

## Fake News and Post-Truth

**Proverbs 14:12—“There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death”.**

Fake news, false truth, post-truth, speculation, opinion and rumor are now the order of the day. What’s the Christian to do? Fake news has been defined as deliberate misinformation that parades long enough to be interpreted as truth.

False truth is an internal contradiction for that which is false cannot be true, vice versa. We live in a post-truth age where emotive feelings supersede factual reality but are given greater credence. In this environment, in the argument of relative versus absolute truth, where does the Christian stand? The human mind is wont to believe anything that is repeated constantly and visually, so that speculation and rumor enter into the realm of truth. It is an age that calls for wise discernment as we differentiate between truth and opinion and falsehood and error, for truth is more than factual reality--it is also a way of conduct and a code of behavior. Whereas one half of truth is that which is coded and recorded and stated, whether consciously or sub-consciously, the other half of truth results into actions that relate back to the code of value and belief. I am truthful ultimately if my conduct is consistent with my beliefs and those beliefs are ensconced in the Word of God. “That Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11).

I define truth as factual reality within the scope of human proof that is verifiable by one or more independent witnesses. Yet there is a higher moral truth, Gods truth, that emanates from knowledge of a true God that puts principle above all convenience and translates into conduct. We are called to keep our hearts and minds with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. We are called upon to make personal decisions. “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:8).

That which we believe to be true will form our conscience and dictate our actions, outside of the realm of speculation and rumor. May God reveal to us the truth of His Word, so that our actions are informed accordingly so that Jesus leads us all the way---[Jesus Led Me All the Way](#)