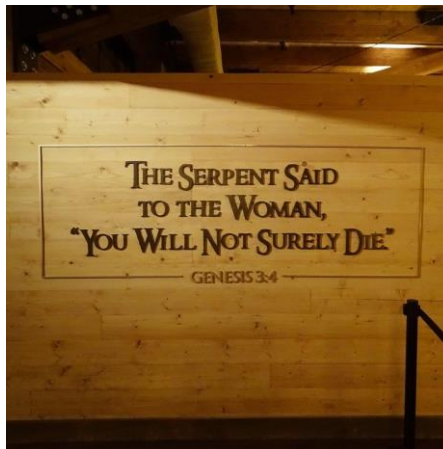


FAKE NEWS

"Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?"

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die."



Fake News.

Eve's eyes brightened and her mouth began to water. "What great news! I've been craving that gorgeous fruit for some time."

The serpent continued,

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Fake News.



Eve nodded knowingly. “So God has been holding out on us! If that’s the case, why should we trust him?”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

Genesis 3:1-7a



Suddenly Adam and Eve felt strangely exposed.

Guilt gnawed at their hearts for the first time ever.

To make things worse, they were now cursed with the *obsessive thirst for fake news.*

"You will not die."

"You will be like God, knowing good and evil."

From now on, fake news would be music to their ears---and ours!

Flatter me.

Reassure me.

Tell me I'm worthy.

This “music” sells cars, perfume, and beer.

It fills political rallies, casinos, and many churches.

“Tell me what I want to hear!

Tell me I'm okay!”

Christendom's Fake News

In Christendom the gospel of the Kingdom is mixed with a generous dose of prosperity, politics, rock, pop, and flattery.

Christian radio and TV are tuned to our need for a cheerful message with few demands.

Why, getting saved is the easiest thing in the world!

Come over here and repeat after me the Sinner's prayer.

Hallelujah! You're saved!

Okay, if you want to be a super-saint, you can go on and deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus all the way. But that narrow road has some pretty steep hills to climb!

The idea that you can enter God's Kingdom either by the "easy way" or the "hard way" is fake news.

Salvation is free, but it's not cheap.

"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he/she who does the will of my Father in heaven."

Matthew 7:21

Nothing Fake About The Narrow Door

Jesus' gospel is good news for all people.

The door of God's Kingdom is open to everybody.

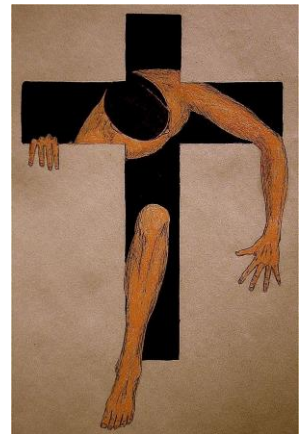
But the door is narrow.

You can't take your ego with you;
it's too big for the door.

That grudge you carry is the size of a bathtub; it won't fit.

***Strive to enter by the narrow door;
for many, I tell you,
will seek to enter and will not be able.***

Luke 13:24



The door is open to all.

We can enter if we're willing to leave the old life behind, and follow him *all the way*.

He promises to help us with his sustaining power.

Nothing Fake About The Gospel

Jesus' gospel is good news for the penitent heart.

“Your sins are forgiven.”

“Rise and walk!”

It's a resurrection to a new life.

When Jesus raises us from the dead he puts our feet on a Narrow Road,
illuminated by the glory of God.

All we have to do is walk in the light God gives us day by day.



By the power of the Lord we let our light shine so that what we do brings glory to God.

We are the light of the world,
provided we let our light shine.

We are the salt of the earth,
provided we stay salty.

Nothing Fake About the Kingdom of God.

Very soon God's world of light will break into our dark world.

The King will appear for all to see.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

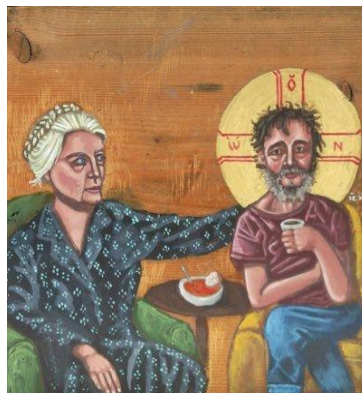
Matthew 24:29-31

Upon his arrival the King will begin the Final Sorting Out.

Those who abandoned their lives to Satan's Fake News
will come face to face with terrifying Truth.

Those who kept walking with the Master on that Narrow Road
will be welcomed into God's world with these words:

***Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world.***



“ For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me. I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

Matthew 25:35

Deliver us, Lord, from Satan's Fake News and strengthen us for the days ahead!

Prayer. Yes, Lord deliver us from the fake news that steers us away from the cross. Instead, may we embrace your cross, and let go of all that hinders us from the truth. May we lay our weaknesses at your feet and rise up and follow you into the beautiful light you give us. Sustain us in your power. Give us the faith to keep our eyes on your coming kingdom, give us the desire to keep our ears alert to your voice, and give us the strength to carry your mercy to those you place on our path.

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