

WHAT IS TRUTH?

John 18:38-40

INTRO: I spoke last Sunday on the day we commemorate as Palm Sunday. We followed Christ from Jericho to Bethany, where He had a Shabat meal with friends and relatives at Simon the Leper's house. As I understand the account, Jesus then would have enjoyed a leisurely Sabbath, which is Saturday, as you know. Then on the First day of the week, being Sunday, which we know as Palm Sunday, He spent the first of four days in Jerusalem.

Recently, in the Low German messages, I covered the 24 hours from Tuesday evening, when Jesus had the last supper with His disciples, until He was crucified and then buried, just before the sun went down the next day. After being captured and under trial all night, somewhere between 7:30 and 8:30, the words we will be looking at took place. Jesus is before Pilate for the second time that day. Today, that is the day we commemorate all of this. We call it Good Friday.

We won't look at those in detail. We are going to stop at the time when Jesus was before Pilate the second time, to cover something very important. Pilate had tried to get this case off his hands by sending Jesus to Herod. But Herod sent Him back, and Pilate is forced to make the decision. Our message this morning comes from this second time Jesus came before Pilate. John does not record the first time, nor that He was brought before Herod.

So, let us read John 18:37-38. Our subject this morning, one that very directly affects us today comes from verses 37-38. Let us read them:

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

Now a word that occurs three times in these verses is a very crucial word. It always has been and always will be. It is at this word almost all are made to stumble! What is it? Truth! And it is one particular aspect of this word that stumbles people,

which we will look at later. Let me give you a quote by Sir Winston Churchill, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened."

Pilate's question, a Good Friday question, if you will; is still most relevant for us today.

I. MAN'S EVER PRESENT PROBLEM

A. As Shown By Pilate

Let me begin by giving you man's ever present problem regarding truth as shown by Pilate's question: What is truth? I have spent time on defining truth in other messages so we will not spend much time here other than to say I hold to the historical view as to what truth is. Here it is: *Truth is that which corresponds to reality.* So I might say, this is a pulpit, and any rational, knowledgeable person will agree, if they are familiar with such a thing as a pulpit.

Now let me point out what the truth here is. It is not the pulpit that is true. What is it? It is my statement about it that is true. So, this is worth noting. Truth is propositional. If I said, "This pulpit is blue", that proposition is untrue. And if I say, "I believe this pulpit is blue, that statement may be true to what I believe, but the proposition isn't. This pulpit is not blue. What that proposition tells us is that there is something wrong with me. If I believe this pulpit is blue, my belief is wrong. What I believe is either true or false and does not change the truth.

B. As Shown Today

Now let me ask you, do we have a problem regarding truth today? How would our present American society answer Pilate's question? Well, we have an answer. We would say truth is relative. fLet me read for you part of a disturbing article put out by Answers in Genesis which was sent to me recently. A number of you read this article and I want to point out a few things in it. The title is: **2016: The Year Truth Was Irrelevant.**

The article is written by Avery Foley on January 1, 2017. He begins like this:

"If you had to pick one word to sum up 2016, what would it be? Each year, Oxford Dictionaries chooses a word or expression to "reflect the passing year in language." For 2015 they made a lighthearted and rather surprising choice: (and here they give a smiley face).¹ This year the selection was much more serious. For the Word of the Year 2016, they chose **post-truth**.²

Here is the first sub-title:

Truth—Meh, It's Irrelevant

The article then goes on like this:

*Oxford Dictionaries defines the adjective post-truth as Relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.*³

In other words, appeals to emotion and personal belief have a bigger impact on public opinion than truth. Let me ask you, what is more important today to many Christians, objective facts about spiritual life, or emotion and personal beliefs? Well, that is not too hard is it? So what is true in the secular world is also true in the Church. We go on:

In this case, the prefix post- doesn't mean after as it does in post-war. Rather, Oxford notes that it "has a meaning more like 'belonging to a time in which the specified concept has become unimportant or irrelevant'." So in a post-truth world, truth is irrelevant.

