

The Search for TRUTH

Believing anything because you want it to be true, does not result in a knowledge of Truth. Yet, when it comes to spiritual concepts, this is the way most build their belief system, which determines their very Soul.

A portion of the dictionary's definition of "truth" is:

- 1) the state of being the case: FACT
- 2) the body of real things, events, and facts: ACTUALITY

Look in your dictionary to get a more complete definition, but each person's search for truth relates more to what the truth is for them.

- Who am I?
- What is my purpose?
- Am I a transient being, or do I have an eternal destiny?
- How do I obtain my highest destiny?
- How can I get what I really need?
- Where do I find answers to these and many other similar questions?

Stop and think for a minute on these questions and see if you have the answers you desire. Consider other questions you have. Do you have the answers you desire? Are the answers the Truth?

Much of our life we just respond to life situations based on what we have learned and we believe. We rarely ask any of the questions stated above and do little to find answers to them. We just assume we already have answers that satisfy our desire to know. Sometimes we readily accept answers given to us by our parents, our chosen church, peer group, or other relationships that give us a sense of comfort. We may read a book purported to reveal truth in a limited or broad way and readily accept any statements that help us to feel good about the way we are. The Bible can be one of these books.

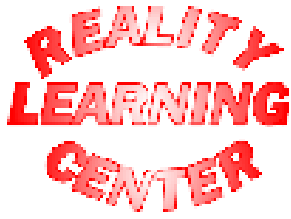
Are we different from others we observe or hear about daily? We all live on the same world in the same reality, but the world is full of individuals that believe that the truth is different than what another believes. Consider religion or politics. These can be two very emotional subjects when two individuals with opposing views discuss them. If you ask a Democrat and Republican what is good for our nation, each will have views that are opposing in many areas; but they are talking about the same nation. Yet, if you give each a math problem within their understanding of math truth, they will get exactly the same answer.

In the same way, isn't there only one absolutely best answer for solving a particular problem our nation may have—one that is best for all? If so, why do they have a disagreement as to the truth if both want what is best for all? The answer is simple. On any given subject, one or both do not know the truth—they only believe they know the truth! There is error in their belief system that they have accepted as truth. In most cases both probably have error in their belief system in most areas related to what is good for our nation.

By now it should be obvious that everyone we meet is likely to have error in their belief system related to the questions asked earlier, but what about ourselves? Do we have error in our belief system as to what is GOD's Truth? If your answer is "yes!" with this belief rooted in your heart, then you are ready to search for Truth. No one who believes they already know Truth is going to seek it. The world is full of people who live as though they already know Truth.

GOD knows the Truth about all the questions asked earlier and any others we can ask related to this reality. Throughout history, GOD has revealed HIS Truth to men just like you and me. Some have been diligent in seeking GOD's Truth; and it was revealed to them, **as they were ready to receive it**. This means they understood lower truths that could be used to form a higher truth and increase their understanding of Truth. This is called spiritual growth—the $7 \times 7 + 1$ concept (50). It is similar to building an automobile. The lower truths are understandings on how to obtain the various raw materials. The next level of understanding is how to utilize the raw materials to create the various components of the automobile. The final level of understanding of the automobile truth is to form all the components (smaller truths) into the automobile (higher truth). There may be more than three levels, but the idea of the process should be evident.

GOD's Truth is Infinite, therefore, the number of levels is very large, but we do not have to concern ourselves with that because we will never need to transverse all the levels. Individually, we will be complete as a lower Truth in the body of Christ. We only need to concern ourselves with the Truth we can



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understand. When we are complete, we will know it because our relationship with our Father will be similar to that of Jesus'. Therefore, until we know we are complete, we must diligently continue to seek the Truth for us.

