**Proud and loud liars abound** 27/11/22 dkm

Read: Psalm 12,

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Psalms: 31:1-6, 19:7-14, 115:1-8, 117

Can you imagine living in a society in which no one spoke the truth? Years ago there was a little girl in kid’s club who told lies all the time; when asked, ‘did you take the biscuits?’ she answered ‘no’, while her pockets bulged with stolen biscuits. We felt sad that this child told lies all the time. What must have it been like living in her home?

When we first went to live in India we were given many words of advice about living in another culture. For example, if we got lost in the city, which I did one day, and asked some the way such and such a place, we were advised to ask three people. The first advice as not to say, is this the way?’ because the person would always say ‘yes’ supposedly so as not to offend you! Secondly, ask a number of people because the person will tell you the way even if they have no idea, supposedly not to offend you. In truth, the people had little concern for the truth. The truth is what ever you want it to be, a disastrous idea when you want to get to a real place. In Hinduism there is no reality; everyone is an illusion. It was back in the seventies that Hindu philosophy started coming to the West, but it is firmly implanted in our society today. Not that we share their concern not to offend; just the idea that truth is relative.