

# Truth Is Only God Given

**Almost everywhere it is assumed that people are seeking truth.**

Colleges and universities are seen to be halls of higher learning for those with a desire to walk in the path of sages and philosophers.

This fallacy is obviously maintained by our educators at least for the time the students remain within their walls.

**Yet so often the students are not encouraged to question or check the accuracy of much that they are told.**

If we judge people's interests by their deeds, then of the young people who stream forth from our halls of learning each year the vast majority have no more than a passing and academic interest in the truth.

They go to colleges **not** to satisfy a yearning to discover the truth, but to improve their social standing and increase their earning power.

These motives are not necessarily to be despised, but should be known for what they are.

What are people actually seeking?

Of course they seek satisfaction for the basic urges such as hunger, sex and social companionship. Prestige and financial security that will guarantee them against the loss of comforts, luxuries and pleasures which they believe are rightful as part of their heritage.

**The ominous thing about all this is that it can all be purchased with money.**

**Certainly the average person seeks nothing as high and noble as truth.**

The notion that the world is full of truth seekers becomes stronger as we consider religious people.

It gives a tremendous lift to a person's self-respect to think of themselves, if only briefly and once a week, as a lofty idealist searching for truth.

**Seekers of truth gravitate quite naturally towards religion.**

Just as seekers after peace of mind are plentiful enough to keep the printing presses busy.

Seekers after physical health are sufficient in numbers to keep an industry active and many owners comfortably rich.

**But real seekers after truth are very few.**

Why?

**Truth is a glorious but hard master –**

**Truth makes moral demands upon us.**

**Truth will never stoop to be a servant but requires that all people serve it.**

**Truth never flatters people and never compromises with them.**

**Truth demands all or nothing and refuses to be used or patronised.**

It was our Saviour Jesus Christ who revealed that truth was a Person **not** an “it.”

**John 14:6** [NIV] *“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

**Jesus Christ was a being with all the personal attributes of truth and took the truth all the way to His sacrifice on the cross.**

**The truth seeker must follow Jesus Christ to their personal cross.**

This is the reason few people seek the truth.

**It is not difficult to discover the truth but the unwillingness of people to obey it that makes it so rare among people.**

**Luke 19:10** [NIV] *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”*

Jesus, who is the Truth, came to seek and save what is lost.

**Truth is not therefore hard to find for the very reason it is seeking us.**

**Truth is not a thing for which we must search, but a person to whom we must listen.**

We find record of God’s seeking humans throughout scripture.

**Genesis 3:9** [NIV] *“But the LORD God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’”*

God sought Adam who was hiding.

**Genesis 12:1-2** [NIV] *“The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.’”*

Abraham heard God speak and responded, but it was God who took the initiative.

**Judges 6:12** [NIV] *“When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, ‘The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.’”*

God sought for Gideon to give him a task to perform that was beyond his natural ability.

**Jeremiah 1:4-5** [NIV] *“The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.’”*

Before Jeremiah was born God laid His hand on him.

**Amos 7:14-15** [NIV] *“Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I was neither a prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”*

God took Amos from his humble background and made him a prophet.

The same situation is recorded in the New Testament.

**Multitudes came to Jesus Christ for physical help but only rarely did any seek Him out to learn the truth.**

**Matthew 22:14** [NIV] *“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”*

**The Truth [Jesus Christ] was hunting for those who would receive it, and relatively few did.**

**John 1:1-5** [King James] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”*

The Truth, in the Person of the Word, is still seeking to illuminate the minds of human beings, that is to show them the Truth.

**John 3:19-21** [NIV] *“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”*

Behind all our failure to find the light, that is the Truth, Jesus Christ, is an unconfessed and possibly unconscious love of darkness.

We should always remember that we are accountable not only for the light/truth we have but also for the light/truth we might have if we were willing to obey it.

**The unwillingness to obey the Truth, Jesus Christ is the cause of our continued darkness to the truth.**