If what they say is true, the 'post' may as well mean *after*, as it does anywhere else. We are now in the time **after** the time truth was relevant. The article continues:

In the past year this word, coined in the 1990's, saw a 2000 percent increase in usage. Particularly it's used in the phrase "post-truth politics" in reference

to Brexit and the US election. Casper Grathwohl, President of Oxford Dictionaries, says

"It's not surprising that our choice reflects a year dominated by highly-charged political and social discourse. . . . Fuelled by the rise of social media as a news source and a growing distrust of facts offered up by the establishment, post-truth as a concept has been finding its linguistic footing for some time" end quote.

This is a very serious matter. It is the work of a pastor, a shepherd, to warn when warning is due, and warning is due here. The departure from truth will continue to grow and its growth will affect all of us more than it already does.

If the phrase post-truth was coined in the 90's, the life-styles leading to such terminology was in the works a good number of years before that. Not only was the secular world being prepared for a post-truth time, but the Christian world was already being prepared for it as well.

The writer goes on, *I wouldn't be surprised if post-truth becomes **one of the defining words of our time.**"* And I say, *it will be the determining factor for many things people want to or don't want to hear,* end quote.

And if post-truth becomes a defining word of our time, we are, of course, in very big trouble in the Church, and every sign of the times points to that. I ask you, are there many things in the Church people don't want to hear? Yes! Is that true in our community? Yes. The next subtitle in the article is:

My Beliefs, My Opinions, My Truth

It then goes on like this:

What exactly is a post-truth culture? It's a culture where truth is no longer an objective reality. It has become subjective. It's what's true for me—my beliefs, my opinions, determine my truth. Dr. Al Mohler, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, [sums it up](#) as the mindset that All truth is relative, all truth claims are relativized, and all statements of what might be called traditional or

*conservative moral judgment are just very well disguised efforts at oppression*⁴ end quote.

Now if truth is no longer an objective reality, we are in a post-truth society where *post* actually means *after*, as it usually does. Here is what I see happened. When the Christian world, in particular Bible schools, wanted to adopt secular psychology, guess what became the important saying. Here it is: *All truth is God's truth*. What did that mean?

While the secular world was making its way into a post-truth era, Christianity was making its way into recognizing that the secular world's discoveries as truth in the area they called *psychology*. What was meant by that is this: if the secular world discovers areas of truth helpful to Christian living, meaning with that, psychological truth; then what is wrong with Christians tapping into that area of truth with them? Just like math and other areas of secular truth, psychology could be adopted by the Church. And if it is in fact truth, say, just like truth in the mathematical realm; then of course, there are no moral reasons to abstain from using that area of truth in the Christian's life. There is one problem. Mathematical issues can be objectively proved; so called psychological truths have no objective proof. But that was Christianity's subtle argument.

And so, once the Christian crosses the threshold into secular world's so called discoveries of truth in such an area as psychology, he is now ready for the next step, that of accepting as true that which cannot be objectively tested or proved. This, of course leads to the blurring of biblical truth regarding such things as homosexuality. The Church, having already succumbed to divorce and remarriage, is now fully prepared for homosexuality. So this then becomes the next issue to be battled in the Church.

The article then continues sharing Al Mohler's view. The article says: *He provides an example of how this works. When a Bible-believing Christian says, "Homosexuality is wrong," our post-truth culture hears, "I don't like gays." Since objective truth doesn't exist in their minds, (saying) "Homosexuality is wrong" isn't an objective truth claim. It's personal belief, opinion, or truth—and an intolerant,*

oppressive one in their view—that's based on emotion. So it translates in their minds to "I hate gays" end quote. One wonders how close homo-phobia came to being the word of 2016.

And so, if one has bought into psychological teaching as 'truth' one is now prepared to entertain what the world says about homosexuality. The Church has become drunk with so called 'worldly' truth. But here is the crux of the whole matter. Is this psychological *truth*, actual truth? And the question is, how can it be objectively determined? And the answer is that has no objective proof and thus it is subjective. If it can be truth, so can New Age doctrine. But both have no proof.

And now we must ask: is the Bible authoritative or not? And if it is, thereby only, can modern psychology be measured. If the Bible is not authoritative, it must be left to man to determine what truth is.

The article then goes on with this next subtitle:

What Happens When Man Determines Truth?

And then it says, "So in our post-truth culture, man determines truth. Man makes himself the ultimate authority. This starting point, which rejects God's Word and the idea of moral absolutes, makes truth subjective. Does this work?" end quote.

