

What is Truth?: God Alone is Truth

The following subject touches how God and truth are related. We must approach a subject like this with reverence and a spirit of prayerfulness. We must ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate are hearts and minds to understand Theology proper. In the study of God, we are never closer to blasphemy than when we pervert theology. Since God is the keeper of all truth, we ask Him to grace us with a proper understanding of Himself.

PREMISE

God Alone is Truth

(All Truth Comes from God)

By stating that God is truth it does not follow automatically that God alone is truth. So we will offer the following arguments:

SUPPORTING ARGUMENT

God is the Source of All Things

Since God does not change, truth does not change (Ro.11:36; MI.3:6; Ps.90:2). Since God is truth, if truth changed, or if truth was temporal, God would be temporal. This would contradict God's immutability and eternity. Truth is necessarily immutable and eternal, thus, truth is not relative.

SUPPORTING ARGUMENT

Because Truth is Eternal, Nothing Temporal can be True

God is the source and foundation of truth. Since truth is eternal, but creation is not, it follows that creation cannot be true. This does not mean creation cannot be true. It means creation itself has no inherent truth quality. Creation is not true because of anything found in it. Creation is true because God did it. Since God pre-existed as the Truth, only He can be called Truth.

GOD AND HIS WORD ARE TRUTH

The Father is truth: "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God..." (Jn.17:3)



The Son is truth: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life..." (Jn.14:6)



The Holy Spirit is truth: "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth..." (Jn.16:13)

God's Word is truth: "Thy word is truth" (Jn.17:17)

OBJECTION

If we can never know the truth, then we cannot be saved. But man can know the truth. Man is just not the source of truth. There is nothing necessarily true about your thoughts, because you are not truth.

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The Bible has many occurrences of sensation, which must be true, since God's Word is true. We cannot know whether or not our inferences from sensation are true or not, but, God alone is truth.

COMMON OBJECTIONS



That Beg the Question

OBJECTION

If God knows all things then he must know all instances of sensation; therefore, sensation must produce truth because God is true and he know them. Though God knows what sensations we have, and what inferences we draw from those sensations, it does not follow that those sensations and inferences are true. God does know your sensations and inferences, but it does not mean God thinks they are true. If this was true, then everything we think would be true by implication. Truth is completely reliant upon God. What we think is not necessarily true. It is true only if God thinks it is true.