

The Truth About God: How To Find Joy And Peace

Introduction

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

"**The Truth About God**" is the third book in "**The Truth Trilogy**." The three books have a common theme: *All of Creation has rules, that is, **Natural Laws**, that dictate how we are to live.* The natural realm operates by natural laws, for example the sun rises in the east and sets in the west every day, every month, every year; it never deviates. Likewise, animals, birds and fish all function by their God-given instincts. Man, however, is unique in Creation solely because He is created in God's image and thus is able to think for himself, make decisions and utilize his God-given free will. Like most gifts, free will can be utilized appropriately or misused. This latter choice is the driving force behind "**The Truth Trilogy**." *Life is much harder than it is intended to be precisely because we ignore or disobey the God-given Natural Laws that are intended to guide our life here on earth.* As a quick and easy to understand example, the first book, "**The Truth About Money**" is all about achieving financial joy and peace by obeying two natural laws: (1) spend less than you earn, and (2) avoid debt. Sounds simple, but yet most people pay scant attention to this common sense advice, reaching retirement age with little to no savings; this is after a working lifetime of living paycheck to paycheck. Ignoring or disobeying the Natural Laws regarding our finances and how to behave in society makes life more difficult for all of us. Disobeying God's Law as revealed in His Holy Bible will have long-term, perhaps eternal consequences. We have a tendency to act as though man has no rules by which to live, but any thinking person will realize that is not true; every one of us is born with a conscience, a check on our behavior, which closely mirrors God's Law.

This book is about God; His character and attributes; His Son, Jesus Christ; What you can do to get to know Him; His Word, the Holy Bible; His Law, The Ten Commandments; Prayer. It is also about getting 'Right' with God - Righteousness and about Trusting and Obeying God. We will also talk about Heaven and Hell, Sin and Satan, Judgment Day, what happens when we die, and why did God have to send His only Son, Jesus, to earth to live among us as a man? What prompted God to do that? Why did He feel it necessary? More importantly, what should you do with or about Jesus Christ? What about religion, how does that fit in? The book's title promises Joy and Peace - how does God factor into that discussion?

We will answer all these questions, starting in the next chapter on Eternity. But first, a bit about your author: I am not a preacher, a priest, nor a theologian. I am not an academic and this piece of literature is not a comprehensive study of God nor His existence. I am a person who has been on the planet for 68 years, as this is being written, and although my life is not the stuff from which action movies are made, I have had varied experiences and, perhaps most important, I have observed things - noticed things, that lead me to believe that we are moving away from God and moving away from Him at an accelerating rate. Things are being taught that are simply not true. People typically do not question the veracity of information they receive from teachers, pastors and other authority figures, but, in many cases, we are being misled - this is a nice way of saying we are being lied to. I will cite one example and then we will move on to the next chapter. In 1962, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled, in *Engel v. Vitale*, that prayer in public schools is unconstitutional. You do not have to do very much historical research to learn that our Founding Fathers intended to protect the citizens from the government, not the government, in the guise of public schools, from the citizens. That decision set in motion a cultural shift that has moved our

entire society away from God, degraded our moral values and has negatively affected how we treat one another. This increasing misinformation made me realize that with 7.5 billion people on earth, the Truth about God needed to be told. Truth does not change. People need this information so they have a chance to become 'Right with God.'

The target audience for this book is three groups of people:

1. You do not really know very much about God, but you know in your heart that God exists, you have questions and you are searching for answers. You have come to the right place and you will be made aware of additional resources by the end of this book.

2. You have been brought up with religious training, but you have doubts and questions. You want to know the Truth. You want to know what God wants from you and what He expects of you. You also have come to the right place!

3. You consider yourself a Christian; you answered an altar-call or recited a prayer asking Jesus into your life, but it has not really led to a change and you have doubts about your conversion and salvation. By the time you finish reading this book, you will know where you stand with God and, if necessary, what you have to do to ensure you are 'right with God.'

Note that atheists are not included as a target group. This is because I cannot accept that there are people who truly believe that God does not exist. I know there are people who say they are atheist and I think they fall into one of two groups:

1. They have experienced something very painful or a tremendous loss that they cannot explain nor accept. They blame God and refuse to believe in a god that would allow such pain. I would say to them: *God does love you and wants to have a relationship with you. Please do not continue to punish yourself by refusing His love. Get to know Him, by prayer and spending time with Him; immerse yourself in His love for you and become reconciled to Almighty God, your Father in heaven.*

2. The second group of supposed atheists are intellectually honest enough to admit that if there is a God, they would have to change their lifestyles and lead Godly lives; **this they are not willing to do.** To this group I say: *Someday you will die and will spend eternity either in heaven or in hell. It is your choice. By the end of this book, you will have enough solid information and evidence to make the most important decision of your life: A decision to follow Jesus Christ.*

Yes, it is true! Our three target audience groups are pretty wide-ranging; most of the population will fall into one of these groups. That is, of course, by design. We want everyone possible to read this book. Every person needs to hear this message.

2 Chronicles 7:14

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*