

## Hypocrites and Christians

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it seems most Christians  
have selective vision  
or are they just plain hypocrites?

how could anyone miss Jesus'  
detestation of wealth  
and temporal power in the NT  
-- a dislike he shared  
with Buddha, who also  
turned his back  
on wealth and temporal power?

why is it easier for a camel  
to go through the eye of a needle  
(an impossibility) than for  
a rich man to enter paradise?

it is clearly outlined in the  
opening chapters  
of the Gospel of Luke.

The temptation scenario depicts  
the protagonist, Christ, tussling  
with the antagonist, Lucifer --  
and what is clearly spelled out?

when Satan fails to trick  
Christ into compromising his integrity  
he pulls the last card he has  
and shows Jesus all the capitals  
of the world and their power, wealth  
and opulence and offers it all  
in exchange for allegiance.

Christ, maintaining his integrity  
throughout, rejects the offer;  
it's spelled out in the beginning  
and end of the narrative.

Jesus makes his final statement  
regarding money and bankers  
by violently ejecting money changers

from the Temple.

Blind Freddy and lobotomised Annie  
couldn't miss the message but  
American Evangelicals, Roman Catholics  
and a host of other Christian sects  
ignore the obvious -- to their enormous cost.

Need I mention that according  
to the teachings of Jesus  
every deed and thought  
has consequences/a price?  
Or should we review the NT  
again  
to appreciate exactly how Christ  
viewed liars and what he thought  
of Hypocrites?

*[Note, I am not religious  
in the least but a good narrative  
about a revolutionary social reformer  
is hard to resist.  
The NT was written by men for men,  
it is very clear in its anti-establishment  
message. Ignore it at your peril!]*

*Did you also miss the major theme,  
Freedom from psychological slavery?]*

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