



*Exposing the lies
our culture tells us.*

Lie #1: Christmas is for Giving

The point, ladies and gentlemen, is that greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit.

~ Michael Douglass, Wallstreet

Selfishness no longer cloaks itself in religion: it has become religion.

~ Benjamin R. Barber

Is there any more certain way of desiccating the soul of man than the habit of constantly thinking about money and what it can buy? Is there a more potent poison than our economics system's all-pervasive commercialism?

~ Wilhelm Ropke

We are experiencing a tyranny that causes men to love their own slavery. It leaves the body free and directs its attack at the soul.

~ Alexis de Tocquerville

Our enormously productive economy demands that we make consumption our way of life, that we convert the buying and use of goods into rituals, that we seek our spiritual satisfaction, our ego satisfaction, in consumption. We need things consumed, burned up, replaced and discarded at an ever-accelerating rate.

- Victor Lebow, Retail Analyst after WWII

The lust for affluence in contemporary society is psychotic. It is time we awaken to the fact that conformity to a sick society is to be sick.

~ Richard Foster

Learn to say 'no'; it will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.

~ Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Man's greatest wealth is to live on little with a contented mind.

~ Lucretius (99 – 55 BCE)

The worst possible thing we can do is to bring God into the mix without shifting our focal point away from the temporal.

~ Mark Tabb

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not but rejoices for those which he has.

~ Epictetus (100 CE)

North America is the most consumer-oriented society in the world and the architects of this culture have now set their sights on children. Kids and teens are now the epicentre of North American consumer culture.

~ Juliet B. Schor

Childhood makes capitalism hum.

~ Dan Cook

Shop till you drop. It's a moral imperative.

~ Vancouver Sun headline

Religion begat prosperity and the daughter devoured the mother.

~ Cotton Mather

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

~ Jesus