

# Relative or Absolute Truth

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In the search for truth by each individual there comes a time when truth must by reason be defined as either relative or absolute. To make this practical think for a moment about what truth IS; and what it's opposite is. What is the opposite of truth? Is it a lie? Well not exactly. Let's show an example of this: for a true statement we will use a proverb from the King James Bible: Proverbs 12:10, "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." The statement is either relative or absolute: which is it? Who is a "righteous man"? Isn't that a relative thing: after all from what view point is this coming from? Isn't the truth about all men that there is NONE righteous, no not one! (Romans 3:10, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.") Yet the Old Testament consistently we read "the righteous" pitted against "the wicked" or "the sinner". Examples: Genesis 18:25, "That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Exodus 23:7, "Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked." Deuteronomy 25:1, "If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked." Psalms 1:5, "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." Psalms 1:6, "For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalms 7:9, "Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins." Psalms 7:11, "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day." Psalms 11:5, "The LORD trieth the righteous: but the

wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.” Psalms 32:11, “Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.”

What is relativity? As defined by Einstein:  $E=MC^2$  which means Energy = Mass times (light speed) Squared: or light speed times itself. But is that the actual definition of the word relativity? Mathematicians see everything as a calculation: but some things are just not calculatable. **Truth, Righteousness, Love, Holiness and God**, etc, to name a few; these and more are quite uncalculatable. Let’s take one at a time and see:

**Truth:** 1 John 2:21, “I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.” The lie being the opposing force of truth; the lie would be in error or an error as it were. This opposite is not an even opposite: thus the truth will always out weigh its opponent; whether a lie, an error, or deception of falsehood.

In the matter of truth’s opponents: none of which are absolutes: they are relative to the amount of truth involved in the deception. Whereas truth to be truth requires of itself to be absolute: lest it fail to be the truth at all and resign to the error of deception. Whereas the one being an absolute all the while its opponents are not: 1 John 4:1-3, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” 1 John 4:6. “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”

**Righteousness:** Genesis 15:6, “And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.” Psalms 15:2, “He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.” Notice how that the truth lines up with righteousness. Also notice that righteousness is associated with Belief in the LORD: when one BELIEVES GOD, it is by God’s words that this would come about: ergo, belief IN the LORD is synonymous with believing what God SAID. His WORDS therefore would be Absolute TRUTH producing that righteousness imputed to the believer. Romans 4:6-8, “Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.” Psalms 32:2, “Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.” Romans 4:22-25, “And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” Imputation of God’s righteousness is an Old and New Testament Doctrine as seen in the above scriptures. However the imputation of SIN by God is only a New Testament Doctrine. Sin was not taken away until Jesus Christ did this with His death on the Cross, and given the free gift of eternal life ever more with His resurrection from the dead.

In the Old Testament however under the law there was a dual class: the Righteous and the Sinner. This dual class is not the same as a Holy people that are without sin although God did require this of his people the Hebrews; and the Wicked that could not do any right, yet: this class was a national difference where the heathen nations were killed because of their wicked abominations. However, the dual class existed as can be seen in the Scriptures. Proverbs 11:31, “Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much

more the wicked and the sinner.” There were morally types of persons: morally righteous and morally evil persons. Genesis 18:25, “That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” Nevertheless this moral righteousness could not save them from hell fire, and damnation; Deuteronomy 32:22, “For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.” And Isaiah 43:3, “For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.” And Isaiah 43:11, “I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.” Isaiah 45:15, “Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.”

Even the morally righteous people need a saviour!

It was still a fact of the time under the law. Psalms 7:9-13, “Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.” Prior to the law where there is innocence of the law or no knowledge of the law sin was not imputed: Romans 5:13, “For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.” (Review the context of this passage.) And the very fact that in both Testaments all have sinned: Isaiah 64:6-7, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.” And Job 15:16, “How much more

abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?” with Psalms 14:1-3, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” (Psalms 53:1-3) And in the New Testament: Romans 3:10-12, “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” 1 John 5:19, “And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.” It is obvious therefore how that Righteousness to be TRUE would by the nature of itself, be absolute; with it’s contrary to be relative. It becomes obvious that on the one side of TRUTH and RIGHTEOUSNESS you also have ABSOLUTISM whilst on the other side you have DECEIT and WICKEDNESS both are on the same side of RELATIVITY!

**Love:** This topic has been totally abused by the world to mean the opposite of what it actually means. The opposite of Love is NOT hate: but LUST. Love is therefore on the side of truth, while lust is on the side of wickedness. Love is an absolute, however lust is not, lust is a perversion of love, and the emotion of love is perversely morphed into lust. However, hate is an absolute: who’s opposite is to hate without a cause. A good hatred of sin will help cause you not to sin, just like a good hatred of going to jail will help keep you from committing a crime. Hate and fear are therefore good elements to have.

The fear of the Lord is good for you: Job 28:28, “And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.” We also see how that fear and hate go together in fighting evil: Proverbs 8:13, “The fear of the LORD is

to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” The fear of the Lord is the very beginning of wisdom: Proverbs 9:10, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” This is good sound fear, and by the knowledge of the Bible we see how that God is to be feared lest He cast you into hell fire for eternity! 2 Corinthians 5:11, “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.” With: Matthew 25:41, “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

**Holiness:** This is the typical word used to describe God or the Godhead: but what does it really mean? Holy does not just mean without sin or sinless: but it also implies the inability to ever sin. By this we know that Adam was not Holy nor was he Sinless. Yet he was not sinful before the fall. So what state was he? The answer to this was that he was innocent: he did not know right or wrong; good or bad. Notice that God did know good and evil; yet God is not a sinner; but for Adam to know this was to disobey God and thus become a sinner.

Innocence does not automatically dictate holiness or the state of being sinless. Adam was without sin when he was innocent: but just being without sin did not make him sinless; because whilst he was innocent, the knowledge was kept from him to be sinless: Had God allowed Adam to know this knowledge without disobeying God, Adam could have chosen the tree of life by understanding and knowledge: but he did not have the ability to correctly choose not knowing good and evil. It was by his disobedience that sin came upon all and by reason why all sin and by this reason death passed upon all men. Adam’s sin did not pass upon all men: the knowledge of good and evil passed upon all men: sinfulness passed upon all men: and because all men sin: death passed upon all

THAT SIN. Where there is no law, however, sin is not imputed; even though it is there. God is a just God and will not condemn the innocent. Romans 5:13, “For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.” With Romans 4:15, “Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.” This is understood to mean the spirit of man is alive when a child is born and dies at the age of accountability: Romans 7:7-11, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.” What died? You only have three choices. What was slain? It couldn’t be the body, Paul was still physically alive. It couldn’t be the soul, this is the YOU inside: where the death of the soul would be when it goes to hell fire. Thus, but the process of elimination there is only ONE part of you it could be: Adam was given a command not to eat from the tree and that in that day he would DIE. What died? Same thing: his spirit! In the day anyone gets the knowledge of Good and Evil: that is the day that their spirit DIES! But God so loved the world: John 3:15-21, “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest

his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." The truth about love is that: John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." So God's love was the greatest love ever: Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." It is because Jesus Christ IS God: 2 Corinthians 5:19, "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

**God:** Another word for God is Godhead