



Liar! Liar! Pants on Fire!

You Do You

Selected Scripture

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5

¹And when I came to you, brethren, I **did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom**, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. ²For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

³I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, ⁴and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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1. The Lie



- **Autonomy**

- “auto” – self; “nomos” – law
- Literally: “A law to yourself; living your own law”

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- Be who you are.
- “I did it my way.”
- “Be who you are and say what you feel, because in the end those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter.”

- **Autonomy applied:**

- Autonomy in deciding on abortion. “My body, my choice.”
- Autonomy over my gender. “I decide what gender that I am.”
- Autonomy over sexual relations. “As long as there is consent, there’s nothing wrong with it.”
- Autonomy over my death. “No one can tell me what to do with my life. Therefore, physician assisted suicide is perfectly acceptable.”



- There is **limited autonomy**:
 - “the ability and to make decisions without being coerced or forced by someone else.”
 - We do not hold to fatalism or determinism –which means we make no decisions or have no control over anything

The lie of autonomy is seen at the highest levels of our country

“These matters, involving the most intimate and personal choices a person may make in a lifetime, choices central to personal dignity and autonomy, are central to the liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life. Beliefs about these matters could not define the attributes of personhood were they formed under compulsion of the State.”

— Justice Anthony Kennedy in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*

How can believers be influenced by this thinking?

- Practical atheism
 - living as if there is no God
 - making decisions or facing difficulties and, instead of going to God's Word for answers or seeking Him in prayer, pushing forward on your own

2. The Truth

A. Reality speaks against your autonomy

James 4:14: Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Isaiah 40:7: The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.

Job 42:3b, 6 : “. . . I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. . . . Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes.”

B. God's existence speaks against your autonomy

1) God is Creator.

Colossians 1:16: For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Revelation 4:11: “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

2) God is Sustainer.

Colossians 1:16-17: For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

Hebrews 1:3: Christ “upholds all things by the word of His power”

3) God is Sovereign.

Job 42:2: “I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

“Because if God is sovereign, meaning that His freedom is absolute and extends over His whole creation so that He has the power and the ability to choose whatsoever He will. If God is sovereign, then manifestly no creature can be autonomous because to be autonomous is to be a law unto yourself and to be a law unto yourself precludes the possibility of anything or anyone reigning sovereignly over you.”

– RC Sproul



4) God is Judge.

Psalm 96:13: Before the LORD, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

C. Your redemption speaks against your autonomy

1 Peter 1:17–19: If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:20: For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

3. Your Response

A. Tell the world of God's authority

B. Live like you are redeemed

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