

## **Quid est veritas?**

### **Wednesday Word: August 24, 2016**

When Jesus was handed to Pilate, the last words we see that Pilate spoke to Jesus was, "Quid est veritas?" Translation: what is truth? As humans, we have a natural tendency to seek the truth in everything. If you don't think so, think of a toddler. Toddlers always ask thousands of questions in any given day. Though it may be annoying, they are not doing it to be annoying; they do it because they want to know how things work and why things are.

Why did I put this title in the Latin text instead of English? Short answer: because I sensed Holy Spirit telling me too. Long answer: I did it to illustrate a point that everything we do (both righteous and sinful as well as the mundane and fulfilling) has a reason behind it. The key is to search out the 'why' so we gain understanding behind the 'what' and 'how'.

I studied Latin for four years from 8th grade through the 11th grade. My initial reason for this was because at some point in my life I wanted to be a doctor. All the anatomy terms and medical terms come from the Latin language. Obviously I did not pursue this goal (too much school among other things). Those four years and all I learned from Latin was not wasted. Many current languages have their roots from the Latin language. If I remember what the Latin word for something is, I can place a guess on a word from other languages. Also, because I took Latin for four years, my vocabulary is somewhat extensive. As a writer, this is quite important.

The truth in the situation I just described is that I did not waste four years learning the Latin language and traditions; it was just used in a different way than I originally intended. Where is God in this? Simple, He placed the gift of expression through words in me and He knew what I would need long before I ever did. I had no desire ever to take any of the other languages. When I was signing up for my language classes all those years ago, it was a no-brainer for me to take Latin. I didn't understand why back then and I had a difficult time explaining it to my peers at the time except to say I wanted to be a doctor. I see now why it was necessary and such a huge desire for me back then. Because of that choice, many things opened up for me that I would not have been able to understand if I didn't make that decision.

I know this seems like rambling but I hope some understanding comes from this. We all make a multitude of decisions every day and some are better than others. Once we start reflecting we can see where each decision has led us. Some decisions are more final than others. The ultimate point is to seek truth. When we become frustrated and aggravated with whatever a situation may be, seek the truth in the matter. "Why did I do that instead of the other?" "Why am I here when I want to be there?" "Why did I say this instead of that?" When we start to seek the truth we begin to realize what voice we are listening to. We begin to understand how God has had things in place for us from the beginning.

**John 18:37-38 - 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." 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..."**

Remember this, truth is truth but your path is different than another's. How boring the world would be if we were all oranges and none were bananas. Hahahahaha!!! (By the way, I can be bananas sometimes!!!)

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