



BIG LITTLE LIES

FLEETWOOD MAC

Little Lies





HALF TRUTHS

GOSPEL CLARITY IN A NOISY WORLD

1. What are half truths?

2. Why are half truths destructive?

3. How to live not by lies

2-INGREDIENT RECIPES & IDEAS



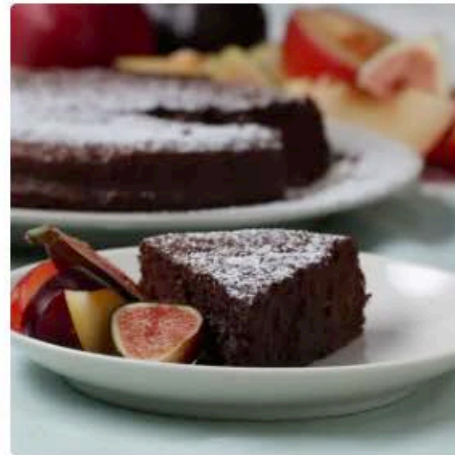
Strawberry 2-Ingredient Sorbet



2-ingredient Flatbread



2-ingredient Pasta



2-Ingredient Chocolate Cake

Romans 16:17-18: I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way because they have learned. Keep away from them.

1 Corinthians 15:12: But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15: But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

Galatians 1:6-9: I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

Ephesians 4:14: Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Philippians 3:2: Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.

Colossians 2:8: See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22: but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3: Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

1 Timothy 1:3-7; 4:1-3: As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

2 Timothy 4:3-4: 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. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Titus 1:10-11: For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

Hebrews 13:9: Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.

James 3:1: Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

2 Peter 2:1: But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

1 John 4:1: Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

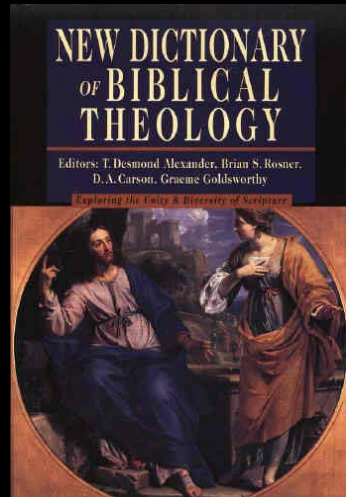
2 John 1:7-11: I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

Jude 1:3-4: Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

- Acts 20:30
- Romans 16:17-18
- 1 Corinthians 15:12
- 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15
- Galatians 1:6-9
- Ephesians 4:14
- Philippians 3:2
- Colossians 2:8
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3
- 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 4:1-3
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- Titus 1:10-11
- Hebrews 13:9
- James 3:1
- 2 Peter 2:1
- 1 John 4:1
- 2 John 1:7-11
- 3 John 1:9-10
- Jude 1:3-4
- Philemon 1:8-9
- Revelation 2:14-15

The English word 'truth' ... is regularly used to translate the Hebrew 'emet, a noun related to the verb āman, meaning 'to sustain' or 'to establish'. In the English OT 'emet is variously translated as 'firm', 'reliable', 'faithful', 'tested', 'true' and 'lasting'. Often God's truth is mentioned together with his ḥesed, his steadfast love. In Genesis 24:27, when Eliezer meets Rebekah he praises God who, he says, 'has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness'"

P. D. Woodbridge, "Truth," in *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. T. Desmond Alexander and Brian S. Rosner, electronic ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000), 826.



