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**Transforming Daily**  
“ . . . *this present evil age* . . . ”  
*Galatians 1:4*

There is no doubt that in our wonderful country that we have the constitutional right to speak freely. But I'm quite certain that the constitutional framers didn't have in mind what passes today for freedom of speech. As it pertains to God's Word, God's Word is truth. Anything added to, contrary to, or taken away from, God's Word, is false. God's Word can't be both true and false at the same time. As one man put it, wherever truth is found, it is God's truth.

The Bible is God's Word. Therefore, anything added to, contrary to, or taken away from the Bible is not truth and renders Scripture to be false. This was the problem that the believers in Galatia were facing. In particular, the Judaizers, perhaps among other groups, were moving to undermine the confidence and faith of the believers in Galatia. Oversimplified, the Judaizers were telling the Galatians, and others, that in order for one to experience salvation they must not only trust Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, but they must also get circumcised as well. Obviously that is not what the early church leaders taught or what was later written in Scripture (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9).

Today believers face a similar situation. Many false religions with their false teachings not only cover the globe, but have also permeated our countryside and infiltrated our Christian belief system. The matter is very serious, and Christians need to stand up and take notice. Nowhere in Scripture is physical violence condoned to further the gospel ministry. As a matter of fact, Ephesians 6:10-17 informs the believer that the battle is a spiritual one and should be handled as such. God's Word and prayer are to be employed to win souls and disciple believers. The gospel message is a message of love, hope, faith and peace. The only confrontation necessary is for the Word of God to penetrate the heart of the sinner.

Therefore it is imperative for the believer to be prepared with the Word of God. The believer doesn't need to know every, or for that matter, any, of the teachings of false religions. All the believer need know is the Word of God. False teachings will be revealed against the backdrop of the truth of God's Word. The question is will the believer take the responsibility seriously enough to make a difference?

Has your faith been undermined by the false teachings of other religions or organizations? Do you have an unwavering commitment to the Word of God? Are you daily practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, soul winning, ministry and service? It is imperative that the believer do so in the midst of this present evil age.