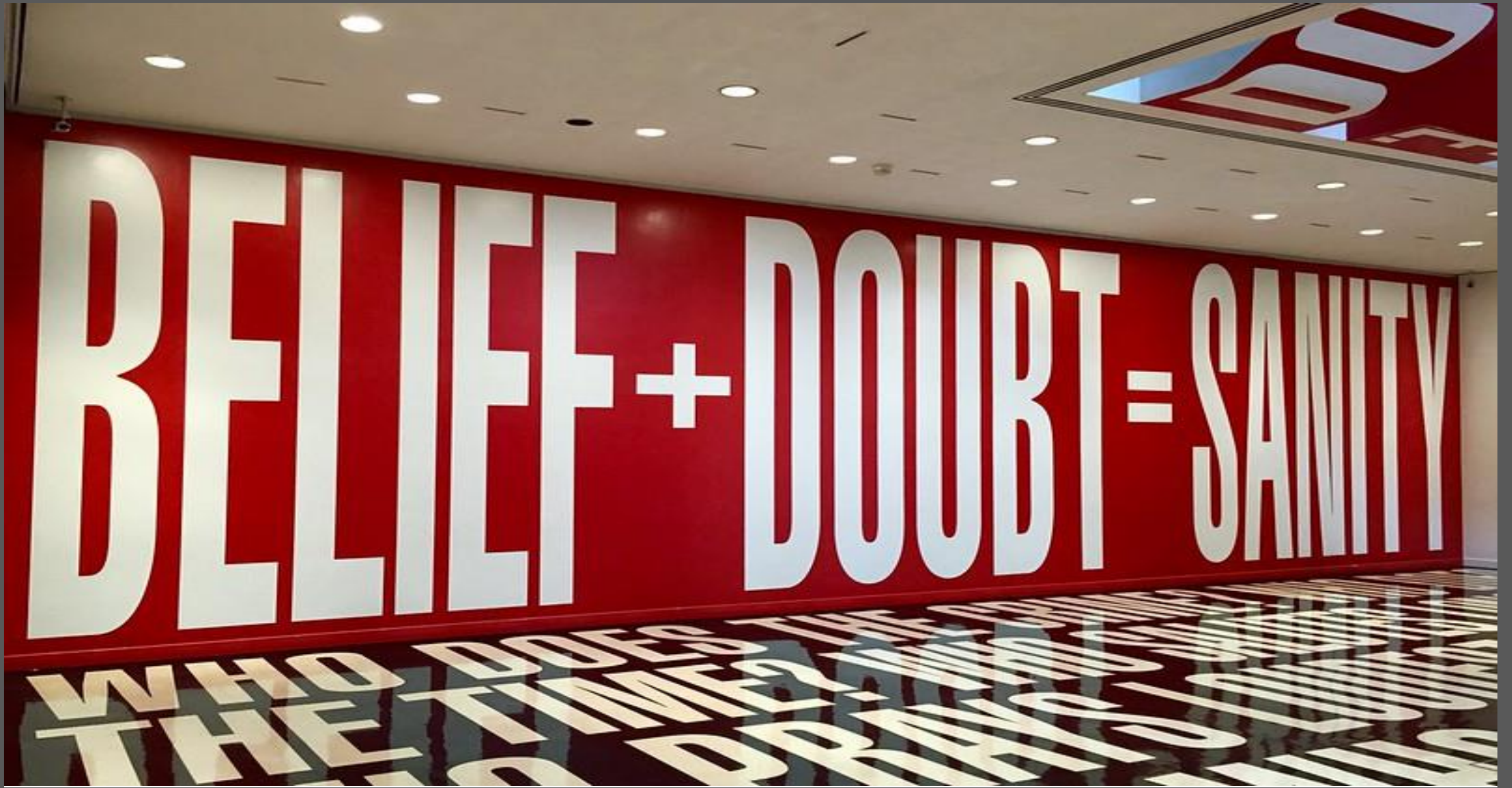


What is TRUTH?



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A photograph of a home interior, likely a hallway or entryway. On the left is a dark wood door with a brass handle. To the right is a staircase with a wooden railing and a white handrail. The walls are light-colored, and there are some framed pictures on the wall. The text "Bring the Truth to Light" is overlaid in a large, black, handwritten-style font across the center of the image.

