

It is False that Truth is not a Powerful Force in Today's World

Intro: Truth isn't important in today's world. Unless you misunderstood, let me say again: Truth is **not** important in today's world. Let us discuss this for a few minutes.

I. POSTMODERNISM

A. This philosophy:

1. This seems to be the prevailing philosophy of our day.
2. One wrote: "to define it would violate the postmodernist's premise that no definite terms, boundaries, or absolute truths exist."
3. Dub McClish wrote: "It gives 'moral equivalency' to all philosophies, political systems, ethical systems, and religions. In this diabolical and irrational scheme of relativism, all truth claims are counted equal. There is no such thing as objective, immutable, absolute truth. Whatever one believes or thinks is one's 'truth,' but directly contradictory beliefs and thoughts are no less 'truth.'"
4. Thus, some speak of my truth or your truth because truth is whatever the individual thinks it is.

B. Politically truth does not matter.

1. Whatever is politically expedient for them at the time is what politicians will say.
2. Illustrated:
 - a. Global warming then climate change
 - (1) There is a mountain of evidence showing it is a hoax.
 - (2) Their attitude basically is, "We don't care what the evidence demands, this is our story, and we're sticking to it."
 - b. Building the wall on the southern border.
 - (1) Many politicians are now opposed to building it and have even said it is immoral.
 - (2) Yet these same politicians are on record as supporting the building of a wall.
 - (3) It became politically expedient to oppose it because they oppose President Trump.
3. Political party and alliance to it is all that matters.

C. Morally

1. Marriage and the home:
 - a. Live-in arrangements
 - b. Fornication
 - c. Homosexuality

2. Immodesty
3. Filthy Language
4. Dancing
5. Drunkenness

D. Religiously

1. Instrumental music in worship to God.
2. Divorce and remarriage
3. Baptism for the remission of sins
4. What people care about today is their feelings and emotions.

E. Quote from Dub McClish: "Thus truth, once generally respected and sought above all else, has thereby been cast on history's ash heap by very many of those born from the 1980s to the present."

II. TRUTH IS IMPORTANT.

A. Truth is just as vital today as it has ever been.

B. God is a God of truth.

1. Deu. 32:4 ⁴"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."
2. Psa. 31:5 ⁵"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth."
3. Isa. 65:16 ¹⁶"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes."
4. As such, He cannot lie:
 - a. Tit. 1:2 ²"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"
 - b. Heb. 6:18 ¹⁸"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:"

C. God's truth is revealed in the Bible.

1. John 17:17 ¹⁷"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
2. God's Word is powerful:
 - a. Rom. 1:16 ¹⁶"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."
 - b. Jam. 1:21 ²¹"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

D. It is that powerful truth that will judge us:

1. John 12:48 ⁴⁸"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."
2. Rom. 2:16 ¹⁶"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

E. That powerful truth has the power to:

1. Purify our souls; saving us from past sins
 - a. 1 Pet. 1:22-23 ²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently: ²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”
 - b. John 8:31-32 ³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
2. To change our lives.
 - a. That is to say we conduct our lives in the realm of the truth. It determines how we think and how we speak and how we act. We walk in the truth.
 - b. Jam. 1:21-23 ²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:”
 - c. 2 John 2-4 ² For the truth’s sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. ³ Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. ⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.”
3. Give us a home with God in heaven in eternity.
 - a. Acts 20:32 ³² And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”
 - b. 1 Tim. 2:3-4 ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; ⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

Conclusion: We are to buy the truth (Pro. 23:23 ²³ Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”). While Pilate asked, “what is truth?” (John 18:38 ³⁸ Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all.*”), we can know it, obey it, be saved by it, and reach heaven’s home by the Truth. Truth is as powerful today as it was when it was given.