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Hope you can join us.

Friendly, Don

PS. Send me a picture of your sukkah (tent)!

On Truth (Part Four)



Defining Truth

Sometimes in order to discover the definition of a thing we can consider for a moment its antonyms. In other words **what is it not**? We also must be willing to agree on what it is (and is not) to advance along a line of thinking.

Example: The definition of "dog" could be examined by asking, "What isn't a dog." One is a definitive argument and the other is exclusive argument. We can agree that a dog *is not* a cat, monkey, pencil etc. ad infinitum. However, even when a dog is defined as a domestic quadruped of the canine family, it can be *too* inclusive. These are the problems inherent with definition. Usually one checks definitions to see if it matches *their* idea or experience. If it matches, the definition is accepted as correct. This method can lead to confrontation with ones ego.

To make the point, here is an exaggerated example: I enjoy bird watching but I know nearly nothing about it, however I am fascinated with matching what I see outside my window with what I see in a book. Once the picture and the bird are decidedly the same then I will read the copy listed on the bird I have discovered. I uncover twenty similar birds and systematically eliminate till I find enough similarities to consider it a match. Reading along I find that if it is indeed a top-knot, green throated, gross beaked, titmouse it is the only one 27,000 miles from its native habitat. Do I rejoice that I have made such a discovery? Rather, I submit to the authorities and the experts and accept that I must have been mistaken. Why, would I fly in the face of all reason, deny the experts and look to myself as the authority, and decide *they* must be wrong. It would make no sense.

But when it comes to Bible interpretation, and formulation of doctrine and Biblical fact finding we do just that with no exaggeration. We are in love with our own opinions. We want facts to line up with our illusions, fantasy, and whimsy.

We must decide now that we will be honest to Truth and accept readily our error.

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Romans 3:4



We must be willing to be wrong or we are wasting time and effort.

The search for Truth, however, will neither require a highly refined mind nor one capable of deep theological or philosophical pondering. This will be more on the level of what is true.

Such as that 2+2 = 4; not only does it equal four, but that if it equals four, it cannot equal something else.

More next time.

Friendly,

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