

Ephesians Series

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The LIE vs. The Truth

Ephesians 4:25



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

12 Paragraphs of Eph. 4:1–6:9

WALK IN UNITY

Eph. 4:1–6

Eph. 4:7–16

YOU HAVE ALREADY PUT ON THE NEW MAN

Eph. 4:17–19

Eph. 4:20–24

DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eph. 4:25–32

WALK IN LOVE (1–8)

Eph. 5:1–2

OLD MAN & NEW MAN

Eph. 2:15; 4:22–24; Col. 3:8–9; Rom. 6:6



**OLD MAN
“IN ADAM”**



**NEW MAN
“IN CHRIST”**



Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,”

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ἀποτίθημι *apotithēmi*

aorist middle participle masc plur

nom

“to put off, take away; lit. to take off clothes,” fig. “to lay aside or put off” the deeds of the flesh, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, hatred, Col. 3:8. The same word “put off” in vs. 22. The timing of the aorist participle precedes the main verb.

τὸ ψεῦδος *to pseudos*

THE lie

***not* “lying” or
“falsehood”**

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The LIE = The devil’s worldview.

- **Denies the Creator/creature distinction**
- **Autonomy or independence of the creature**
- **Antagonism toward God**

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Psa. 86:15, “But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.”

Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”

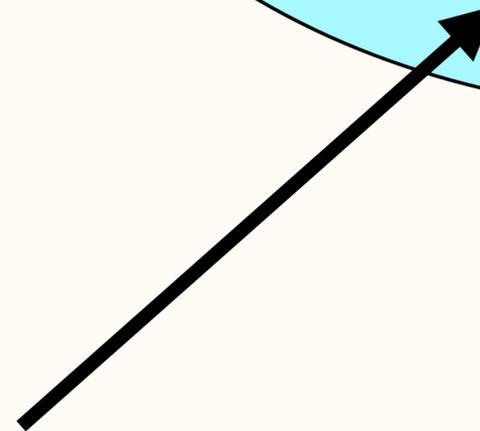
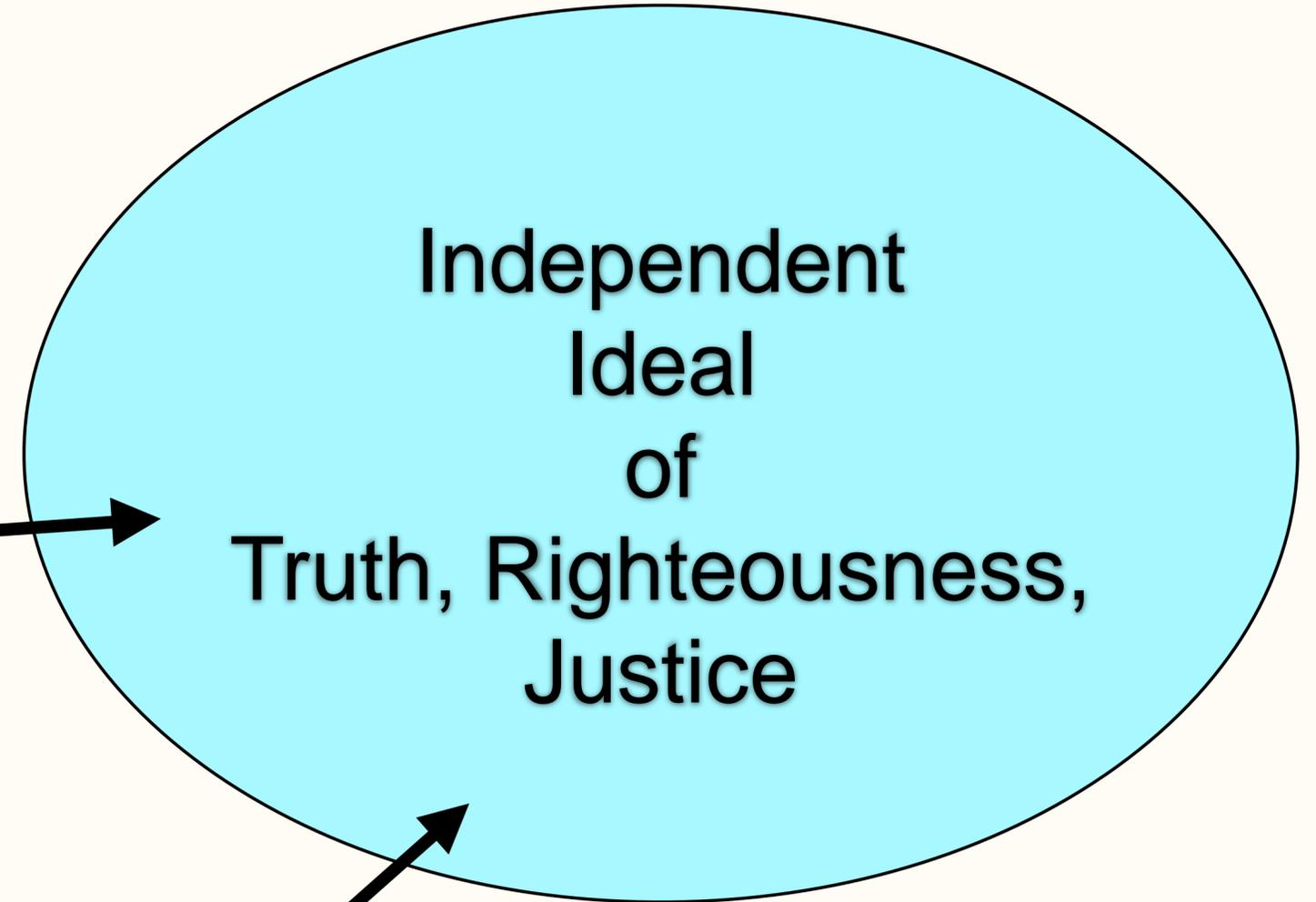
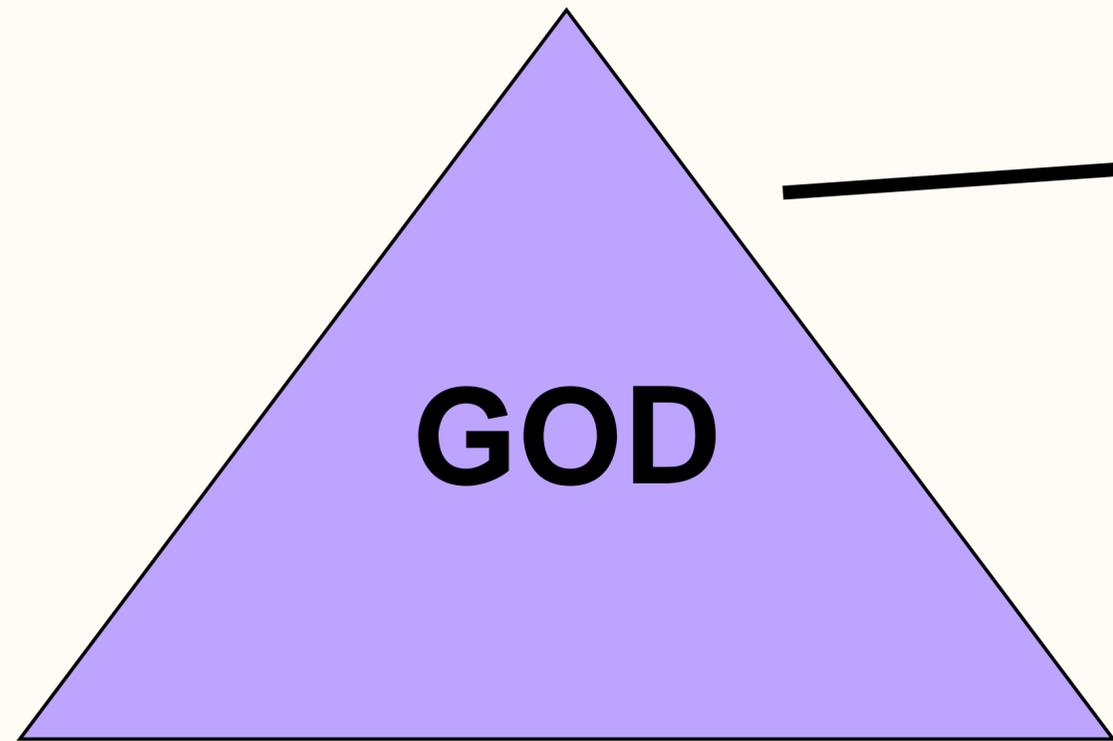
Psa. 100:5, “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

