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The quest for truth was the objective in schools of philosophy throughout the ages.

Key questions are: Who am I? Where have I come from? What I am doing here? Where I am going? In this effort, scientists and philosophers employed analytic, critical, inductive and deductive methods submitted to logic. Logic, like Mathematics or Physics, submits to precise laws that cannot be violated. One is the Law of Non-Contradiction: a reality cannot BE and NOT BE at the same time and in the same relationship. *Relative truth*, which is not truth at all, violates this rule: what is truth for one person may not be truth for another. If two people believe opposite things, and they agree that both are truth, then both are deceived by relativity.

Truth is absolute and objective. It is not a subjective perception via senses or feelings. Truth must conform to reality as seen through the lens of the Word of God!

While reading my bible one day, someone began to engage me in a conversation according to her perception of reality. She was a doctor from India. She spoke about intrinsic goodness of man, doing good and fulfilling karma to achieve eternal happiness; all gods are the same, all religions are fundamentally the same; the world originated through an explosion from nothingness; and perfection is achieved through reincarnation and evolution.

I began to ask her some questions:

Q: How do you know your affirmations are truths?

A: That is what I was told by my Hindu priest.

Q: How do you know the priest is right?

A: We believe because he is the priest.

Q: From where does the priest attain truth?

A: From ancient books.

Q: Which books?

A: I do not know.

Q: Who wrote those books?

A: Mystical people, I suppose.

Q: What is the source of truth for those mystical writers?

A: I do not know.

At this point she turned the table on me and asked, “What do you believe and how do you know it is truth?”

From my answers, it was obvious that my perception of truth was diametrically opposed to hers. Both perceptions could not both be true. I responded, “My God is One and incomparable to other gods. God is the primary cause of every effect. NOTHING cannot explode into SOMETHING, because nothing is nothing. I was made unique in God’s image, and I am here to glorify Him and my destiny is to enjoy Him forever. Man is basically bad and unable to do anything good to attain eternal happiness. Only God gives happiness to some. All religions are not fundamentally the same, even if they superficially appear to be so. Christianity is exclusive, having one Way of salvation—by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Evolution, in general, deteriorates, rather than perfect things. The species were created according to their kind.”

She appealed to my method of inquiry. At every answer, she asked the same question: “How do you know that is truth?” I explained the absolute authority of Scriptures, revealed by God as its only source, infallible, inerrant, and consistent. I showed her the perfect fulfillment of prophecies, how the bible withstood the test of time and all sorts of scrutiny and speculations, its compatibility with history and all the hermeneutical, exegetical, and higher criticism, and, certainly, the testimony of miracles and Jesus.

“How are you sure all of that is true?” she asked.

“I am sure because of Jesus’ resurrection. Founders of other religions died and remain dead. Jesus resurrected, and many witnesses saw Him and gave their life for that testimony. Jesus demonstrated that He is the Messiah, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” He authenticated the *absolute truth* of the Bible, declared Himself to be the truth, and resurrected to prove it. The person that condemned Jesus to death asked Jesus, “What is truth?” The Truth was standing in front of him, yet he did not wait for Jesus’ answer.

By God’s mercy, this doctor accepted my bible as a gift, and decided to read it for the first time. She was intrigued about absolute truth.