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Your
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Reality and the
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*If you think that you **alone** can
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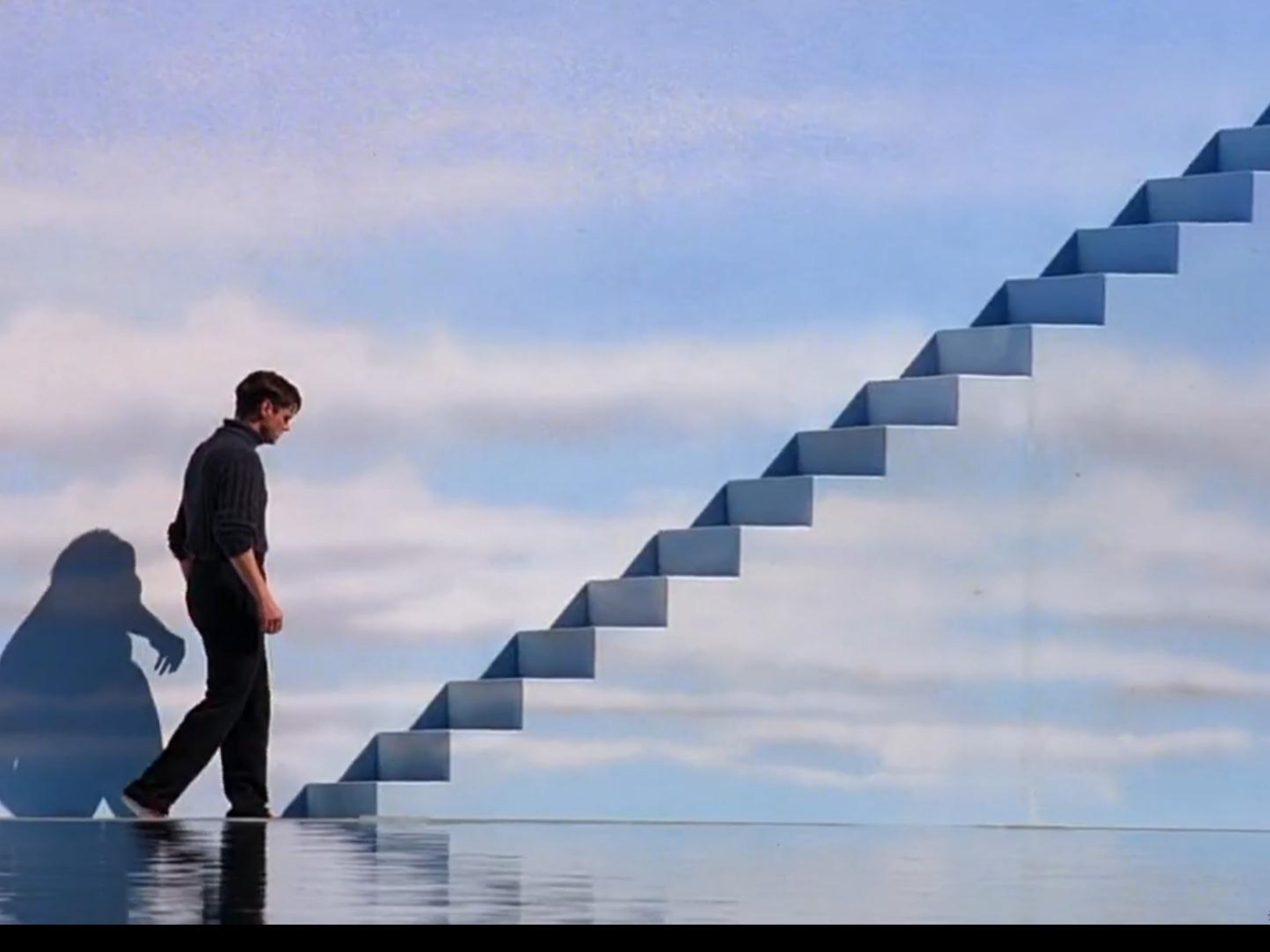
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“ In case I don't see ya,
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What is real or true?

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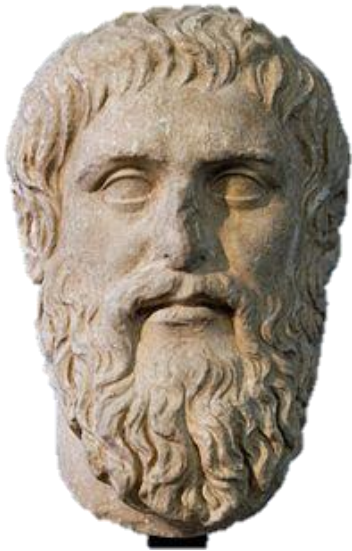
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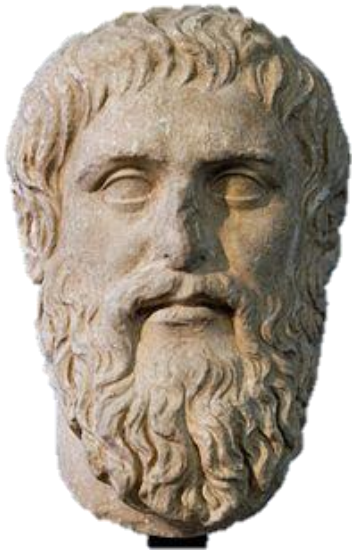
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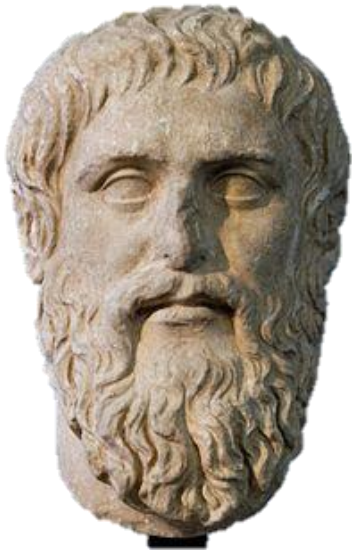


