

ABSOLUTE TRUTH

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Absolute Truth in a Moral Relativistic World

If someone tells you there is no such thing as truth, he is asking you not to believe him so don't! In our confused post-modern world, people are wondering where can they find truth or goodness. Where is the ultimate ground for morality? Whose morality do we obey? We must have a good, solid ground for morality. Is there something built into the fabric of this world that says this is the high moral ground? What is the best explanation of this? There is a God who creates, a God who redeems, and a God who is with us now. God, a moral lawgiver, makes the most sense. What do you find to be most reasonable?

Relativist: one who believes that truth is relative rather than absolute. "There are no right or wrong beliefs. All beliefs are true and equally valid. All truth claims are relative."

You need to stand in front of the mirror each morning and declare "I am not mentally delusional! What I believe is founded in truth and rest securely in, and stands solidly on, proven absolute truth."

It is when people no longer believe in absolute truth that we will no longer have a Church of Christ.

On the campus of many secular universities, you will find the quote written "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The definition of insanity is, in actuality: "making decisions that are not based on truth."

Truth is found and proven by archaeological, cosmological, biological, and historical evidence. If you cannot research and investigate the validity of a truth claim, then there is absolutely no truth to it. Are you aware that love devoid of truth is not love at all, but a lie? Much like a pedophile would pretend to love a child, but the truth is something much darker and more sinister.

Sorry to say, "you cannot save someone from walking off a cliff by telling them that you love them. You must tell them the truth." What if you telling someone the truth and risking offending them is the only way you could save their life? It would be insensitive and borderline evil to not tell them. How many of you, when walking by a swimming pool, and seeing a child drowning, would not jump in to save the kid? Well, I have to tell you that there are many people you are around every day that are drowning on our watch because they are making decisions and following belief systems that are not founded in or backed up by truth.

The relativist would have you believe that all interpretations of God are equally valid and equally true, and all lead to heaven when you die. The people known as the Amalekites had a stone statue of the demon Moloch whom they worshipped. The statue had two outstretched arms that the Amalekites heated with fire to red molten hot for the purpose of laying live babies in the demon's fiery arms as a sacrifice to their demon god. The moral relativist says, "The Amalekites worship the same God as Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, and Martin Luther King, Jr."

God is omniscient- “All knowing.” Truth can only be found in Him. If someone claims to believe in God, then that person also believes in absolute truth. It is a fact that is non-negotiable.

In the field of philosophical science, there is a law known as ‘the law of non-contradiction’ which states “two entirely opposite or contradictory truth claims both cannot be true. One is true, with the other being false. Or both are false.”

Philosophical apologist Nabeel Qureshi states, “in sharing the love of God with people, you must first find out if the person values truth or not.” If a person cares little about truth then they welcome in the possibility of being led into (having their hearts deceived), by every kind of dark evil or depravity.

In Syria recently, ISIS militants captured a single mom, separated her from her baby, and tortured and starved her for three days. At the end of the three days, the terrorists brought the hungry woman a plate of food. After she ate the food, they told her that it was her own baby she ate. If you don't believe in absolute truth that you can investigate and try and prove, if you think all morals are relative and that there is not absolutely right or absolutely wrong, then you open the door to being able to rationalize and fathom this kind of evil.

Atheist Robert Pirsig says, “When one person suffers from delusion, it is called insanity. When many people suffer from a delusion, it is called religion period.” Doesn't he mean, “When many people suffer from delusion, we call it relativism?”

> To stand the test, the substance of the truth must be weighed in evidence and measured by facts. Relativism asks you to accept things as true that run contrary to all perceivable evidence. You may put perfume or cologne on before a hot date. Did you know that in a mental hospital in Oregon, a guy smears feces (poop) on himself believing it to be perfume? If moral relativism made any sense at all from a psychological standpoint, then why is our friend in the mental ward?

Augustine said, "People love truth when it enlightens them, but they hate it when it convicts them." absolute truth derives from God alone. Truth is incendiary: it calls you to action and shapes your personality and moral character. Truth spoken to your heart will do one of two different things: you will either decide to align your life with it and conform your life to it or you can rebel against it. That is a choice that every human ever born will have to make.

It was Jesus who said in **John 8:32** "you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." In **John 14:6** He states, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." Later, when the Lord was being questioned by the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate ventured to say, "what is truth?" To which Jesus answered, "Those that are on the side of truth follow me." Biological evolutionist Richard Dawkins says, "In a universe of blind physical forces and genetic replication, some people are going to get hurt, other people are going to get lucky, and you won't find any rhyme or reason in it, nor any justice. The universe we observe should have precisely the properties we should expect if there is at the bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind pitiless indifference...DNA neither cares nor knows. DNA just is and we dance to its music."

