

Preface

In life, at times, we come to a conclusion about something famous and our response can even be considered a cliché: "You mean it's all a lie?" This doesn't concern one particular lie, it concerns a motif that is built and supported by lies.

Likewise, one should not be misguided by the title; this work doesn't concern a big lie found in the church, it means to say that the whole church motif is a lie; built upon lies from its beginning and sustained by lies.

We shouldn't call someone a "liar" because the person tells a lie every now and then because lying doesn't characterize the person's life, but regarding a habitual liar living a double life we say, "His whole life is a lie," or "He is a lie," or "He is living a lie." Likewise, the church lie.

The problem with things traditionally famous found wanting is the culture's investment; rich in lazy thinking, and bankrupt concerning critical thinking flavored with naive trust. The excuse is the "true things" told by the perpetrator. Since the perpetrator spoke the truth every now and then, the lies can now be deemed as "unfortunate," or "subordinate truth" that men have disagreed about for hundreds of years.

Like most excuses, this is flawed reasoning because truth has a moral aspect to it. True facts can be, and often are used in the commission of an unequitable scheme. Therefore, the facts used don't add any virtue to the scheme. In the case of church, it can be argued that even true facts are all but completely absent from the biggest fraud ever perpetrated on mankind.

In the classic, "Ocean's 11," the ringleader of professional jewel thieves is in a testy conversation with his former wife. She called him a "thief and a liar." His defense follows according to the script: "I only lied about being a thief." In other words, this supposedly didn't make his whole life a lie because he only told one lie while pretending to be something other than a thief.

Unfortunately, the church cannot even claim that level of virtue. It may say that it only lied about being God's authority on earth, but that also includes lying about representing the word of God, the truth of God, the family of God, the body of Christ, the kingdom of God, the light of God, a mediator for God, the elect of God, the gospel of God, and God's history.

It's all a lie. When we come to grips with that, we can employ the biblical alternative and once again experience true revival.

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