

## DISCOVERING TRUTH

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*We're witnessing a whole generation who regard facts as more or less optional. They're being taught that it's important to have views, but they're not being taught to know what they are talking about. It's essential to hear opposing viewpoints and even more important to learn how to distinguish the differences... to establish the point with the most evidence or logic behind it. However, the majority are being taught to run with whatever feels or sounds good. No science, discipline or culture can survive when built on these flawed principles.*

*There are two principle truths that need to be established before any other truth can have any lasting relevance to humanity. The first is... is human life the result of purposeful creation or mindless evolution? Secondly, if God exists, does he offer any proof to the human race that he has a purpose and plan for us? If there is no purpose or plan, we are irrelevant and our beliefs are meaningless. A clear mind is a great asset.*

**The first step is to establish God's existence...** **JOH 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the **truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jesus offers a clear and precise method of establishing the existence of spiritual forces and their purposes. He speaks of the Holy Spirit using it as evidence of his creation and confirmation of his personal involvement with us. Mark 16, v16 onwards reveals speaking in tongues as a sign for those seeking real truth, for those who will hear the other side of the argument. The Holy Spirit is more than just a term... **JOH 14:17** Even the **Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. Even though the Spirit is a source of truth... evidence of God and his plans. It is still rejected by most people.

**God warns of the deceit of natural reasoning.** **ISA:20** Woe (pain and failure) unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! **22** Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: **23** Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! This is done by replacing survivable culture with short term pleasures and ideological theory. Any attempt to debate modern theories, is met with abuse and insults...

*People are labeled 'homophobic' because they disagree with 'enlightened' moral values.*

*People are labeled 'Islamophobic' if they disagree with Muslim immigration.*

*People are labeled 'racist' or 'hate speakers' if they make accurate observations about groups or cultures.*

*People label others as 'deniers' because they disagree over the causes and impacts of 'climate change'.*

*These slogans are nothing more than attempts to shut down honest debate by a side whose argument or evidence cannot survive open and honest discussion. The history of long gone empires, and the bible record, equally bear witness (truth) to the foolishness which many of our 'progressive' thinkers refuse to accept.*

**The failure of Sodom was clear to everyone, but none had the desire or motivation to turn to God for a solution.** *When the problems are bigger than the people can bear, then God intervenes.*

**2PET 2:7** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: **8** (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;) **9** **The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations**, (*the answer is in front of you*) and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: **10** But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise **government** (*being directed*). Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. **11** Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. **12** But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; *The righteous (those who promote and exercise spiritual, ethical and moral values) are preserved and the others are destroyed... quite simple really.*

**This is the solution offered to the church...** **2TIM 4:1** I charge thee (*give you orders*) therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2** **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, **having itching ears** (*a desire to only hear that which suits their argument... most western cultures are already at this point of denial*); **4** **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.** *The truth has to be available before it can be discovered. We also have to be available to speak it, before people can hear it. Simply, it's up to you and me to bring the gospel to a point where it can be seen. Discoverable truth is only a sentence or two away for those who God will save.*