Eucharist; David's Heir: Review of Matt 18:6; Cosmic Two Negative Volition: Tolerance Causes Children to Develop a Permissive Conscience; Tolerance Is a Luciferian Attack on Truth; Truth Is What a Person Says It is; Differences between Truth (*Alétheia*) and the Lie (*Pseúdos*)

27. The word stumble is the verb σκανδαλίζω (*skandalízō*): "to cause to lead astray; to lead into sin; to be a stumbling block."

In Romans 14, in the case of (matters of liberty or conscience), the act of offending is indeed causative. To offend is not to upset, annoy, vex, or irritate. Rather, to offend in this case is to cause one to offend himself, to stumble, by leading him to exercise a liberty against his conscience.<sup>1</sup>

- 28. The propagandizing of children into the ideology of tolerance has removed from their consciences the restraints designed to discern wrongdoing.
- 29. The pervasive evil of the current concept of tolerance causes children to become "excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them."
- 30. Children are ignorant of traditional standards which provide their consciences with restraints against behaviors that are detrimental to the health of their souls.
- 31. The Progressives approach to morality and ultimately to behavior is based on a worldview that is in complete opposition to the traditional standards.
- 32. The degree to which this is true and the system by which it has transformed the thinking of generations of our citizens demonstrates the success of the Luciferian agenda's attacks on truth.
- 33. Our Lord gave a group of Messianic Jews advice on how to appropriate the blessings of true freedom in:

**John 8:31** - "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

v. 32 - and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

- 34. Pontius Pilate betrayed his ignorance of this advice when he quizzed our Lord with the appeal, "What is truth?" (John 18:38)
- 35. If one does not know the truth, then the *mataiótēs* vacuum will suck in the lie. Small children do not know "the truth" which is revealed in Scripture.
- 36. Lucifer has orchestrated a campaign that allows individuals to determine what truth is for them and to then act on that self-ordained conviction.
- 37. Rather than truth being an absolute to which man must adjust for his own wellbeing, truth has become the invention of the individual.
- 38. What one person considers truth for him may be different for someone else. The ultimate cardinal sin is for one to find another's truth to be in error. Such heresy earns the intolerant condemnation of intolerance.
- 39. It is helpful for us to define truth and the lie from both biblical and secular dictionaries.
- 40. From the *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* we note the difference between "truth": ἀλήθεια (alḗtheia) and "the lie": ψεῦδος (pseúdos):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Spiros Zodhiates, ed., *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1993), 1292.

άλήθεια and ψεῦδος are understood as genuine possibilities of human existence rather than substances. It is in keeping that revelation is determined by the thought of the Word and of hearing the Word, so that we again have a genuine possibility of existence. ἀλήθεια is thus the reality of God which is, of course, opposed and inaccessible to human existence as it has constituted itself through the fall from God, i.e., through sin, and revelation is a miraculous occurrence beyond the reach of the being which is alien to God.

The antithesis between divine and anti-divine reality emerges at: John 8:44:

**John 8:44** - "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Indirectly this asserts that the  $\dot{\alpha}\lambda\dot{\eta}\theta\epsilon\iota\alpha$  gives life, and that what is not determined by it leads to death. It is also asserted that when the  $\dot{\alpha}\lambda\dot{\eta}\theta\epsilon\iota\alpha$  is present it shows itself to be a determinative power in concrete conduct.

ψεῦδος has the first and provisional meaning of a "lie" or "untruth," but the context shows clearly 1. that both divine and demonic reality is expressed in words, and 2. that these realities are actual as active modes of being, or conversely that every active mode of being is determined either by divine or demonic reality.<sup>2</sup>

41. Principles emerging from this excerpt are that both the truth and the lie are absolutes; the former is discovered from the Bible while the latter is accumulated from the world, and each may be subscribed to by the free will of the individual.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rudolf Bultmann, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Gerhard Kittel, trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1964), 1:245.