III. THE PROPOSITION REGARDING TRUTH

A. The Essence of This Proposition

I want to make a proposition to you now. I propose to you that man's problem is not knowing what truth is. It was not Pilates problem, as he showed in his judgment of Christ, nor modern man's problem. Nor is it the reason why evolution became acceptable to people with an otherwise sharp intellect. As I see it, they all related. Here is my proposition to you: It is not really truth that troubled Herod, or Socrates or the ancient philosophers, or modern philosophers, or our universities and public schools. What troubled them? Why do we today suffer from the ability to discern between our right hand and our left? How have we come to where a woman can claim she is a man, when all visible, physical science screams otherwise? How have

we come to where the law says, "Yes, he's a she!" I will tell you the whole problem in a word of three letters: What is it? SIN!

Is it only because I have such a pebble sized brain, that I give such a proposition. No, even a pebble sized brain knows a man from a woman. But when the world took note of the disciples that they were ignorant and unlearned men, the world took note that these ignoramuses had been with Jesus! Psalm 119:99 says, "I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation." The greatest college or university education one can have is the Bible.

It may be an oversimplification to give truth in two realms, but we will do that for the sake of simplicity and time this morning. Let me give them like this. There are two ways in which all truth can be determined. These are general revelation and special revelation.

B. The Explanation Of This Proposition

1. Determining Scientific Truth

Now let me explain how truth can be determined. Let's begin with general revelation. Call this scientific truth if you will. I won't take much time here, since this is not the area that causes man's problem regarding truth, as I see it. Let's take the matter of gravity. The earth has gravity. You can deny it, but that does not change it. Nobody will argue that gravity is relative. If I say my truth is that there is no gravity, and I will show you. So I climb up on a tall building and step over the edge, my truth will kill me.

If I should buy a car from a person with whom my truth of numbers differed, and I gave him \$1000.00 because my truth is that \$1000.00 is the same as his \$10,000.00, in this instance, would be the argument, truth is not relative. All of a sudden my truth would have to match his, or he'd have me in court. If I went to school and was not happy with the teacher because I was graded for things where my truth did not match the books, I doubt that even today that would go over very well.

You see, in general revelation, we learn volumes and volumes of truth. If we did not agree on certain things as to what they mean and so on, we would not even be able to speak, because my words might not mean what those same words mean in the dictionary. To argue about truth in the realm of general revelation is stupidity in the actual meaning of the word. Amazingly, we are there today with this gender thing, but I would maintain that the reason we have this issue in the matter of gender is related, not to scientific truth, but more to the second area in which we can determine truth.

2. Determining moral truth

What troubled Pilate about truth? Why do we want to make truth relative? It is not mathematical truth etc... that causes us to make truth relative, it is sin! We do not want to acknowledge moral absolutes! Therein lies the whole problem. Why do churches not excommunicate? Same problem. We do not want to acknowledge sin. Why do we allow for divorce and remarriage? Same problem. Why is homosexuality a problem? Sin! Right here lies the reason why we deny God, sin. This is why evolution is taught. Sinner's hate God!

But that raises a problem: How can you prove moral absolutes? Here is the answer: Special Revelation! And just what is special revelation? It is truth that comes from some divine personage about morals. And here is the question: Can such a personage, in fact, be determined to exist? If you can prove there is no God, then of course, moral absolutes do not exist, and might makes right. And people might agree that might makes right. Evolution teaches this; survival of the fittest. We agree until might decides that we are the ones no longer fit to live. Then we have a problem.

So, can the existence of God be proved? Yes. How? By evidence! Can evolution be proved? No! Why not? Lack of evidence! Well, they have a few things that can be construed that way. Can historical facts be proved? Yes, if there is enough evidence. I think it is without question that one must agree that the teaching of evolution is a faith. All it has is

some evidence that might be used to point that way. Faith is based on evidence.

