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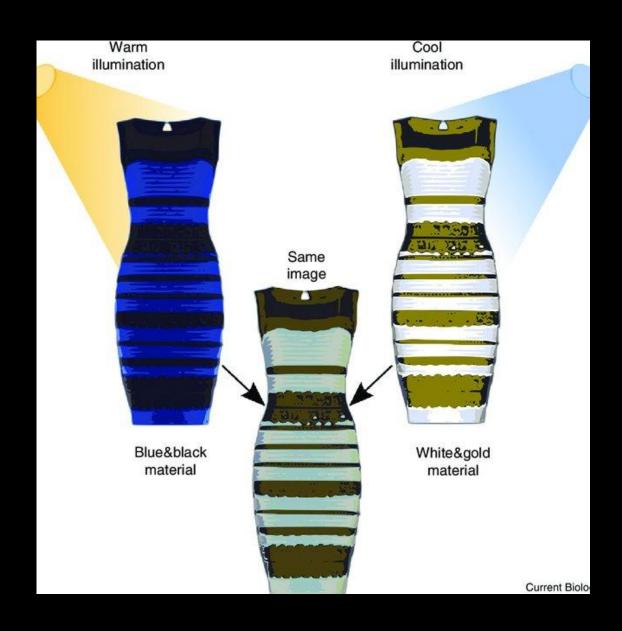
• "If the guy does not lead when you are dating, it's unlikely he would lead when you are married"





I don't understand this odd dress debate and I feel like it's a trick somehow.

I'm confused and scared.
PS it's OBVIOUSLY BLUE AND
BLACK



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It's a Match!

You and Sungai Buloh Prison have liked each other!



THE PEOPLE'S VOTE















"Next the children will recreate the church split that led to the founding of this church."

3 of the hardest words to say:

"I was wrong."

Food, deception and the will of God – Part 1: Self Deception

Genesis 25: 19-34



- Genesis 3: 6 –The serpent deceives Eve using a fruit.
- Genesis 25: 19-34 Jacob deceives Esau using a bowl of lentil stew.
- Genesis 27 1-45 Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac using tasty game meat.

- Isaac's self deception.
- Jacob's deception of Esau.
- Esau's self deception.

Jacob and Esau

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated;

24 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. 25 The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. 26 After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah

Jacob's self deception: He believed Esau was qualified to be the covenant bearer.

Despite all the evidence to the contrary.....

- Esau sold his birthright.
- Esau despised his birthright.
- Esau married Canaanite women.

What was the norm during that time

- The eldest son had the birthright of a double inheritance.
- The double inheritance was solemnized in a blessing by the father.





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• Truth is tribal.

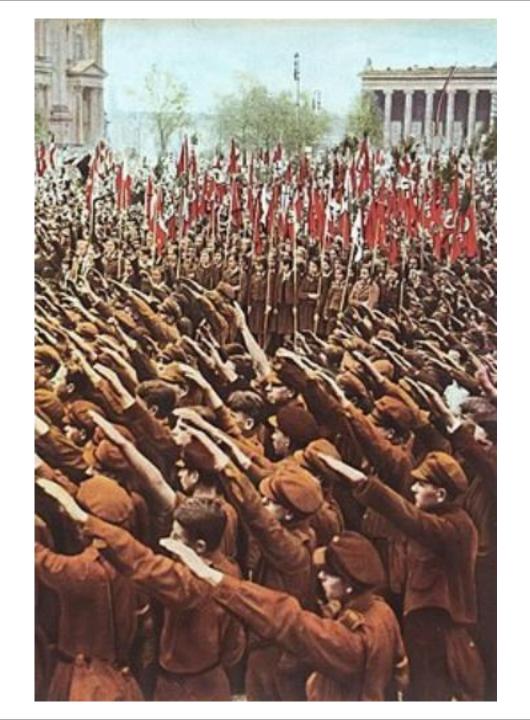




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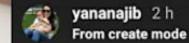


Our perception of truth is often shaped subconsciously by our personal biasness

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How many parents would admit they play favoritism with their children?





