

Truth

My father was of the opinion that truth was a difficult thing to find. I agree, most of time. Epistemology, according to Merriam Webster, is, “*the study or a theory of the nature and grounds of knowledge especially with reference to its limits and validity.*” Oxford Languages renders the definition, “*the theory of knowledge, especially with regard to its methods, validity, and scope. Epistemology is the investigation of what distinguishes justified belief from opinion.*”

In other words, how do we arrive at the knowledge that something is truth rather than opinion? If one gives serious thought and analysis to the subject, the difficulty is rather obvious. Hearing the same thing from a lot of sources, actually has *zero* to do with knowing whether or not it is true. Hearing something from one source who is denigrated by many others has zero to do with whether or not it is false.

Certainly, many truths can be easily known. For example, if someone’s head is severed, he will die. If you step in to mid air, on earth, with no support, you will fall. If someone drags a normal carbon pencil on normal paper, it will leave a mark. It is easy to think of thousands of scenarios, which everyone agrees, under normal circumstances, constitutes truth.

Some have been led to believe that science itself is truth. Genuine, honest scientists deny that vehemently, but ideologies will still use that ruse for political or personal gain. Science is a methodology of investigation. The current Covid pandemic has taught us, if nothing else, that “scientists” are quite often at odds over what is true. And social media has become so self-absorbed as to think it is the arbiter of truth. All of this is vanity!

As men argue whether or not humans can even know truth at all, Jesus calls us to a much more logical plane, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free,” (**John 8:32**, NASB). Men can argue about truth, its limits and its specifics, but true Christians can and do know the truth that sets men free from the curse of sin and death (**Genesis 2:16, 17; Romans 8:2**). It is logical nonsense to maintain that humans cannot know truth. Our entire legal system is predicated on the reality that we can know truth, so much so that prison time or even capitol punishment hangs in the balance. Humans of even average intelligence know that we can know truth - not always in every circumstance, but we can indeed know *truth*.

The only *eternal* application of the question is whether or not *you, personally* know the truth that Jesus said can make you free. Let’s talk!

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