

Bliss

Extreme happiness; ecstasy

- *Often associated with spiritual joy or salvation*

Ignorance

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Bliss



Ignorance

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.

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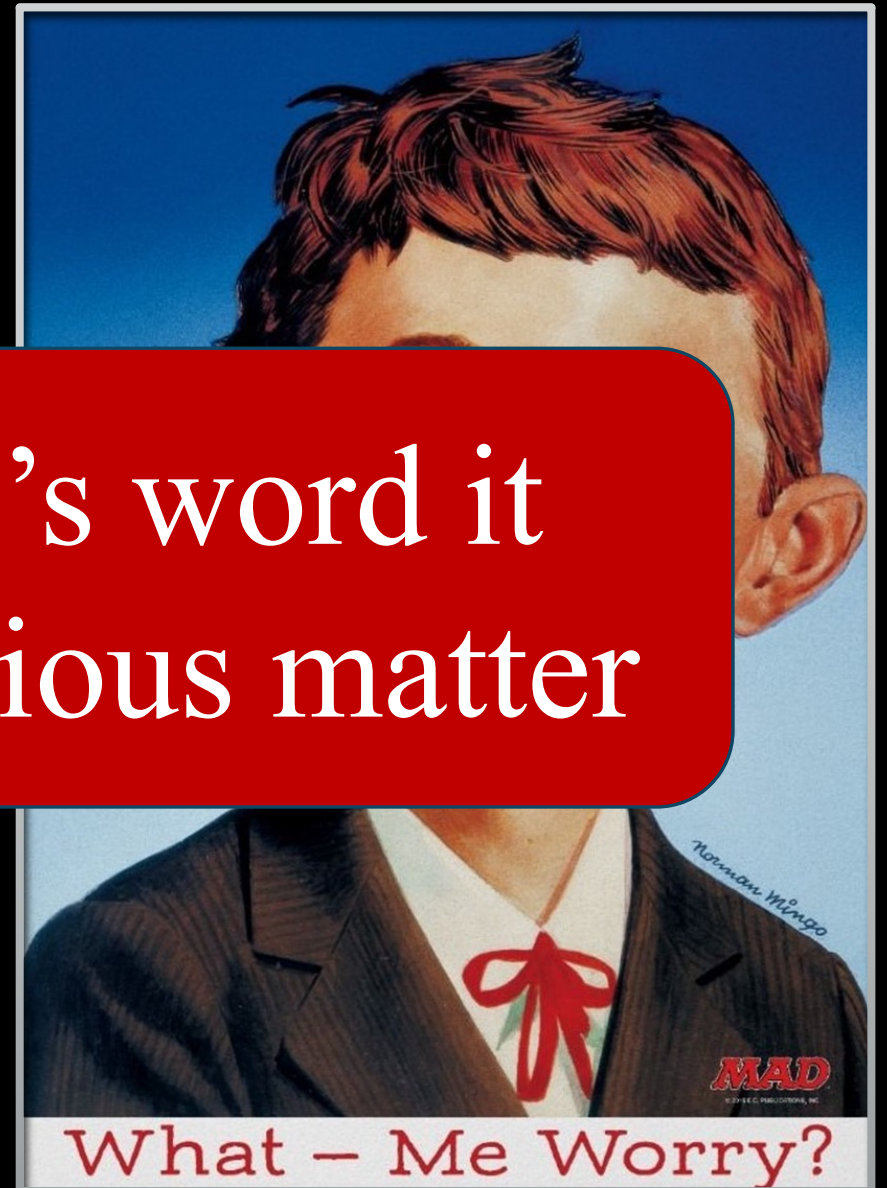
It is in the interest of **Satan** to reduce the people to ignorance and vice. For **he** cannot **steal those souls** where virtue and knowledge prevail.



Ignorance:

In the area of God's word it becomes a more serious matter

“What you don't know won't hurt you.”



Ignorance is Misunderstood

- Do sin without realizing it is sin—guilty of sin in practice, but innocent in conscience
- Do what is not sin, thinking it is sin—innocent in practice, but guilty in conscience
- Involves knowledge, not intelligence
 - Paul was very intelligent *Acts 22:3*
 - Paul was very ignorant *1 Tim 1:13*
- All have ignorance in our lives—not a desirable state nor state of excuse
 - God deals patiently and kindly, but wants people to know their guilt and repent *Acts 3:17-19, 17:30-31, Rom 12:1-2*

Causes of Spiritual Ignorance

- Lack of investigation
 - No interest
 - Alien sinners (non-Christians) and Christians
- Lack of understanding
 - Proper desire & searching, but not accepting *John 5:39-40*
 - Ever learning but unable to come to knowledge of the truth
2 Tim 3:7
- Forgetfulness
 - Knowledge is useless if it isn't recallable

Effects of Ignorance

- Jeopardizes one's salvation
 - Consider views of Orthodox Jews, Muslims, Jehovah's Witness, others
- Causes idolatry
 - God shows the ignorance & inexcusableness in *Jer 2:26-28*
- Causes moral decay
 - Started by not retaining God in their knowledge *Rom 1:28-32, Eph 4:17-19*
- Causes religious division
 - Over 40,000 "Christian" denominations
 - Contrary to Jesus' prayer for unity in *Jn 17:20-21*
- Guilty conscience (e.g., *Rom 14:14-23*)

The Remedy...

- Personal investigation

BE SMART! DON'T BE IGNORANT...

Ignorance is one of Satan's great weapons. His victims are those most often weakest in the Word (weak in both, knowledge and application).

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- Parents responsibility
 - Take time to teach from the Bible *Deut 6:1-4, 5-9*