

- 6- In spiritual adulthood the believer becomes generous, thoughtful, considerate, humble, and pleasant. Therefore, he is an indirect blessing to others in sharing both his spiritual and material prosperity.
- 7- The underlying principle which makes all the above applications possible among believers is the communication of absolute truth.
- 8- This communication is accomplished by means of the power of the Holy Spirit, within the environment of spiritual self-esteem and through the modus operandi of the royal family honor code.

II. Definition of terms:

1- Sine qua non:

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2nd ed., s.v. "sine qua non":

An indispensable thing or condition;  
a necessity.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "sine qua non":

An absolutely indispensable or essential thing.

The Oxford English Dictionary, s.v. "sine qua non":

Indispensable; absolutely necessary or essential. Somebody or something indispensable.

Hook, J. N. The Grand Panjandrum. (New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, Inc., 1980), 322:

Something is a sine qua non if it is absolutely essential, if whatever is being talked about could not exist or operate properly without it.

Morris, William and Morris, Mary. Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins. (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc., 1977), 522:

A phrase borrowed from Latin, meaning literally "without which nothing" but more freely "that which is indispensable." The original Latin was sine qua non potest esse-- "without which it is not possible to exist."

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Some examples: The sine qua non of our reconciliation is the work of Jesus Christ on the cross; of our salvation is faith alone in Christ alone; of our fellowship with God is the filling of the Holy Spirit; of our spiritual growth is Bible doctrine metabolized; of our consistent application of the problem-solving devices is the environment of spiritual self-esteem; of our consistent execution of the plan of God regarding interpersonal relationships is the royal family honor code.

The sine qua non for the Christian faith is Jesus Christ; for the Divine Academy of Spiritual Didactics is the truth; for the source of truth in Cosmos Diabolicus is the Bible; for the client nation to God is the Pivot.

## 2- Truth:

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, s.v.

">ALn'ThEIA":

1. That which has certainty in the sense of being firm, solid, valid and binding.

Truth is said to be "in Jesus" in Ephesians 4:21. It is associated with an eternal gospel in Galatians 2:5, ". . . we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you."

Hypocrisy is said to distort the validity of the gospel in verse 14, ". . . I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel."

Truth, in the sense of being firm, solid and binding, when carried over into one's modus operandi, produces a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. This emerges in 2 John 4, "I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth," and in 3 John 3, "I was very glad when brethren came and bore witness to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth."

That such a lifestyle is based on divine righteousness can be seen in Ephesians 4:24, "put on the new self (maximum truth metabolized resulting in the construction of an edification complex in the soul), which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

2. Another concept that emerges from **ALn'ThEIA** is that of reality. Not only is truth firm, solid and binding, it constitutes what we call reality.

It should be pointed out that the lie, or **Pseu^DOS** also constitutes a state of reality. Satan's sine qua non is just as real as is God's. The issue lies in which reality one will choose as a lifestyle.

The issue in the Angelic Conflict is not that truth is reality and the lie is an illusion. Both are real, both function and operate within a system. Thus the challenge for the soul of Homo sapiens is not the choice of reality over non-reality but the choice of one system over another. Will you choose to function within the reality of God's system called truth or within the reality of Satan's system characterized by the lie?

The soul will accept either system but not both simultaneously. We have noted from Ephesians 4 that we are born into Satan's system but through the assets imputed at salvation have the power to make the transformation over to God's system.

v 22 = In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self (a modus operandi based on the reality of the lie), which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

v 23 = And that you be renewed <sup>pf/IA</sup> (transformation from one reality to another) in the spirit of your mind,

v 24 = And put on the new self ( a modus operandi based on the reality of the truth), which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

v 25 = Therefore, having laid aside the lie (while simultaneously putting on the truth), each one of you speak the truth with his fellow believer, since we are members of one another.

Satan's system is real; it has real policy, real thought, real action and real modus operandi. And it reaps real misery. Hosea 8:7, "They sow the wind, and they reap the whirlwind."

