

The Sederotim
The highest court of
justice and the supreme
court of ancient Jerusalem

Pontius Pilate said "what is truth?"

John 14:6 (NKJV)

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Christ's exclusive claim

Living life with absolute certainty, that it's on the basis of the bedrock foundation of TRUTH; not one that is faulty.



Who is God ?

1 Truth is the foundation of life! If we're going to live a spiritual life there must be a bedrock foundation of certainty, so that we know we're living according to truth, and not false understanding.

1 Truth is that which conforms to reality: Reality is the standard of God's character; Truth is the revealed message that conforms us to that reality.

Jesus Christ claiming to be the truth, is the one who is going to conform us to reality

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)
2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Unless we have an absolute certainty of what we know, to be sure, the only thing we really know, is that we're not really certain !

Reality

The Rock: the unchangeable, immovable character of God, He is the bedrock, unmovable, reliable

His work or 's creation
Perfection is the standard of God's character,
Justice is the application of that standard.

1 From a biblical perspective truth comes from outside the universe, it comes from God

a) Psalm 85:15 (NKJV) External truth is Unique it's foundational and absolute
15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.
Psalm 26:3 (NKJV)
3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth
Psalm 31:5 (NKJV)

5 I say: Your hand I commit my spirit, You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
Deuteronomy 32:4 (NKJV)

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice. Righteous and upright is He.
Matthew 22:16 (NKJV)
16 And they went to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth, nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of man.

b) Exodus 34:5-6 (NKJV)
5 Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.
6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth.

c) The works of his hands = Creation; connecting creation with truth and justice.

Psalm 111:7 (NASB95)

7 The works of His hands are truth and justice; All His precepts are sure.

2 Knowing God:

1 Just as a person has to reveal themselves through communication, and what they do; God also reveals himself in the same manner

1 Man is a finite representation of God: Man was created, so God could communicate, incarnate and redeem him.

a) Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

b) Genesis 2:16 (NKJV)
16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

c) Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)
15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.

d) John 1:14 (NKJV)
14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

2 Man's mystical methods for knowing God:

1 Eastern idea: meditation = vacating the mind of thought, in order to discover God

2 Pentecostal, charismatic method: obtain a higher level of spirituality, through fasting, prayer and legalism; then God will give personal revelation or definition to his word.

3 God is Personal and Infinite:

1 God is unique from all other gods, and from all finite systems of thought. God alone provides the answers to the fundamental questions of life. God alone gives meaning to history and its direction!

a) Fundamental questions of life:

Why do we exist?
What is my purpose?
Is this just some cosmic accident as the Darwinist say?
Does my life have meaning and value and significance?
Am I no different from a rock or a lizard or a guppy?
Is there life after death?
Will I see my loved ones again after I die?
Is there a God?
Is there a God I can trust and rely on, who gives meaning and value to life?
The following are questions we all wrestle with in the light of eternity and suffering.
We want to know why there is evil and suffering.
Is there ultimate justice for those who commit these reprehensible acts?
Will God resolve the problem?

Personal	GOD	Infinite
Sovereign-Creator		Eternal Life
Righteous		Omniscient all-knowing
Just		Omnipotent unlimited power
Truth		Omni present present everywhere
Love		Immutable unchanging

3 Personal: He thinks, He reasons, He communicates and He reveals himself / He makes himself known

4 Infinite: God is bounded by neither time nor space, God knows no limitations in accomplishing all his will.

2 Personal attributes:

1 Sovereignty:

a) Before anything existed, God

Then God created angels, making Him their sovereign ruler, giving Him the right to determine their function and existence, establishing both their physical laws and spiritual laws, in relation to their worship and service.

The potential for sin: free will / volition
Lucifer rebelled due to his own volition. God sets the laws for obedience and disobedience.

God determines what's right and what's wrong

In God's sovereign authority, He determines how his creatures will have a relationship with Him.
Man's rebellious volition says no, I will decide the terms of our relationship.

Truth is what conform to the reality that God creates

God is the one who establishes creation the way it is, then he defines that reality, which is truth.
In that God created everything, there is an objective truth that we can speak of, and understand; a truth that is apart from our natural existence or subjective perception.

The regenerate man can understand creation and truth.

In God's sovereign purpose, he created man with volition with the ability of self-determination; in spite of the extreme views of predestination; that say whatever God wills that is what is going to happen,

Psalm 85:10 (NKJV)
10 Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.

The revelation of reality

b) God who designed creation, sustains truth that is built into it

Psalm 148:5 (NKJV)

5 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,

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God is Personal and Infinite:

In spite of the evolutionists perception, God has excluded chance from the universe

God defines reality