

What is TRUTH?



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“If you tell the
truth you don’t
have to remember
anything.”



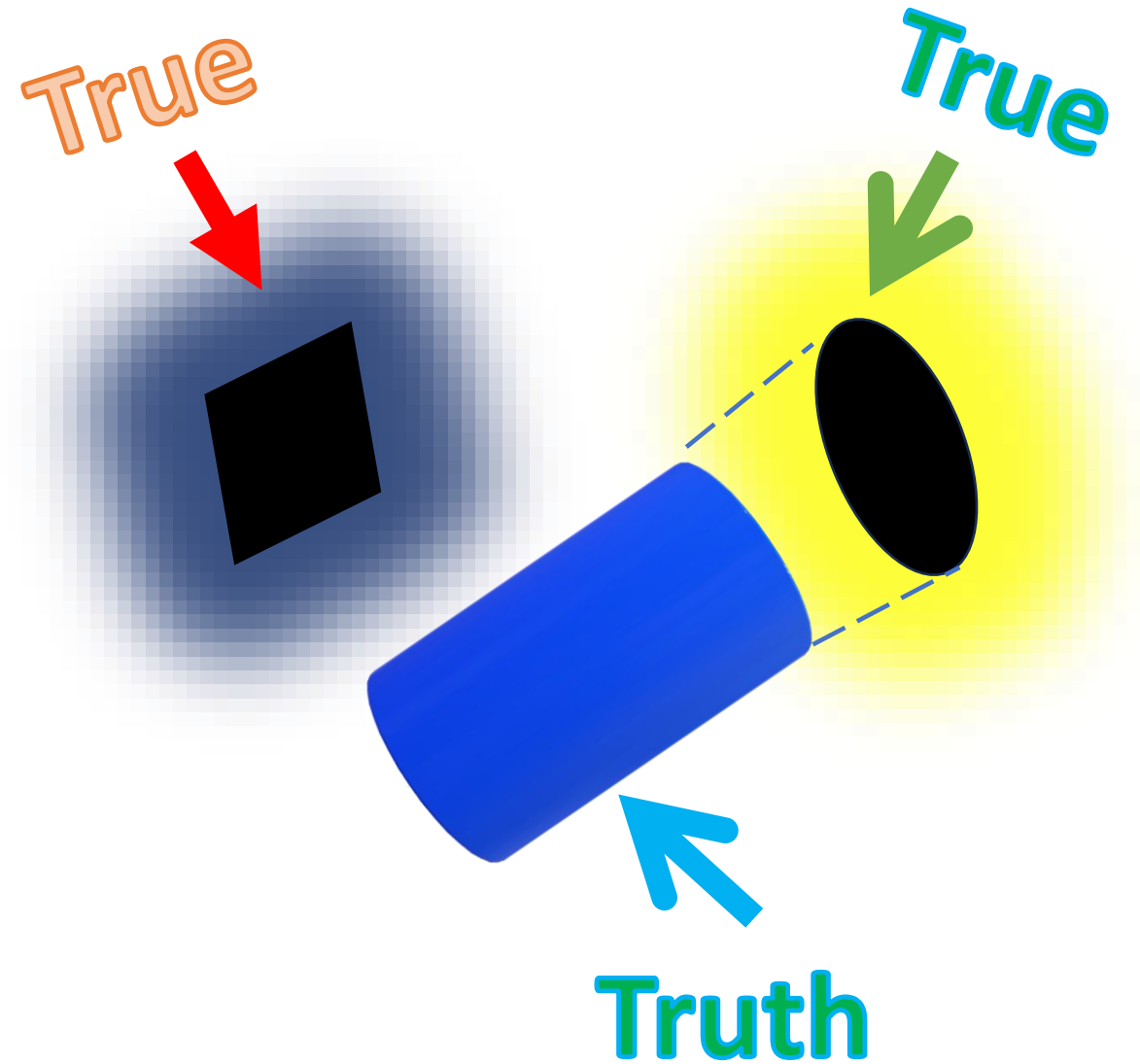
**The truth will
set you free ...**

*The Spirit of truth, will
guide you to all truth.*

John 16:13

Are there
different kinds of
truth?

- What does this image suggest?



What 'truth' will
the police hear?



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One of the biggest
questions that
people have asked
over time is –
What is truth?



We can look
for truth in
many
different
places.

What does
this mean?

Carry One Another's Burdens

EPHESIANS

greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will,
To the saints and believers in Christ Jesus,
2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father,
who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed,
so that we can present to God a holy and blameless people,
zealous of good deeds.

God's Rich Blessings

every spiritual blessing in the heaven
foundation of the world...

people look for

Prayer for Spiritual Insight

the Bible.

God's Power in Christ

20 He demonstrated [this power] in the Messiah by raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens— 21 for through Him to bring all things



What type of
'truth' can we
find in the
Bible?

What type of
'truth' is in
the Bible?



There are different types of 'truths'
in the bible.

GENESIS 1:1
The Beginning

1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening and there was morning — the



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Religious Truth

- The Bible records stories and ideas about God's relationship with people.
- The Bible records many ideas about God.

