

Just a Thought ...

Who decides what the truth is? If the word "truth" means "the right beliefs & standards for life", is there one truth for everyone or does each person or religious group determine their own. The first group of people who searched for truth - where did they get it? Why did they see the need to look for truth in the first place? What caused them to start looking?

Now, here comes along a second group of people. They do not know the first group. This second group of people also starts looking for the truth ("the right way to do things"). Since they did not know the first group, they must have looked for truth somewhere else. Chances are the truth that group one found is not the same as the truth found by group two.

People who study tribes & their beliefs have discovered that most of those groups believe in a supreme supernatural being that/who has created smaller gods to control all of nature & the universe (the sea, the rain, the plants, etc.). Regardless of how these peoples handle their religious practices, isn't it interesting that their beliefs go back to a SUPREME BEING who has made the rules for living & survival. Could not these rules or practices be their "truth"?

What about our "truth"? What if I do a bad thing? It could be hitting my brother, yelling at my mother, stealing something, misbehaving sexually, hurting someone. Remember in the early days - we might have felt bad or guilty about it. Where did that guilt come from? Is there something inside us that knows when our actions or thoughts are wrong? Is there a source of truth?

Help from the Bible ...

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 - "Be diligent to present yourself _____ to God, a worker who does not need to be _____, rightly dividing the Word of _____."
2. 1 John 3:18 - "My church friends, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in _____ and in _____."
3. Psalm 119:160 - "The entirety of Your Word is _____."
4. John 1:14 - "And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and lived among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the _____, full of grace and _____."
5. Psalm 25:5 - "Lead me in Your _____ and _____ me, for You are the God of my _____; on You I wait all the day."
6. Ephesians 4:25 - Therefore, putting away all _____, let each one of you speak _____ with his neighbors, for we are members of one another."
7. Proverbs 12:19 - "The _____ lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment."
8. Psalm 33:4 - "For the _____ of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in _____."
9. John 8:31-32 - "If you abide (live) in My _____, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the _____, and the _____ will set you free."
10. Joshua 24:14 - Now, therefore, honor & worship the Lord, serve Him in _____ and _____."
11. John 3:21 - But he who does (lives) the _____ comes to the _____, that his _____ may be clearly seen, that they have been _____ in _____."
12. John 14:6 - "Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the _____, the _____, and the _____. No one comes to the _____ except through Me."
13. Exodus 18:21 - "You will select from all the people _____ men, such as _____, men of _____, hating covetousness, and place them as _____ over thousands."