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I am appalled at the politicians and news media that spew lies! Paul H. Weaver, in his provocative analysis entitled *News and the Culture of Lying: How Journalism Really Works* said, "Journalists and politicians have become ensnared in a symbiotic [mutual beneficial relationship between two groups] web of lies that mislead the public." He wrote that 26 years ago but it has grown to deadly proportions today! True journalism...reporting the facts is virtually dead! Today they write from a set of skewed values. They have no interest in the truth.

As I see it, **Isaiah 59:14** describes the day we are living in.

"Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."

CHRISTIANS BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON!

Ephesians 4:14 says,

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men,

*and cunning craftiness, whereby **they lie in wait to deceive.**"*

There are seven things that God hates and which are an abomination to Him. We read of them in

Proverbs 6:16-19

*"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, **a lying tongue,** and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 **A false witness that speaketh lies,** and he that soweth discord among brethren."*

Proverbs 12:22

"Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight."

Proverbs 14:5

"A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies."

**WHO IS THE AUTHOR AND ADVOCATE
FOR LYING?**

In Christ's day it was the Pharisees, who were trying to control the narrative. But who empowered them?

John 8:44-45

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

My Christian friends, we are living in a day of national apostasy where reality is being turned upside-down much like it was in Isaiah's day -

Isaiah 5:20& 23

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 23

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Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!"

What is the outworking of this replacing evil for good today? I suggest that **we are being Gaslighted!** I have heard this term several times in political rhetoric and wondered what it meant.

WHAT IS GASLIGHTING?

"Gaslighting" is used to describe abusive behavior, specifically when an **abuser manipulates information in such a way as to make a victim question his or her sanity.** Gaslighting intentionally makes someone doubt their memories or perception of reality.

The term Gaslighting originates in the systematic psychological manipulation of a victim by her husband in Patrick Hamilton's 1938 stage play ***Gaslight***, and the film adaptations released in 1940 and 1944. In the story, the husband attempts to convince his



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wife and others that she is insane by manipulating small elements of their environment and insisting that she is mistaken, remembering things incorrectly, or delusional when she points out these changes. The play's title alludes to how the abusive husband slowly dims the gas lights in their home, while pretending nothing has changed, in an effort to make his wife doubt her own perceptions. The wife repeatedly asks her husband to confirm her perceptions about the dimming lights, but in defiance of reality, he keeps insisting that the lights are the same and instead it is she who is going insane.

A PERPETUAL STATE OF GASLIGHTING

My question is, are we, as a nation, being gaslighted? In fact WE ARE! We are living in **a perpetual state of gaslighting**. The left is attempting to “alter reality” by pushing a false narrative in an effort to convince as many Americans as possible that their view is the only sensible, reasonable view and if you hold a different view you are an extremist, and something is wrong with you!

The alleged “reality” that is being peddled by the media is at complete odds with what we are seeing with our own two eyes. And when we question the false reality (fake news) that