

The difference between Subjective and Objective Truth!

Subjective Truth

No one likes to admit the things they believe to be true may in fact only be half-truths. They are really upset when they find out that they have been misled on purpose. In the case of Eve, she was promised not to die, but to be as the gods by the acquiring of their knowledge of good and evil. The fact is she was misled by a half-truth, an apparent whole truth. She did not die physically immediately, but her relationship with God died through separation from the source of all living and she eventually died physically. She was not created to die!¹

Since the time of Adam and Eve, man has groped around in the knowledge of good and evil trying to find his way back to eternal life.² A minister of satan³ is not going to come to anyone and say I belong to satan and I am going to mislead you by mixing a little truth with lies to make it acceptable. But God knows the evil of this world and counsels us to buy of Him gold tried in fire. He calls us to reason with Him by facing Him in prayer so that He may reveal the Secrets contained in His Word which is absolute truth.⁴ We can learn if we are holding to half-truths! *By intellect alone, man cannot unlock the secrets of eternity so that he may enter in.* Man's mind is handicapped by the knowledge of good and evil!

Half-truths are also called ‘Subjective’ Truth. They are things that seem right and sound right and feel right to the unsuspecting soul who seems always to busy to check it out and to seek the Spirit of God to reveal and open the Truth. The scripture states that the Spirit of God calls on man to bring him out of the lies of satan.

Quote! Job 33:27-30 AV *He looketh upon men, and [if any] say, I have sinned, and perverted [that which was] right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these [things] worketh God oftentimes with man, To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.*

When God looketh upon a man or a woman, it means He feels compassion and mercy for them. This we can feel through conviction in our conscience. It also shows us that we are not animals and that there is a Divine Being who cares about our feelings and our infirmities. He will comfort us, protect us, deliver us and bring us out of our half-truths of gray, into His marvelous Lite if we let Him!

¹ Genesis 3:1-19.

² No one knows how long they lived in the Garden of Eden for the Bible is silent on this point. One thing is sure, they eventually sinned and were separated from eternal life.

³ 2 Corinthians 11:12-15.

⁴ Revelation 3:17-19 AV *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Isaiah 1:18-20 AV *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].**

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Subjective truth is a hard root to pull out of the soil, it runs deep. It grows by our habits and surroundings and is fed daily with doses of comfort and ease. The unwise soul compares them self to others and not to the Word of God and eventually they are covered with the vines of deception.⁵

Quote⁶ SUBJECTIVE = *Existing in the mind; belonging to the thinking subject rather than to the object of thought (opposed to objective). Placing emphasis or reliance on one’s own moods, attitudes, opinions etc.*

SUBJECTIVISM = *Epistemology, the doctrine that all knowledge is limited to experiences by the self, and that transcendent knowledge is impossible. Any of several theories holding that certain states of thought or feeling are the highest good.*

Quote! Jeremiah 18:12-AV *And they said, “There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.”*

Quote! Proverbs 14:12-AV *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.”*

Quote! Jeremiah 17:9-10 AV *“The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked (WEAK): who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, [I] try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, [and] according to the fruit of his doings.”*

It is well known that **those who will not admit their error or weaknesses can never grow in knowledge or understanding, let alone wisdom.** To admit the fact that the object of our worship, if different than what our mind tells us and what the Scriptures actually reveal is very hard. It takes a divine act of God through His Spirit working in an open conscience to reveal Absolute Truth. Jesus made a couple of statements that many stumble at; *“he that Seeth Me Seeth Him that Sent Me!”* and *“All power is given to me in heaven and in earth!”* For Jesus to have said this it must mean that as Matthew described Him, *“God with us!”* It was the Spirit speaking out of the body, made of a woman and not just a carpenter speaking.⁷

For this to happen, a person must become teachable. Except ye be converted and become as little children (teachable) you cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.⁸ Howbeit, when He the Spirit of truth cometh upon you, He will lead you and guide you into all truth.⁹

⁵ Proverbs 24:30-34 *I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding and lo, it was all grown over with thorns, nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, considered well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.*

⁶ Random house college dictionary.

⁷ Galatians 4:4; Matthew 28:18; John 12:44-45; Matthew 1:23;

⁸ Matthew 18:3-AV *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

⁹ John 16:13-AV *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for*

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Great is the power of submissiveness (a little child), for the Divine Glory, which (usually) dwells in the heaven of heavens, also rests on earth with the righteous who are humble. Isaiah attested, *“For thus saith the High and Lofty One, that inhabited eternity, whose Name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, etc.”* Isaiah 57:15.

Objective Truth

To conclude in your mind that the object of your affection is in fact as you believe it to be implies very real consequences.