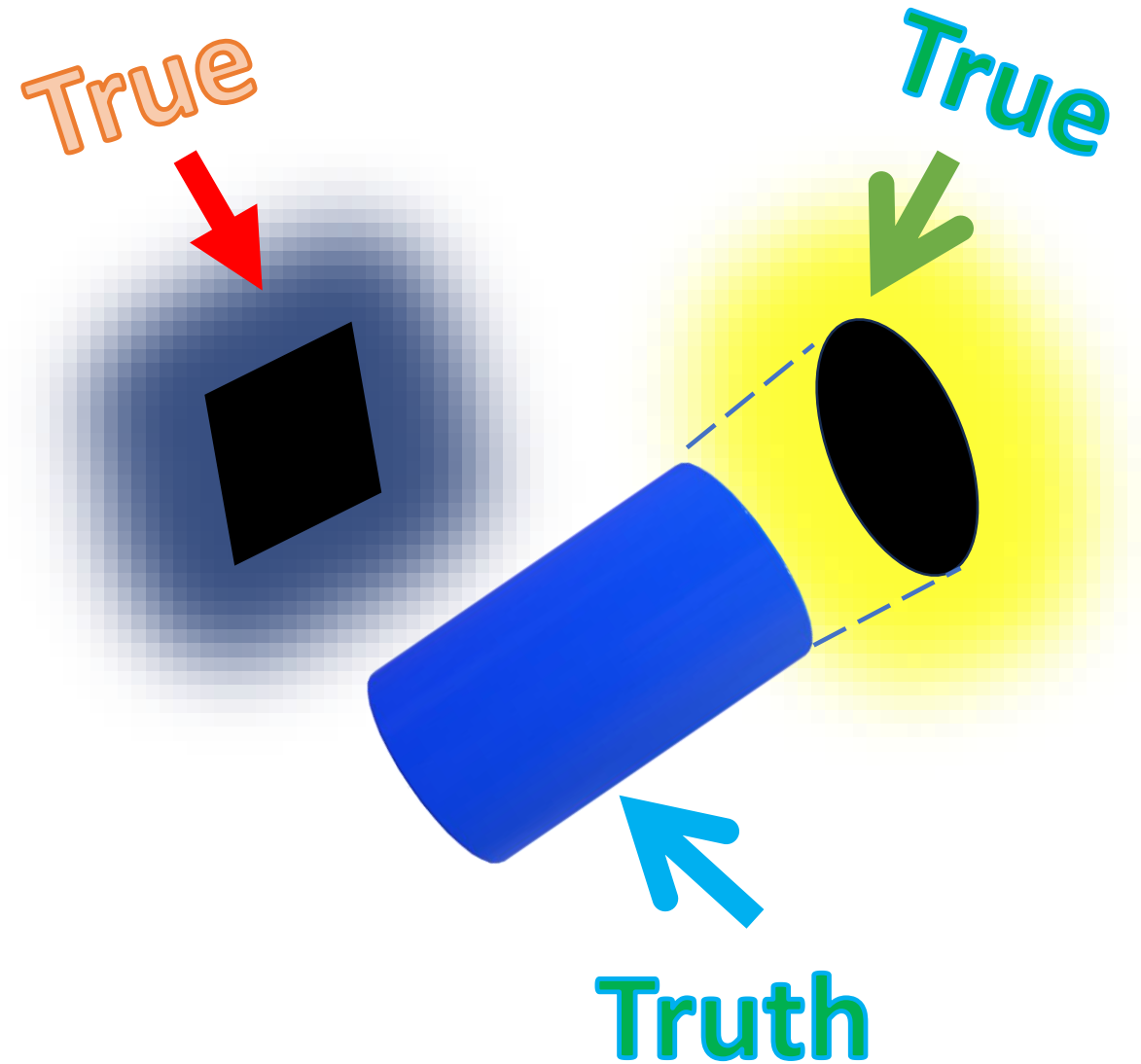
Bring the Truth to Light

*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
God's Riches in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's Rich Blessings

people look for

the

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 far above every

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

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

[Leviticus 19:13](#)

