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The Narrow Way







Look, today I set before you a blessing and a curse: there will be a blessing, if you obey the commands of the LORD your God I am giving you today, and a curse, if you do not obey the commands of the LORD your God and you turn aside from the path I command you today by following other gods you have not known.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

But tell this people, 'This is what the LORD says: Look, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.

Jeremiah 21:8

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

Psalm 1:6

I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

John 10:9

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through me.

John 14:6

I can only answer the question 'What am I to do? ' if I can answer the prior question 'Of what story or stories do I find myself a part?'

Alistair Macintyre

Dangers on the Way

Israelite Leaders

- Kings
- Priests
- Sages
- Prophets

Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey, shedding blood, and destroying lives in order to make profit dishonestly. Her prophets plaster for them with whitewash by seeing false visions and lying divinations, saying, 'This is what the Lord GOD says,' when the LORD has not spoken.

Ezekiel 22:27-28

Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers

1 Timothy 4:6

The Life Test

The Teaching Test

Bad Teaching

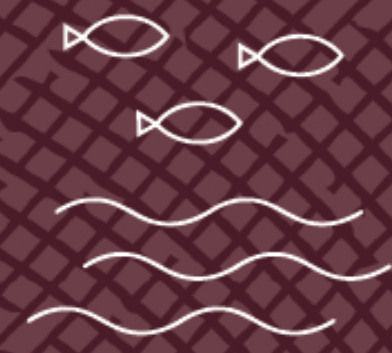
- Simplistic
- Reductionistic
- Tribalistic
- Cultic
- Parasitic

Reinventing a Christianity that fits nicely on the coexist bumper sticker, avoiding the shame of the cross for a respectable religion that bows to the idols of our day: consumerism and sexual autonomy. This manipulation strategy relies on using biblical words in anti-biblical ways. It shares with biblical Christianity the same vocabulary, but not the same dictionary.

Rosaria Butterfield

Invitation

Contemplative Critic



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