

QA: How Can We Know Whom To Believe? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: How can we know what, or whom, to believe?

ANSWER: Always consider the facts and the source of your information. There are far more words with no facts than there are facts. Facts are reality. Truth depicts it accurately.

1. Facts Are Facts and Never Change.

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head *while* on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. (**Daniel 7:1**)

He wrote down what he knew while he knew it. He realized that distance from facts could alter perception.

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand. (1 Corinthians 15:1)

The facts of the Gospel hadn't changed, Paul's preaching hadn't changed from the facts, and as he wrote this their believed facts were unaltered. Always go to the source to determine the facts.

"I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." (John 16:28-30)

Either Jesus was or wasn't.

2. The Devil Is Real — His "Facts" Are Not!

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of *your* father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44)

When facts are known, the Devil's liars are exposed.

The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered. (**Proverbs 11:9**)

Discussion, debate, "draining the swamp" are ways of delineating between facts and falsehood. Truth has nothing to fear.

But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God. (John 3:21)

3. Consider The Source. Don't Keep Using Wrong Sources.

a. Fervency Without Facts Is False:

Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are *like* earthenware covered with silver dross. He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart; *Though his* hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly. (**Proverbs 26:23-26**)

Being dedicated to evil or claiming the Holy Spirit is lying about His Bible doesn't change fervent lies into the truth!

He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:4)

b. Laws By Lies Is Abomination:

If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked. (Proverbs 29:12)

Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight. (**Proverbs 12:22**)

c. Harlotwood, Headlnes, Headliners Are Not Factual "News."

Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing. (Proverbs 29:24)

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint. (**Proverbs 25:19**)

d. It is "God who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

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