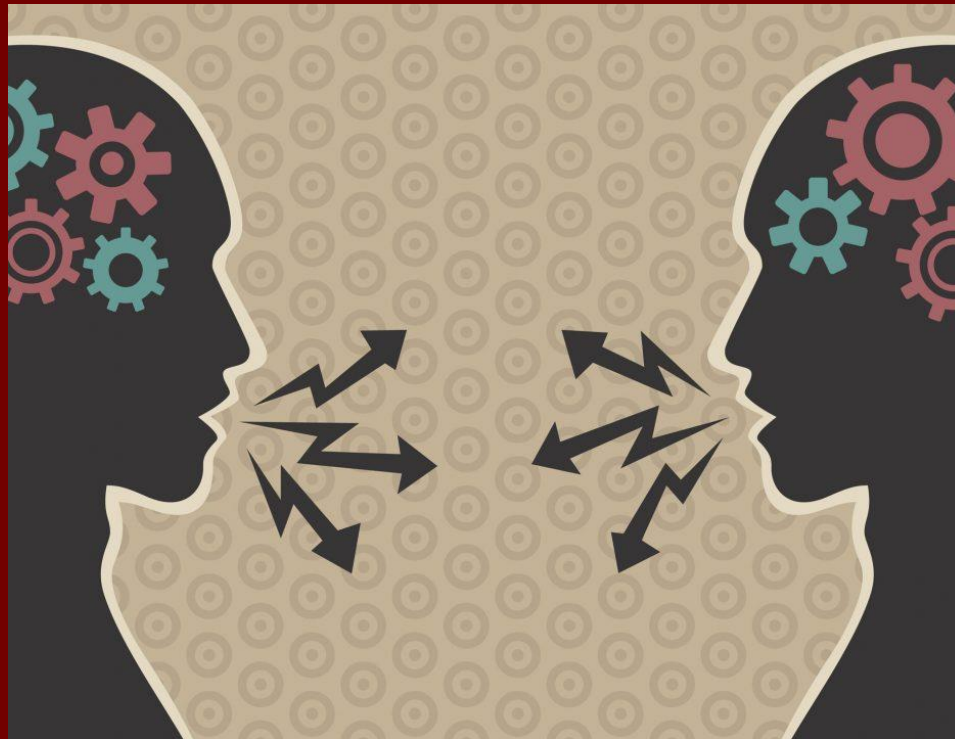


Message

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- Dictionary.com defines **Truth**: “the true or actual state of a matter; conformity with fact or reality; a verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like.”
- **Is Truth Absolute or Relative?**



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■ Absolute Truth or Relative Truth?

❖ **Philippians 2:9-11**

❖ **II Timothy 4:2-4**



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- **“Everything is Relative”**; in the realm of values, morality, ethics and religion.



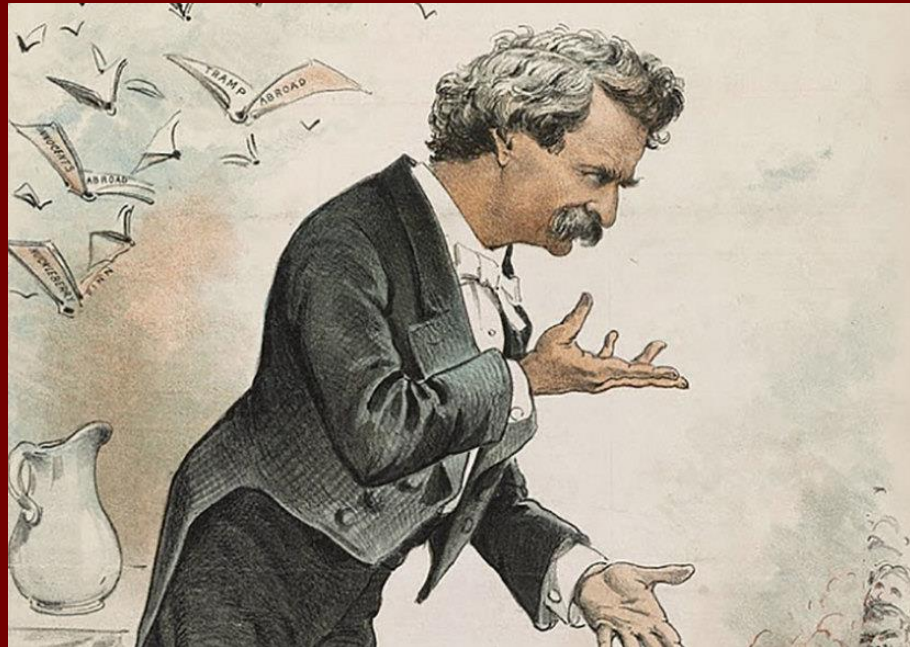
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■ The Argument of Relativism