The whirlwind is the justice of God directed towards those who either refuse to renew their souls or have become members of the royal family but have defected through reversionism. The whirlwind is described in rather explicit detail in Romans 1:

- v 18 =     The wrath of God (the whirlwind) is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (this is the lie), who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- v 19 =     because that which is known about God (reality of the truth) is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- v 20 =     For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly understood being made known through the things He has created, namely, both His divine omnipotence and His divine essence. (Teleological: design, and Cosmological: cause and effect.)
- v 21 =     Because when they knew God (G/C), they did not honor Christ as God (-V@GH) nor did they feel obligated to thank Him; in fact, they received worthless thought and their ignorant right lobes were darkened (BOS).
- v 22 =     Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools,
- v 23 =     and they exchanged the essence of the incorruptible God (God is truth) for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, of birds, of animals and of reptiles.
- v 24 =     Therefore, God delivered them over in the lusts of their right lobes, to immoral status that their bodies might be degraded among themselves.
- v 25 =     They who exchanged the truth of God (>ALn'ThEIA) for the lie (PseU^DOS), and who both worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator (bumper sticker: "In goddess we trust").

What follows in verses 26-32 is an analysis of the realities which confront those who reject truth and live the lie. This ordeal is defined as being a judicial whirlwind from the justice of God in Romans 2:

v 2 = We know that the judicial verdict of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

Obviously then, those who practice the reality of the truth enjoy real blessings while those who practice the reality of the lie must endure real discipline.

3. >ALn'ThEIA can also be associated with the inculcation of truth, the sine qua non of the divine curriculum. 1 Peter 1:

v 22 = Since you have in obedience to the truth (+V toward the divine curriculum) purified your souls resulting in unconditional love of the brethren, constantly love one another from the source of your right lobe.

1 Timothy 2:4 = God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The reversionist --believer and unbeliever is unable to learn the truth since he has bought the lie. 2 Timothy 3:

v 7 = Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

We have noted in the key passage of our Civil Disobedience study that rejection of the truth results in believing the lie. 2 Thessalonians 2:

v 10 = By means of all deception and unrighteousness to those who are gang aghly: being led astray, deprived, ruined, destroyed because they have not received the love of the truth that they might be saved.

v 11 = And so for this reason, God sends them the modus operandi of delusion and error so that they believe the lie.

v 12 = in order that they all might be condemned because they have not believed the truth but because they have taken pleasure in unrighteousness.

Absence of truth leads to arrogance, ignorance, controversy, emotional sins, and friction among those who are controlled by the lie. 1 Timothy 6:

v 3 = If anyone advocates a different doctrine (rejection of truth) and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness (i.e., those who believe the lie),

v 4 = he is conceited (ag) and understands nothing (ignorant of truth), but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, (em sins)

v 5 = and constant friction between men of depraved mind, deprived of the truth.

An example of controversy which leads to stress in the souls of immature believers can be found in 2 Timothy 2:

v 18 = Men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and thus have upset the faith of some.

4. >ALn'ThEIA becomes the means by which believers may identify the faculty of the Cosmic and Divine Academies. 1 John 4:

v 5 = They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world and the world listens to them.

v 6 = We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Consequently, the Scriptures are designed for those who through faith in Christ have enrolled in the Divine Academy and have withdrawn from the Cosmic Academy. 1 John 2:

v 21 = I have not written to you because you do not know the truth (i.e., a student in the Cosmic Academy), but because you do know it (a student in the Divine Academy), and because no lie is of the truth.

5. A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 2nd ed., s.v. ">ALn'THEIA":

Truthfulness, dependability, uprightness in thought and deed; to tell the truth as per Ephesians 4:25. The content of Christianity as the absolute truth. Truth has the strongly practical side, which expresses itself in virtues like righteousness and holiness as per Ephesians 4:24. Reality.

The conclusions from our definitions so far are that truth is the sine qua non for:

1. The Scriptures
2. The Divine Academy
3. The Royal Family Honor Code

For a truth to be a truth it must be an absolute.

3. Absolute: *★ REVIEWED STUDY FROM CD/1114 TO CD 1141.*

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2nd ed., s.v. "absolute":

Free from imperfection; perfect. Positive, certain. Free from limit, restriction or qualification. Determined in itself and not by anything outside itself; intrinsic.

The American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. "absolute":

Philosophy: Something regarded as the ultimate basis of all thought and being. Something regarded as independent of and unrelated to anything else.

Unadulterated, unconditional and unqualified. Perfect, complete, independent, positive, certain.

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