

Culture or the Bible; The Whole Objective Truth

Isaiah 44:6-20

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- ⇒ Is truth found in the Bible and in the words of Christ, or is truth found outside of scripture with the scientists, philosophers, societies, and other religions the world has to offer?
- ⇒ The Bible is counter-cultural because humanity and nearly every culture has been in rebellion against God in every era outside of Eden.
- ⇒ One of the main driving forces of the deconstruction movement—as well as one of the common reasons a person might doubt or deconstruct what they believe, is the message of the Bible versus the message of the culture, and whichever one is really the truth.
- ⇒ Moral relativism is the idea that there are no absolute rules to determine if anything is right or wrong.

“The dominant philosophy in today’s public university is called relativism, which categorically denies the existence of truth or moral absolutes. Those who are foolish enough to believe in such archaic notions as biblical authority or the claims of Christ are to be pitied—or bullied.”

— James C. Dobson

What we believe:

- i. God is the objective truth of reality.
 - We believe God is the only being that can define truth, and that he delivers the truth for his creation within the Bible.
 - ii. The moral and ethical teachings in scripture are the objective standards for every generation.
 - iii. The world would objectively be a better place if everyone followed Jesus and the Bible.
 - iv. Jesus is objectively needed by every person that has existed, exists now, and will exist.
 - v. The end of every life objectively has two destinations; you’re either eternally in the presence of God, or eternally separated from God.
- ⇒ The Bible has always been counter cultural and has always declared the truth!

Subjective vs Objective Truth

| Subjective | Objective |
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| Grounded in a human subject | Grounded in an object |
| Truth can change based on opinion and experience | Truth can be verified or falsified |
| Truth is a preference that can change | Truth is fact that cannot change |
| Truth is only true when it is believed | Truth is true whether one believes it or not |
| End of conservative Christianity in the west (possibly) | Strengthened and renewed faith in Christ |
| Changes from person to person and your truth is true to you | Doesn't change. Never will change. |
| Moral truths have no weight because there person to person | Moral truths are found outside of a person/culture |