

# OPINION

*Editor's note: This is the author's rewrite of Letter submitted in March. We lost that letter.*

Dear Editor;

Perhaps a letter to the editor is not the best place to cite Bible quotes, but here goes anyway. In my song, "Land of Liars."

I speak in general terms of an over arching syndrome afflicting our nation. The disease has been there for a long time, and is far from being cured or even treated. I refer to the common malady of dishonesty. I refer to outright lying (a common tactic), deception and deceptive practices (criminal), forms of commercial theft by "light" price-gouging, lying politicians (that's how some get into and remain in office so they can continue their chicanery), etc. They/we all do it as long as we can get away with it. The only "wrong" thing is to get caught and thereby embarrassed.

In the lobby of CIA headquarters, they have displayed the words, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Of course, the CIA is infamously and historically the most deceptive organization in America. And of course, many members of Congress and White House people do a pretty good job also. Trouble is, such (mis) conduct reveals their true spirit and purpose. After all, the cornerstone of "real" (so-called) witchcraft is deception.

The actual quote cherry-picked by the CIA for their ulterior purposes is, "If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31 - the whole sentence). Of course the word of Christ does not condone lying and deception, let alone cold-blooded murder - especially in his name by falsely quoting his sayings out of context.

I doubt that such people are disciples of Christ.

There is no attempt here to try to prove or disprove the existence of The Devil. There is only the attempt to show the blatant hypocrisy and duplicity so often exhibited by so many - especially the U.S. government, and especially the CIA (historically). It is a crime for us to lie to the government, but it's okay for them to lie to us. If we dare to follow through to examine the actual "word" of Christ, he said all who lie are The Devil. Look it up for yourselves. So there are consequences - take it or leave it.

This country is in deep trouble right now, and it can



only get worse. President Trump can't save it. Neither can the Democrats or the Republicans. Neither can the hippies or the red necks or the liberals or conservatives. It is a spiritual issue, not economic, social or political. It is a true saying that you cannot take the mayonnaise back out of the tuna salad. To paraphrase the prophet Ezekiel, "All the good that a person does shall not be remembered in the day that they sin." Well, the USA has sinned plenty, and still does according to the word of Christ. Lying is condemned. So is murder. So is theft. There are consequences.

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

The obvious fix? Take stock of ourselves and repent. There is no other solution.

Sincerely

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