

03 – Reasonable faith – What is truth?

What is truth?

a) truth that is universal.

= There are solar panels on the roof of this church building.

... mind independent

... an objective truth.

b) Dependent on a person's individual beliefs.

... a truth that was in my mind

... subjective truth.

Your own personal truth world

“You can become anything you want to be” “be your own hero” “you do you”

... taken off in the area of morality and values

Why it does not work?

Firstly, morality and values only exist with respect to your relationship with others.

Secondly, a moral and values setter exists.

Truth is a person.

... he is the source of that truth.

John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth and the life no one comes to the father except through me.”

John 18:37, “the reason why he came into the world was to testify to the truth” and “everyone on the side of truth listens to him”.

Why this makes sense?

“Why is Jesus being the source of truth a reasonable claim to have made?”

Firstly, ... the one who has established how things all work and relate together.

Secondly, ... the things he says about life can be analysed

...coherent - do they hang together with other truth claims he makes.

...make sense with everything else we know,

... are his truth claims verifiable.

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- **What Jesus says is consistent and works really well even in a broken world.**
- **100% backed up by his bodily resurrection from the dead**

One claim to truth that does not make sense at all.

... the only truth in the world is scientific truth.

... the very claim is self contradictory.

= not a scientific claim.

For us today

1) Know the difference.

2) Do not accept false claims to truth

Ephesians 6, Christians are urged to first of all put on the belt of truth.

... expect to have to dismantle the false claims of others to truth.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, “we demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against knowledge of God”.

3) Jesus does make sense.

... the claim Jesus makes concerning himself “as truth” is a reasonable claim

4) Follow Jesus = Obey Jesus

... if you claim to be a follower of Jesus ... obey him in the way you live