Now let me ask, is there evidence for a Creator? Well, there are a number of ways that can be demonstrated. I think one of the greatest is this: design. General revelation is full of evidence from design alone. And if there is design, there must be a designer. Let me quote here from my notes on the Catechism where it deals with this subject, and I quote:

Evidence from reason: Though we do not rely on rationalistic arguments to prove spiritual truth yet when it falls clearly in line with Biblical teaching we must not deny its use. Various rational arguments have been put forth by theologians over the years. There is first the cosmological argument which says everything begun must have an adequate cause. The world is in existence and must have an adequate cause. Of course there could be no less of a cause than God. The teleological argument says that order and useful arrangement of things imply intelligence and purpose and these do not happen by chance. The ontological argument says that the intuitive idea of a God proves there is a God. Why would all people everywhere have the idea of God if there is no God? The moral reason argues that man intuitively knows there is right and wrong.

Those four proofs (and it should read, four lines of evidence) that there is a God outweigh by far all other arguments that there is no God for there are no proofs that there is no God. Surely the Scripture that says, "The fool has said in his heart there is no God" is correct (Ps. 14:1; 53:1).

Now each of those lines of reasoning need at least a whole message. But let us consider just one, the teleological argument. It says order and useful arrangement imply intelligence and purpose. (Illustrate with a pen?) Now the evidence from one cell in our bodies is enough evidence to satisfy an objective mind that there is a God. I was in a

discussion with a certain person many years ago. He said, "Prove to me there is a God." I picked a dandelion flower and said, "Here." Anybody that will study just a dandelion alone, its cells, color, food, and reproduction, and does not recognize a God is a fool.

A single cell alone, is volumes of evidence, more evidence than evolution will ever dig up. And somebody tell me how many cells we have in our bodies? Many years ago I copied this from a message by Ken Ham. Let me read it:

-Our bodies contain about 30 trillion cells. Inside each cell is a little porous bag called a nucleus. It contains millions of components right in this little sphere. A microbiologist friend of mine has likened that nucleus to what's as complex as the city of Tokyo. There are millions of components. Some of them are producing things, some consuming things, there are electrical and chemical messages that are going back and forth, sometimes millions per second. It is very, very complex. In fact that nucleus is almost a miniature universe in itself. But the most interesting thing in my opinion, are the 23 pairs of chromosomes that you have. You receive one set of 23 from your father and one set of 23 from your mother. They're all curled up and scrunched together like little springs. If we could take those springs and stretch them out there would be a long skinny strand about 7 feet long. But when we stretch it out it would become so thin you couldn't even see it under a electron microscope. But if we could take a little piece of that and magnify it a hundred million times it would look like this. Now there is a fantastic amount of information coded on this long 7 foot strand as we see it. A fantastic amount! That information determines for example what you look like. And that explains, doesn't it, why I'm so good looking? Explains the why you are the way you are too. It's like a computer program. It tells every cell in

your body how it is to operate from the very instant you're conceived until the day you die. It's a marvelous piece of information. Now let's consider just how much genetic material you have in your body. Sometimes this material goes by the name of the DNA or the nucleic acid or the genetic material or the genes: all means about the same thing. But let's consider the following. You see this 7 foot long tape here. How long do you think it would become if we hooked all 30 trillion cells worth together? You think it would stretch across the United States? You think it would go around the earth? It would go from here to the moon over a hundred thousand times! Now let's consider the following: If we scooped up all that DNA that would stretch from here to the moon over a hundred thousand times, it would not fill two teaspoons. Remember it's very, very thin. Now let's look at it another way. You see this 7 foot long tape: if we reduced that information that's stored on that tape, very densely stored information, it would fill a very rich library of over four thousand volumes. Can you picture four thousand books? Can you picture this stage lined with books from one end to the other maybe 8 feet tall? That would be about four thousand books. You've got that much information crammed into every cell of your body and every cell has a duplicate set of those four thousand volumes. Now I want you to think big. See these four thousand books. How big a room do you think it would take if we were to reduce all 30 trillion cells of your body to their 4000 book equivalent? Do you think it would fill this huge auditorium? You don't think it would? Who has an idea how big a room it would take? I know many of you have been to the Grand Canyon. If we were to reduce every cell to its four thousand book equivalent it would fill this Grand Canyon to overflowing 40 times! And you probably don't have a good feel for how big that Grand Canyon is. Sure, it's a mile deep; it's several miles wide, maybe 3-

20 miles depending on where you're standing but it stretches out laterally for 200 miles. You have got a fantastic amount of information built into you're body. You are intricately designed; you are extremely complex!