One usually commits all of their resources to their idea which includes time, money and heart. The object of our affections however can quite often turn out not to be real, that is, not a true object worthy of such a commitment and can leave us destitute.

Take for example the young couple who allows emotion to cloud their judgment and they hastily rush to the altar to get married, only to find that the object of their affection is not as supposed and they wind up in bitter divorce and heart break.

So too, **many because of lack of knowledge worship a god like object that does not exist.** In fact, the object of their affection has never existed at all, but is only the result of some persons distorted imagination. These type of people follow the path of ease and comfort which leads them to a god that is only mere superstition requiring no commitment beyond their willingness.

This god can be what ever their mind wants it to be. They can live their normal lifestyle with a religious twist to it that requires no more than every day morality according to their society. Their beliefs are subjective and not objective because there is no object of worship that actually exists outside of their own mind.

Quote! Acts 17:22, 29-30 AV *Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, [Ye] men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too (religious) superstitious. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: “GOD IS A SPIRIT and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth!”¹⁰*

There was a woman in Samaria who worshiped in the mountains according to the tradition of her fathers. When Jesus came to her He told her; *“ye worship ye know not what!”¹¹* Quote! Colossians 2:18-19 AV *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head,*

he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

¹⁰ John 4:24

¹¹ John 4:20-22 AV *Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is from the Jews.*

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from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

The wrath of God will be revealed from heaven against all ungodliness in those who give themselves to it. The true God of heaven can be clearly seen if one takes the time to knock, ask and look. That which may be known of God is manifest in us, that is, our conscience. It is the spark of life given at birth which came from God. Romans 1:16-32.

Objective = Being or belonging to the object of perception or thought (opposed to subjective). Not affected by personal feelings or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased. Being the object or goal of one's endeavors or actions. Intent upon or dealing with things external to the mind rather than with thoughts or feelings, as a person, a book etc. Of or pertaining to something that can be known, or to something that is an object or a part of an object.

Quote!

‘The object of man's worship, whatever it be, will naturally propel him to some standard of perfection! He clothes his object with every attribute belonging in his view to a perfect character; and this character he himself endeavours to attain. He may not directly and consciously aim to acquire every virtue of His deity to avoid the opposite vices; but still this will be the inevitable consequence of sincere and constant worship.

As in human society man becomes assimilated, both in manners and moral principles, to their chosen associates. So to in the worship of whatever deity men adore, they "form to him the relish of their souls."

To suppose then that God made man capable of religion only and not true objective worship is false. The greatest and first commandment is that we are to; **“Love [commit to] the Lord our God!”** He requires it in order for Him to develop in us the highest part of His Divine Nature which is spiritual.¹²

Without communicating with God as a Father in our worship as His sheep, we cannot adorn His perfection. We as His sheep should hear *“His voice”* which corrects and chastises us while bringing us to His likeness. Religion alone brings us into reproach and contradiction with many opposing views that we see in Christianity today.

To examine the Scriptures of the Judeo Christian beliefs, **it is essential to the discovery of truth we bring to the investigation a mind freed, as far as possible, from existing prejudice, and open to conviction by the Spirit.** There should be a readiness on our part, with candour to follow the truth wherever it may lead us, and to submit, without reserve or objection, to all the teachings by our Object, if He

¹² 2 Peter 1:2-11 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge temperance; and in your temperance patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness love of the brethren; and in your love of the brethren love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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be found to be of Divine Origin. "There is no other entrance, says Lord Bacon, to the kingdom of heaven into which no one can enter but in the character of a little child." **The docility which true philosophy requires of her disciples is not a spirit of servility, or the surrender of the reason and judgment to whatsoever the teacher may inculcate; but it is a mind free from all pride of opinion, not hostile to the truth sought for, willing to pursue the inquiry, and impartiality to weigh the arguments and evidence, and to acquiesce in the judgment of right reason as the Spirit leads us into all Truth.**

The investigation moreover should be pursued with the serious earnestness which becomes the greatness of the subject--a subject fraught with such momentous consequences to man. It should be pursued as in the presence of God, and under the solemn sanctions created by a lively sense of His omnipresence, and of our accountability to Jesus for the right use of the faculties which He has bestowed.¹³

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¹³ Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853). Greenleaf, one of the principle founders of the Harvard Law School, originally set out to disprove the Biblical testimony concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was certain that a careful examination of the internal witness of the Gospels would dispel all the myths at the heart of Christianity. But this legal scholar came to the conclusion that the witnesses were reliable, and that the resurrection did in fact happen. Encyclopedia Britannica, Eleventh Edition 1948.