- ❖ Values and morals are different, depending upon the time, culture, society and individual.
- ❖ Since moral codes vary from place and time, there is no way to determine which of these codes is “right” and which is “wrong”.
- ❖ “Right” and “Wrong” are fallacies, when applied to morality.
- ❖ It’s up to an individual/society to determine “right” or “wrong”.
- ❖ Since there is no absolute gauge of what is morally right or wrong, not person has a right to:
 - ❖ State another’s moral code to be in error
 - ❖ Impose a moral code on another

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- “The problem with most people is not what they know, but what they know for certain that isn’t true.” – **Mark Twain**



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■ John 18:37-38

- A Purpose of Jesus Christ – Testify / Bear Witness of the Truth.
- Those of the Truth hear Jesus Christ
- Teaching the Truth – Not a criminal offense

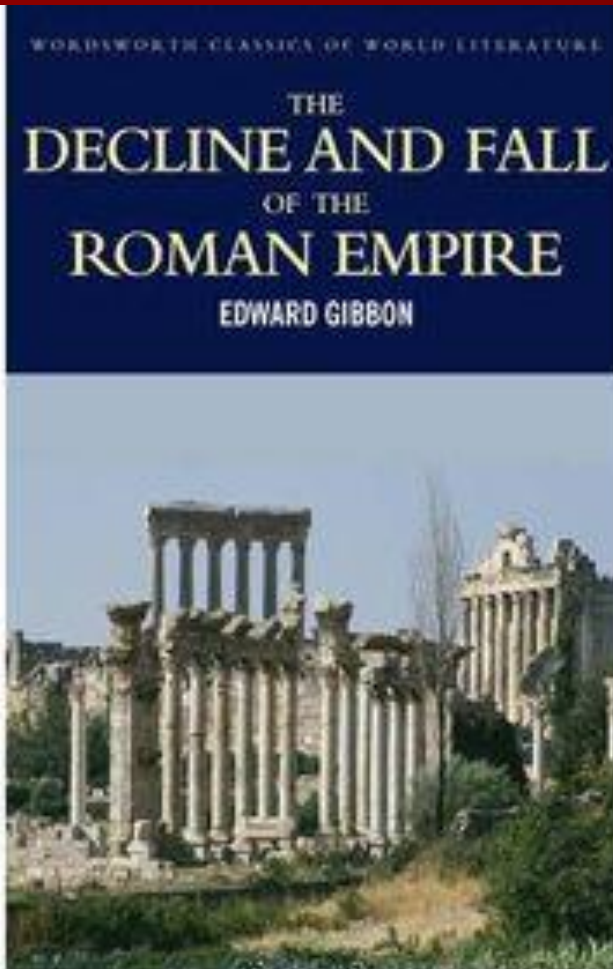


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■ John 8:31-47

- Profession of Faith vs. True Believer
- Not philosophical truth; Truth that leads to Salvation
- Freedom from sin, not from ignorance
- Abraham's descendants, but oriented to Satan (Doing the deeds of Satan)
- Verse 37 – “My words do not enter into your minds.” / “My words has not place in you.” / “My words makes no progress in you.”

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- “The breakdown of the family and the increase of divorce.” – Edward Gibbons



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- “The spiraling rise of taxes for extravagant spending.” – Edward Gibbons



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- “The mounting desire for pleasure and the brutalization of sport.” – Edward Gibbons



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- “The continual production of armanent to face ever increasing threats of enemy attacks.” – Edward Gibbons



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- “The decay of religion into many confusing forms, leaving the people without a uniform faith.” – Edward Gibbons



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■ Hosea 4:6-14

- Destruction from lack of knowledge
- Rejection of Godly knowledge
- Forgetting God's Law
- Harlotry takes away the understanding