Wise Truth

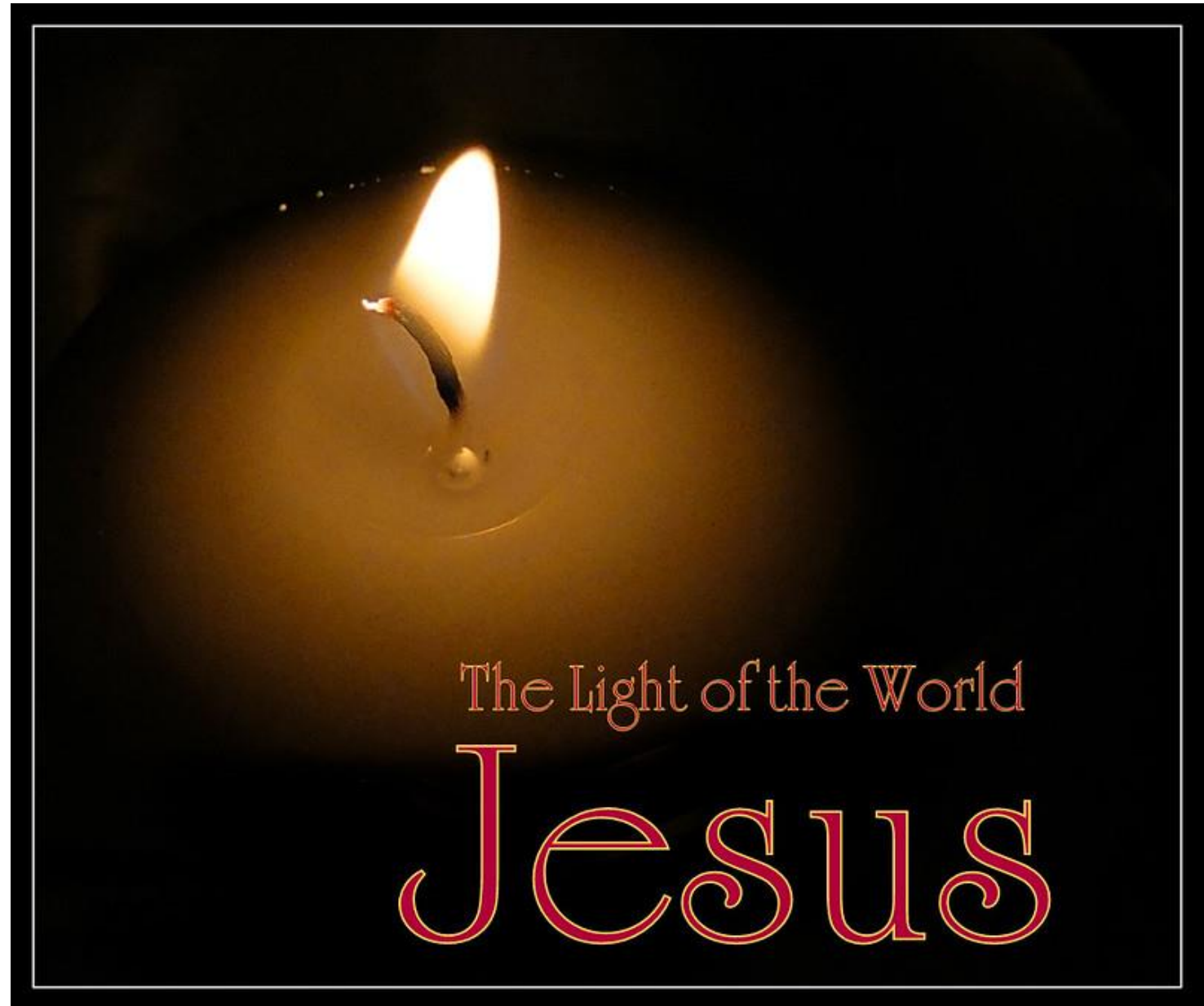
- The Bible, contains wise truths about life. There is even a book in the Bible called the book of Wisdom!

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 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.

What is the difference between?

- **Historical truth** (The event took place and is recorded by multiple primary and secondary sources e.g. First World War.)
- **Scientific truth** (Something has been proven multiple times using scientific methods.)
- **Factual truth** (A fact you know to be true e.g. I lost my phone and found it again 10 hours later.)
- **Religious truth** (Statements that reveal truth about God for believers.)

What is the intention of the author?

Genesis 2:4-25

New American Bible (Revised Edition)

I. The Story of the Nations

The Garden of Eden. ⁴ This is the story^[a] of the heavens and the earth at their creation. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens...

In pairs choose one of the stories ...

[Genesis 1:1-2:3 CEV - The Story of Creation -In the beginning - Bible Gateway](#)

[Genesis 2:4-25 CEV - That's how God created the heavens - Bible Gateway](#)

[Genesis 3:1-24 CEV - The First Sin - The snake was sneakier - Bible Gateway](#)

Identify any:

- **Historical truth**
- **Scientific truth**
- **Factual truth**
- **Religious truth**

In pairs, copy and paste one of the texts into a word document. Using the colours above, highlight the different types of truth in this text. Discuss as a class.