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**The Bible and TRUTH**  
**2 Peter 1:2-4**



**2<sup>nd</sup> PETER**

**Guard Against False Teachers**

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**δύναμις *dunamis***

**fem sing gen**

**power, strength, might,  
capability; omnipotence**

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**ζωή *zoe* fem sing acc life, living, way of life  
εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc godliness,  
piety; religion**

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**δωρέομαι**

***dōreomai***

**3 sing perf pass  
indic to give  
[grace]**

**γίνομαι *ginomai***

**2 plur aor mid subj to  
become, to happen, to  
be, be born, be created.  
“that ... you may  
become ...”**

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**ἀποφεύγω *apopheugo***

**aor act part masc plur  
nom**

**to escape, to flee,  
avoid; “that ... you  
may become sharers  
... by escaping ...”**

**φθορά *phthora* fem**

**sing gen**

**corruption, decay**

# What the Bible Teaches About

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**Equivocation occurs when a word is used more than one time, but its semantic ambiguity is exploited so that a statement appears true, but the key terms are subtly used with different meanings.**

**In this statement:**

**All truth refers to truth claims based on finite human interpretation of observations. These interpretations are sometimes facts, or assumed to be facts.**

**God's Truth refers to the absolute, inerrant, irrevocable TRUTH of God's Word.**

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**Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (also in Judg. 17:6)**

**The Problem:**

**The Bible: TRUTH is found only in God.**

## **The Solution:**

**Since God speaks TRUTH, then we can have peace, joy, genuine love, and stability.**



# What the Bible Teaches About

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# **What Does the Bible Say About TRUTH?**

## **5. The Old Testament concept of truth.**

**God is TRUTH.**

**Deut. 30:15, “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,  
Deut. 30:16, “in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.”**

**God's Word is TRUTH.**

**Psa. 119:142, “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.”**

**Psa. 119:151, “You are near, O LORD, and all Your commandments are truth.”**

**Psa. 119:160, “The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”**

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**Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever; The judgments of the  
LORD are true and righteous altogether.”**

**6. Jesus clearly identifies the issue as a challenge between Truth and the Lie.**

**John 8:14–17, 24–26, 30–32**

**John 8:31, “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.**

**John 8:32, “ ‘And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ ”**

**ἀλήθεια *aletheia***

**fem sing acc  
articulard, THE  
TRUTH**

**John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

**John 8:45, “But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.”**



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**John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”**

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**Acts 26:25, “But he said, ‘I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.’ ”**

**Rom. 15:8, “Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,”**

**2 Cor. 11:10, “As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia.”**

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**Eph. 4:21, “if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:”**

