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# LIES THAT GO UNCHALLENGED

IN POPULAR CULTURE

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*Lies That Go Unchallenged in  
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# Rights of the Individual

## *Lie #1:*

We have the freedom of choice to be who we want and to do what we want



# Rights of the Individual

*Underlying Worldview:*

Individuals are responsible to no higher authority, and are free to pursue their own destinies as long as they don't hurt others



# Discuss

1. What are the right and wrong ways to think of individual rights? Give examples of both.
2. What does God's authority have to do with our rights?

# Marriage and the Family

*Lie #2:*

Marriage can be between any two people, and it lasts only as long as both are happy



# Marriage and the Family

*Underlying Worldview:*

Marriage is not a sacred lifetime covenant between a man and a woman but a contract between any two individuals that should be dissolved when mutual benefits seem to cease



# Discuss

1. What problems occur when marriage isn't limited to one man and one woman?
2. Why should a couple continue their marriage if both are unhappy?

# Society and Toleration

*Lie #3:*

We'll live in harmony if  
we tolerate the beliefs of  
others



# Society and Toleration

*Underlying Worldview:*

We tolerate all relativistic beliefs and behavior in an amoral world in which we band together to better achieve our own personal fulfillment



# Discuss

1. In what ways is tolerance an insufficient way to hold society together?
2. What happens if tolerance is our only value?

# The Arts

*Lie #4:*

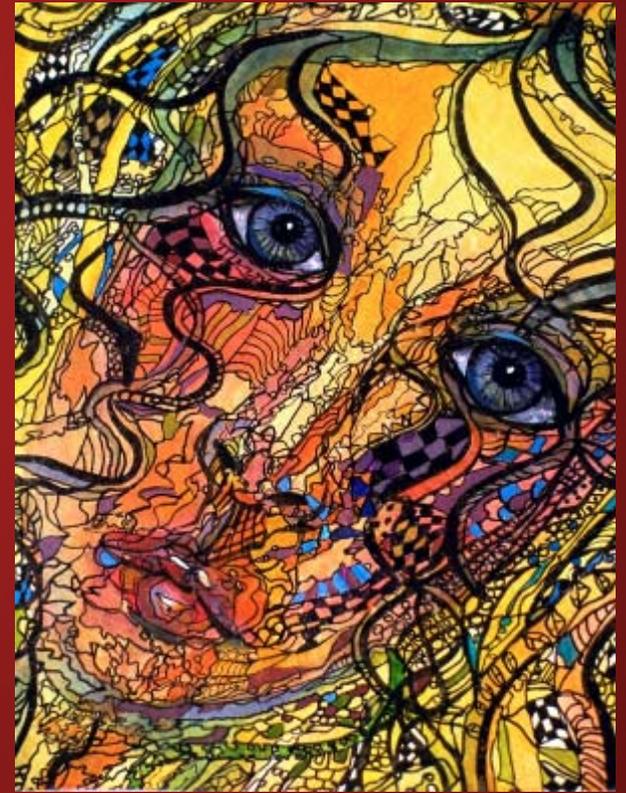
Art should break traditional norms and challenge outworn beliefs



# The Arts

## *Underlying Worldview:*

Because there is no ultimate good, art both replaces God and helps us to create and revere what is beautiful; it allows us to express our individuality and to challenge conventional norms, thus redefining reality