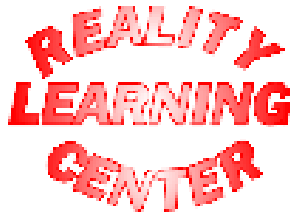
Is our Truth different from that of others we know? Yes, in a limited way. There will always be a Truth GOD has revealed to us that no one else knows because of our particular gifts and abilities. An eye cannot know how an ear hears and an ear cannot know how an eye sees. Their gifts and abilities are different; therefore, they are unable to understand each other's gifts related to seeing and hearing. In the same way they have many more gifts and abilities in common that each can understand. The Truth they understand and obtain in common binds them into the body of Christ. We will always be blind and deaf to the Truth we cannot understand or obtain. Therefore, the lack of such Truth can never trouble or limit us in anyway. We will each obtain our unique Truth when we are ready to obtain it by following the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth many, many times. It will not be anything we can discuss with others, but I doubt any of us are at that point in our spiritual growth yet.

Now it would be impossible to demonstrate the truth of calculus if we could not demonstrate the truth of addition and subtraction. The truth of addition and subtraction is a lower truth supporting the higher truth of calculus. If our belief system is true for all the levels of math truth supporting calculus, then we are able to understand and completely obtain the calculus truth. If we are missing one of the lower levels of math truth supporting the calculus truth, we must go back and obtain it before we can obtain the complete calculus truth. If there is an error in our understanding of one or more of the lower math truth levels supporting calculus, our ability to fully obtain the calculus truth will be impossible—until we return to the point of each error, correct it, and then return to the task of obtaining the calculus truth. This principle is demonstrated in the Bible when an individual had to return to Egypt because of famine or drought in the land.

Growing in GOD's Truth is the same. If we lack understanding of a particular level or have errors in our understanding of lower levels, we cannot fully obtain the next higher level. We must return to the point of the error and correct it. Unfortunately, this is where the self-serving nature becomes a hindrance. We tend to view ourselves as the person represented by the highest-level belief system we have. The self-serving nature has created error in that belief system at lower levels of our understanding relative to who we should be, and he depends on that error to maintain his life. As we draw near to the error in our belief system, we will get very uncomfortable and usually emotional. Find a friend and try the following experiment:

- 1) Determine a religious view where you and your friend's belief differs
- 2) Ask your friend to provide three supporting "truths" for his/her belief
- 3) There is bound to be one or more of those supporting "truths" that you will not believe to be true if there is truly a difference in beliefs.
- 4) Now three supporting "truths" must be provided for that belief. By this time your friend will begin feeling very uncomfortable. I doubt many can go down more than one or two levels without getting extremely uncomfortable. Since such false beliefs limit our spiritual growth, error is usually just one or two levels below the level of the highest level of our belief system. The error prevents us from building higher unless we are almost completely void of intellectual evaluation and completely self-serving.

If you do this to a friend without telling him/her what is happening, you are likely to lose a friend. The very uncomfortable feeling is the self-serving nature protecting his life! Now have your friend do the same to you. Observe how you react to the "grilling" because it will not be enjoyable. Of course, if you can easily provide the supporting truths, there may not be error in your belief system in that area, and the uncomfortable feeling will not occur. That feeling only occurs as you approach error in your belief system, and you have difficulty defending your belief



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with supporting truths. The more important (deeply rooted) the belief is to you; the stronger your protective reaction will be.

We should be able to trace our complete belief system back to first level concepts. These first level concepts should be able to be confirmed in this reality as true or, when we are discussing the spiritual reality, should represent the most likely conclusion we can have based on the facts we can prove. The latter is a postulated truth in that it fits all the facts we know but cannot be proven absolutely at our current level of understanding. Many of the truths we believe that are related to the spiritual reality would tend to fall into this category.

Because religious beliefs are usually supported by postulated truths such as GOD is, they give the self-serving nature lots of latitude to create error in anyone's belief system. In all cases of such error, there is probably a foundational truth the person believes that contradicts the error. The person just never reasons it out. A typical example is the belief that GOD is Infinite and then saying HE is three separate individuals with one purpose. These two concepts contradict each other because it is impossible to have an infinite individual unless that individual encompasses all that exists. If there are three separate individuals, then there must be something separating them—they would inhabit a reality that encompasses them just like you and me.