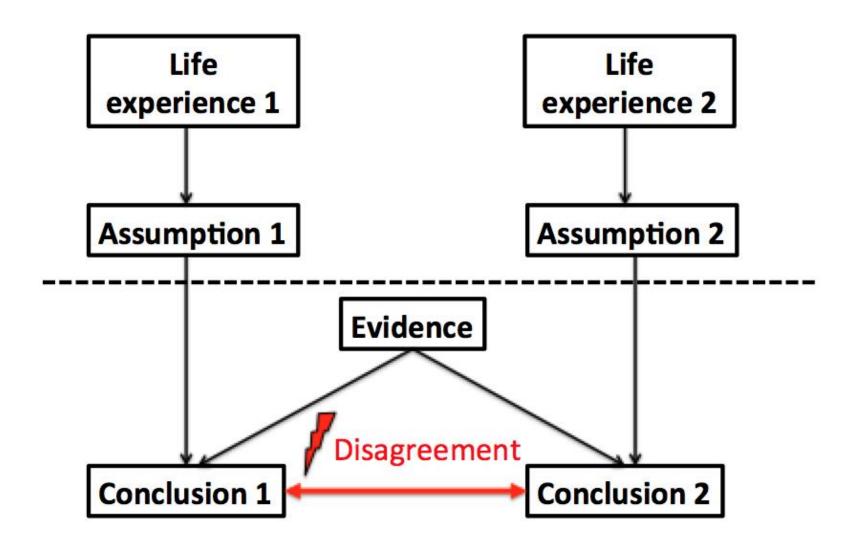
It's been a very long and emotional past 48 hrs but all the messages of prayer, hope and encouragement are keeping us steady. Yana sekeluarga baca semua komen2 dan DM2. Nanti, inshallah saya akan reply satu per satu selepas dah settle urusan mahkamah utk pagi ni (Saya dan Adik saya adalah penjamin utk kes SRC).

This is not the end guys. We are disappointed but we don't quit. Today is another day and another day brings endless possibilities....if we keep our spirits up. Inshallah

Confirmation bias





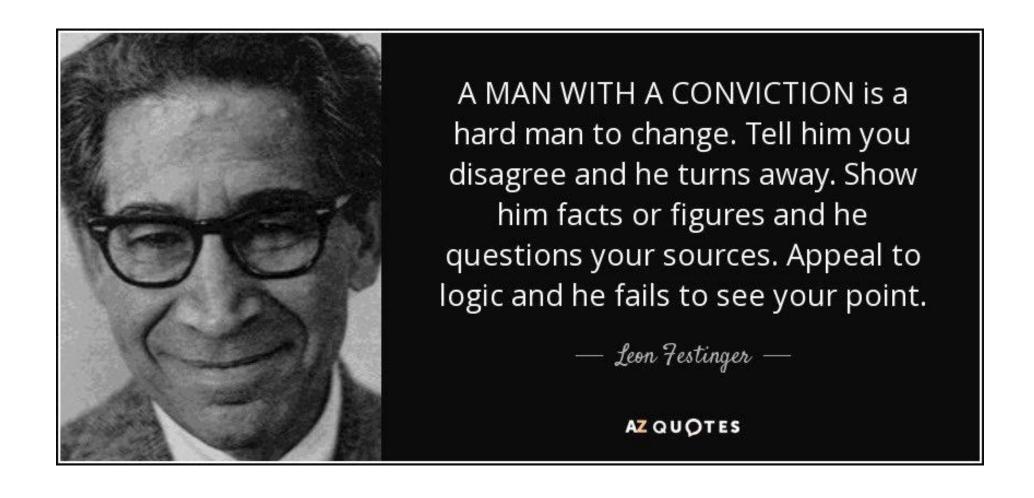


1: We often believe what we want to believe instead of what we should believe.

³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

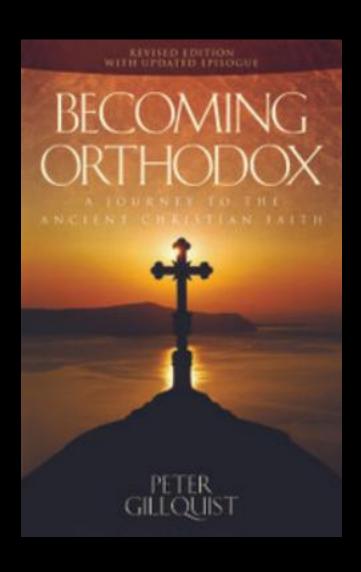
2 Tim 4:3-4





If we are not able to understand why we are motivated to believe a certain truth, or where our convictions comes from, it is unlikely we will change our minds.

Why then do some Christians "jump ship?"



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Jacob's deception of Esau.

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- 31 Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."
- 32 "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"
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- ⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
- ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

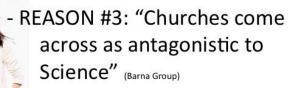
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Always look out for hidden cost- you might not be able to afford it

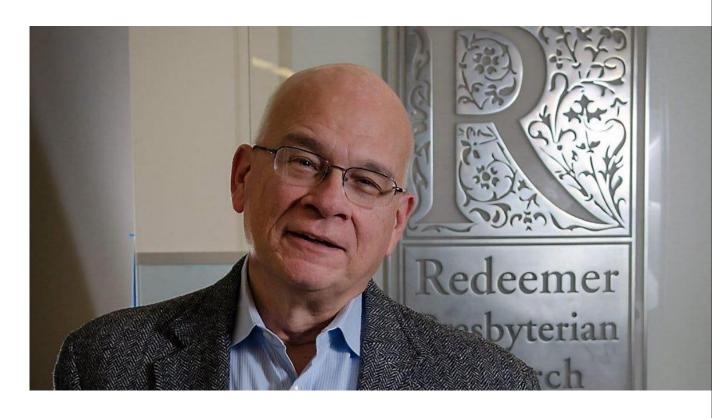
- For the price of a bowl of stew Esau gave up his birthright.
- For one night of passion King David murdered an innocent man and cursed his family line with the sword.
- For 10 pieces of silver a Levite priest became an idol worshipping priest.
- For 30 pieces of silver Judas became eternally condemned.