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■ II Corinthians 11:13-15

– False Religion

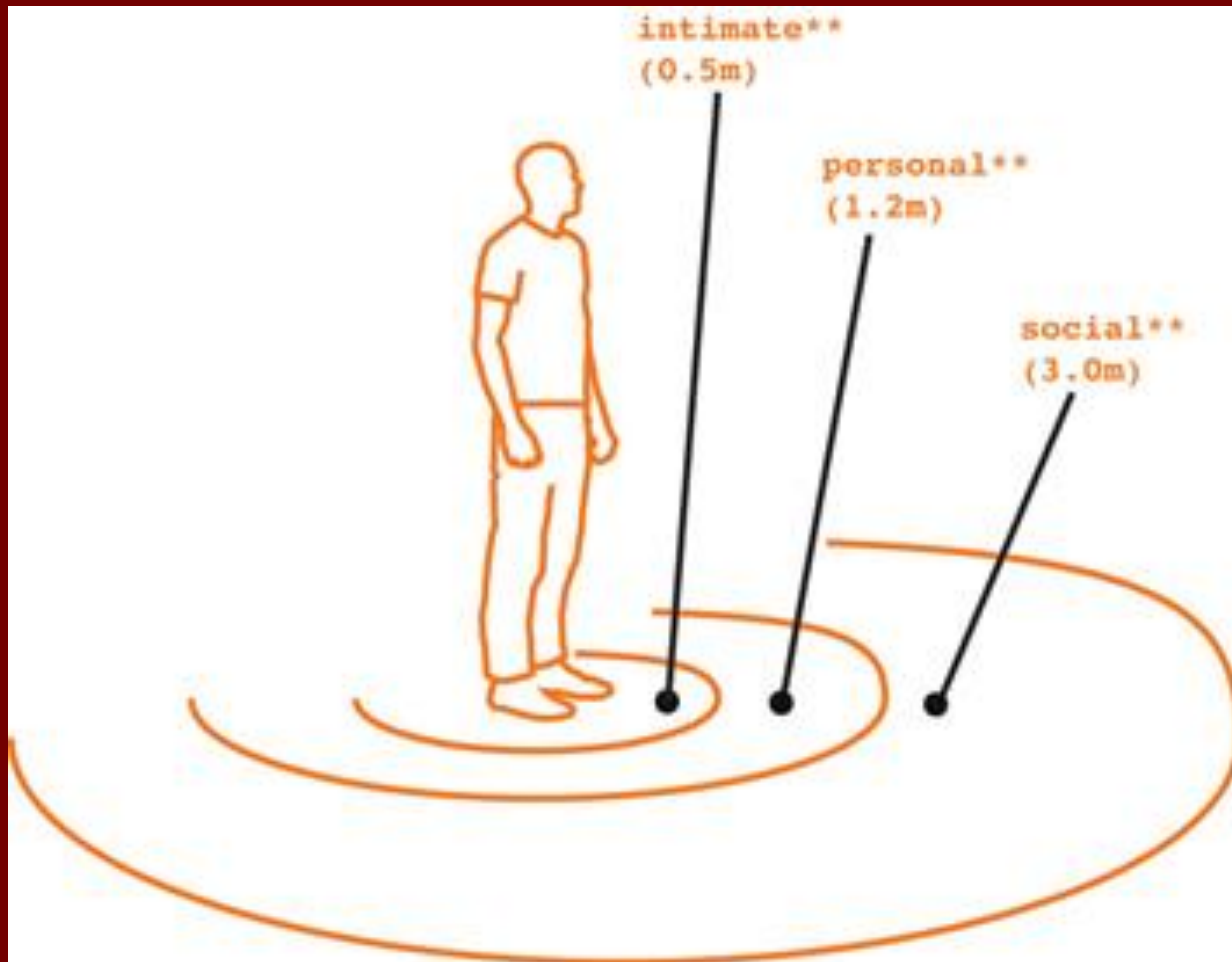
– “Religion void of God’s
Instruction”

■ Jeremiah 31:8-9; 16-17; 31-34

“Preparation and adequate equipment for a given task are prerequisites, if success is to be achieved.”

