

2 Peter Series

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MAN'S truth
VS.
GOD'S TRUTH:

Is ALL truth GOD'S TRUTH?

2 PETER 1:2-4

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δύναμις *dunamis*

fem sing gen

**power, strength, might,
capability; omnipotence**

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**ζωή *zoe* fem sing acc life, living, way of life
εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc godliness,
piety; religion**

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δωρέομαι

dōreomai

**3 sing perf pass
indic to give
[grace]**

γίνομαι *ginomai*

**2 plur aor mid subj to
become, to happen, to
be, be born, be created.
“that ... you may
become ...”**

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ἀποφεύγω *apopheugo*

**aor act part masc plur
nom**

**to escape, to flee,
avoid; “that ... you
may become sharers
... by escaping ...”**

φθορά *phthora* fem

sing gen

corruption, decay

What the Bible Teaches About

The Sufficiency of Scripture



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θεόπνευστος

theopneustos

nom fem sing (verbal)

God-breathed

πᾶς *pas*

all, every; the whole

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**ἄρτιος *artios*
nom masc sing
fully qualified**

**ἐξαρτίζω *exartizō*
pass part masc
sing nom to be
completed, equip**

1. Sufficient means enough, adequate; it meets the needs.

Theologically, this means that the Scripture informs us of all that we need to know to face and handle whatever circumstances we find ourselves in.

Psa. 1; Jer. 17:5ff

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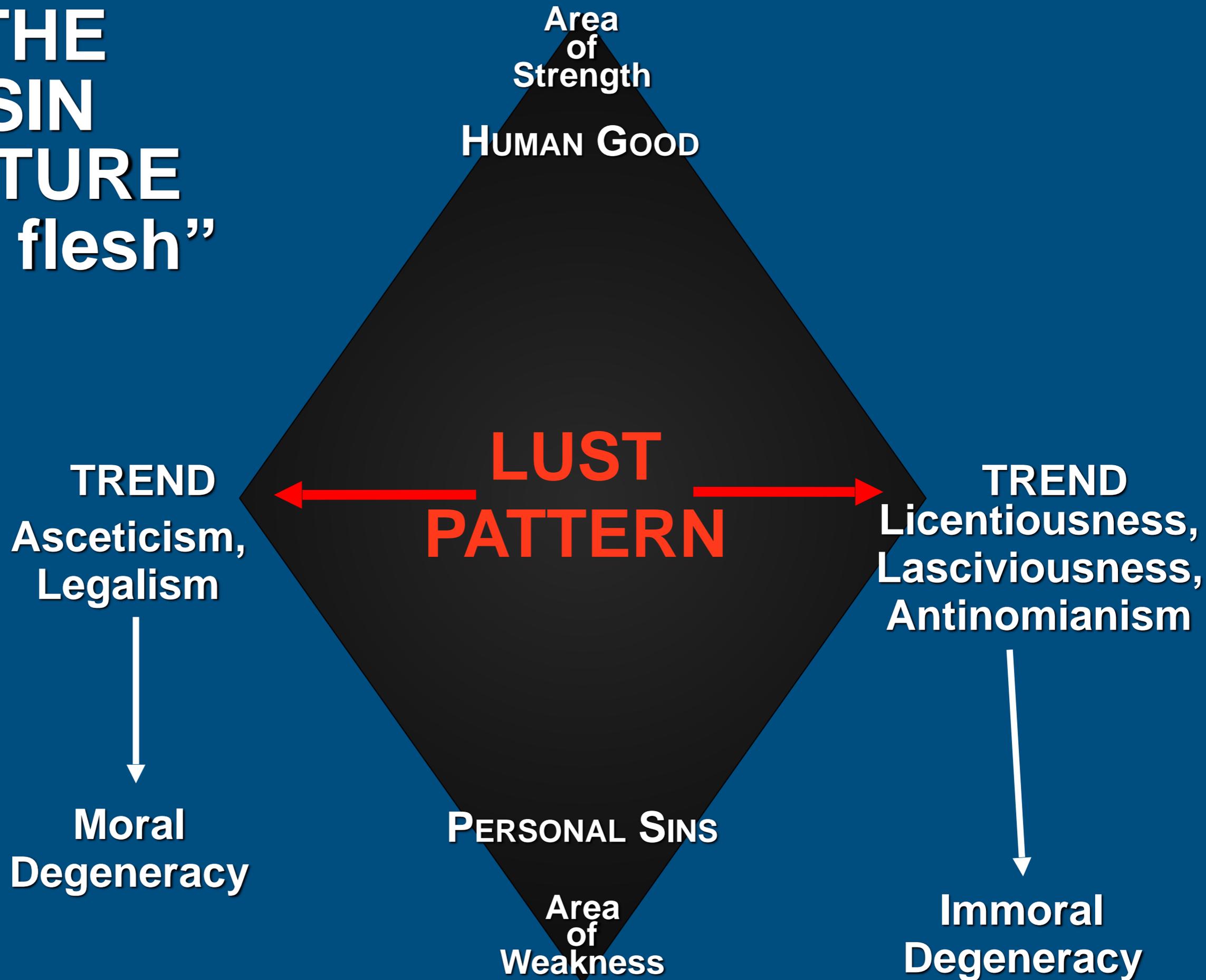
Warning

