

TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW

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"Trivia" comes from a roman god of the same name, who was very fond of spouting random and irrelevant facts. He was named Trivia because he was the god of the intersections of three roads, and that's where he would waylay travellers with his useless knowledge. Three roads, hence the name tri-via, Latin for three-roads. Thus, trivia (or trivial) has now become the label used against facts or truths that are considered unimportant or unwanted.

'Tell us something we don't know' is a more recent form of sarcasm used to imply that a line of thought or truth is now out of fashion and not to be discussed... it is implied that it has been exhausted or settled and nothing more can be learned from it.

Cancel culture is a much blunter way of silencing people who they don't want to hear (often labelled as hate speech). There are many more ways used by people who simply are not honest enough to face or debate rational facts. God has had to deal with these human deceits from the beginning of creation.

God is expert at revealing himself... humans are expert at hiding themselves from reality.

God always works at a direct personal level. MAT 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

When it comes to matters of God and creation; mankind has two ways to respond... face and discuss the evidence, or to deny, lie and deflect.

There are two ways to treat God's salvation promises. 1COR 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish **foolishness**; but unto us which are saved it is the **power of God**. God reveals both of them.

God has always been a God of proof and evidence... a pricker and mover of the hearts when truths are looked for.

God reveals things, bit by bit. JOH 20:6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, **7** And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. **8** Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. **9** **For as yet they knew not the scripture** (they had been told, but it hadn't registered in their mind), that he must rise again from the dead.

LUK 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned (two disciples [Cleopas and possibly his wife Mary... **JOH 19:25** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of **Cleophas** (Luke v18), and Mary Magdalene.] were walking and talking about the great tragedy of Jesus' death and the mystery of his empty tomb), Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. **16** But their eyes were **holden** (minds not opened by God) that they should not know him. After Jesus revealed who he was they saw things completely differently. & **V30** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. **32** And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us** (the true pricking of the Lord), while he **talked with us** by the way, and while he **opened to us the scriptures**? **33** And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, **34** Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Jesus revealed that he was going to tell them something that they didn't know.

To open the eyes of the blind. LUK 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. The eyes can't be opened until they comprehend what is being said... that is up to every individual.

And this is how it happens...

They were told something they didn't know and for many... something they didn't want to know! MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **18** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. **19** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **20** And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.** These scriptures are still working today and will continue to work until the Lord returns.

People need to hear, regardless of their response!!