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■ Our Culture / God's Culture



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- **Our Culture / God's Culture**

- ❖ **Deuteronomy 10:12-20**

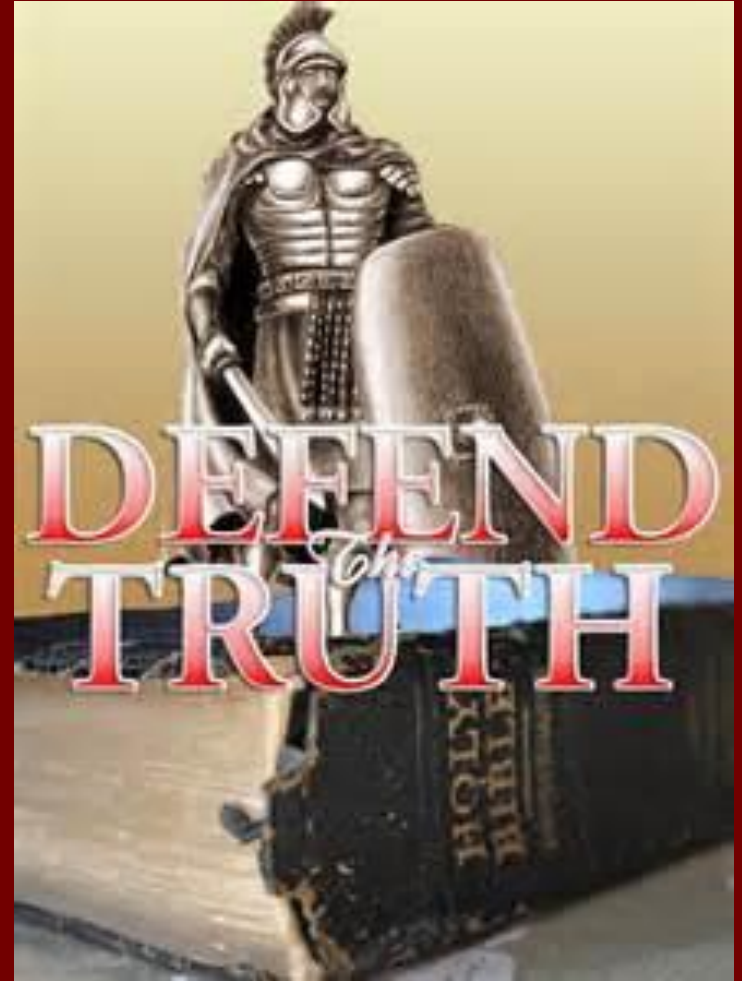
- ❖ **Deuteronomy 11:18-21**



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- Defense of The Truth

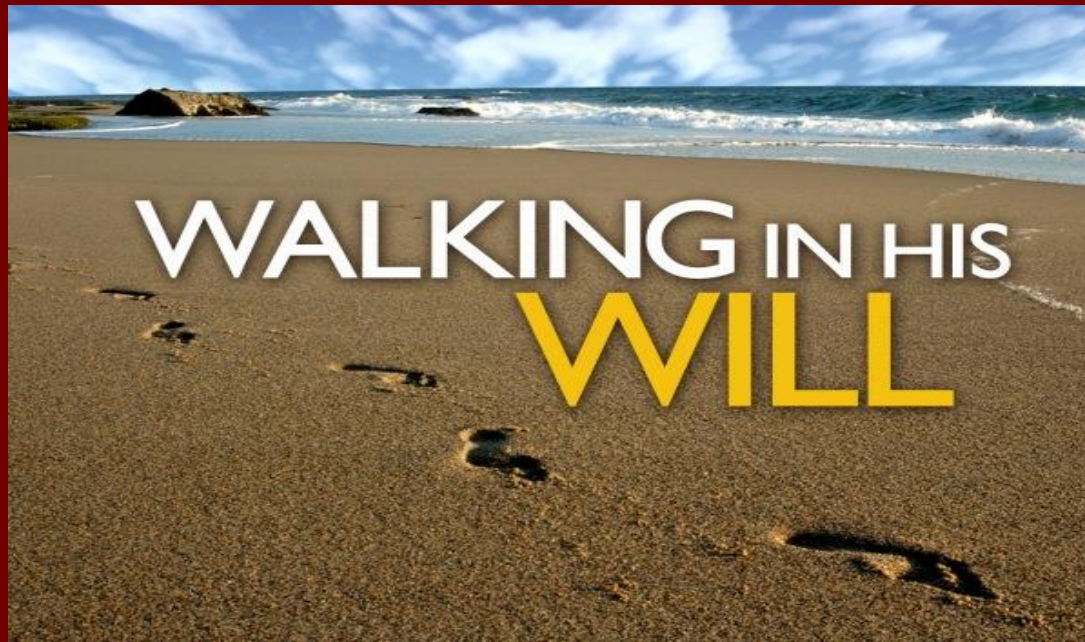
- ❖ Psalm 19:7-14



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- Benefits of Doing the Truth

- ❖ Deuteronomy 7:9-15



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- I Peter 1:22–25

