

Following Truth

Posted by Dr. Gary H. Cote on January 14, 2004

Truth is either absolute or there is no truth. If there is no truth, then all must be a lie. If all is a lie, then the lie must be the absolute. Since lies constantly contradict, then lies cannot be the absolute, since absolutes require total wholeness of intent, thought, and action constantly. A lie can be an absolute lie, that is, there is no truth in it, but it does not make lies the absolute. If all is an absolute lie, and lies contradict, then lies and deception cannot be the truth. Truth must exist and that truth must be absolute, and the truth cannot be that all is a lie. Therefore, truth does exist and that truth is not situational or subjective requiring change as need or view dictates. True truth will have no variation, no shadow, no turning, no twisting, and no perversion. Truth will be straight, level, and plumb, by which all else must be measured from and to. Truth is the constant standard. Truth will remain truth from every angle, and to the infinite measure.

The real issue humanity deals with is not the existence of truth, but mankind's acceptance and submission to truth. Humanity lives in a land of lies, where deception is the order of the day, every day. Advertising, politics, even sports all rely on deception, lies, to achieve the desired end. Every person resides in an atmosphere of deception that veils all we see and experience; and many rely on lies to forge ahead, to get by; we like to be seen in a good light by others; to be thought well of. Our entire world is baptized in lies and we have learned to live within the confines of this deception, for we ourselves are people of deception. No one has to teach a child to lie; it arrives "naturally." Most importantly, every person lies to himself. Choosing to believe the lie than seek the truth. When truth is presented, the lie overrides! Basically, we have three ways to respond to truth. We flee, we fight, or we follow! We flee from truth; we fight with truth, or we can follow after truth.

When truth arrives and our nature is confronted, often times a person immediately flees. This result began with Adam and Eve who hid from God, the truth! Fleeing truth is so much a part of our nature that we consider it an aspect of normal living. We merely wrap ourselves with a lie, a deception, and hide from the truth. When children are caught, they often times lie. When the lie is confronted, they lie again, escaping the truth. Once caught, and cornered, and no way of escape seems available, crying takes over; another attempt to escape the truth. This can be witnessed time and again in every home or school. Even the show, American Funniest Videos, will display this event occasionally as everyone enjoys the laugh. However, we must reflect on the deeper issue. Fleeing the truth is not a learned behavior; it is part of our nature. Many flee the truth by masking it in strength, success, or heavy dose of make-up. Some just avoid or ignore it.

Fighting with the truth is another method humanity employs to handle truth. Not wanting to submit, and too proud to flee, mankind decides to prove itself right by making truth wrong (self-justification—making oneself right). Words are the main weapon of choice. Arguments ensue, opinions flare, and worldviews clash, but regardless of all the fuss, truth waits for submission.

Finding truth begins with a desire to submit to truth, but it comes at the expense of exposing the various lies we have lived with and under. Following after truth requires humility and resolve. Usually the quest for truth results in a certain level of brokenness, however, the eventual effects will be freedom, because the truth sets us free, and confidence, because they no longer try to meet their standard of deception, the proverbial “house of cards” or “room of mirrors” they erected.

Remember now, God alone is truth! God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and Christ plainly said that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Christ is the Truth and He alone. Three choices await all of us alone, flee, fight or follow! Our eternity depends on the choice!

May the Lord grant all wisdom and grace to receive this message and live out its purpose!