CULTIVATING A VISION FOR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IMPACT

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of Americans agree with the statement "The best way to find yourself is by looking within yourself."



TWO CONFLICTING VIEWS OF TRUTH

"Truth"

Ultimate truth exists independent of us and can be $\ discovered, though \ not \ perfectly, \quad ultimate \ truth; \ the \ best \ we \ can$ through reason and revelation.

"truths"

Truth is up to the individual; no one is in a position to discover do is "speak our truth."

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JOHN 8:32

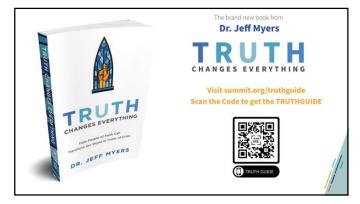
Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will *know* the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The Greek word for "truth," aletheia, means "reality."

TRUTH EXISTS AND IT IS MORE THAN A SET OF LOGICAL PROPOSITIONS OR MATHEMATICAL FORMULAS: IT IS A PERSON—IT IS JESUS

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FOUR AREAS WHERE "JESUS IS THE TRUTH" CHANGED EVERYTHING

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#1 HUMAN DIGNITY

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PIONEER MARVIN MINSKY:

Humans are "meat machines."

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"A PERSON IS A PERSON NO MATTER HOW SMALL."

GENESIS 2:7 נֶפֶש *NEPHESH*

"Living soul"

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LUC FERRY, AUTHOR OF A BRIEF HISTORY OF THOUGHT



It is to Christianity that Western Civilization "owed its entire democratic inheritance." **#2 SCIENCE**

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STEPHEN HAWKING

"There is a fundamental difference between religion, which is based on authority, [and] science, which is based on observation and reason. Science will win because it works."



PSALM 19:1-3

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard."

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ROBERT GROSSETESTE (1175-1253)



NICOLAUS COPERNICUS (1473-1543)



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"To know the mighty works of God, to comprehend His wisdom and majesty and power; to appreciate, in degree, the wonderful workings of His laws, surely all this must be a pleasing and acceptable mode of worship to the Most High."

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GLADYS WEST, MATHEMATICIAN (1930-) HER WORK LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GPS

"I don't ever remember a time where Jesus and His Church were not a part of my life."



ARE SCIENCE AND FAITH AT ODDS?

Of the 52 founders of modern science...
Only one was an atheist
Of those who have won the Nobel Prize in science
2/3 listed "Christian" as their religious affiliation

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#3 EDUCATION

ANTHROPOLOGIST MELVILLE HERSKOVITS

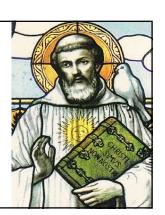
"Even the facts of the physical world are discerned through the enculturative screen, so that the perception of time, distance, weight, size, and other 'realities' is mediated by the conventions of any group."



DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

COLUMBANUS (543-615)



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JOHN WYCLIFFE (CA. 1330-84)

More than eleven hundred English words are recorded for the first time in the Wycliffe Bible, words such as treasure, mystery, glory, first fruits, grasp, zealous, conscious, communication, and persuasion. Wycliffe even introduced the word wordy.

#4 POLITICS

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POSTMODERNIST PROFESSOR STANLEY FISH

"You *are* entitled to your own facts if you can make your version of them stick."

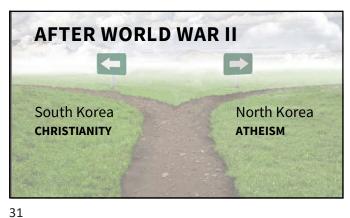


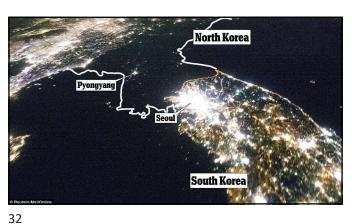
JEREMIAH 29:7

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

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