

One Man's Truth, Another Man's Heresy by Robert B. Holman, Jr.

Truth is most often used to mean being in accord with fact or reality, or fidelity to an original or to a standard or ideal. Heresy is any provocative belief or theory that is strongly at variance with established beliefs or customs. A heretic is a proponent of such claims or beliefs. Heresy is distinct from both apostasy, which is the explicit renunciation of one's religion, principles or cause. Blasphemy is irreverence toward religion. The term is usually used to refer to violations of important religious teachings, but is used also to describe views strongly opposed to any generally accepted ideas. (from Wikipedia)

Jack Nicholson said, in the movie, "A Few Good Men," that "you can't handle the truth." This is where people of faith are today. Truth is important but only within one's own circle of accepted knowledge and defined truth. I am so amazed that highly intelligent people are locked into a mental state where matters of truth are simply dismissed with statements like, this is the way it's always been, this is what I was taught or at that time I believed it and I still do. No matter what evidence is presented, many refuse to accept anything else. That frame of mind allows one to be ignorant.

Ignorance can be defined in two ways; one is the aspect of being ignorant as in not having the knowledge about something because you simply didn't know. The other is having the availability to know but refusing to entertain or even investigate a matter even to ascertain a matter of truth. That is what I term willful ignorance. We live in a world today where knowledge is readily accessible, erasing our reasons for being ignorant. Many people dismiss truth by stating that they don't want to talk about it as if they might hear something that might really be true. Or they may discover the lie they have been a part of all this time. It suggests that many people of faith are simply afraid of truth concerning matters of Scripture and the Father because it goes against the norm of Christian belief. History proves that Christianity was born out of a political need and had nothing to do with truth associated with the Father.