

What About Truth?

Pontius Pilate, a Roman governor in Jerusalem, once asked *What is truth?* (John 18:38). Can you answer that question?

Solomon wrote, *Buy the truth and do not sell it* (Proverbs 23:23) Truth is more valuable than any pay-day. Money cannot answer the questions that truth answers. Money cannot solve all the problems caused by lies.

Jesus said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life* (John 14:6) and *If you abide in My word, . . . you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" (John 8:31-32). A claim that like requires proof. The resurrection of Jesus, among other miracles, provides sufficient evidence for all Jesus claimed.

Paul claimed to *speak the words of truth and reason* (Acts 26:25). Truth and reason go together. Believing truth is logical. Rejecting truth is illogical.

Paul taught Christians to follow Jesus Christ, *speaking the truth in love.* (Ephesians 4:15) Some people justify lying, claiming love. Truth and love go together.

Here are a few areas of truth, important for all people to consider and pursue—

1. How did all physical things begin?
2. Did God make man or did man make god?
3. Is it possible that man wrote the Bible without God's help?
4. Did Jesus return to life after dying?
5. Will I return to life after dying?
6. Is faith/belief blind or based on evidence?

Why Search for Absolute, Moral Truth?

Before we can answer "What is truth?," we might ask "Is truth?" -- does absolute, moral truth exist?

If no moral truth exists, no conduct is universally acceptable or unacceptable. Each of us can decide whether we want to live in a way that we approve of, we don't approve of, others approve of, or others don't approve of. This means that hate, love, prejudice, equality, deceit, integrity, attack, defense, theft, and giving are equal in moral value and validity. Do you believe this?

If we consider looking for moral truth, we realize it often involves ideas, not always evident by sight or measurement. Can we believe in things we can't see or measure? Most people believe in love, hate, happiness, and misery. We all believe in some things, in the absence of sight or measurement.

If we continue looking for moral truth, we need a reliable source. Where will we look? Will we look to non-life or plants, having no knowledge? Will we look to animals, having inferior knowledge? Will I look within myself, a source of limited knowledge? Will we look to other people, having more yet still limited knowledge? Will we look beyond mankind, for a potential source of superior knowledge?

What is a word for someone superior to man in nature and knowledge? Deity. There are many claims about *this* deity and *that* deity. Each claim ought to have the evidence that proves the claim. What is the evidence that the Bible is from God? The Bible is realistic, as most places named are visitable, verifiable places. The Bible is credible, recording multiple accounts of the same events and also consistent with archaeology. The Bible is reliable, remaining unchanged over thousands of years. The Bible is proven to be of divine origin by prophecy and fulfilled prophecy—something no other book has to offer. Are the Book of Mormon, the Vedas, the Koran, and other religious writings realistic, credible, reliable, and proven in all of these areas? The evidence is the reason to search for absolute, moral truth only in the Bible.



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