That is one cell! Each of our bodies, scientists say, have 30 trillion of those! Then study the skin or bones or blood or the organs; and the more you study, the greater is the fool who denies a designer!

But our problem to determining moral absolutes is not over yet. Once we break with sinful, human pride and admit that God exists, now we have the task of finding out who this God is, or if there is only one etc... Let me read to you from my notes on a course called General Bible Introduction. It is a course on how we got the Bible. Here are the first lines of this course:

Try to think of life for a moment, as to how it would be without the Bible. No divine direction in life. No personal relationship with God, as Paul describes us before salvation, "...having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12). That's how it was with the great Greek thinkers in the past. The following is a discussion of Socrates with some of his students regarding immortality. "In the course of the conversation one of them, Simmias, made the following statement: 'I think a man's duty is one of two things: either to be taught or to find out where truth is, or if he cannot, at least to take the best possible human doctrine and the hardest to disprove, and to ride on this like a raft over the waters of life and take the risk; unless he could have a more seaworthy vessel to carry him more safely and with less danger, some divine doctrine [or, as Jowett translates it, 'some word of God'] to bring him through.'" (The Bible: The Living Word of Revelation pg 13). End quote.

And so we ask, is there such a word of God, and is there enough evidence for it? Now listen to this

part of what this philosopher said, *'I think a man's duty is one of two things: either to be taught or to find out where truth is...* You see, the one key thing, way back there was truth. And it is clear to me, that the central issue of truth he was after was moral truth!

Now can the Bible be shown to be the truth? Well, let me point you to a message available on sermonaudio from this church called, "Is The Bible The Word Of God?" It is available on sermonaudio.com/mecl. The evidence is so overwhelming, that to an objective mind it must be deemed conclusive. And if it is in fact the Word of God, then the God revealed in the Bible is the one true God.

You see, the only way we can know truth exists in the material realm is that we can reason. Truth is propositional. If one cannot reason, nor can one make or understand propositions. But reason also plays a very important part in determining truth in the spiritual realm. In the message I spoke of I give ten lines of evidence that the Bible is the Word of God. Let me give you the greatest proof from reason that the Bible is the Word of God in my estimation. It is prophecy. Let me give you an example. Last year, just one day before the elections in the United States, very few would have predicted that Donald Trump would become the president. In the OT, when a man claimed to be a prophet, and his prophecy did not come true he was to die. No man alive would have dared prophecy that Donald Trump would become the president just one day before the elections, if he was to die the next day if he was wrong.

Let me give you one quote from the message I have mentioned:

Sir Isaac Newton is said to have said of Daniel 12:4 "Personally I cannot help but believe that these words refer to the end of the times. Men will travel from country to country in an unprecedented manner. There may be some inventions which will enable people to travel much more quickly than they

do now." Newton went on to speculate that this speed might exceed 50 miles per hour. This was around 1680 A.D. Some 80 years later, the famous French atheist, Voltaire read Newton's words and retorted, "See what a fool Christianity makes of an otherwise brilliant man! Here a scientist like Newton actually writes that men may travel at the rate of 30 or 40 m.p.h. Has he forgotten that if man would travel at this rate he would be suffocated? His heart would stand still!"

Who is the fool today, Newton or Voltaire? And in the field of prophetic literature, do you know any book comparable to the Bible, the Word of God. Of course you don't because there is none! End quote.

So you see, we cannot prophecy something, proof positive, one day in advance. But the Bible abounds with prophecies made hundreds and even thousands of years in advance, and they proved to be true. Take Jesus' death burial and resurrection. I cannot take time for that here, the proof of that is easy to find, just in reading the four Gospels. And if you say, "Sure, anybody could write something like that", then I will tell you one thing, most simply: You do not know what you are talking about.

Now prophecy is but one bit of evidence. Yet it is irrefutable, if one remains objective. And in the message I mentioned, I give 9 other such pieces of evidence. No rational mind can truthfully deny that there is a God and that He is the God of the Bible. Jesus said, "He that does the truth comes to the light." I believe an objective judge would have more than enough evidence to be able to rule that there is a God.

And the bottom line? If there is a God, and He is the God of the Bible, then we find all the moral absolutes necessary for life and godliness in the Bible! And this is the book man hates more than any other. Why does man not hate the Koran that demands the death of all non Muslims? Why does it hate the Bible that calls for man to love his neighbor?