# Discuss

1. How can art be destructive instead of constructive?
2. What kind of art has stirred you to honor and revere God?

# Christians in Culture

*Lie #5:*

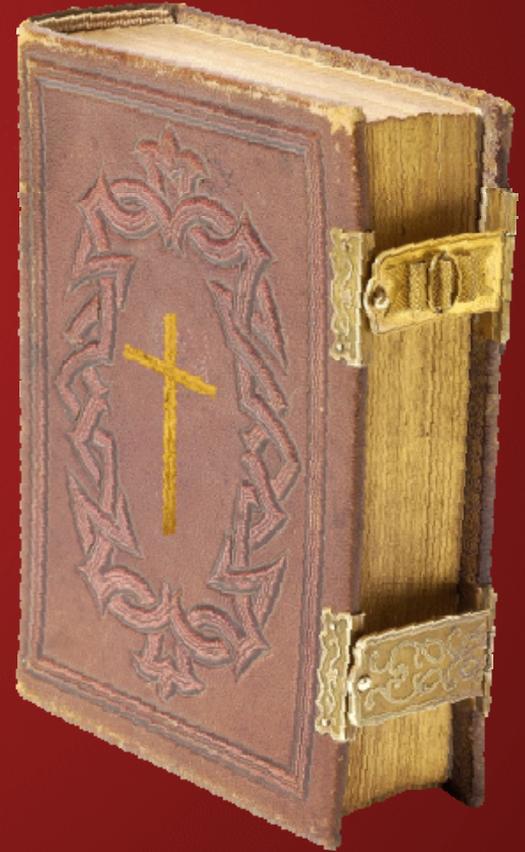
Christian beliefs are  
a private matter



# Christians in Culture

*Underlying Worldview:*

The Christian faith should remain private and internal; it should not be applied to culture because of its absolutist, intolerant message and its history of oppressing those who disagree



# Discuss

1. What's wrong with the idea that Christian beliefs should remain private?
2. If society adopts Christian beliefs, can it still be tolerant? Why or why not?

# The Media

*Lie #6:*

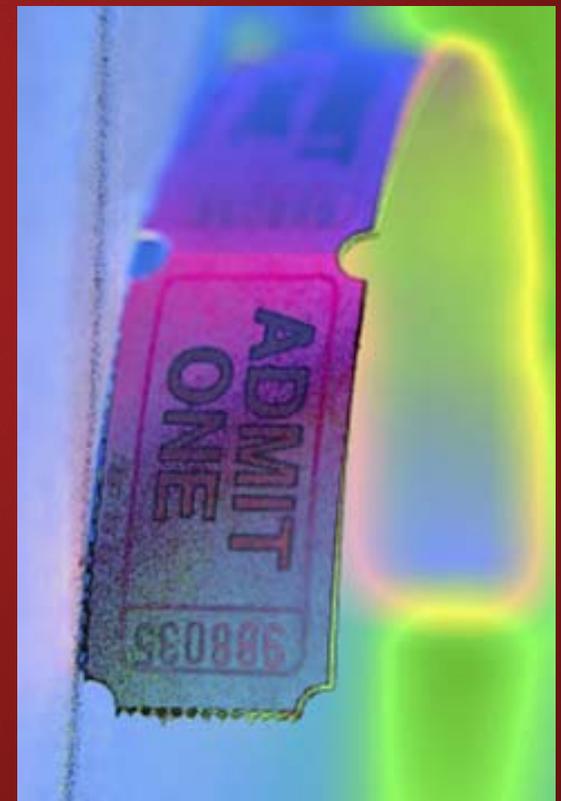
Entertainment is a vehicle to help us fulfill personal desires



# The Media

## *Underlying Worldview:*

We need larger doses of entertainment that break useless taboos, accompanied by advertising of products that stimulate our primary desire for self-fulfillment in the pleasures in life—sex, possessions, and power



# Discuss

1. What are some dangers of entertainment?
2. How should Christians view entertainment?

# Spirituality in Culture



*Lie #7:*

God accepts us as we are, and there are many ways to him



# Spirituality in Culture

*Underlying Worldview:*

God is an impersonal  
evolving force, and we  
become emanations of  
that God as we fulfill  
our own self-appointed  
destinies that contain  
no ultimate judgment



# Discuss

1. What is wrong with society's view of God?
2. What can we do to challenge these ideas in a positive way?

# Application

- Of the seven lies we discussed, which one do you struggle with the most?
- How can we avoid being sucked in by society's lies?
- What are some ways we can promote biblical worldviews in our society?

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