**LOVE
EQUALS
AGREEMENT**

HALF

**IDENTITY
IS A SECRET
PUZZLE**

**SUFFERING IS
MEANINGLESS**

**CONTROL
IS THE
GOAL**

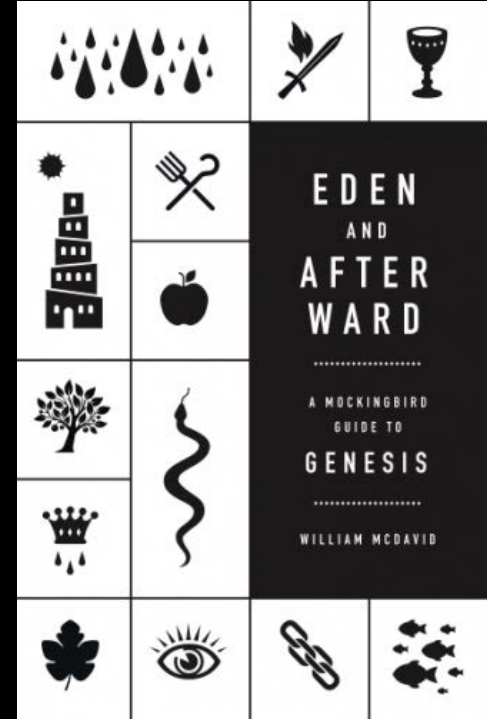
**MONEY
WILL FIX
THIS**

**CHEAP
GRACE**

TRUTHS

**BE
PERFECT**

“The Fall stands at the beginning of Genesis, and because it is so well known, it is perhaps especially difficult to see with fresh eyes.”



McDavid, William. *Eden and Afterward*

Genesis 3:1-5

¹ “Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

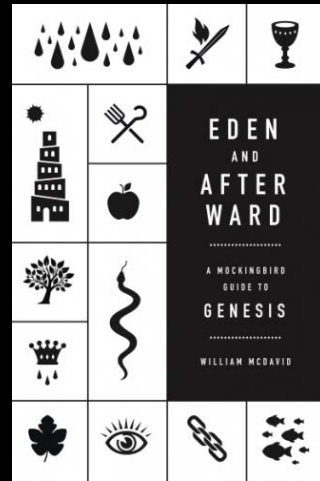
² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

Genesis 3:1-5

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Imagine a married woman, totally happy with her life, content, who has never imagined infidelity because she cannot conceive of life outside her marriage. But then someone asks, “are you really married?” Suddenly a new set of possibilities – with their attendant temptations – might open up to her. That is the best comparison I can think of for Eve and the serpent: the Fall being impossible without him, yet still fully a matter of Eve’s sin (and Adam’s). The serpent proposes a new possibility to Eve, who accepts it; ...

[the point isn't to] make her doubt that she is married; but to suggest that maybe she shouldn't be married. It's not doubt about whether or not she is married; instead it is a basic sense of injustice that that should be the state of things. So the serpent's query is not so much a disputing whether or not God said what he said as it is a suggestion of a new thought to Eve, a new perspective: it is now possible for her to think that God's prohibition is not a good or natural one, because the serpent doesn't seem to believe it is."





YES, YES,

**COME OVER TO THE DARK
SIDE.**

COME TO THE DARKSIDE



WE HAVE COOKIES

1 Peter 5:8

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.





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“You will be like God” -----> God as God
(Creator / Sustainer)

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UPWARD



OUTWARD

Think again of the marriage analogy: the person about to cheat on their spouse doesn't really conceive of it as evil, but as some kind of good—a way to avoid resenting their husband, or a pursuit of what seems like genuine love, or a response to boredom, the need to inject meaning into a stagnant life. It is only at some point during the affair that the knowledge that things are now askew will hit like a ton of bricks. Whatever moral implications of wrongdoing there may be only become totally clear after the fact.”

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UPWARD



OUTWARD



INWARD

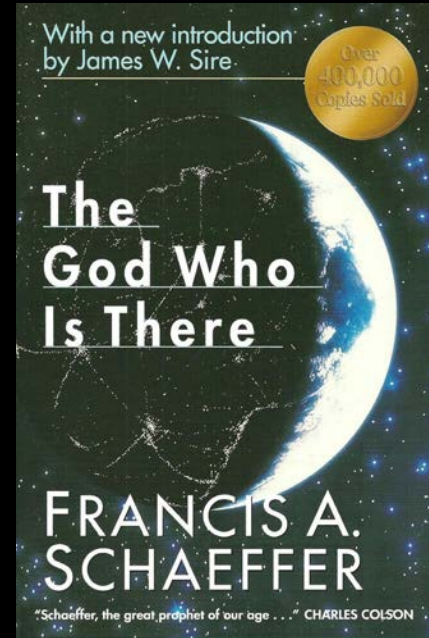


John 8:31-32

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



“Christianity is not a series of truths in the plural, but rather truth spelled with a capital ‘T.’”



