

REAL TRUTH IS ALWAYS TRUTH

John 18:38

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani after the terrorist attacks on our nation September 11, 2001 was affectionally referred to as “America’s Mayor.” He is now serving as President Donald Trump’s lawyer. He set off a firestorm on Sunday August 19, 2018 when being interviewed by Chuck Todd on NBC’s *Meet the Press* and said, “Truth is not truth.” In an attempt to lessen the criticism, he stated in a Tweet on Monday August 20 that he was not making a theological statement but merely talking about when two people have their own versions of truth. Meaning that each has his or her own version of what they believe to be true.

Let’s consider that for just a moment. When people have a different understanding of truth one of three things could be involved. One could be right and the other could be wrong, or they could both be wrong. They could also hold to the Post-Modernist position that your truth is your truth, and my truth is my truth, and we can both be right. Among other things said by Post- Modernist is that there are no absolutes. If, in fact, there are no absolutes then there is no good or bad, right or wrong, black is white and white is black, light is dark and dark is light (Isaiah 5:20). If there are no absolutes that statement itself is not absolute. Two totally opposites truths on the same thing can never both be right. The prophet Amos ask, “Can two walk together unless they are agreed?”.

Over the years many things have been thought to be true and were later found to be untrue. This has been true in science, medicine, industry and other areas. While they may have been thought to have been true at a particular time, the fact is they were never really true. Real truth is always truth. Truth does not change.

When Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate in responding to the governor’s question, “Are you the King of the Jews?”, He answered by saying He was “born to be a king,” and He came to “bear witness to the truth” (John 18:33-37). It was at this point that Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” While He did not answer the question at this point, He did answer it in His prayer on the night of His betrayal when He prayed for His disciples. He asked His Father to, “Sanctify them by Your Truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17). He had earlier said that the truth is both known and knowable (John 8:32). He declared Himself to be the truth when He said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6). When the Word became flesh, the Truth of God was manifested through Him (John 1:1, 14; 1 John 1:1-5). Those who seek the truth can find it (Matthew 7:7). Once you have found it, never let it go. The wise man wrote, “Buy the truth, and do not sell it. Also, wisdom and instruction and understanding” (Proverbs 23:23). Paul told us to “Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...”

“When thoroughly scrutinized, error always exposes itself through some kind of self-contradiction. Truth alone stands the test of scrutiny.” (Jeff Miller, Ph. D., *The Atheist Naturalist’s Self-Contradiction*, Apologetics Press; August 20, 2018).

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