Moral Truth

- For Christians, laws and rules in the Bible help to form their conscience
- How do these moral truths help people to live in community?

*Do not steal
anything or cheat
anyone, and don't
fail to pay your
workers.*

[Leviticus 19:13](#)

Wise Truth

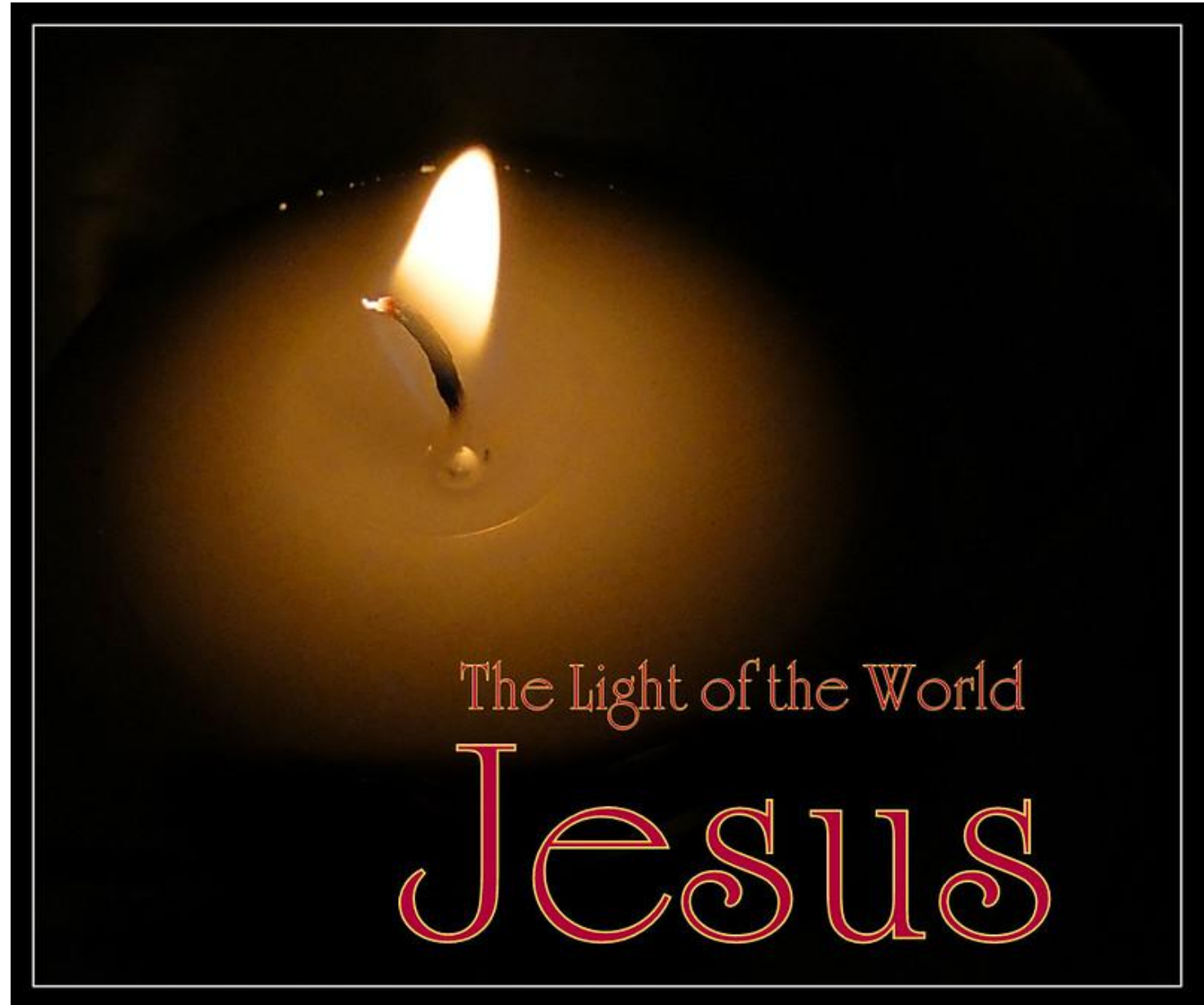
- The Bible, contains wise truths about life. There is even a book in the Bible called the book of Wisdom!

Wise people are
always learning,
always listening
for fresh insights.

PROVERBS 18:15

Symbolic Truth

- Most truth in the Bible is told in symbols, parables, myths, poetry, simile and metaphor.



Historical Truth?



Pharaoh Notes the Importance of the Jewish People. Painting by James Tissot. Public Domain. Shared under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported license by FreeBibleimages.org

- The Bible tells stories of the Hebrew people, from about 2000 BCE to 100 CE
- Much of this history was passed down orally for many generations (up to 2000 years!) before it was written down.

Your turn:

In your RE books
draw a Bible and
write some
different types of
truths around the
outside of the
Bible.

Use biblegateway.com to look up each passage and decide what type of truth it is.

Record passage reference next to each truth.

(Eg Matt 5: 6-7)

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Now to think deeper.....

- Which of these truths do you think are the most important for people today? Why ? - Record your answer to this question in your RE book.