Jeremiah 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

4. The problem is sin and the sin nature.

Matt. 15:19, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



**5. The confrontation is in our soul between
Divine viewpoint and human viewpoint.
1 Cor. 2:2–5**

1 Cor. 2:2, “For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Cor. 2:3, “I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

1 Cor. 2:4, “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1 Cor. 2:5, “that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

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**πνεῦμα μὴ ἔχοντες,
Pneuma me echontes,
Not having spirit**

1 Cor. 2:14, “But a natural man does not accept the things [revealed Scripture] of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

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πνευματικῶς

pneumatikos

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7. The Bible defines God's revelation of Himself as Truth.

One of the most deceptive statements that challenges the sufficiency of Scripture is the saying, "all truth is God's truth."

Confusing  with .

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Equivocation occurs when a word is used more than one time, but its semantic ambiguity is exploited so that a statement appears true, but the key terms are subtly used with different meanings.

In this statement:

All truth refers to truth claims based on finite human interpretation of observations. These interpretations are sometimes facts, or assumed to be facts.

God's Truth refers to the absolute, inerrant, irrevocable TRUTH of God's Word.

All Truth is God's Truth

“At the heart of most efforts to understand this relationship is the essential theological and philosophical foundation, the unity of truth. This is often expressed as ‘all truth is God’s truth, wherever it is found.’ Whether we are working with special revelation or general revelation, both are from God, and the truth of both must be congruent. Although the unity of truth has been affirmed since the time of the early Christian church, this specific relationship has been classically applied to psychology.”

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“Some argue that the Bible and psychology are competing truth systems, that their sources of knowledge are different, and that their resulting understandings cannot be compatible. They conclude that an integration of psychology and theology is not only unnecessary, it is, more importantly, impossible.”

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“If God is the author of all truth, however, we are not dealing with ultimately different sources of truth. In fact, if we accept that God is the author of all truth, we need not be afraid of exploring apparent competing truth claims. For it is only our understanding of that truth, not the truth itself that is in conflict.”

