

## Lying – 1

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It is fashionable these days to attribute moral breakdowns to our evolutionary heritage. Adultery? A biological program to propagate the species. Homosexuality? A genetic glitch. Lying? A “survival mechanism” according to Dr. Charles Ford, director of neuropsychiatry at UAB.

Mr. Ford states: “Lying is a necessary requirement for ... personal development of every human being. It’s how children learn to be separate people” (*UAB Magazine*, Winter 1997, p. 17).

Mr. Ford identifies “pathological” lying as hereditary, congenital and the result of brain abnormality. Thus extreme, compulsive lying is “sickness” while lesser forms of lying are considered normal, even necessary to the human being. Carefully avoiding moral judgments, Mr. Ford asserts that “Lying is an inherent part of life that is neither good nor bad unless, of course, it goes over the edge into a clinical manifestation” (*ibid*).

He summarizes his observations with this gem: “The truth is nothing more than what people agree it is” (*ibid*).

It might be tempting to dismiss the above statements as the lunacy of the intelligentsia, but the **truth** is that people increasingly see lying as an acceptable way to further their goals.

Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, admittedly lied when he said that partial-birth abortions are infrequent and only done in extreme situations. The *truth* is they are numerous and routine.

Homosexuals have knowingly lied in their declarations that 10% of the U.S. population is gay. The *truth* is that only 1%-3% is homosexual, a figure of which the homosexual lobby is well aware. When challenged about their “disinformation” they admit to lying to protect and promote their cause.

But the Scriptures consistently categorize lying as **sinfully chosen behavior**: Rom 1:29; Eph 4:25; Rev 21:8; Pr 6:17; 12:22. Lying is sinful, first, because it is activity which is totally foreign to God’s nature (Tit 1:2). Lying is sinful, secondly, because of the effect it has upon others. It destroys trust, humiliates, and is manipulative. Lying is *destructive* to personal development for it alienates others, temporarily avoids consequences and distorts our true self.

If the truth is nothing more than what people agree it is – consensus – then the *truth* in the early 1940s was that Jews were an inferior race fit only for extermination. Right? What a monstrous idea! If absolute truth does not exist, then human rights and dignity are not secure.