

Searching for Truth

Diogenes of Sinope (404-323 B.C.) was a Greek philosopher who is still somewhat famous to this day. He advocated for truth over nice manners, which is still a difficult balance in friendly circles, "Does my new hairdo look good, sweetheart?" There's a challenge for any man! But Diogenes is most famous for walking about at night with a lantern, holding close to people's faces saying he was looking for an honest man.

A serious search for honesty *must* include two things, finding truth, then finding those who will hold fast to the truth. It is such a controversial issue that many professors teach that man cannot know truth. I would submit that man is literally *afraid* to find and defend truth for fear they will become an outcast in their own circle of friends and family (or be electronically canceled by big tech!).

One grave problem is that established media outlets quite often hide or spin truth to suit their own agendas, political or social. Media outlets who do that become, by default, part of cabal seeking to either advance or defend an agreed upon mantra, rather than do the hard and often dangerous work of literally reporting truth and letting the proverbial chips fall where they may. Through either obfuscation or biased mistake, the truth is subdued.

I see a strong parallel in the religious world wherein truth (God's truth, not some human version of it) is not sought from God's written word, but rather a pre-determined, man-made doctrine is defended, even if it flies in the face of God's written truth.

In John 17:17, Jesus, praying to Father, said of the disciples, "Sanctify them in truth, Thy word is truth." Let's be frank, two churches cannot teach directly opposing things and both be right; e.g., one church teaches that Jesus *is* deity and another that He *is not* deity. They cannot both be right, no matter how loudly modern (anti-logical) thought claims that they can! I submit that every thinking person alive must, if he wishes to find truth, be brutally logical and practically careful in his or her search for truth.

Truth matters, whether in a court of law or the court of public opinion. All too often people are so afraid of public opinion that they capitulate by either agreeing with error or simply remaining quiet for fear of ostracism. When, oh when, will people, in general, seek the maturity that only comes from a restless, energetic, logical search for truth?

In Colossians 2, God settles the debate about the deity of Jesus in verse 9, ***"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form...."*** But notice verse 8, ***"See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ."***

Most people severely underestimate the depth and power of earthly influence, and when they do, the principles of the world become the basis of their thoughts, ideas and assessments of what they choose to call "truth," (or their denial of it).

Let us be gravely careful to grow the courage to see, understand, be dedicated to and then proclaim God's truth, from His written word, no matter what religions gurus try to tell us! Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding. Prov. 23:23.

