



The New Black
Lesson 1: Grey is the New Black
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Just Because It's Trending Doesn't Mean It's Truth

How can we hold on to truth in world where trends oppose it?

Satan, Our Opposer, Creates Grey Areas

Genesis 3:1 The snake was more clever than all the wild animals the Lord God had made. He asked the woman, “**Did God really say**, ‘You must never eat the fruit of any tree in the garden?’”² The woman answered the snake, “We’re allowed to eat the fruit from any tree in the garden **3 except the tree in the middle of the garden**. God said, ‘You must never eat it or touch it. If you do, you will die!’”⁴ “**You certainly won’t die!**” the snake told the woman. ⁵ “God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened. You’ll be like God, knowing good and evil.”
God's Word Translation

Jesus, The Truth Personified, Called in Question

John 18:38 “What is truth?” Pilate asked. *New Living Translation*

Understanding Line Upon Line and Precept Upon Precept

Isaiah 28:9 “Who does the Lord think we are?” they ask. “Why does he speak to us like this? Are we little children, just recently weaned? **10 He tells us everything over and over - one line at a time, one line at a time, a little here, and a little there!**” *New Living Translation*

Note: Satan employs the principle for teaching our culture (i.e. music)

Satan's Work of Deception Has Clear Purpose

John 10:10 The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. *New Living Translation*

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The way a thief steals from you is by force or deception.

1. Deception requires you to "buy in"

Protection and good outcomes are the results of absolutes.

1. Truth is an absolute; a yardstick; a compass; a map
2. Satan's intent to enslave is averted; the truth makes free (liberates)

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free! *King James Version*

The Truth Is Rock Solid

Matthew 7:24 Therefore, everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock. 25 Rain poured, and floods came. Winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not collapse, because its foundation was on rock. 26 Everyone who hears what I say but doesn't obey it will be like a foolish person who built a house on sand. 27 Rain poured, and floods came. Winds blew and struck that house. It collapsed, and the result was a total disaster. *God's Word Translation*

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Two Kingdoms; Each Vehemently at Odds Against the Other

John 18:37 Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." *New Living Translation*