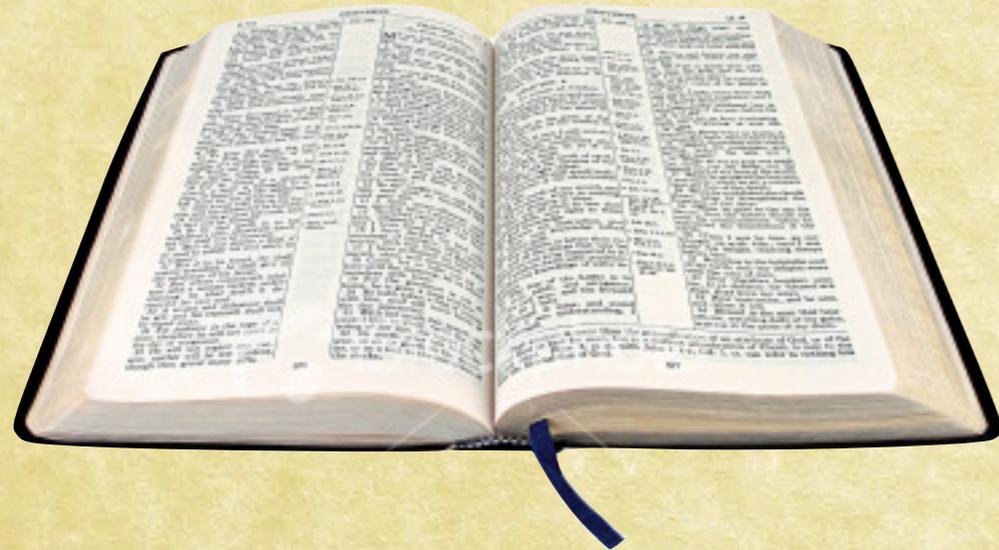
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“In order to approach a proper understanding of the relationship between theology and psychology, essential distinctions must be made. For psychology, the basic distinction between fact and theory must be maintained. For theology, the distinction between biblical revelation and biblical interpretation must be maintained.”

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“Because God is the source of all truth, it is consistent that there is no inherent conflict between the facts of psychology and the truth of biblical revelation.”

