

## **EXHORTATION: A View of The Truth**

### **Part One: Is the Truth A Fact or A Person?**

Today, the world is in tumult in all the dimensions of human existence. In the physical realm, there is an increase in the frequency of natural disasters like the Asian-African tidal waves, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, mudslides, earthquakes, and so much more. The politically cauldron boils with global terrorism and the war to stem the attacks against innocent people. There are tensions between the West and the East over the development of nuclear weapons, and the danger of their being used by religious fanatics. Economically, these natural disasters have led to colossal losses of properties, sources of livelihood, aggravated the pre-existent high cost of living, and increased the incidence of hunger and food insufficiency. Socially, the divorce rates have skyrocketed, the family systems have broken down, and the population of addicts has increased. What is becoming clear is that these problems have overwhelmed us, and that our efforts to solve or even control them are failing. The result of this realization is the desperate search for a higher power, superman, or philosophy that can help us solve these numerous problems, and this is indicated by the emergence of numerous different religious and spiritual beliefs. Some people are searching for a great man with unearthly wisdom and power, some think the answer lies in making a lot of money, others say that Jesus Christ is the answer, while believers in other faiths protest vehemently and present their beliefs as better alternatives. Is the way out embracing eastern religions through the practice of yoga or Tai chi? Can we train the human spirit through stretch exercises to rise out of bondage, and somehow tap into the resources of nature to solve the problems we face? What are the origins of these problems anyway, and what or better yet, who can solve them? Somewhere in this supermarket of ideologies, views, and beliefs lies the truth or the Truth. To identify the truth, we first have to determine if the truth is just a statement of fact or a living force.

The central truth about the life we live should have a commanding knowledge of the sources and contents of the problems of humanity. He or it should know the solutions in all its dimensions and how to apply them to solve problems. If the truth is just a statement of facts, for example, a statement that earth is spherical in shape, or that a person has pathologically-proven diagnosis of cancer, so what then? These are impotent facts that describe the problems but have no solutions. We need the truth about our existence to be able to tease out the pertinent issues that are important to us, prescribe solutions, and then proceed to eradicate the problems, be they spiritual, psychological, or physical. Thus, the truth needs to be more than just a lifeless fact; it has to be a living force that is supernatural, three dimensionally potent and omniscient. The truth should be stable in nature, of impeccable integrity and as such never transformed by its environment. The truth should be permanent in existence so that it is incontrovertible, but serves as a reference point for all other things, and can ensure the continuity of the entities that it sustains. Furthermore, the truth should be compassionate, receptive, and benevolent to those who seek Him or it, in order to draw those who have fallen under to life and wholeness. The truth should be sovereign, and just in all endeavors.

It becomes quite clear that the fundamental truth is not just a lifeless statement of a fact nor an ideology, neither is it finite in nature. The truth that the world is crying out for is the Supreme Being, The Almighty God through whom, for whom and by whom all things were created, and whose love for fallen humanity brought Him down in human form in the person of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. In Isaiah 28:16, Jehovah said, **“Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste”**, and in John 14:6, Jesus Christ said, **“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** The Truth is a Person and He has already spoken. The pertinent question is, “who is listening?”

#### **Prayer Topics**

1. Give thanks to God, because He is the Truth, and He knows that we who believe are His, and reaches down to us, hears us, and solves our problems.
2. Let us repent of neglecting the Truth and at times rejecting Him by our choices. The scriptures make it clear that a contrite heart, God will not reject. He does hear and will surely forgive.
3. Let us humble ourselves and seek God concerning the state of our lives. Cry out and say, “Thy kingdom come, Oh God!” Because in His kingdom is righteousness, justice, peace and complete joy, as our needs, wants, and desires are met.
4. Pray that God will have mercy on the Church and revive the knowledge of the Truth in her. Pray that the correctly divided word of God should be preached on our pulpits without fear or favor, and that men should live according to these truths.
5. Pray that God would arise and heal our nation, and anoint His sons and daughters with the power of the Holy Spirit to provide answers to the perplexing problems of our days as it was in the days of Daniel and Joseph.

God bless you.

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