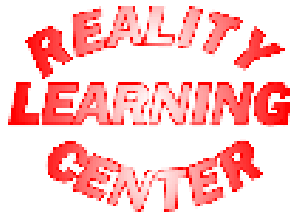
Since most religious beliefs are based on postulated truths, it is necessary to postulate foundational truths; and then use the foundational truths to "postulate" higher truths. As we do this we should be drawing nearer to defining that part of GOD we can understand, and we will be growing spirituality into the being GOD created us to be. We will become a finite individualization of GOD—a mature Soul. As we utilize our "postulated" truths in daily life situations, we should also get the expected results. If we do not get the expected results, then there is probably an error in our belief system and one or more of the concepts we postulated are not totally true. It is necessary to find such errors, correct them, and then "postulate" the truth that is supported by the corrected concepts (lower truths). Also we could need

additional lower truths to properly postulate the higher truth. If so, we must obtain them.

At this point it is necessary to add to the definition of Truth, especially as it relates to a living entity.

All things have two aspects defining them—Principle and Truth. Principle is that aspect of anything that never changes—i.e. water must be two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen to be water. Truth is that aspect that defines how the thing will change relative to its environment or changing conditions around it. Water does change its state relative to the temperature of its environment. This is a Truth about water. Additionally, Principle is a masculine aspect while Truth is a feminine aspect. For a **completely mature** living entity, masculine aspects (Spirit, Principle, and Intellect) are unchanging under all circumstances while the entity's feminine aspects (Love, Truth, Life) are unchanging only in that the entity's response to changing situations in its environment will be exactly the same for the same set of circumstances. Only to an outside observer will the entity appear to have changed. The Principle and Truth aspect of an entity creates the entity's Soul, defining what and the way the entity is. The following example demonstrates the necessity of understanding this concept in interpreting the Bible.

GOD's Principle and Truth are unchanging, but GOD's response changes in living situations according to all the factors currently in the situation. HE always deals with a situation according to its state at the moment of HIS response—not what it was two minutes before. Therefore, it appears that GOD changed HIS mind in a few Scriptures—i.e. Exodus 32:6-14 and Numbers 16:41-49 where it appears that Moses reasoned with GOD to change HIS mind in one case and used symbolic actions to change HIS mind in another. A part of Bible interpretation is to not believe the obvious if it may lower GOD's Glory in your mind. It would lower GOD's Glory in my mind to believe that any Man could reason with GOD to change HIS mind as though GOD was not already aware of all the possible consequences to HIS actions. The only other possibility is that there was a change in Moses when he realized that GOD would destroy the nation of Israel totally. His Love for GOD and



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his people produced a deepened commitment to the task at hand, and that deepened commitment produced a different response from GOD because of the changed situation. Moses' apparent reasoning with GOD was only the thoughts he had to go through to produce the deepened commitment within him. To believe any Man changed GOD's mind is slanderous in my opinion.

There are many such interpretation traps in the Bible. Therefore, it is important that we develop correct foundational concepts (truths) that accurately reflect the Nature of GOD. Those concepts then become "walls" around our belief system that keep out anything that would lower our concept of GOD in our mind.

We are not a mature entity, though; so we are changing spiritually. If we have followed the correct path, our changes are only toward a higher maturity creating the one truth we will eventually be. Most likely, though, we have error in our belief system and must correct it. This error supports the life of the self-serving nature who will protect himself in all ways possible. We see ourselves as the person he is, and it is difficult to do otherwise. He is the **only** hindrance to our spiritual growth.

Fortunately, when we recognize that GOD is the highest Unity possible and what that means, our task becomes easier. The concept of the highest Unity means that all lower truths support the one all encompassing Truth GOD is. As we develop our belief system, it is only necessary to insure that each higher level of truth is correctly supported with lower truths that are void of contradictions. Naturally, this process is unlikely to be perfect. When we postulate a higher truth and begin utilizing it, we will find that it does not fit all the life situations we expected. Therefore, we will have to return to the lower level truths and complete that level, or correct errors, and then postulate a more accurate higher truth. Sometimes we will have to develop these truths ourselves, but many times we can draw on the work of others. It is only necessary to recognize that any truth we accept is in unity with all others at that level and in turn supports a higher truth. Surprisingly, a child's comment might be the trigger that opens up our mind

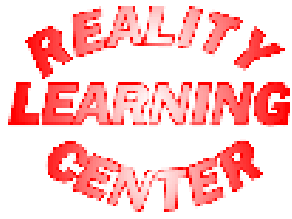
to recognizing a higher truth; so be very careful about considering another's belief unworthy of your consideration. Understand it, and utilize any good you can find in it.

