



Is There A Source Of Complete Truth?

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We live in a very confused world. “Truth” seems to differ from one person to another. This should make us wonder, then, whether there is a single standard of truth that exists, against which every person in this world can measure their opinions and know whether they are right or wrong. Is there a single source of truth that can even declare something to be universally “right” or “wrong”? Let’s consider.

1) God really does exist. You can be absolutely convinced that God does exist by observing His creation (Romans 1:19-21). In His creation, you should observe the order and design that demonstrates this universe could not possibly have spontaneously come into being from *nothing*. Recognizing that there really is a God is essential to your search for truth. If God does not exist, then “truth” can be dependent upon our own ideas and observations. However, since God does exist, we will find the truth in Him alone! For, as the Creator of this universe, He is the only one who has complete authority over all things that He has made.

2) God has spoken. God has spoken at various points in the history of this world. And, He has spoken in various ways. But, one thing that you must recognize about God’s words is that God has never said anything that is not 100% true. You see, one of God’s characteristics is that He is completely separated from everything that is evil (Revelation 4:8; 1 John 1:5). Therefore, the Scriptures say that “God...cannot lie” (Titus 1:2). In fact, Hebrews 6:18 says that it is “impossible for God to lie.”

3) God speaks today through His written word. Hebrews 1:1-2 says, “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.” While God has spoken in many ways in the past, He speaks today through Jesus Christ. But, how does He do this? While Jesus was on the earth (nearly 2,000 years ago), Jesus directly communicated God’s will to the people. Then, before leaving this earth, Jesus promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His name to remind the apostles what He had said and teach them additional truths (see John 14:25-26). The writers of the New Testament

(the apostles and prophets) wrote under inspiration of the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 3:3-5). Therefore, as you read the words that they wrote in the pages of the Bible, you are reading the words of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

4) God's word is truth. Since God cannot lie, these words we read in the Bible that have come directly from God are completely true. For instance, Psalm 19:7-9 says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." James 1:25 says that the law of God is the "perfect law of liberty." In John 17:17, Jesus prayed to the Father and said, "Your word is truth."

If you believe in God and believe that He has spoken to mankind, you must believe that everything He says is absolutely true. So, although there are many things in this world that are claiming to be true, recognize that there is no source that is greater or has more authority than the Creator of the universe! Therefore, "let God be true but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4)!

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