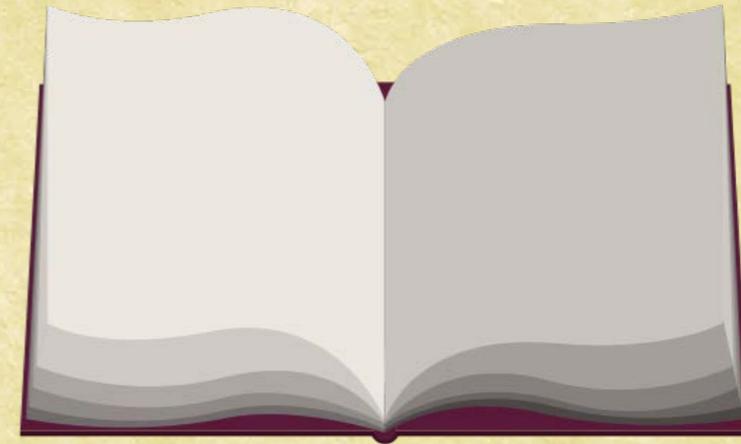
The Two Books of Revelation



Special Revelation

**God Speaks thru
and to man.**

**God is the
ultimate authority.**

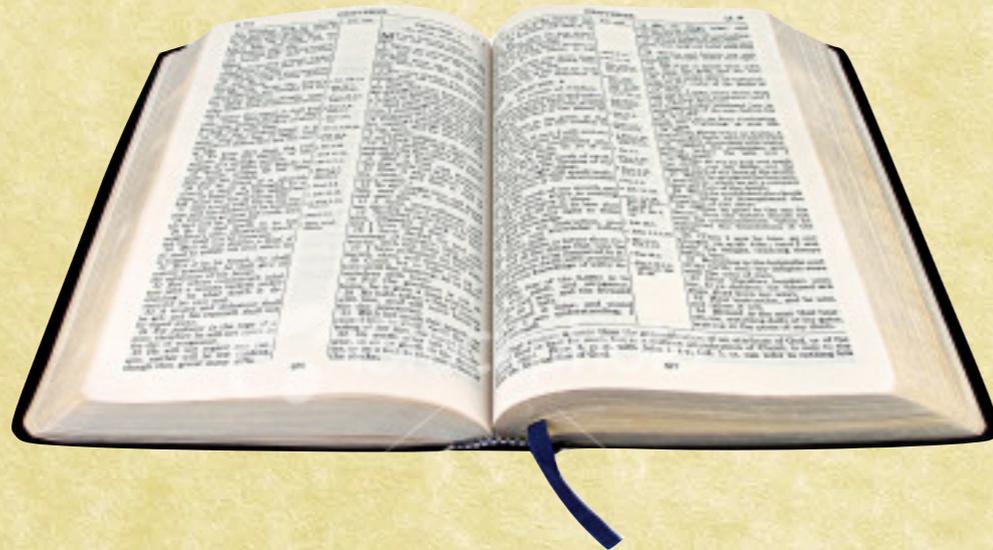


General Revelation

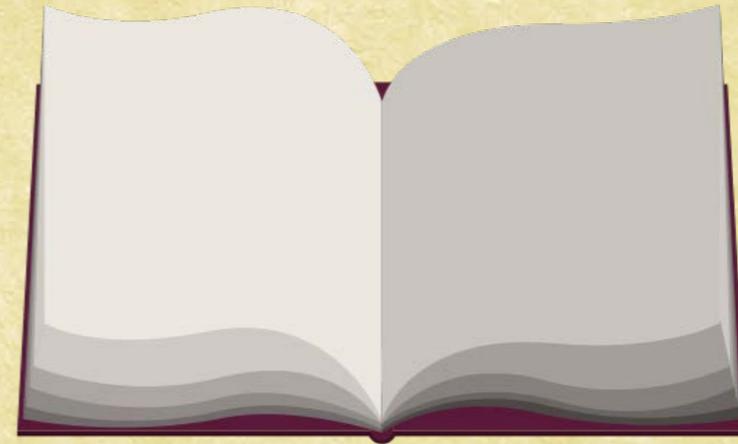
**Empiricism
Rationalism
Mysticism**

**Human
interpretation is the
final authority.**

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Special Revelation



General Revelation

- Special revelation interprets General revelation.
- General revelation is not equal to Special revelation.

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Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (also in Judg. 17:6)

The Problem:

The Bible: TRUTH is found only in God.

The Solution:

Since God speaks TRUTH, then we can have peace, joy, genuine love, and stability.

What Does the Bible Say About TRUTH?

John 18:37, “Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’

John 18:38, “Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’ And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, ‘I find no fault in Him at all.’ ”

- 1. Jesus is speaking of Truth in a way very different from Pilate.**
- 2. Jesus speaks of His role as bearing witness to Truth, to something that exists objectively.**
- 3. Pilate's response is one that indicates a cynical rejection of any overarching truth. So-called truth for him is something that is bent and manipulated to his own service.**

4. This is the conflict we have seen since the garden of Eden. When Satan questions the woman in the garden, “Has God said?” He is challenging the veracity of what God said. Thus Satan deceives the woman, which

Gen. 3:13, “And the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’ ”

1 Tim. 2:14, “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.”

5. The Old Testament concept of truth.

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Ex. 34:6, “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,’ ”

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**Deut. 30:15, “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,
Deut. 30:16, “in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.”**

God's Word is TRUTH

Psa. 119:142, “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.”

Psa. 119:151, “You are near, O LORD, and all Your commandments are truth.”

Psa. 119:160, “The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”

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Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”

6. Jesus clearly identifies the issue as a challenge between Truth, and the Lie.

John 8:14–17; 24–26; 30–32

John 8:31, “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 8:32, “ ‘And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ ”

ἀλήθεια *aletheia*

**fem sing acc
articular, THE
TRUTH**

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John 8:34, “Jesus answered them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.’ ”

John 8:36, “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

John 8:45, “But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.”

7. In the Bible, the claim is that God is truth, Jesus is the truth, and the Bible is the truth.

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”