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Subject: Is lying morally justifiable?

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In the interest of truth, I should first disclose the fact that Christian theologians are divided on this subject. Some—like Saint Augustine—believed that it is never permissible to lie, (Quote from CRI).

One of the ten commandments says: Thou shalt not lie. Of all the things to put in the Ten commandments why would lying be part of the original Ten?

Christians are now under a new covenant and not under the law. The question is, Can Christians lie with impunity?

In the New Testament we see where Ananias and his wife were dealt with because they lied.

Quote:

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

Many Scriptures speak against lying and here is just a small few quoted from God's Word, these barely scratch the surface on this subject:

Quote:

Psalm 101:7

He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.

Proverbs 14:25

A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.

Isaiah 9:15

The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

Colossians 3:9

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

1 John 2:21

I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Revelation 21:26-27

26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Lying started in the garden of Eden from the very beginning.

The question is: Is lying ever morally justifiable?

Interesting concept and has been a subject of debate by well known theologians, with that in mind, God is the one who speaks against all forms of lying.

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