

Definition: the real facts about something: the things that are true. The quality or state of being true. A statement or idea that is true or accepted as true. Something that is true at all times and in all place and not dependent upon perception or feelings.

1. Give us an idea of what you think truth means
2. How is truth described in our culture today?
3. What is your source for truth?

Fire Pit Discussion:

1. PILATE'S question is one that has been asked through the centuries. "Is any truth absolute? Many ask; and the popular reply is, "What's true for you may not be true for me!" Television can give conflicting images of truth, as can movies. Truth can be difficult to find. But throughout his ministry Jesus constantly used the phrase, "I tell you the truth," emphasizing that everything he did and said could be fully believed and trusted. Finally, Jesus proclaimed that he was himself ultimate Truth: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). When Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" and left the room, he was walking away from Truth. Many since Pilate have also walked away. However, if we accept Jesus Christ as the eternal Truth, we no longer need search anywhere else. The Truth will be right inside of us.
2. References:
 - Psalm 119:30, 32 I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. . . . I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.
 - John 14:6 Jesus said . . . "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
 - Philippians 4:8 Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
 - John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
3. Sri Lanka - A few nights ago near the stroke of midnight, there was a knock on our door. We immediately heard a voice from outside announce, "Police!" Police checks are a common occurrence these days in our area. Outside stood five men who wished to inspect our home. After looking around the first floor, they asked if they could go upstairs. "Certainly," I said as I led them up the steps. There are only two rooms on our second floor; my wife uses one. The other I use as a study. My room has a table by an open window, over which hangs a picture of Jesus Christ. When the police looked into my room, I noticed an immediate change in their demeanor. They saw the picture of Christ and then looked at each other. After a quick glance at me, the men turned to leave. I asked them why they would not go in and see. They only smiled and left. In fact, they did not even want to see my wife's room. Some months earlier, we had endured a similar inspection. However, on that occasion it was a different story-the picture of Christ had not been present in the room. Our Lord Jesus Christ, even in a picture, can inspire gentleness and reverence.