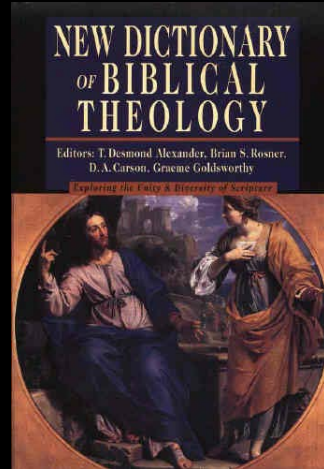
John 14:5-9

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

In the fourth Gospel the concept of truth is more prominent and its language more frequently used. John uses 'truth' to refer to genuineness, the opposite of falsehood, but also to the revelation of God in Jesus Christ, which can be understood only by disciples through faith. It is God who reveals Christ to an individual, and Christ is both the gospel message itself and the messenger. Truth, when accepted, makes an impact on the believer's life and is never merely theoretical."

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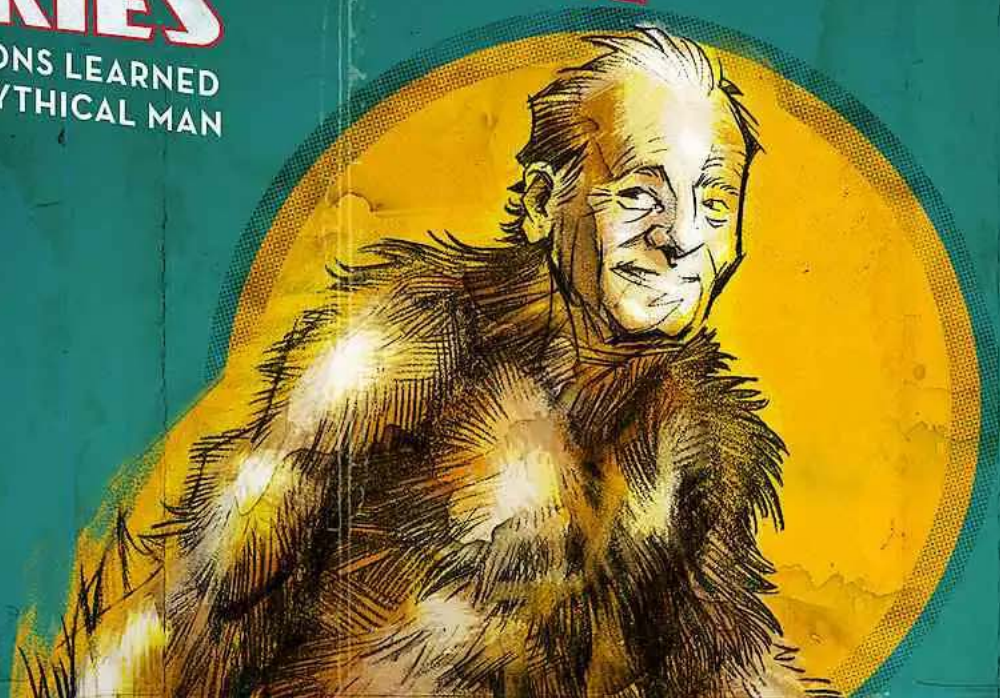
OUTWARD



INWARD

THE BILL MURRAY STORIES

LIFE LESSONS LEARNED
FROM A MYTHICAL MAN





I
LOVE
YOU



1. What is the kernel of truth?
2. Why is this half truth not helpful?
3. How does the gospel give a better answer in your actual life? How does it tell a better story?

Rule #1

Do No Harm

