to all who are truly *“born again.”* Jesus declared in John chapter 3 verse 3 that in order to *see* or spiritually discern the Kingdom of God and how to enter it *“You must be born again”* (John 3:7). You cannot interpret or discern the truth of God’s Word by your natural mind and reasoning. That is why many religious leaders like Nicodemus in this passage misinterpret scripture, because they are not *“born again.”* When a person is truly *“born again”* through repentance and faith in Jesus and His atoning sacrifice, then the Holy Spirit indwells their Spirit and enables them to learn and discern the truth of God’s Word, the Holy Bible (the Tanakh) (John 14:15-17, 25-26). Many leaders in both the Protestant and Catholic Church as well as in the Jewish faith are misinterpreting Scripture because they are not truly *“born again”* by the Spirit of God. Sadly, many of these leaders have been led astray by fallen





angelic spirits to teach false doctrine. Doctrine that prevents their congregants from truly knowing God in a personal and relational way through Messiah Jesus and a genuine “*born again*” experience by the power of the Holy Spirit (I Timothy 4:1-3). Consequently, they are misleading multitudes exactly as Jesus warned in Matthew chapter 24. If you are truly “*born (again) of the Spirit ...*” (John 3:6) most of what is shared here related to salvation and basic discipleship you will agree with. However, if you are not “*born again*” you will have difficulty understanding these truths much like Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and very intellectually acquainted with the Jewish Scriptures, but not by revelation. We humbly reiterate what Jesus told Nicodemus “*You must be born again*” (John 3:7 KJV). Later we’ll share full details of how you can personally experience this transformative spiritual rebirth.

### **WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO NEVER HEARD ABOUT JESUS OR THE BIBLE**

Some may be wondering about how God will judge those who have never heard about Jesus or the Bible. First of all, we must remember that God is all powerful, all knowing and supremely loving above all others. Several in various cultures isolated from the knowledge of Jesus and the Bible have testified of supernatural encounters with Jesus in dreams or through personal visitations, after earnestly seeking to know their Creator (e.g., See: *Visions of Jesus Stir Moslems Hearts* at [cbn.com](http://cbn.com)). God loves everyone and His desire is that none would perish, but that all would come to the knowledge of truth and be saved from a hellish eternity through His precious Son. For the person who desires to know Him and surrender to His loving care God will do whatever it takes to bring them into His family.

<sup>8</sup>“*But God commends (demonstrates) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*” (Romans 5:8 KJVER). “*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, Who will have (desires) all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom (full payment) for all, to be testified in due time*” (I Timothy 2:3-6 KJVER).

In passing, please note that the above scripture reveals there is only one true God and only One true mediator Who can connect us with God ... His name is Jesus Christ, not Mary nor any *saint* or anyone else. We will discuss the reason and implications of this reality a bit later. God is not a respecter of persons; therefore, as He did for others in this era that experienced such supernatural encounters He will have done for others throughout history. Anyone now or in the past who earnestly seeks to know the true God, then God will reveal Himself. “*And you shall seek Me, and find Me, when you shall search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found*

*of you, says the Lord ...” (Jeremiah 29:13-14a KJVER). The Bible also reveals how God will judge Gentile nations who do not have the Law or God’s Word to direct them in the ways of righteousness. It is found in Romans chapter 2 verses 14 to 16. It is directly related to how people respond to their God given conscience. <sup>14</sup> **“For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves, <sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, while their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them, <sup>16</sup> in the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ”** (Romans 2:14-16 MEV).*

This passage reveals that God will judge those who have no personal knowledge of Him or His written commands in accordance to how they responded to the conscience He placed within their hearts and minds. One thing that we can know for certain is that God Who is love, (I John 4:8) will always be just and merciful in meting out judgment on His creation.

