

What is Truth?



"Truth is telling it like it is."

"...our statements about something must match the real facts as they actually are in the world."

"This process of discovering truth asks whether someone's words match what really happened."

"The correspondence view of truth poses something outside itself as a positive test, namely *reality*."

"Truth must match the facts as they really exist."

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What was Pilate's view of truth?

What did Pilate do with the Jesus case? Why?

John 18:37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the **truth**. Everyone who is of the **truth** hears My voice."
38 Pilate said to Him, "What is **truth**?"

- Is truth what works?
- Is truth found in good intentions?
- Is truth a matter of perspective?

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Agnosticism: ultimate truth and God can not be known

Skepticism: we should doubt everything

Relativism: denies that truth is absolute and that it applies to all people in all places and at all times..

Subjectivism: feelings, emotion and intuition are the keys to discovering truth.

1. Why do you believe Christianity is true?
2. What are some things you are uncertain about?

3. What reasons can we give for believing that
Christianity is true?

4. Read acts 24, think about truth, ask yourself, why
was Felix afraid?

The Bible gives us reasons to believe that
Christianity is true.

Can you figure out what some of the reasons are?

Acts 26:22-32

"So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day *testifying* both to small and great, *stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place*; 23 that the Christ was to suffer, *and* that by reason of *His* resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles." 24 While *Paul* was saying this in his *defense*, Festus said in a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind! *Your* great learning is driving you mad." 25 But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, *but I speak words of sober truth*. 26 "For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner. 27 "King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do." 28 Agrippa *replied* to Paul, "In a short time you will *persuade* me to become a Christian."

John 1:6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a *witness*, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

Romans 2:15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their *conscience bearing witness* and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

1 John 1:1 What was from the beginning, what *we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched* with our hands, concerning the Word of Life -- 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us -- 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you

also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts,
always being ready to make a defense to everyone
who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you,
yet with gentleness and reverence;