

~FABLE (148)

[Greek, *my'thos*]

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- A false story, fiction, myth, an invention, falsehood, from the Greek *my'thos*. *My'thos* is found at;
- Nor to pay attention to **false stories** and to genealogies, which end up in nothing, but which furnish questions for research rather than a dispensing of anything by God in connection with faith. (1 Timothy 1:4)
- But turn down the **false stories** which violate what is holy and which old women tell. On the other hand, be training yourself with godly devotion as your aim. (1 Timothy 4:7)
- And they will turn their ears away from the truth, whereas they will be turned aside to **false stories**. (2 Timothy 4:4)
- Paying no attention to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn themselves away from the truth. (Titus 1:14)
- No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (2 Peter 1:16)
- The Greek *My'thos* is the opposite of *a-le'thei-a*, truth, signifying the manifested, veritable essence of a matter.
- To these we did not yield by way of submission, no, not for an hour, in order, that the **truth** of the Good News might continue with you. (Galatians 2:5)
- The **truth** of the Good News **contrasts the true teaching** of the gospel with **perversions** of it. The apostles warned Christians against the danger of being turned away from the truth to false stories, as these had no basis in fact but were the imaginations of men.
- Judaism was filled with such false stories, the traditions of the elders making up the so-called oral Law that came to be incorporated into the Talmud. Judaism, the leading opponent of Christianity in the

first century, had been greatly influenced by pagan philosophies and teachings.

- As an example of one of these false stories, consider this from the **Palestinian or Jerusalem Talmud: R. Samuel, and B. Nahman in the name of R. Jonathan said; The tables on which Moses received the Ten Commandments were six hand-breadths long and three wide: and Moses was holding two hand-breadths, and God two, so that there were two hand-breadths interval between their fingers, and when the Israelites were adoring the calf, God sought to snatch the tables away from Moses hands, but Moses hands were so powerful that he snatched them from Him.**

- The story continues that then the letters flew off the tablets, as a result, since the writing was sustaining them, the tablets became too heavy for Moses hands, and fell, and were broken. [Ta`anit, V, pp. 116,117, translated by A. W. Greenup]

- The Apocryphal writings abound in false, imaginary stories, such as the one about Daniel's killing a great dragon with a mixture of pitch, fat, and hair.

- To these we did not yield by way of submission, no, not for an hour, in order, that the **truth** of the Good News might continue with you. (**Galatians 2:5**)

- But on the part of those who seemed to be something, whatever sort of men they formerly were makes no difference to me, God does not go by a man's outward appearance, to me, in fact, those outstanding men imparted nothing new. (**Galatians 2:6**)

- But, on the contrary, when they saw that I had entrusted to me the Good News for those who are uncircumcised, just as Peter had it for those who are circumcised. (**Galatians 2:7**)

- For He who gave Peter powers necessary for an apostleship to those who are circumcised gave powers also to me for those who are of the nations. (**Galatians 2:8**)

- Yes, when they came to know the undeserved kindness that was given me, James and Cephas and John, the ones who seemed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of sharing together, that we should go to the nations, but they to those who are circumcised. (**Galatians 2:9**)

- And another about Tobias getting curative and demon-exorcising powers out of the heart, gall, and liver of a monstrous fish. [Tobias 6:2-9,19], Dy.

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- At (1 Timothy 1:4), Paul instructs Christians not to pay attention to false stories. These can get Christians involved in research of no real benefit and can turn their minds away from the truth. Some of these **false stories** are the kind told by old women whose lives have been spent in worldly practices. They violate God's holy, righteous standards.
- By giving these advices to the brothers you will be a fine minister of Christ Jesus, one nourished with the words of the faith and of the fine teaching which you have followed closely. (1 Timothy 4:6)
- But turn down the **false stories** which violate what is holy and which old women tell. On the other hand, be training yourself with godly devotion as your aim. (1 Timothy 4:7)
- Paying no attention to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn themselves away from the **truth**. (Titus 1:14)
- The apostle Peter, at,
- No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (2 Peter 1:16)
- Makes reference to false stories, which are not only fictitious but also artfully and cunningly devised in order possibly to turn a Christian aside, and contrasts these with the true, factual account of the transfiguration, of which he was an eyewitness.
- Accordingly six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John along, and brought them up into a lofty mountain to themselves alone. And he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)
- Paul, at;

- **For there will be a period of time when they will not put up with the healthful teaching, but, in accord with their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves to have their ears tickled. (2 Timothy 4:3)**
- **And they will turn their ears away from the truth, whereas they will be turned aside to false stories. (2 Timothy 4:4)**
- **Foretold that at a future time people would willingly turn aside to false stories in preference to the truth.**