So according to Dawkins, Hitler was just dancing with his DNA, he was not doing anything evil, and he simply couldn't help it? I do not want to live in Dawkins's world where there is no right or wrong because that is exactly what he is saying. No moral lawgiver, no moral law and you pay your nickel and take your chances... is that what is at the heart of moral relativism? Are they telling us that there is no difference from Adolf Hitler and Mother Teresa? Hitler unluckily received a bad set of chemicals that made him hate and kill people while Mother Teresa received chemicals that caused her to love and to help people.

> *"Come truth, although in swaddling-clouts, I find informs the judgement, rectifies the mind, pleases the understanding, makes the will submit; the memory of it does fill." -John Bunyan*

The Romans could defeat any army in the world, but they could not defeat the truth. Opposition can never hurt truth; it can only help to purify it and make it stronger. -Rick Joyner

In the heart of every human being there is a longing for justice. Justice is 100% dependent upon absolute truth. Truth corresponds to the facts; truth corresponds to reality, and anything that does not correspond to reality is false.

When you hear the first side of an argument, it can seem very true until you hear the other side. No one can really discern what is true and what is false until they have weighed both adverse opinions. So someone who only chooses to recognize the side of the argument that appeals to their moral whims, completely ignoring and even suppressing all facts and evidence to the contrary, is essentially a false propagandist.

The evolutionist teaches that all of our moral beliefs have been selected for "survival value," not truth. If so, how does this secular humanist's belief explain someone giving his or her life, or risking his or her life for someone else?

In the words of comedian Andy Rooney, "To ignore the facts does not change the facts."

Truth is inclusive as it applies to every human ever born. Truth is the bully that the moral relativist only pretends to like. In the discussion of ethics, relativism is an impossible position to hold.

R. C. Sproul says, "If a truth's contrary can also be true, no truth about anything can possibly be known." Yes, the basis of all logic is "the law of non-contradiction." if opposites can both be true then there is no difference between true and false.

A fool averts his eyes from truth to avoid the sting of conscience, but evil stares lovingly and longingly at falsehood and lunges towards it with eyes wide open. In comparison, a wise person seeks out truth and acts in accordance with what he finds- awakening the desire to attach to what is good and true. -David Lieberman

Someone said the other day that "one being able to harbor two entirely contradictory thoughts is a sign of greatness…" I think we have proven it here to be a sign of lunacy.

After 28 years as a believer, the moral law still stands out for me as the strongest signpost to God. More than that, it points to a God who cares about human beings, and a God who is infinitely good and holy. -Scientist Francis Collins (head of the famous genome project)

In fact, the leading atheistic philosophers (at least the ones who are honest) all admit: “one can't discuss the subject of morals without admitting a moral lawgiver of where the foundation of all morality originated.”

C. S. Lewis describes it as this: “How can someone know what a crooked line is without first knowing what the straight line was to begin with?” There had to be a source of ultimate good to begin with!

Famed Christian apologist Mr. Lewis goes on to state, “The moment that you say that one set of moral ideas can be better than another; You are, in fact, measuring them both by a standard more than the other. You are, in fact, comparing them both with some real morality, admitting that there is really such a thing as right, independent of what people think, and that some people's ideas get nearer to that real right than others. This rule of right and wrong, or law of human nature, or whatever you call it, must somehow or other be a real thing. A thing that's really there, not made up by us. There is something beyond the ordinary facts of men's behavior and yet quite definitely real- a real law, which none of us made, but which we find pressing on us.”

The Canaanites used to ritually sacrifice newborn babies by burning them alive. There is evidence that they would tie the legs of women together that were in labor, leaving her tied like that until she died! When they would conquer their enemies in battle, they would celebrate by smashing the heads of infants on rocks. If one does not acknowledge a moral lawgiver, then anything becomes permissible. It is a horrifying thing when we lose our sense of shame. I find that I do not exist on my own, that I am under a law, that somebody or something wants me to behave in a certain way. I should expect to find that there was a sender of letters: a power behind the facts, a director, a guide.

It is after you've realized that there is a real moral law, and a power behind the law, and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that power- it's after all that that Christianity begins to talk. When you know you are sick, you will listen to the doctor. When you have realized that our position is desperate, you will begin to understand what the Christians are talking about. All I am doing is to get people to face the facts and to understand the questions which Christianity claims to answer.

Remember Jesus’s words in **John 8:32**? What if the standards of God (moral lawgiver) are so far above imperfect human standards that “we are in dire need of being set free…” Truth always brings healing and leads us on a genuine path to recovery and peace.

Ultimately, I believe it has been proven here that you do not have an option. If you do not believe in and endeavor to seek out and abide in absolute truth, you will not be with our loving God who is an infinitely good and just moral lawgiver when you die.

I must close with a teacher I absolutely love: OS Guinness- “A truth well-lived outweighs both a truth well-stated and a truth well-argued. A truth well-stated is excellent, but a truth well-lived is priceless...” Live and stand for truth my friends because in the end, it is all that any of us have.