

Blog: Truth?

What is your truth? Many of us like to approach the concept of truth from this perspective. What we decide truth is, becomes our own personal truth. It makes many of us more comfortable with ourselves. For some of us it may help us better relate to the world that surrounds us. Most people like having their own individual “truth”.

This perspective can be especially attractive to us because it may seem to legitimize our perspectives of the world in which we live. In turn it can provide us with a sense of authority by putting us in a position of power to decide what truth is for ourselves about everything.

By accepting this we may also discover an ability to create our own reality. “How?”, you might ask. Because we have assumed a position of defining truth in any way we desire. Thus, we are now free to receive information and shape its meaning to fit our perspectives of reality. So, while we can’t control all our circumstances, we believe we can define their meaning, impacts, and relevance in our lives.

For a long time, there have been foundational perspectives that assist us all in holding a common idea of what truth is concerning important concepts. These can also assist with a common interpretation of information and events. Such perspectives help us to live with one another as a family, community, society, a nation, and to work together with nations around the world.

Any perspectives that are based on the idea of the relativity of foundational truth, or especially the relativity of eternal Truth is a danger to ourselves, society, and our nation.

The rule of law is one of this nation’s foundational perspectives. Included within the rule of law is the idea that all people are innocent until proven guilty.

Once truth becomes relative within our minds it can be reversed by our thoughts and actions. In some instances, people are treated as though they are guilty until proven to be innocent. Our ability as individuals to communicate using the technology of email, and social media allows our thoughts about anything to be sent across our nation, and to other parts of the world within seconds, or faster.

These forms of communicating allows us the ability to identify others that agree with us. This in turn can be used to provide us with a confidence that our perspective on truth is correct. The result may assist us in dialoging with others, or it can be used negatively to identify those who don’t agree with us, making them targets for persuasion.

Holding on to the idea that we possess the truth is often a major power issue. If we’re convinced we know the truth about something, then it often leads us to think we also know the best actions to take that aligns with our self-selected truth.

As can be seen above the entire process of us deciding what is true ends up focusing on ourselves as the person with authority. Now, we can trust others, but who and what we trust remains our decision. The focus, however, remains on us.

Is there an alternative? Yes, and it’s the absolute best alternative. God sent us His Son, Jesus, Who was and will always be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. God, and He alone, is the final authority concerning Truth about anything.

If we accept God as our only source of truth then we will look to Him concerning our circumstances, what they mean, and what to do if needed. So, when each of us decided to put our trust fully in God, asked Him for forgiveness, and asked for Jesus to come into us, the decision on Who to trust was made. That's a done deal, forever.

Now, we need to talk to Him, paying attention to Him while seeking His leading. Then we have the possibility to do what the Lord leads and empowers us to do in Christ Jesus. Now, that is the Truth, and that's how to live it. [Please read in the Bible, in the Gospel of John, the fifteenth chapter, verse 1-11]