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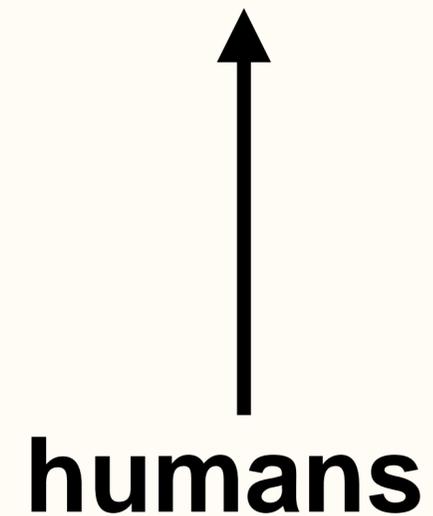
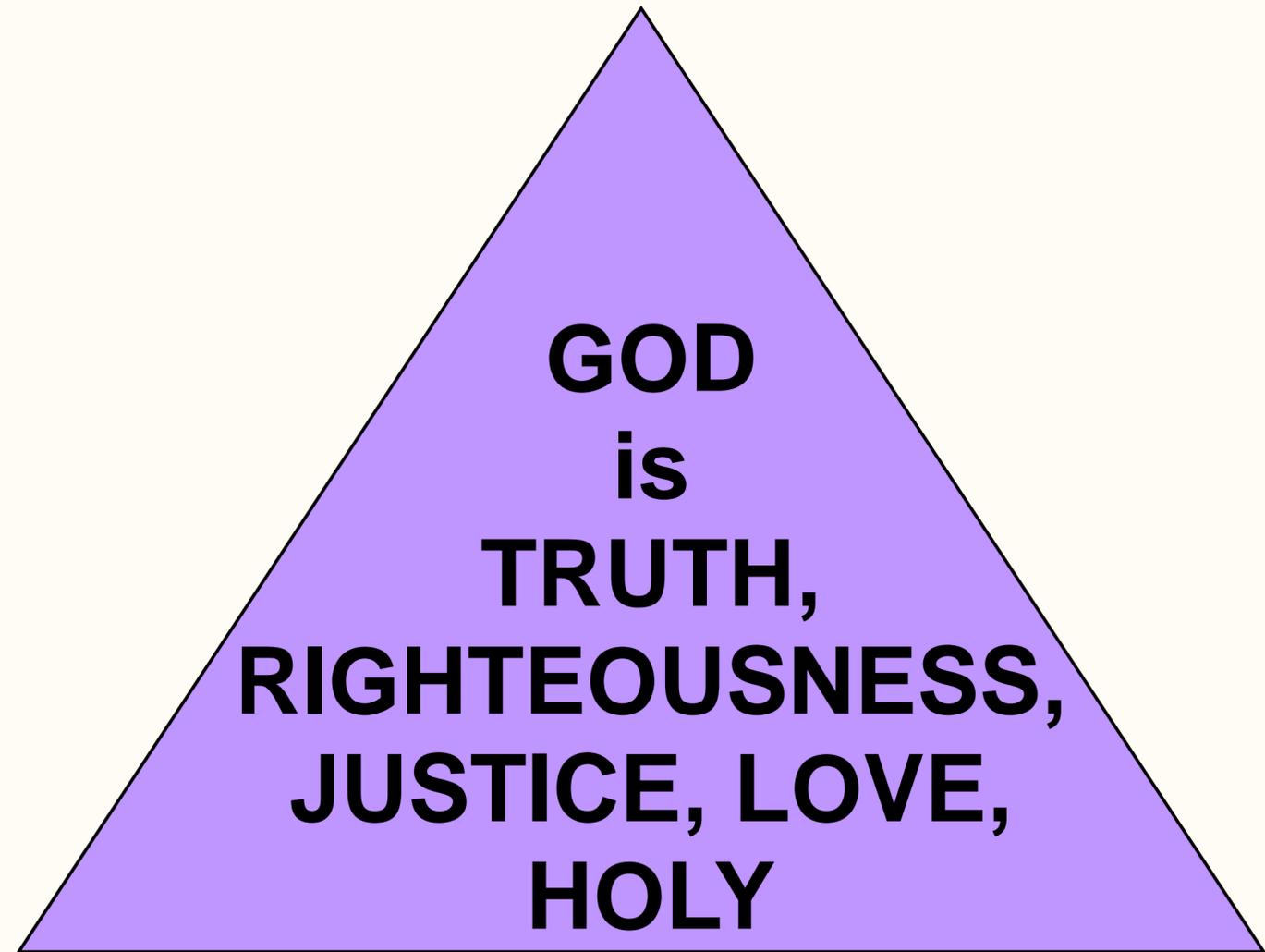
TRUTH therefore is eternal, it is the thinking of God, it is reality as God determines, defines, and describes it.

