

A person is shown from the waist down, holding a large sign made of a newspaper that is on fire. The sign is held up in front of a building with a doorway. The text 'WHERE WE STAND' is overlaid on the sign in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The word 'WHERE' is in red, and 'WE STAND' is in white. The background is a dark, textured wall with some faint, repeating text like 'Leo and marijuana' and 'The Office of' visible.

WHERE WE STAND

TIMELESS ANSWERS TO TIMELY ISSUES

You can't handle the truth!

Colonel Nathan R. Jessup

**When it comes to truth, it has
an element of both simplicity
and complexity.**

What is truth?

Where does truth come from?

**Who gets to decide what the
truth is and what it isn't?**

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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV

Grace and Truth

**Unbalanced Grace
and
Unbalanced Truth**

Out of his fullness we have all
received grace in place of grace
already given.

John 1:16 NIV

For the law was given through
Moses; grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.

John 1:17 NIV

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 1:18 NIV

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 NIV

What did Jesus teach about truth?

What is truth?

Truth is absolute not relative.

Truth is objective not subjective.

Truth is universal not individual.

Truth is eternal not evolving.

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The total amount of suffering per year in the natural world is beyond all decent contemplation. During the minute that it takes me to compose this sentence, thousands of animals are being eaten alive,

many others are running for their lives, whimpering with fear, others are slowly being devoured from within by rasping parasites, thousands of all kinds are dying of starvation, thirst, and disease.

It must be so. If there ever is a time of plenty, this very fact will automatically lead to an increase in the population until the natural state of starvation and misery is restored. In a universe of electrons and selfish genes, blind physical forces and genetic replication,

*some people are going to get hurt,
other people are going to get lucky,
and you won't find any rhyme or reason in
it, nor any justice.*

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**Opinions are relative.
Interpretations are fallible.
The truth is neither.**

Speak the truth in love.

**Speak the truth in love in
order to build up not tear down.**

**Speak the truth in love in order to
restore rather than merely correct.**

The greatest truth of all is
when we fall short of God's truth
we fall into God's grace.