

*"And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you." Matthew 28:12-14 KJV*



Did you know a single broadcast camera cost as much as \$10,000? Newsrooms generally have a least three. Extrapolate that outward to include the electronic processing equipment, lighting, set, satellite linking, airtime fees, and etc., and, after adding salaries, field cameras at an average of \$3,000, vehicles, and buildings you easily run into millions of dollars for an average nightly newscast. If one local show is this expensive, how expensive is it to produce the national nightly news? So Is the “news” big business? You betcha! Is it any wonder that media integrity is “for sale?” “News” has a price. Reporters in the Middle East have been caught red-handed staging “news” to sell to mainstream media. The “reality” of news is edited into “bites” of footage to produce the most viewers possible, because more viewers means more money! The “bottom line” of the business is the bottom line in any “news” story. A lie is always exclusive! I know from first-hand experience that reporters lie on purpose. They’ll pay someone to lie or find someone that will say what they need to avoid legal recourse from subjects they’ve misrepresented. They have few scruples and less integrity. I quit watching TV and reading newspapers ten years ago! If fiction sells better than reality, guess which one makes the “news?” “News” is big business. The Pharisees knew that if Roman soldiers spread the lie, people would believe it to be true, because “Why would they lie if their lives were on the line?” If a lie is repeated often enough by enough people, it is perceived as truth. Satan will either counterfeit Truth or fabricate a blatant lie and clothe it with respectability. Not every book with the title “Bible” is God’s Word. They have been searching in vain for Christ’s remains for two millennia. Recent archeological digs make claims of “possibly” finding them, but again, money is involved. No finds, no money. No money, no dig. No dig no work for archeologist. Every deception is rooted in personal gain. The bigger the pay-off the bigger the lie. The “pay-off” isn’t always money. Some will lie just to be “in the news.” The show “Dragnet” in the early days of TV often portrayed the “embellishing” of truth. One detective was always saying, “Just the facts, Ma’am, just the facts.” Do you ever “embellish” the facts to curry favor? The heart will deceive even its owner. *“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”* Does your heart deceive you?

The “Lie” clothed in “respectable,”  
Is often indiscernible,  
His Spirit makes the Truth quite plain,  
If we but trust in Jesus’ name. ~CGP

The apostle said, *“Let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.”* He who believes a lie is a fool and he who deceives himself is the worst kind of fool. If you have faith, you’ll know it, and if you don’t, you won’t. I, the child of a missionary, was blissfully unaware of my faithless condition for 38 years. The blessed Holy Spirit convinced me that I needed a Saviour, and now, *“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”* Have you believed a respectable lie? *“There is a way which SEEMETH right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH!”* Are you 100% sure of your eternity?

*“Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6 KJV*