Human Viewpoint Concept of God's Absolutes



humans

Biblical Concept of God's Absolutes



John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:16, “And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.”

John 1:17, “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

What is the Origin of THE LIE?

1. The Lie is grounded on a rejection of the Creator/creature or Creator/creation distinction. This began with the Fall of *Helel ben Shachar* [*“Lucifer”*].

Isa. 14:13, “For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

Isa. 14:14, “ ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ”

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Arrogance Skills

Self-absorption

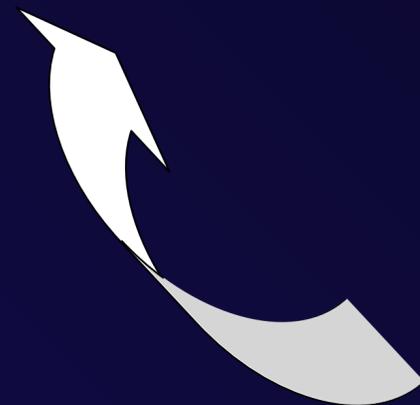
Self-indulgence

Self-Love

Self-deification

Self-justification

Self-deception



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John 8:44 [Jesus speaking to the Pharisees]:

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

“Postmodernists argue that those they label fundamentalists are unacceptable because they subscribe to universal truth claims, what postmodern thinkers call metanarratives. Metanarratives are overarching explanations of reality based on central organizing ‘truths.’ Those who believe in universal explanations for reality are considered to be totalistic or logocentric in their thinking. Instead, postmodernists believe each group tells its own story or narrative, their own understanding of reality—understandings that others should never discount, exclude, or marginalize. Totalistic thinkers such as fundamentalists want their story to dominate all other stories.”

