

#Truth: Fake News (and what to do about it)

Darcy Siggelkow

Question: What is the wildest “fake news story” that you have come across?

Something to think about: In our information saturated world, how do we know what we know is true?

Nothing in all of human life matters as much as ideas.
John Dickerson

Read Acts 16:31
What you believe dictates your eternity.

In our cultural moment, it’s increasingly hard to know what is true and trustworthy.

Epistemology: the study of knowledge.

No significant belief or attitude held by any individual is apparently made on the basis of consciously perceived data.

William Bryan Key

Read 2 Timothy 4:3-5
How can we keep a clear mind in every situation?

- **Embrace humility.**

Read 1 Corinthians 13:12; Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:12

The attraction of conspiracy theories is that they help us make sense of a chaotic and complicated world.

We as human being do not like unanswered moral questions. we want to know who did it. We want to know how it was done. We’re looking for a pattern. Our intelligence, given to us by God is a pattern-seeking intelligence.

Albert Mohler

Read Job 38:4–7; 40:1–5

- **Care for Your Mind**

Read Romans 12:2

Don’t believe everything you read on the internet.
Social media has become “the most efficient distribution network for conspiracy theories, hatred and outright falsehoods ever invented.”

Susan B. Glasser

What is fake news?

- Fabricated online articles formatted to look like real news.
- Stories that are technically true but are told in a way that are unfair or misleading.
- Stories that may be fair and true that we dislike and want to discount.

Consider the source.

Discerning question: If they get it wrong, will they admit it and publish a correction?

Focus on the right thing.

Read Philipians 4:8

