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Why do people reject the truth?



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Truth. What is it?

Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary says that "Truth or verity is the property of being in accord with fact or reality". *Wikipedia* agrees, and then says "True statements are usually held to be the opposite of false statements." That I can agree with, provided that 'false statements' are actually false. Be that as it may, in the same article *Wikipedia* goes on to report varied theories of 'truth' including consensus theory.

"Consensus theory holds that truth is whatever is agreed upon, or in some versions, might come to be agreed upon, by some specified group."

It strikes me that consensus theory is entirely at odds with the actual definition of truth as reality. For example, if everyone in the world were to agree that 2+2

equals 5 that cannot change the mathematical reality that 2+2 equals 4, not 5. Even so, consensus seems to be the most compelling reason to accept certain things as 'true' by most people, and I should add, by AI as well. Social pressure is powerful. However, Scripture reminds us;

"...Let God be found true, though every man be found a liar." (Romans 3:4 NASB)

It makes perfect sense that the Creator of all things knows the truth (the reality He created) perfectly, and is, and should therefore be, the final arbiter of truth itself. Yeshua recognized that, praying to the Father:

"Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17)

Thus, a cardinal characteristic of true followers of Yeshua is that they love the truth, and continually seek out the truth, discerning between what is true and what is not. Their standard by which they discern the truth is reality itself, which always proves out as being in perfect agreement with His Word of Truth, the Spirit-breathed Word of God.

When Yeshua was with us here on Earth He always spoke the truth, and lived the truth. He proved the truth of who He is and what He was saying and doing by acting upon reality. He did 'miracles' that only the Creator could do. He did a lot of them every day, healing the sick of every sort of disease, and commanding nature by deeds like calming the sea, and walking on water. These are not myths, as some suppose. They are the confirmation in reality of the fact that He is the Son of God. He did these things in the sight of many witnesses who have passed down their reports to us. This is the truth.

Multitudes followed Him, listening to His words and watching His deeds – and getting their own personal needs met by Him and by His command. Out of all of these a smaller group chose to be His disciples, following in His Way, allowing themselves to be publicly identified with Him. Why? Because they came to understand that He is: The Way, the Truth, and the Life. As truth-lovers they were morally compelled by the purity and the grandeur of that truth they found in Him to give all that they were over to His cause.

The rest did not. They rejected the truth. Why would they do that?

The most vehement in their rejection of the truth were those who represented the ruling power-structure of that day. Since 1st century Jews were more compelled by their religion than anything else, religious authorities such as the Pharisees carried a lot of weight. Some of these followed Yeshua from place to place, observing the amazing things He was doing and saying in the sight of all. Despite His teachings of truth and freedom, and His miracles of healing, they constantly accused Him of being evil because He did not agree with their burdensome traditions, and would not follow them. They even sought to kill Him, and did in fact conspire with the entire power-structure of the land to do so. They rejected the truth and killed Him. (Matt 12)

While a sizable minority continued to follow Him and the truth He represented, most did not. Consistent with consensus theory, they chose the lies of the majority as their 'truth'. So doing, they rejected the actual truth. Why? This is important for us, because we face very similar circumstances and pressures today. Consensus as truth seems to be the standard model most are following today, and we can easily be fooled by it too, if we are not vigilant and aware. (See Ex 23:10)

In our modern era scientific studies have been done on the reluctance of the public to accept changes, such as new realities can bring. The findings are interesting. Cognitive biases and mental inertia indicate humans are wired to seek stability. Confirmation bias (favoring information that reinforces existing beliefs), anchoring (relying too heavily on pre-existing information), and status quo bias

(preferring things to remain unchanged) lead many to cling to what has been previously accepted, even when new evidence emerges. Once someone's mental model of the world is set, radically different facts are not easily integrated, producing a kind of mental inertia that resists change.

The world before the Flood of Noah is a good example of this. The work of Noah and his family building the Ark on dry land was an evidence of coming change. Yet, the people took no note of that, assuming things would just keep going on as it seemed they always had. However, when the Flood came, it came, and the wicked world was washed away.



Fear of uncertainty and emotional resistance are also powerful forces that can fuel rejection of life-changing truth. New realities are often a harbinger of coming change. Change inherently brings with it uncertainty. For many, this uncertainty can be disturbing - triggering anxiety, stress, and even existential fear. Stepping into a realm of unpredictable outcomes, and the emotional discomfort associated with leaving a safe, familiar framework can inhibit acceptance of the truth.

