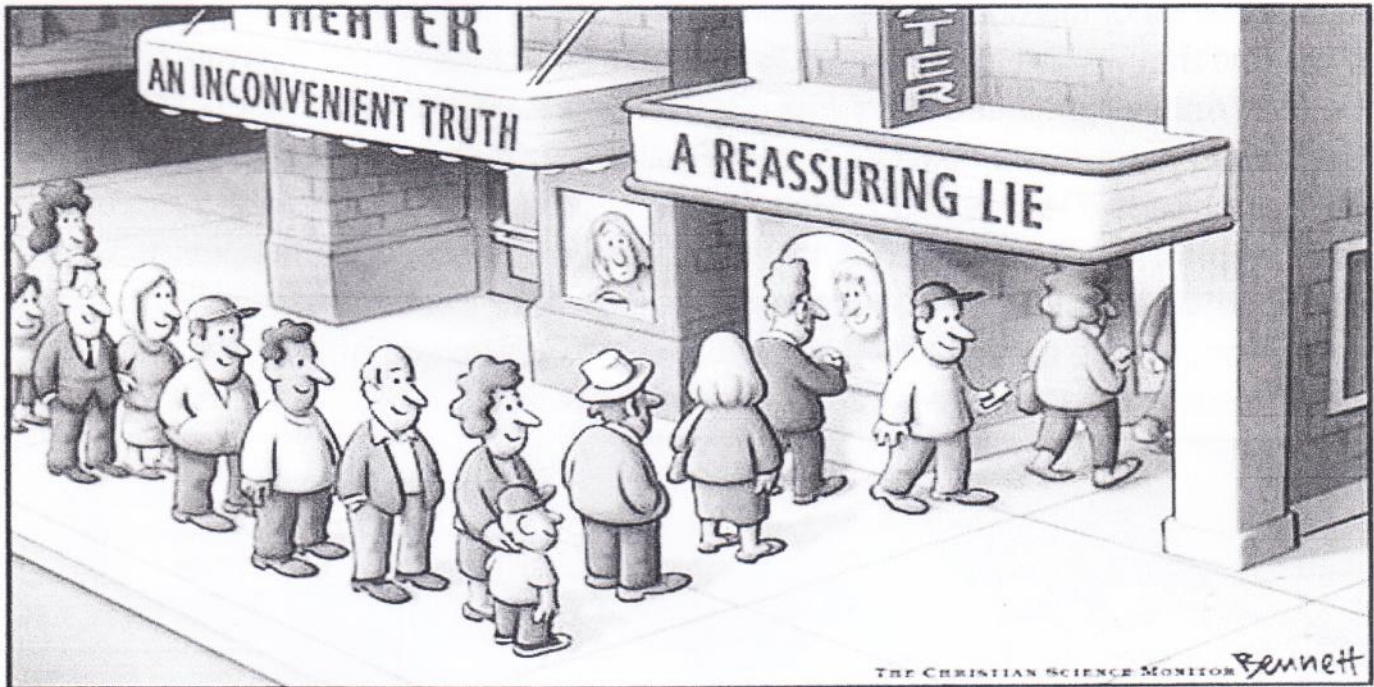


# THE LOVE OF LIES OR THE TRUTH?



Truth is unpleasant to many people, it is inconvenient to those who have no wish to deny themselves and experience discomfort for it. They do not value the truth as something one should pursue and hold with all their lives because they have no idea of the importance of truth to meaning, purpose, preservation and satisfaction in the existence. Jesus Himself revealed to humanity the **value of Truth**, He said: "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. He said this because it shows the **antidote** to the slavery of sin (John 8:34). Could you imagine that sin could **cease to exist now** only if one comes to know the real truth? The problem of sin which so troubles the world with murders, wars, crime and all sorts of destructive plagues, can easily be corrected if only men come to know the truth and accept it. But what is Truth? We must understand that Truth as **facts** is **scientific truth**, but truth that is **spiritual** are knowledge-revelations from the Holy Spirit; this is called **Faith** or evidence of things that are not seen (Hebrews 11:1). No lie is of the Truth (1 John 2:21), so spiritual truth is pure truth. Scientific truth is truth, but is not **Faith** and cannot save us from sin.

Why do so many people reject, slight, ignore, speak against, and misrepresent the truth? Why is the truth so unpleasant and inconvenient to billions of people upon the earth? It is because the vast teeming multitudes upon the earth have "pleasure in unrighteousness" that they do not love the truth but reject it. It is indeed true that liking sin or things that please the flesh decreases a person's appreciation to hear and thus embrace the truth. When a person believes not the truth he will indeed be damned or condemned (2 Thessalonians 2:12), just as a person who refuses to

believe the fact or scientific truth that he does not have wings so he cannot fly, and yet jumps off a high building.

The importance of the commodity called **truth** is presented in the Bible in many ways. We are told that we are to be led by God in the truth for salvation (Psalms 25:5), because Truth is light indeed (Psalms 43:3). Truth is so important that God wants it in the inward parts of the consciousness (Psalms 51:6), this way we can speak the truth in our hearts (Psalms 15:2). People are so cruel to one another in this sinful world, people often ill treat each other with insults, coldness, and unconcern, this is a result of not being influenced by the truth. But the truth fills a person with mercy and compassion; in fact, mercy and truth go together with each other and purges us from iniquity (Psalms 85:10; Psalms 86:15; Proverbs 16:6).



It is the truth that sanctifies us (John 17:17), thus we must indeed repent and acknowledge the truth (2 Timothy 2:25). So with the truth of salvation or the truth of Christ in us (Psalms 69:13; 2 Corinthians 11:10), when we speak the truth, we show forth righteousness (Proverbs 12:17), because it is this word of truth that we are begotten with (James 1:18). God wants us to love the truth (Zechariah 8:19), because it is none but those who have a **love of the truth** that shall be saved (2 Thessalonians 2:10). We must know that God wants us to worship Him in our experience with the truth (John 4:23,24) and when the truth comes to our heart it is the Holy Spirit that comes because the Spirit is Truth (1 John 5:6). So, we must appreciate the commodity of Truth so much as an absolute necessity of life that we will bind the truth upon the heart after seeking for it with all our heart (Proverbs 3:3). May you, after this, accept the truths of Jesus Christ and not run from them in Jesus holy name. Amen.

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