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## **The Chaos of Disinformation** *When Truth is Sacrificed*

In an increasingly interconnected world, where information travels at high speed and devices constantly vibrate with notifications, we face a silent and devastating crisis: the chaos of disinformation. Fake news, half-truths, rumors disguised as news, and unchecked sensationalism have become part of our daily lives, shaping perceptions, dividing societies, and weakening trust.

### **The Cost of Haste**

We live in an era where the priority is no longer the accuracy of information but its speed. Being the first to publish often outweighs being certain of what is published. News based on unverified facts, distorted interpretations, and fabricated headlines meant to shock have multiplied. The rush to produce content at all costs creates fertile ground for error and deception.

This problem is worsened by what is called "media sensationalism" — the practice of inflating or distorting information to attract clicks and attention. Every like, share, and view has become valuable currency in the digital economy. Thus, concern for accuracy gives way to immediate emotional appeal.

Proverbs 18:13 warns: "*To answer before listening— that is folly and shameful.*"

This ancient wisdom remains timely. The rush to form opinions or spread information without proper examination is indeed foolishness.

### **Disinformation as a Tool for Consumption**

Another troubling phenomenon is the strategic use of disinformation to drive consumption. Advertisements disguised as news, false product shortages, fabricated trends, and unrealistic promotions are just some of the weapons used to fuel the consumer rush. By manipulating emotions such as fear, anxiety, and desire, companies move crowds — not in search of truth, but in pursuit of profits.

In Ephesians 5:6, the apostle Paul warns: "*Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.*"

In this context, the need for discernment has never been more urgent.



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## **The Root of the Problem: Abandoning Truth**

Disinformation thrives where truth is neglected. In John 8:32, Jesus declared: "*Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*"

Truth is not just an ethical virtue — it is a path to freedom. When society exchanges the sincere pursuit of truth for the ease of superficial belief, it opens the door to be enslaved by fear, manipulation, and ignorance.

## **A Call to Vigilance**

The current scenario calls us to an active posture of vigilance and responsibility. We must not passively accept everything we hear or read. The Bible instructs us: "*Test everything. Hold on to the good.*" (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

Demanding reliable sources, seeking fact verification, resisting the temptation to share hastily, and valuing depth over speed are essential attitudes to restore the health of our information ecosystem.

Furthermore, as Christians, we are called to be ambassadors of truth. In times of chaos and manipulation, shining as beacons of honesty and discernment is not only a social duty but a spiritual testimony.

## **Truth Remains Revolutionary**

In a world dominated by disinformation, seeking and living by the truth is a revolutionary act. Refusing to be part of the current of fakes and sensationalism is, ultimately, a practical expression of the faith we profess: faith in the God who is Himself "*the God of truth*" (Isaiah 65:16).

May our words, our shares, and our stances echo the prayer of the psalmist:

*"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior."* (Psalm 25:5)

Amidst the noise of informational chaos, let us be the calm and firm voice that points to the safe path of truth.

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