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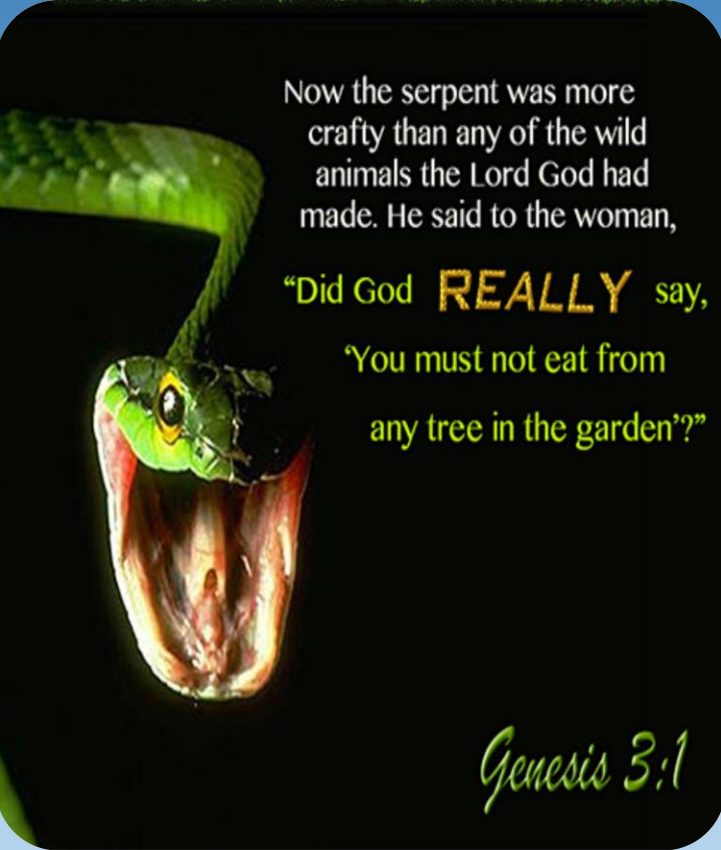
# End Times

## Part 1: Strong Delusion



2 Thessalonians 2:8 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

# Deception from the beginning



Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman,

“Did God **REALLY** say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

*Genesis 3:1*

- Genesis 3:1 ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
- 4 **And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:**

*Revelation 12:9*

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And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world**; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

What is Truth ?



# Three main views of truth.



1. **The coherence theory** describes truth in terms of interconnected belief. A belief is true if it is consistent with other beliefs we have.
2. **Postmodernism** lays out a view of truth in terms of individual perspectives and community agreement.
3. **The correspondence theory** describes truth in terms of a relation concepts or propositions have to the actual world.

# What is Truth ?

## Definition of TRUTH

plural **truths**  \ˈtrʊθz, ˈtrʊθs\

- a** *archaic* : FIDELITY, CONSTANCY  
**b** : sincerity in action, character, and utterance
- a** (1) : the state of being the case : FACT (2) : the body of real things, events, and facts : ACTUALITY (3) *often capitalized* : a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality  
**b** : a judgment, proposition, or idea that is true or accepted as true <truths of thermodynamics>  
**c** : the body of true statements and propositions
- a** : the property (as of a statement) of being in accord with fact or reality  
**b** *chiefly British* : TRUE 2  
**c** : fidelity to an original or to a standard
- capitalized Christian Science* : GOD

—in truth

: in accordance with fact : ACTUALLY

The correspondence theory hold that there is a world external to our beliefs that is accessible to the human mind.

That there are a set of "truth-bearing" representations (or propositions) about the world that **align to or correspond with reality** or states of affairs in the world.

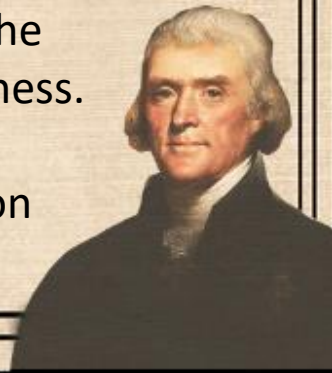
A state of affairs just is a particular way the world or reality is.

When a proposition aligns to the world, the proposition is said to be true. Truth, on this view, is that correspondence relation.

# Beliefs, knowledge, & Truth

We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among them are life liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

-Thomas Jefferson



## Beliefs.

Beliefs are things people have. They don't exist outside the mind.

Some philosophers say beliefs are "dispositional." That is, they incline a person to behave in a way as if the thing they believe is true. So a belief, simply, is a proposition that a person accepts as representing the way the world actually is.

**Beliefs can be about false propositions** and thus be "wrong" because the person accepts them as true. This is a critical distinction. While a proposition has to be true or false, beliefs can be about true or false propositions even though a person always accepts them as being true.


# Biblical Truth

John 17:17 Sanctify  
them through thy  
truth: thy word is  
truth

- 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 14:17 **Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- John 15:26 ¶But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:



# Knowing Truth, knowing Jesus!



And ye shall  
know the truth,

and the truth  
shall make you free.

John 8:32

- John 8:31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed;
- **32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
- 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.
- 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.
- 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

# False prophets ?



- Mark 13:5 ¶ And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- Matthew 24:24 **For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders;** insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.



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NOT JUST A CLEVER NAME

## Jesus Wants Me to Have This Jet



Pastor Creffo Dollar has spoken to God, and God wants him to buy a \$65 million private jet. His congregation, thus far, has obliged his every whim.

# Famine for the Word (Truth)

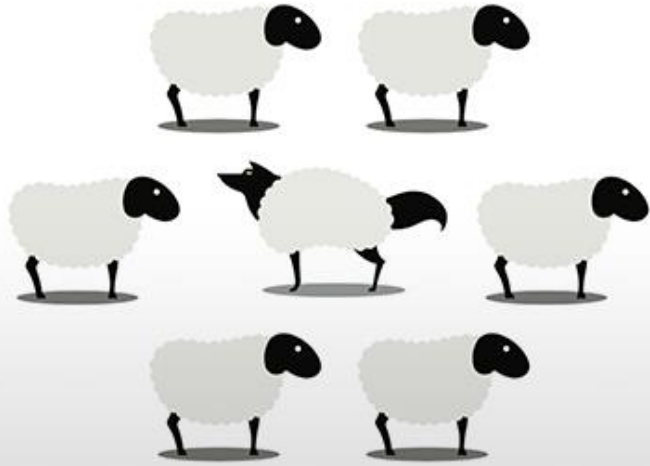


- Amos 8:11 ¶Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
- 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

*2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears:*



# How deception works



- Deception works when it is a half truth
- Deception works when it is something our flesh wants to believe

- 2 Chronicles 18:19 And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab king of Israel into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?’ ‘One suggested this, and another that.
- 20 Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, ‘**I will entice him.**’ ‘ ‘By what means?’ the LORD asked.
- 21 ‘ ‘I will go and **be a deceiving spirit** in the mouths of all his prophets,’ he said. ‘ ‘You will succeed in enticing him,’ said the LORD. ‘Go and do it.’



# What's to come ?

## The vision of many days

Daniel 8:26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; **for it shall be for many days.**

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.



# The King of Fierce Countenance



- Daniel 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.**
- 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.
- 25 And through his policy also he shall cause **craft (Deceit)** to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, **and by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

# The fig Tree blossoms!



- Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
- 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
- 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- 25 Behold, I have told you before.

*32 ¶ Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*