~Jim Leffel and Dennis McCallum, *The Death of Truth*, 200

1 John 2:21, “I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.”

1 John 2:27, “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

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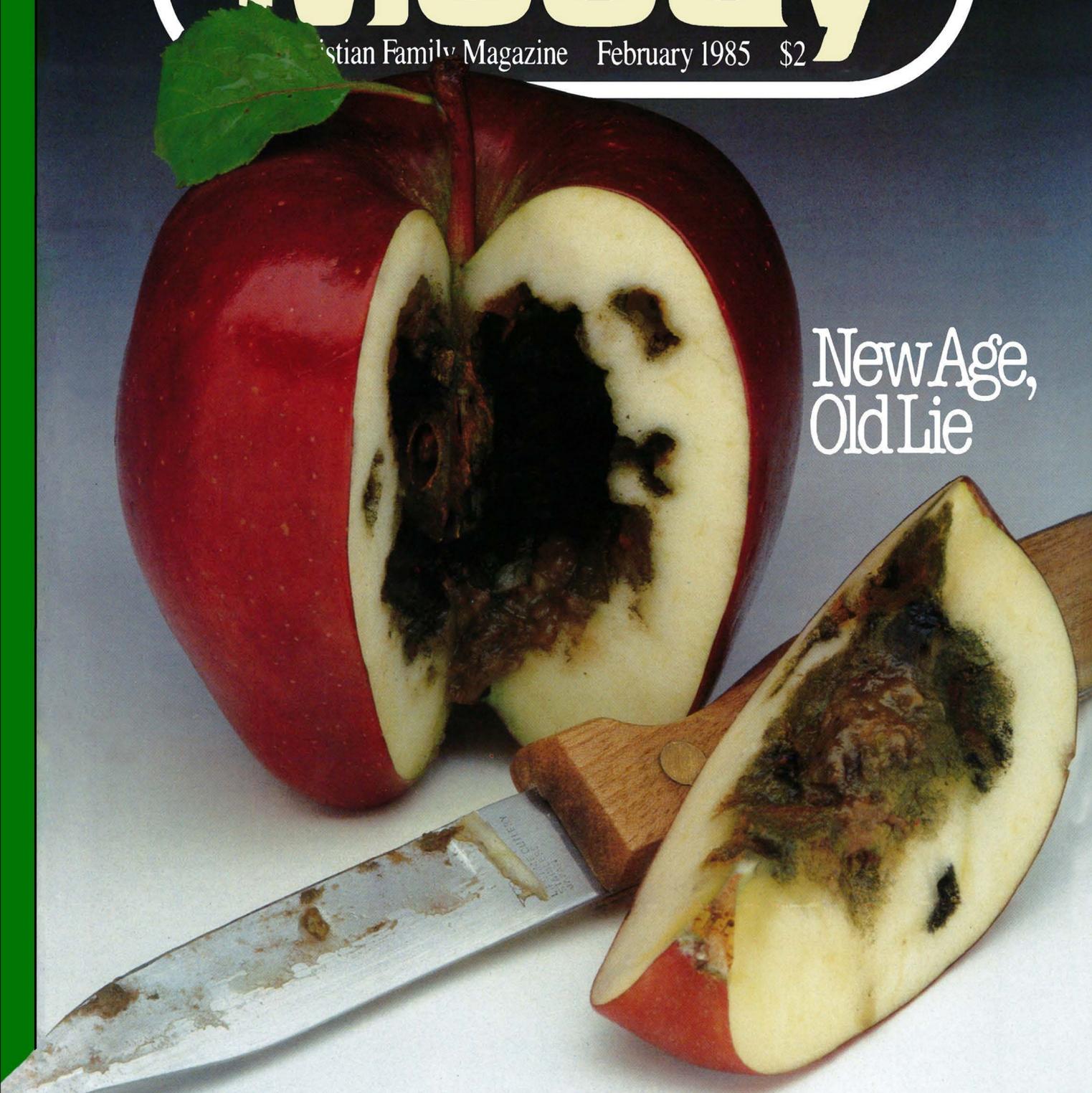
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New Age,
Old Lie

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- 2. Rejects Divine authority in place of creaturely authority.**

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

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- 2. Rejects Divine authority in place of creaturely authority —autonomy, independence from God, arrogance.**
- 3. Hostility toward God.**

Contemporary forms of the LIE:

- **Luck**: Sometimes you're lucky and sometimes you're unlucky. There really isn't a real explanation of why things happen the way they do.
- **Karma**: If you do good, then good things will happen to you. If you are evil, then evil things will befall you.
- **The Universe**: The universe conspires to do me good.

*From *Interlocked*, lesson 2, interlocked.online

Contemporary forms of the LIE:

- **Positive Energy**: If you are surrounded by positive energy, good things happen to you; if you are surrounded by negative energy, bad things happen to you.
- **Horoscope**: Today, I might fail my exam because my horoscope said bad things will happen to me.
- **The Force**: In the *Star Wars* franchise of movies, “The Force” is in control of the universe. It is not a person but a mysterious nebulous something, based on Eastern religious mysticism.

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