In the message I just mentioned, another evidence is the indestructibility of the Bible. The Bible has an unparalleled history, yet nobody has been able to destroy it, and nobody ever will. Let me give you just a little of that from the message I mentioned.

Voltaire once said, "Another century and there will no be a Bible on earth."

On December 24, 1933, the British Government bought the valuable Codex Sinaiticus from the Russians for one half million dollars. On that same day, a first edition of Voltaire's work sold for 11 cents in a Paris bookshops!

Ironically, after Voltaire died his old printing press and the very house where he lived was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and was made a depot for Bibles.

Thomas Paine, one of the greatest political pamphleteers in history, once said, "I have gone through the Bible as a man would go through a forest with an axe to fell trees. I have cut down every tree; here they lie. They will never grow again." In 1809 Thomas Paine crawled into a drunkard's grave and today the Bible sells many, many times more than the world's best-seller. In a recent year Guinness' book of records sold 23 million copies. In that same year only one version, the Good News Bible sold 58 million copies.

Joseph Stalin, who was originally trained as a priest but later became dictator of Russia, instituted the "ban on the Bible" purge in Russia and they went on a purge such as has never been witnessed before. He was another hammer that wore out on the anvil for today Russia is requesting from one Canadian Bible Society alone that they produce in the next few years 40 million Bible for Russia.

Where is Voltaire? Where is Thomas Paine? Where is Joseph Stalin? Where is the Bible? The hammers have worn out and the anvil stands as though never been touched by a hammer. Praise God! End quote.

CONCL: In conclusion, here is a Good Friday question: Pilate's question, "What is Truth?" It is one of the most crucial question you can ever ask yourself. Turn to John 18 one more time. I want you to see what Jesus said, just before Pilate asked what truth is. We begin in verse 36:

33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, (WHAT CAUSE?) that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

And what truth did He bear witness to? I need to do another message here. It is the truth about God and the major purpose was the truth of moral absolutes! And why do people not give credibility to the Bible or moral absolutes, or God? They are not of the truth! Whoever does the truth gets saved, Jesus said so in John 3.

38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" Pilate hated moral absolutes. Pilate was an ungodly man. But he recognized truth in general revelation. Listen to what John tells us next: "And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

Today is the day we commemorate as the day Christ died. It is an undeniable historical fact that He arose from the dead. And if He arose from the dead, all of what He said is true. And if all of what He said is true, then if anyone does not acknowledge Him to be both Lord and Savior, and does not repent of his or her sinfulness, he or she will go to hell. Such truths want to turn sinners into infidels, but the evidence is so overwhelming to those who look for it, that they must choose between life and death.

Go to Romans 1. I want to close with this. We begin in verse 16:

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

In the Gospel we have the moral absolutes; the righteousness of God!

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress (WHAT?) the truth (HOW?) in unrighteousness, (AND WHY DO THEY DO THAT?)

19 ¶ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (HOW?)

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, (AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, THE CREATION?) even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

21 because, although they knew God, (YOU SEE, NO PERSON ON EARTH COMES FROM SOMEWHERE WHERE ORIGINALLY THEY DID NOT KNOW GOD! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?) they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, (LISTEN TO RICHARD DAWKINS OR BILL NIGH. DO THEY PROFESS TO BE WISE? BUT PROFESSING TO BE WISE, WHAT HAPPENED?) they became fools,

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man (EVOLUTION HAS MAN AS HIS GOD)– and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. (SO WHAT DID GOD DO WITH THESE PEOPLE?)

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. (THAT IS WHY WE ARE WHERE WE ARE TODAY. AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD GIVES PEOPLE UP TO THEIR VILE PASSIONS?) For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. (AND WHAT IS THAT PENALTY? TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING SO UTTERLY FOOLISH AS EVOLUTION OR THE NEW AGE OR BUDHA OR MOHAMED ETC... ETC...)

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Oh, Pilate! Oh Dawkins! Oh Mennonite, whoever you are that leaves truth, be warned! This aspect of truth regarding moral absolutes is so clear, so concise, so practical, so good, so

wonderful, so liberating that if you deny it, you will receive the reward that goes along with such a choice: Eternal hell fire! What is truth? It is that which corresponds to reality!