The Problem

Young Adults are Leaving/ Avoiding the Church



- 72% Religiously Unaffiliated hold to Evolution (Pew)





• Sin is deception. Deception is sin.









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What's your bowl of lentil stew?



What I believe is true

"I don't believe in God."

What really might be true

 "I don't want to live under God's rule. I am god of my own life." Esau's self deception.

346 So Esau despised his birthright.

- 1. We tend to believe what we want to believe instead of what we should believe.
- 2. Self deception often begins with uncontrolled self gratification.
- 3. You safeguard yourself from deception by valuing your spiritual birthright.

Esau despised his birthright but he still wanted the blessing

³⁶ Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Genesis 27:36

What exactly was the birthright and blessing of the firstborn which Esau coveted so much?

²³ The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."

³ May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. ⁴ May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham."

Genesis 28:3-4

How do we value our spiritual birthright?

¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as **the oldest son**. ¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. Hebrews 12: 16-17

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the **church of the firstborn**, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24

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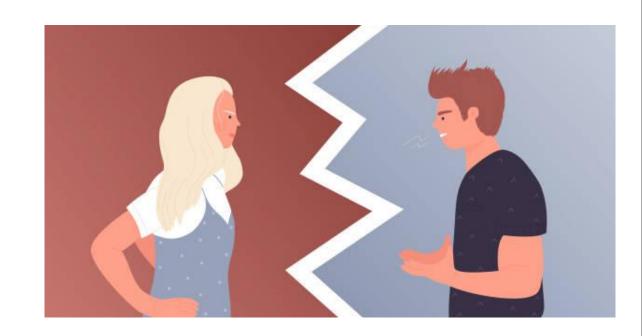
Not all "truths" are worth fighting over.



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Isaac's family was completely dysfunctional



Food, truth and the will of God



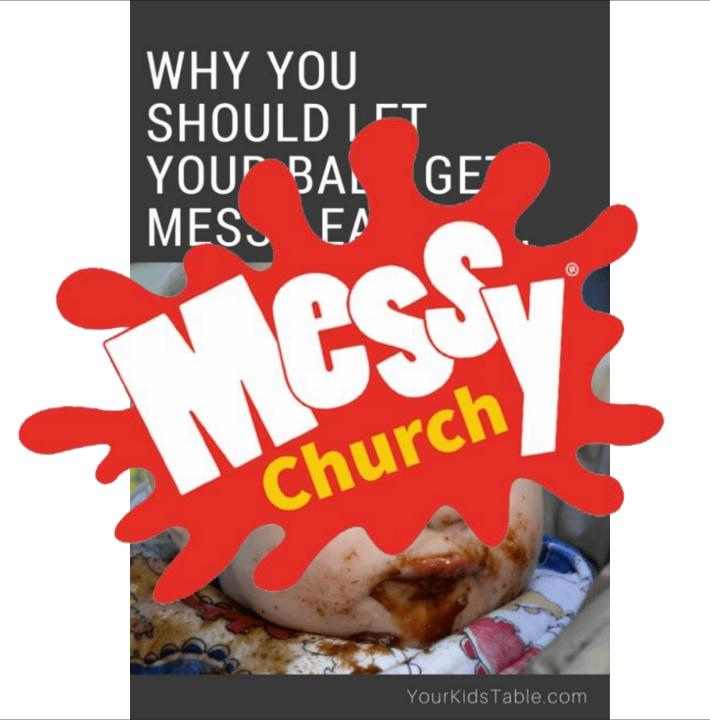






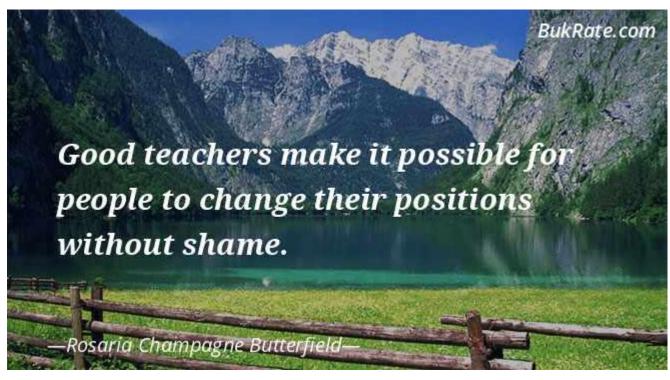


"When Jesus himself wanted to explain to his disciples what his forthcoming death was all about, he didn't give them a theory, he gave them a meal." NT Wright



A messy church is a SAFE SPACE for sinners to come humbly in dialogue to learn about their own mistakes in grace





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