**8. However, the human race, since the time of the Fall has set itself against truth.**

**Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”**

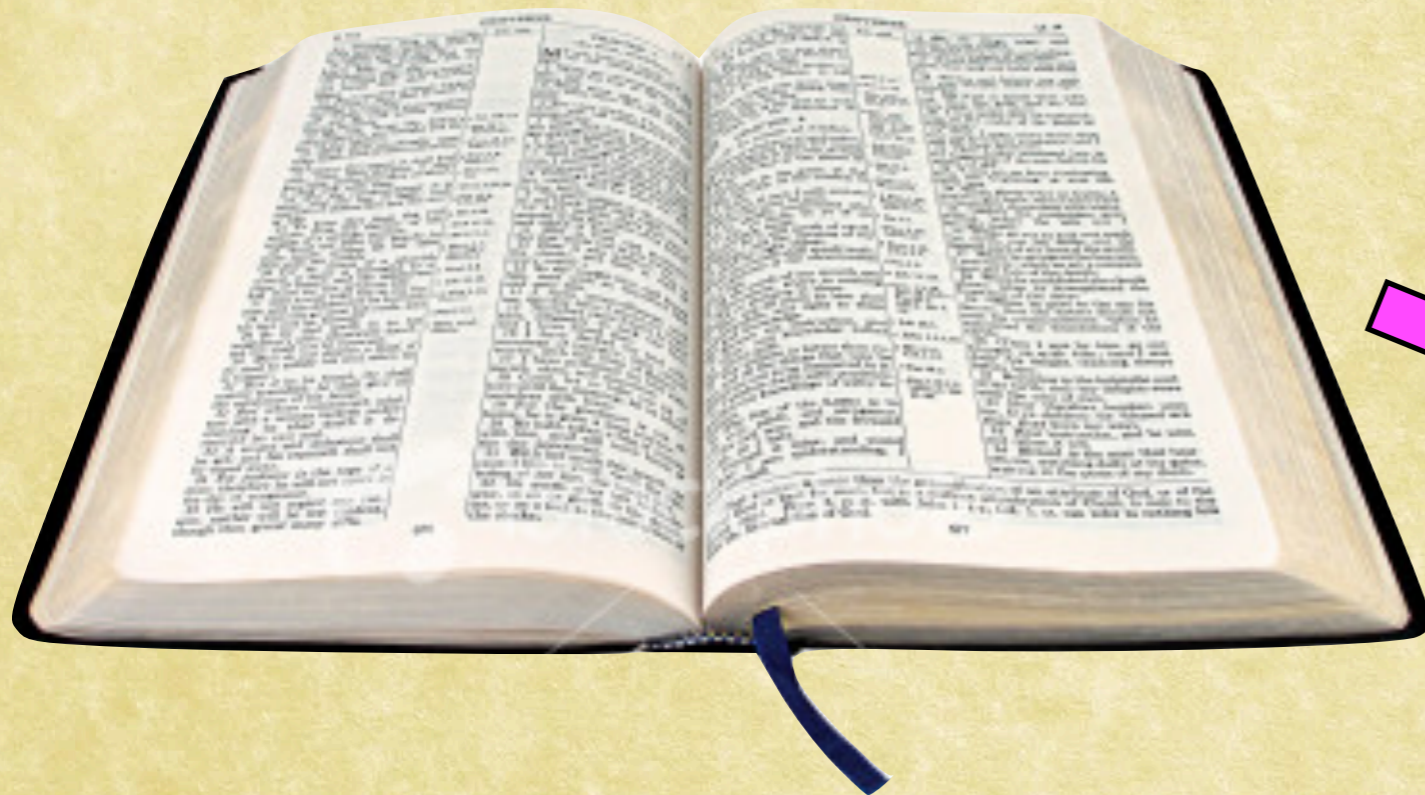
**Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”**

## **9. There are different kinds of truth.**

**Truth revealed by God which is absolute and universal.**

**Truth discovered through the reasoning and observations of limited, finite humans, which is frequently erroneous or needs qualification.**

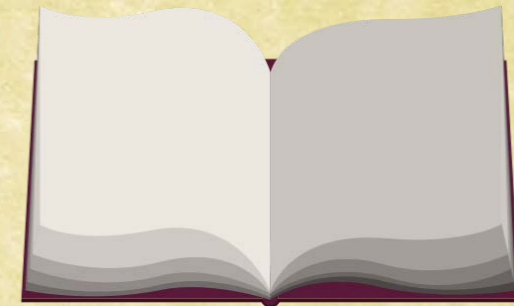
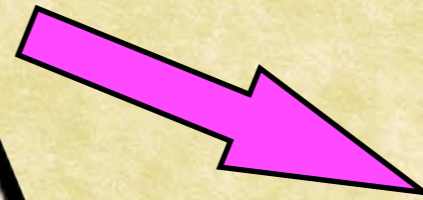
# The Two Books of Revelation



## Special Revelation

**God speaks thru  
and to man.**

**God is the  
ultimate authority.**



## General Revelation

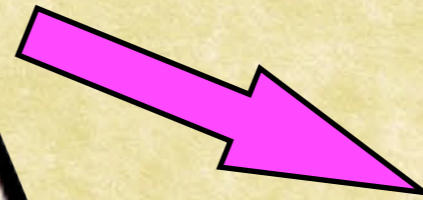
**Empiricism  
Rationalism  
Mysticism**

**Human  
interpretation is the  
final authority.**

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**Special Revelation**



**General Revelation**

- **Special revelation interprets General revelation.**
- **General revelation is not equal to Special revelation.**

**Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”**



## 10. Faith *is* knowledge.

**Heb. 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”**

**Heb. 11:3, “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”**

# The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; Intuition; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, Nonrational, Nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God <u>Faith</u> in God's Word	Dependent use of logic and reason

## **6. God's grace is always sufficient.**

**2 Cor. 12:5, “Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.**

**2 Cor. 12:6, “For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.**

**2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.”**

**2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.**

**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

**2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”**

**2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.**

**2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”**

# Noah



# 1. The Problem.

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**Gen. 6:5, “Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”**

## b. Demonic invasion:

**Gen. 6:4, “There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”**

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**Gen. 6:11, “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.**

**Gen. 6:12, “So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.”**



## **2. The Solution:**

**Gen. 6:8, “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”**

**Heb. 11:7, “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”**