This task is huge, but not as huge as it may seem at first. Consider the fact that three points in space that are not in a straight line determines a plane with an uncountable number of points on it. In the same way any truth is defined by a few concepts (laws) that define the plane a truth is. That truth then applies to an uncountable number of situations. This truth is actually the "intent" of the laws helping us to recognize it. *Therefore, we only have to correctly postulate the "intent" of laws that apply to the physical reality to postulate a correct truth in our heart that applies to an uncountable number of life situations.*

By now we should better understand the true meaning of "faith". Faith is not blind. It is a true awareness of GOD. As we build higher and higher levels of truth, our awareness of GOD will be growing. We will understand more and more of HIS Purpose. We will be seeking HIS Purpose more and more and seek our self-serving purpose less and less. The self-serving life will be diminishing while eternal life will be increasing in us. If our Spirit is focused on doing GOD's Purpose in most things when we die, we will only lose that part of our self that still supports the life of the self-serving nature—little will be taken away (Matt 25:14-30, Luke 12:42-48). Although we may still see our self, to a small degree, according to what supports the life of the self-serving nature, it will be through ignorance—we will not know our Master's will in that area of our life.

Now that we understand the process of growing in Truth, how do we begin to develop a belief system while minimizing the potential for error to creep in? There are two main concepts I feel we need to follow very diligently.

- 1) Never accept any concept that lowers GOD in your mind and attribute to HIM the highest level of perfection you can postulate.
- 2) Be diligent in understanding your self-serving nature. Do not readily accept any



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belief that sounds good because it “tickles your ears”. It is easier to see the self-serving nature in others; so always check to see how you may be doing the same thing in one way or another (*remember how Nathan revealed David’s transgression to him*). Get in the habit of relating life situations to how it affects those around you rather than yourself. Look for ways to solve problems to the advantage of all.

Of course the beginning of all Truth is to believe that GOD is, or isn’t, depending on which is true. If we only consider what we see to make this decision, we have to come to the conclusion that the most likely possibility is that this reality is the result of creative intelligence. Although we cannot directly prove that GOD is with our five senses, we can postulate that HE is because of the interdependent relationships of order we see in a reality that tends toward uniformity (no changes, the law of entropy, etc.). Why doesn’t GOD just reveal HIMSELF to us in a way that we can know for certain, such as speaking to us out of the air or some other way that is impossible to fake? This question is answered in the following manner:

- 1) GOD’s Purpose is Christ the Omega
- 2) An entity becomes what they truly Love
- 3) Love can only exist through the entity’s free will
- 4) Free will requires that the entity serve a purpose because they Love that purpose—not out of obedience to a set of rules in order to receive something desired not related to the purpose (self-serving)
- 5) If GOD revealed HIMSELF directly, obedience for self-serving reasons would be the most likely result. The concept of GOD can be overwhelming because that concept also puts us in a very small position. Obedience would tend to be through fear (self-serving) rather than Love.

The highest concept of GOD I can imagine is that HE is infinite. This means He encompasses all that exists

(Reality). HE is also FIRST CAUSE. Therefore, ALL that happens serves HIS Purpose in one way or another—even what we call evil (the work of the self-serving nature). GOD did not create evil, but tolerates it as a necessity to accomplishing HIS Purpose. Evil at least creates a contrast between what is good and itself—essentially serving GOD’s Purpose. No entity created by GOD is totally evil, and all began perfect. Satan is totally evil and, therefore, was not created by GOD. These statements are properly supported in other writings associated with this writing.

It is very important that anyone searching for Truth build the foundational concepts to support their belief system as it grows in Truth. The Reality Learning Center web site at bibleseek.com has attempted to do this. As a result there are many beliefs stated that do not agree with those professed by the Christian churches; but, if you understand the foundation concepts presented and build on them, you will find that you can unify more of the Bible’s concepts than you were able to do before.

May GOD bless your efforts to seek only Truth!