

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #44

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What Is Truth?

"Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.' Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?'" (**John 18:37-38**) Pilate, representing government, had lost sight of what is truth. Though he was face-to-face with Jesus Christ, who is truth (**John 14:6**), he had lost his bearings of how to determine truth, like many today, it seems.

Truth suffers at the hands of humans.

1. Some ask: "What is your truth?" But this question acts as if truth is subjective, determined by every individual's heart. Jews delivered Jesus to Pilate as an "evildoer." Jesus claimed His kingdom was "not of this world" and to "bear witness to the truth." "Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?'" (**John 18:29-38**). Pilate's decision was, "I find no fault in Him at all." Pilate's decision was based upon "the truth." "The truth" did not depend on whose heart it came from, but from absolute facts. "Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?" (**Proverbs 22:20-21**). Each person does not determine their own "truth." Don't ask, "what is YOUR truth," but ask, "have you learned "the truth?" Truth in, truth out.

2. Do people try to protect us from the truth because we can't handle the truth? Do you believe "the truth," or what someone has told you as truth? Jesus told a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well what her life had been like, and she perceived that He was "a prophet." She told her fellow citizens what had happened. "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me all that I ever did'" (**John 4:39**). After Jesus taught them for two more days, "many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, 'Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world'" (**John 4:41-42**). Can you handle "the truth" and not manhandle it?

3. There is a constant media cacophony who deny, deny, deny. Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me" (**Luke 22:34**). When he was singled out, Peter did deny his association with Jesus. The rooster crowed, Jesus looked at Peter, "So Peter went out and wept bitterly" (**Luke 22:62**). The truth was still true,

though Peter denied, denied, and denied it. It was when Peter "wept bitterly," that he showed that he still had a conscience that knew right from wrong. There are those, though, who speak "lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (**1 Timothy 4:2**). These have no tears of remorse, speak lies to your face (or investigative committee!), have no feeling of conscience left, as they deny, deny, deny the truth without repentance!

4. False Promises, "They have lied about the LORD, And said, 'It is not He. Neither will evil come upon us, Nor shall we see sword or famine. And the prophets become wind, For the word is not in them'" (**Jeremiah 5:12-13**). False preachers teach false ideas and cause people to falsely believe that: **(1)** God either doesn't exist, or doesn't care, or doesn't help; **(2)** nothing bad can happen to those who obey God. This causes frustration and rejection when something bad does happen! **(3)** People who listen to them are "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (**Ephesians 4:14**). **(4)** Lies about God are not based in the Word of God, the Bible.

5. Worthless Religious Leaders. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, 'You shall have peace;' And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you'" (**Jeremiah 23:16-17**). What disqualified "the prophets?" **1)** They did not preach God's Word, but their own ideas; **2)** They constantly stroked "God-haters" with "God's love;" **3)** They promised "no harm" to the selfish; all of which made their religion "useless." It is only God's Word that lets us "be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith" (**2 Thessalonians 3:1-2**).

Truth Comes Through God's Word = The Bible

There Is Only One God. "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth" (**Psalms 33:6**). A short summary of the Creation found in **Genesis chapters 1 & 2**. Only God was "In the beginning" with power enough to bring all this into existence. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (**Hebrews 11:3**). "For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast" (**Psalms 33:9**). In **Genesis 1**, after the ten times "God said," the entire world and its organizing rules, were brought into reality. Origin and Design did NOT come through the "fictional god of Time," a.k.a. "Evolution," but only through the living God.

"False Truths"

1. Godless Evolution. Speaking of Jesus as God in the Creation: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And

the heavens are the work of Your hands" (**Hebrews 1:10**). The false doctrine of "Evolution" tries to account for this creation without God. **Without any vestige of scientific fact to support it, it assumes:** (1) matter always existed; (2) after a chaotic "bang," order developed over billions of years of Time; (3) humans came from animals. Did I miss anything? **The Bible points to scientific fact:** (1) matter had a beginning; (2) God designed the order in creation; (3) God created everything within a week; (4) humans are especially made. Did you miss anything? Of Christ, it is said: "All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist" (**Colossians 1:16-17**).

Evolutionary Contradictions. Repeating a lie doesn't make it true. "The prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, 'Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie'" (**Jeremiah 28:15**). The false doctrine of "Evolution" causes people to exchange "the truth of God for the lie" and worship and serve "the creature rather than the Creator" (**Romans 1:25**). There is no demonstrable scientific fact to prove it, and it contradicts Scripture and scientific facts! God will reject the immoral and "whoever loves and practices a lie" (**Revelation 22:15**).

"Evolution" cannot account for: (1) amazing design and detail; (2) a human's emotional heart; (3) cell DNA; (4) faith and hope; (5) an eternal soul; (6) or life, itself. **It substitutes** primordial goo for God; survival of the fittest for mercy; and racist outer comparisons for spiritual inner connections. **It is a blind faith** in a completely unscientific fantasy, and those who believe in it are living in la-la-land!

2. Transgenderism. Who decides what sex your child is? Jesus Christ said: "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female'" (**Mark 10:6**). The history of mankind has rested in this simple, biological fact. One must turn away from normal humanity to perversely alter God's plan! Once conception has taken place, the birth gender has been decided. Before birth, a child has not "done any good or evil" (**Romans 9:11**). After birth, a child must be instructed "to refuse the evil and choose the good" (**Isaiah 7:16**). Some parents feebly leave such a decision to the child, but God said: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (**Ephesians 6:1**). Parents should teach the child, not vice versa! Don't be confused: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (**Proverbs 3:5-6**).

3. Willful Ignorance Of Climate Change. The entire "Climate Change" fantasy is based upon so-called "scientists" piecing "together a picture of Earth's climate, dating back hundreds of thousands of years" according to the Environmental Protection Agency's website. These are the same people who cannot accurately piece together a weekly forecast etched in stone. These fake "scientists" really are the "scoffers" who Peter said come "walking

according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation'" (**2 Peter 3:3-4**)! They willfully ignore the evidence for the world-wide flood in Noah's day which destroyed life on the Earth (**2 Peter 3:5-6**). If "Climate Change" is based upon willful ignorance, how ignorant are those who follow after it? God's witness is that He "gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons" (**Acts 14:17**). God controls climate! After the world-wide flood in Noah's day, God decreed: "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease" (**Genesis 8:22**). Look out the window, and if the earth is still remaining, then it is still controlled by God, not fake "scientists," fake media, and fake political machinations!

The Power Of Truth

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free'" (**John 8:31-32**).

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~"Artificial Intelligence" doesn't bother me as much as "Natural Stupidity."

~There is a magnificent bias for truth in the heart of man.

~H. G. Wells, *Apropos of Dolores*, 1938

~Salute truth, even if she comes in rags. Hate error though she comes clothed in tradition, riding with a coach.

~Charles F. Raymond, "This Banner Year," *Just Be Glad*, 1907

~We shall advance when we have learned humility; when we have learned to seek truth, to reveal it and publish it; when we care more for that than for the privilege of arguing about ideas in a fog of uncertainty.

~Walter Lippmann, c.1917

THE BENEFITS OF GOD'S COMMANDS

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"He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die." (**Proverbs 19:16** NKJV)