

David's Heir: Negative Volition: Definitions of "Truth" & "Lie"; Progressives Reject the Bible Reveals Truth & Opt for the Cosmic Lie; The Heresy of Tolerance: Verbicide: "to Tolerate: accept the existence of different views"; "Tolerance: "acceptance of different views"

42. In order to trump truth with the lie, the Dark Side takes advantage of the most vulnerable targets among God's creatures: little children.
43. From the *Oxford English Dictionary*, we note the difference between "truth": **ἀλήθεια (alētheia)** and "the lie": **ψεῦδος (pseudos)**:
Truth. 9. True religious belief or doctrine; orthodoxy. Often with *the*, denoting a particular form of belief or teaching held by the speaker to be the true one. **9b.** Conduct in accordance with the divine standard; spirituality of life and behavior. **10.** That which is true, real, or actual; reality; specifically in religious use, spiritual reality as the subject of revelation or object of faith. **12.** A true statement or proposition; a point of true belief, a true doctrine; a fixed or established principle.
Lie. 1. An act or instance of lying; a false statement made with intent to deceive; a criminal falsehood. In modern use, the word is normally a violent expression of moral reprobation, which in polite conversation tends to be avoided, the synonyms *falsehood* and *untruth* being often substituted as relatively euphemistic.
Lying. 2. Untruthful, mendacious; hence, deceitful, false. ¹
44. We might summarize by contending that "truth" is revealed in the Bible and is the impeccable resource to consult in the development of one's conscience.
45. When principles of biblical truth are incorporated into the mind-set of a population, they become establishment principles.
46. Deviation from biblical revelation and establishment principles indicates the influence of the lie. When done innocently it may be referred to as an "untruth" or a "falsehood." When done in knowing rejection of establishment principles it becomes a lie.
47. Progressive ideology feasts on the lie. Its worldview rejects the concept of placing one's faith in the truth of divine revelations; it instead subscribes to anthropocentric speculation.
49. Although asserting that every person is free to hold opinions and beliefs, Progressives isolate and defend their own beliefs as superior by discounting any opposition as intolerant.
50. This brings us to a brief examination of the heresy of tolerance.

THE HERESY OF TOLERANCE

1. The manipulation of the human soul is quite easy to do: appeal to the self-centeredness of the sin nature's lust patterns, solicit the desired response, and then proclaim it acceptable and normal behavior.
2. The way by which this is accomplished is to establish the principle that there are no absolutes.
3. With this as a baseline, every opinion regarding right and wrong is valid, but no opinion is superior to another, in fact, all belief systems are considered equally valid.
4. From this as the starting point, traditional standards are reduced to the level of another opinion, no better or worse than anyone else's.

¹ *Oxford English Dictionary*, s.vv. "truth, lie, lying."

5. The system by which Progressive ideology has gained ascendancy is the imposition of tolerance: all beliefs are valid and equal but no belief may claim to be based on absolute truth.
6. When such a position is taken—specifically by those who contend that the Bible is the source of absolute truth—then its proponents are condemned with the scarlet letter of intolerance.
7. Once this invective is assigned, the credibility of the person is destroyed and he is considered bigoted, narrow-minded, or prejudiced.
8. To illustrate how this nefarious system works, we need to compare some old and new definitions of the word “tolerance” followed by the observation of a parable.

In the Oxford English Dictionary, the [second] meaning of the verb “to tolerate” is: “To allow to exist or to be done or practiced without authoritative interference or molestation. Third: “To bear without repugnance; to allow intellectually, or in taste, sentiment, or principle; to put up with.” Webster’s *Unabridged Dictionary* is similar: “1. To allow; permit; not interfere with. 2. To recognize and respect (other’s beliefs, practices, etc.) without necessarily agreeing or sympathizing. 3. To put up with; to bear. Even the computer-based dictionary *Encarta* includes in its list “ACCEPT EXISTENCE OF DIFFERENT VIEWS to recognize other people’s right to have different beliefs or practices without an attempt to suppress them.” So far so good: all these definitions are on the same page. When we turn to *Encarta*’s treatment of the corresponding noun “tolerance,” however, a subtle change appears: “1. ACCEPTANCE OF DIFFERENT VIEWS the accepting of the differing views of other people, e.g., in religious or political matters, and fairness toward the people who hold these different views.” (pp. 2–3)

This shift from “accepting the existence of different views” to “acceptance of different views,” from recognizing other people’s right to have different beliefs or practices to accepting the differing views of other people, is subtle in form, but massive in substance. To accept that a different or opposing position exists and deserves the right to exist is one thing; to accept the position itself means that one is no longer opposing it. The new tolerance suggests that actually accepting another’s position means believing that position to be true, or at least as true as your own. We move from allowing the free expression of contrary opinions to the acceptance of all opinions; we leap from permitting the articulation of beliefs and claims with which we do not agree to asserting that all beliefs and claims are equally valid. Thus we slide from the old tolerance to the new.² (pp. 3–4)

² D. A. Carson, *The Intolerance of Tolerance* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2012), 2–4.