

FAKE NEWS

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All the recent talk about 'fake news' serves to remind us of the ongoing battle between truth and error. Not only have scriptural principles been corrupted by religious compromise... almost all forms of news and education have become vehicles for ideological and/or political promotion and point scoring. Most news that has any form of political content will be skewed to suit the promoters or owners viewpoint.

This is where it all began. GEN 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** *First recorded case of fake news.* & **13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, *What is this that thou hast done?* And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled me,** and I did eat. *First recorded case of playing the 'victim' card.*

All fake news and its failings have the same origins. JOH 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. *Satan wants the power and glory of God's creation for himself, thus it is no surprise that humanity does the same.*

False statements... if something is truthful and right, it doesn't need lies or deceit to support it. EXO 23:1 Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. *The bible is also a record of good and evil from God's perspective. He is not afraid to include and detail the failings of his heroes.*

The political, educational and religious classes have an agenda that is more about supporting their own positions of power and ideology than the people they are supposed to serve. If we already know that most are scripturally corrupt, then it might be wise to cross check much of the news you take for granted... fake news is the increasing way of this world and won't change till Jesus Christ returns.

It is up to us to test what we hear... to do our own research. 1JOH 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God (*compare everything with the scriptures*): because many false prophets are gone out into the world. *This is the simple remedy for dedicated Christians... The Gospel is sign based (real evidence) and there are more than enough scriptures for cross referencing and study purposes.*

Most 'modern' standards are self-serving, wilfully based on ignorance and lies. PSA 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a **vain thing?** **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed...etc, *all this is ego driven, truth is irrelevant... power is everything. Also, they are all dead!!*

However, Jesus spoke the truth... *the religious and political leaders didn't want to hear the benefits that God would bring to their people... he was murdered. This is still typical of how people respond to God's word.* **MAT 28:11** Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. *Jesus was supernaturally risen from the dead... did they respond with humility and respect?* **12** And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave **large money** (*bribed*) unto the soldiers, **13** Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. **14** And if this come to the governor's ears, we will **persuade** him (*false news*), and secure you. *They lied and bribed and offered to do whatever it took to maintain their grip on power... God's evidence was irrelevant to them.*

See also this other response when God raised the dead offering humanity a taste of his blessing. JOH 12:10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put **Lazarus also to death;** **11** Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. *Integrity and truth have no room where pride rules.*

The deceit of sin and the pressure of this world will turn some from the faith. MAT 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. *People will always be the victims of fake news, our job is to keep ourselves strong and promote God.*

HEB 3:13 But **exhort** one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be **hardened** through the deceitfulness of sin. *We are encouraged to always remind each other of the truth, power and benefits of God.*

God says a signs following ministry is the only one he offers. MAR 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word **with signs following.** Amen. *Everyone and every organisation have one agenda or another. Nothing is said or done without a reason, thus it is up to us to be well informed on what this world is doing and how we can escape its failings. Do your own research and don't believe everything you read... This world will never reveal anything that will lead you to God or salvation. The gospel is good news... not fake news... our job is to reveal the truth through God's power.*

The following (Courier Mail 20/7/17) is an example of the correct way to research statements and other claims made by the media. The views expressed below, may or may not be correct in every detail, but an effort has been made to address the claims with logic, facts and cross referencing. This should serve as an example for us as to not believe everything we read and to make an effort to see if there is another side of the story. Political correctness would have us believe that any other opinion outside of the chosen one is wrong... this is false news, false reasoning and fatal for humanity. **PRO 18:17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just (right); but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him (tests his accusations or statements).**

Most of the media makes it very difficult for the other side of any Anti Christian or Anti God story to be presented.

WHAT a coincidence. The ABC steps up its war on Christianity just as Cardinal George Pell returns to Australia to face court over alleged historic sexual offences.

Pell strongly denies those allegations and we cannot discuss them.

This is to keep alive the faint hope he may get a fair trial after years of media abuse.

But that doesn't stop the ABC from vilifying his church and his faith.

On Monday, the ABC ran a long program about historic sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in Philadelphia – way off in the United States – as if we really needed to know this here and now.

But the ABC's most ridiculous attack on Christianity came yesterday, with a co-ordinated campaign to persuade us that "the men most likely to abuse their wives are evangelical Christians" who occasionally go to church.

ABC presenter Julia Baird and ABC journalist Hayley Gleeson published an essay on the ABC's site which gave just one source for this astonishing claim: "As theology professor Steven Tracy wrote in 2008, 'It is widely accepted by abuse experts (and validated by numerous studies) that evangelical men who sporadically attend church are more likely than men of any other religious group (and more likely than secular men) to assault their wives.'"

ABC Radio National presenter Fran Kelly accepted this without a flicker of doubt in interviewing Baird, asking: "Is it a matter of belief system?" And they agreed the

ABC blames Christianity for domestic abuse with cherry-picked evidence, writes **Andrew Bolt**



problem was "patriarchal" churches – male led – which encouraged men to bully their wives by preaching the Biblical passage: "Wives, submit to your own husbands."

Baird, who has since repeated her attack on the ABC's 730, suggests this could be a scandal to rival priests abusing children.

"Is it true," she asked, "that there are striking similarities to the church's failure to protect children from abuse, and that this next generation's

hospitalised by violent partners.

Second, it is not the Bible but the Koran that licenses domestic violence.

Christ stopped the stoning of a woman accused of adultery, but Mohammed said men could hit disobedient wives: "Admonish them, and leave them alone in the sleeping-places and beat them."

And, third, Baird herself concedes deep in her online article that her American source says "regular church attendees are less likely to commit acts of intimate partner violence".

That suggests Christianity actually protects women, exactly the opposite of what the ABC implied.

But check further and it becomes clear Baird missed clear evidence that contradicts her anti-church theory.

Tracy, her single source for her big claim, is a theology professor at a Phoenix seminary who did indeed, in one essay, claim "conservative Protestant men who are irregular church attendees are the most likely to batter their wives".

But when you check Tracy's own sources you'll find the evidence is against him.

Tracy cites a paper by Professor Christopher G. Ellison which actually finds that other groups experience greater incidences of domestic

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reckoning will be about the failure in their ranks to protect women from domestic violence?"

But anyone remotely familiar with Christianity and Australia should have instantly realised there's no way "the men most likely to abuse their wives are evangelical Christians".

First, our worst rates of domestic violence notoriously occur in Aboriginal families, where women are at least 31 times more likely to be

The conclusion is clear: "Our findings ... suggest that religious involvement, specifically church attendance, protects against domestic violence."

Christianity literally saves.

Tracy also quotes in his footnotes a New Zealand study by Emeritus Professor David Fergusson which confirms that Christianity is a civilising influence, counter to what the ABC yesterday implied.

As Tracy writes: "11.2 per cent of husbands who never attended church assaulted their wives. But only 2.2 per cent of husbands who attended church at least monthly assaulted their wives, while 6.2 per cent of husbands who attended church sporadically assaulted their wives."

This is not what Baird reported and what the ABC yesterday claimed.

Why didn't the ABC report the truth: that Christianity saves women from abuse?

Why did it instead falsely claim – and instantly believe – the falsehood that evangelical Christians are the worst abusers?

The ABC is not merely at war with Christianity. This proves something worse: it is attacking the faith that most makes people civil.

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violence, demonstrating that there are in fact competing views on this issue. The paper claims: "African-Americans in particular have higher levels of domestic violence."

What's more, Ellison says that men who often go to a Christian church "are 72 per cent less likely to abuse their female partners than men from comparable backgrounds who do not attend services".