

I wish I could share with you all the areas of un-truth about which I learn on a regular basis, but I can't. So what I do is share things that I think are *telling*, with regards to the dissemination of truths and untruths. I wish I could get you all to hang around with me and hear and learn what I get to hear and learn, but then... I have no life. In light of sharing what I think is important to share, consider the following.

In November 2018 at a meeting in Houston, TX of the Baker Institute, former secretary of State, James A. Baker III interviewed his special guest, former US president Barack Obama. During that interview Mr. Obama was heard responding to the following comment from Secretary Baker, "*You tune into Fox News, **you'd think** you were listening to the House Organ of the Republican Party. You tune into MSNBC, **you'd know** you were listening to the House Organ of the Democratic Party*". [emphasis mine]

In response, the former POTUS Obama, said, "*You see I'd change that around to the 'you'd think' versus the 'you'd know'... Whether it was Cronkite, or Brinkley, or what have you, there was a common set of facts, a baseline around which both parties had to, uhh, adapt and respond to. And by the time I take office, what you increasingly have is, a media environment in which, if you are a Fox News viewer, you have an entirely different reality than if you are a NY Times reader.*"<sup>1</sup>

Now what do we learn from the above? Several things...

One, that the former POTUS (and many others) defines facts in a way that is inconsistent with what facts *are*.

Two, that opportunities to find information from sources other than a controlled, media narrative are verboten. Instead, we ought to go back to the days of Walter Cronkite (a known globalist) and David Brinkley of the Huntley/Brinkley Report (later to become the very slanted NBC Nightly News), who merely said what they were told to say, and made it not just believable, but almost undeniable; Cronkite famously signing off at the end of each broadcast with, "And that's the way it is".

In reality, what Cronkite and Brinkley and all the mainstream media heads that have come along since them have had to say, was carefully crafted language that adhered to a tightly controlled narrative...en back then, and now.

The days of the tightly controlled narrative didn't begin in 2016 at the election of president Donald Trump. War between political parties has *Always Been*. Can you guess how old this expression is, "Truth... the first casualty of war."? The world of politics is a world of war, sometimes figuratively and sometimes quite literally.

Here's something else we can learn if we pay particularly close attention to what's going on around us. The goal of having a single source, a "common set of facts" is in fact (no pun intended) being achieved. Allow me to explain.

In this particular time in the "information age", when information is available *literally* at everyone's fingertips, it is not impossible to find out what is true about any news story. Indeed, in this day and time,

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1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVzdja0e7e8> This is a video of Baker's and Obama's interchange

ignorance is a choice. But even though the availability of information is everywhere, the *desire to know the truth* doesn't seem to have kept up. Knowing takes work, and it takes suspending some natural human *bents*.

Jesus, in describing the human bent, the human condition, said, “*And here is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil*”.<sup>2</sup> Jesus was describing the human condition: darkness. Followers of God, lovers of “Light and Truth”<sup>3</sup>, those whom have been “enlightened” by the Spirit of God, have always been in the minority. One result of this is the phenomenon of group-think, in which people don't want to be the odd man out, believing or acting differently than the group.<sup>4</sup> This is a universal phenomenon, not an American one. Can we agree that the primary “group” in the human family is one that does not “love” light and truth? To the point at hand of, finding the truth should one desire to do so, today, information about almost any news story can be found with adequate investigation, but I remain amazed at how many of the “group” don't do *any* investigation at all. Rather, they communicate with others in their group(s) in order to see what they think. In addition to that, today, we have groups/communities all over the information super highway, where folks can (and do!) get in touch and stay in touch with their communities, sharing “truths” and reinforcing their ideas of the “truth”. We call it “Social Networking”.

Within that social networking world, someone(s) had the great idea – I'm not exactly sure who, but I can guess – to make a “common set of facts” readily available to the communities through the social network that connects them.

Without identifying themselves as news outlets, the social networking networks done exactly that, they have made themselves the suppliers of the “common set of facts”; and they have done so with a couple of propaganda<sup>5</sup> tools that are virtually impossible to combat.

*First*, they float ideas... whether through opinion articles, or “click-bait” with pretty people and misleading captions, or planted stories, etc, and then make them “all the rage”. The stories/articles/info are all in keeping with “the narrative”, and so the users of these platforms almost dutifully recite the narratives as accepted truths, with dissenters soon becoming persona non grata. I have only recently learned about “facebook jail” for dissenters from the widely accepted and “approved” narrative... who knew?

Which brings us to the *second* means of information control, the censorship *any* dissent from the narrative... first by discrediting the source of any dissent, and second algorithmically, by ensuring that any hint of dissent is *Never* published on their platforms. I can't take the time here, but I can write

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2 John 3:19 NKJV

3 Lux et Veritas, Latin for Light and Truth appears on the Yale University coat of arms, and is the motto of many institutions of higher learning.