This fear is compounded by the potential for perceived personal or economic loss, which further reinforces resistance. Consider the truth German Jews were facing as Hitler's hate campaign took root and began to grow. Those Jews who objectively accepted the truth of where that hatred was all heading got out early, and avoided the train rides to the concentration camps. Recognizing the truth for what it is, and acting on it is an essential survival skill.

That is just a very brief overview of a few reasons among many that the majority of people would rather reject the truth than accept the change it might bring into their lives.

However, there is one more reason I must mention that people reject the truth. It is the problem of deception, deliberate deception. Deliberate deception is less about the occasional falsehood and more about influential people constructing false perceptions that benefit a powerful group or individual. In plain language this is called a conspiracy. Conspiracies are far more common in history than many naively think. They have been very common and are more common than ever in the modern era.

Political and government deception is a time-worn strategy that has many contemporary and historical expressions. Politicians and political groups might disseminate misinformation, cherry-pick data, or stage events to create narratives that serve specific agendas. Propaganda is a typical example, where selective facts, exaggerations, or outright falsehoods are projected to foster support, demonize opponents, or divert attention from controversial issues. In some cases, state-sponsored efforts ensure that a consistent narrative sticks even if it diverges

from objective evidence. The deliberate distortion of facts in politics is a tool designed to shape public opinion, influence voting behavior, and maintain power, often by exploiting existing biases and emotions among the electorate.

History reveals recurring instances where those in power resorted to carefully planned strategies to control narratives or obscure unpleasant truths. Such conspiracies typically arise in environments where control over information translates directly into political, economic, or social power. Here are three examples that are well documented and are known to be real:

COINTELPRO: The FBI's Counter Intelligence Program, active from the 1950s through the 1970s, was a covert operation aimed at surveilling, infiltrating, and disrupting political organizations deemed subversive - ranging from civil rights groups to anti-war activists. For decades, the program operated in secrecy until investigations and leaked documents revealed its pervasive efforts to manipulate and undermine various political movements, proving how systematic deception can be used to stifle dissent.

MK-Ultra: MK-Ultra was a clandestine program run by the CIA during the Cold War that experimented with mind control techniques, including administering LSD and other substances to unwitting participants. Well known universities, psychiatric associations and other bastions of society were involved in this horrific program. The project's unethical practices were hidden for years and only emerged through declassified documents and investigations, illustrating how deeply secretive operations can and are orchestrated.

Operation Northwoods (Military Strategy Proposal): Devised in 1962 by U.S. Department of Defense officials, Operation Northwoods was a plan that proposed staging false flag acts - such as orchestrating terrorist attacks - on U.S. soil to create a pretext for military intervention against Cuba. Although the plan was said to be never approved or executed, its existence (revealed through declassified documents) shows how extreme measures were considered and underscores the potential for systematic deception at high government levels by government agencies and individuals.

Other more recent and arguably more extreme examples have been on-going for some time and remain cloaked and contested. Perhaps if you think about the history of the 21st century so far you will see some of the smoke that continues to rise from some of those deceptive fires. Be aware.

This is no less true with religion. It is not unknown for some religious leaders or institutions to selectively interpret or even fabricate events, miracles, or prophecies for personal gain. Scripture quoted completely out of context is often used to deceive the ignorant. A word to the wise: If someone with three jets and a palatial 'parsonage' tells you that by giving huge sums to him you will likewise become a multi-millionaire you should assume you are being scammed.

Only deception of the most potent kind could bring us to a world where wrong is right, where mutilation of children is protected by law, and people are fired from their jobs on a mass scale because they insist on exercising control over their own medical care. Mass mind control through the use of the technology we all use and live with every day is a reality that affects us all. It is a huge reason people reject the truth.

Here I could write extensively about the quickly growing specter of AI (artificial intelligence) which is now 30 to 50 years ahead of where it was previously expected to be at this time. Already it is being used to control information on a massive scale, and this control is so extensive and so powerful that those who

control AI will soon be able to totally control the world's information channels, deciding for all of us what is 'true' or not. All other opinions will be drowned out. This is already much further ahead than most of us can possibly imagine.

How do you fight the amazing amount of pressure telling you to reject the truth?

Awareness is vital, objective logic is vital, but more importantly, prayer is vital, constantly. And of course, immersing yourself in a study of His Word.

"Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2)

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