4 This is a brilliant example of the power of group-think <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEhSk71gUCQ>

5 Propaganda is a neutral word, neither negative nor positive. It is a word which describes the use of information/words for the propagation of any idea or way of thinking.

another page of things that have been censored deliberately *and* algorithmically. I'll give you just a couple of contemporary examples here. First, this one from the medical arena.

Many of you are aware of the controversy surrounding vaccine technology. Incredibly, tax money is being spent by the CDC to hire women to influence their friends via social networking and other means, to *Not* be “anti-vax”, and to discourage them from “vaccine hesitancy”.<sup>6</sup> But in addition to the government's efforts in this regard, for some reason the world of social networking is working hard to concretize, to cement the government narrative as *fact*. Following is from a page on the facebook website, <https://about.fb.com/news/2020/10/supporting-public-health-experts-vaccine-efforts/>

*So today we're announcing new steps as part of our continued work to help support vaccine efforts. These include:*

- *Launching a new flu vaccine information campaign on Facebook, including new product features that provide additional vaccine-related content*
- ***Rejecting ads globally that discourage people from getting a vaccine*** [emphasis mine]
- *Working with global health partners on campaigns to increase immunization rates*

Yes, this is on facebook's website. While the writers of facebook's algorithms and their bosses are *Not* medical experts and have neither the right, nor the expertise to decide what information their users get with regard to vaccines, they remain algorithmic experts, and with that expertise control the narrative such that all facebook users, globally, will *Not* get any information that might “...discourage people from getting a vaccine”.

As users of social networking get and share information from and with their friends and family, it will be information that deliberately excludes *Any* dissenting ideology or opinion.

It has assumptions... that “*support[ing] vaccine efforts*” is a “known good”.

It has assertions... that the best thing to be done with regard to this issue is to “*increase immunization rates*”.

It has action steps... including obviously positive “*vaccine-related content*” and the global elimination of *Anything* that “*discourage[s] people from getting a vaccine*”.

It has been said that the only thing that rivals the power of the spoken word is the power of the unspoken word. This has both, and that power is vast.

But facebook is not alone in this. Here is another example of censorship, and this one by several social networking “platforms”.

I know of a fellow who actually began *another* online platform that does what YouTube does, but without the censoring and algorithmic blocking. What is interesting is *why* he created and launched that website/platform. The founder of this platform was being continually censored and asked to stop posting on YouTube, info/data/stories that he (and I) believes to be the truth, but don't necessarily coincide with “approved narrative”. His response, though most of us have neither the funding nor resources to do this, was to start his own platform that actually competes with YouTube! But it didn't

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6 You may not believe what you read here... <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html>

end there.

He was then asked not only by YouTube, but also by facebook to stop airing, *on his own platform*, things that facebook and YouTube don't approve... the truth about some things which contradicted the approved narratives. When he refused, not only did YouTube continue to censor him, but facebook wrote an algorithm that did not allow *Anything* from his YouTube-look-alike page to be shared by any facebook users. In other words, if a facebook user wanted to share a basket weaving video that appeared on his website/platform, with one of their facebook friends, facebook's algorithms disallowed it, censored it: verboten. *Nothing* could be shared on facebook that either referred to his page, mentioned his page, or linked to *Anything* on his page. In facebook and YouTube world, he doesn't exist. One cannot help but ask why this is happening.

Now let's get back to our original point. It is important for certain people in power to control information; to ensure that people, all people, all have access *only* to a "common set of facts", and Nothing but those "facts"... whether or not they are facts makes no difference in this discussion. The "facts" support a narrative... that narrative which certain politicians want everyone to believe, truth notwithstanding.

In the words of Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic, "*He who controls information controls power*".

But take heart loved ones. As I said above, in 2020, ignorance is a choice, and thanks be to God that He has made it possible for us to exercise that choice, all the time. When information comes into our minds, before it makes that 18" journey down to our hearts, where we then *own it*, let us ask God to reveal to us the Truth of the matter. Jesus, on his last day on this earth, told His men that it was good for Him to go away, for "*It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ...when He, the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all Truth; for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak.*"<sup>7</sup>

We needn't flounder around wondering what is real in this world. Indeed, we can know this... this world, ruled by the prince of the power of the air, the god of this world, influenced by rulers of wickedness in high places, is being carefully crafted to deceive "*if possible, even the elect*" .<sup>8</sup>

In his letter to the Ephesian church, the Apostle Paul admonished his readers, "But have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, rather expose them".<sup>9</sup> Here, I hope that we are exposing some of the unfruitful works of darkness, and giving you some of the tools necessary to expose them.

Be not deceived Loved Ones, but ask God to continue to reveal the Truth to you, and to give you the boldness to expose the lies, and then do what needs to be done... share it.

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7 John 16:7b, 13a

8 Matt 24:24

9 Eph 5:11