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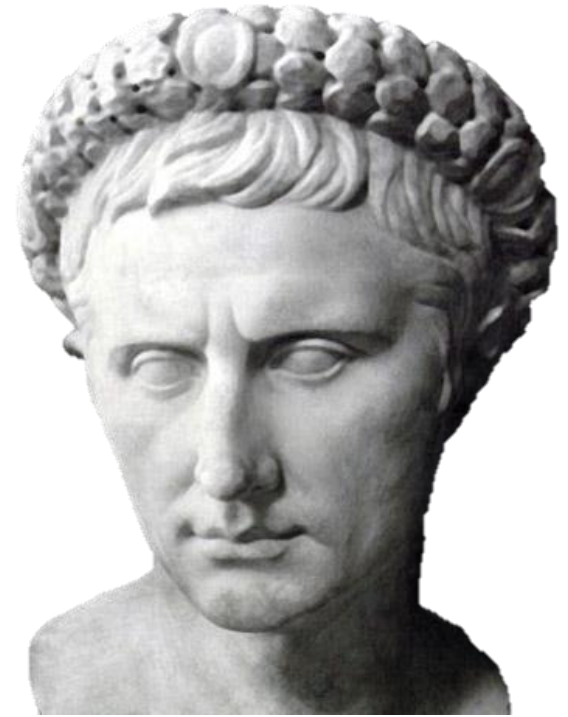
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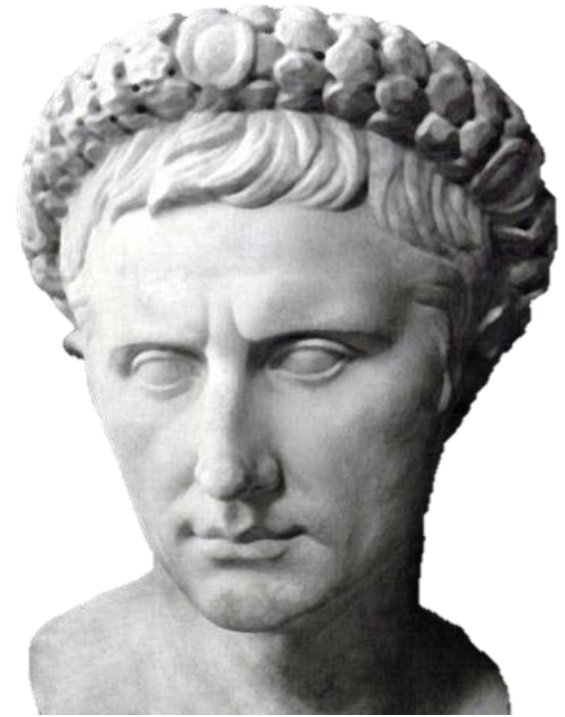
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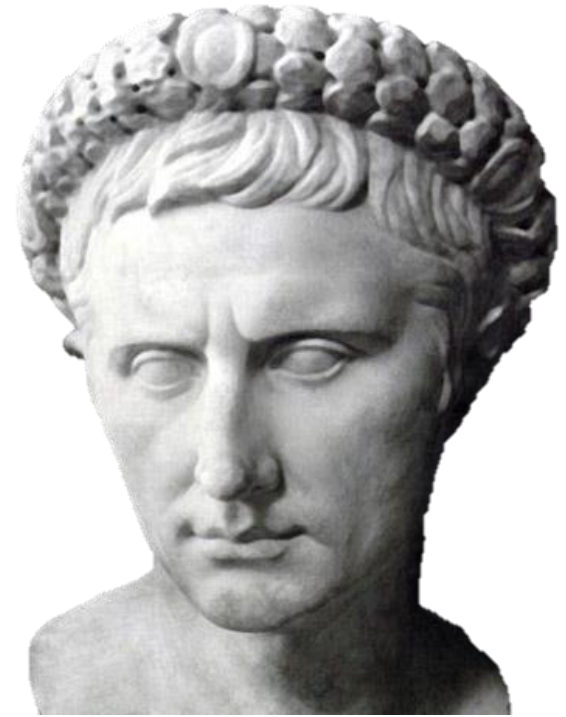
*You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world— to bear witness to the *truth*. Everyone who is of the *truth* listens to my voice*
(Jn. 18:37)



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WHAT IS TRUTH?

*What is **truth**?*



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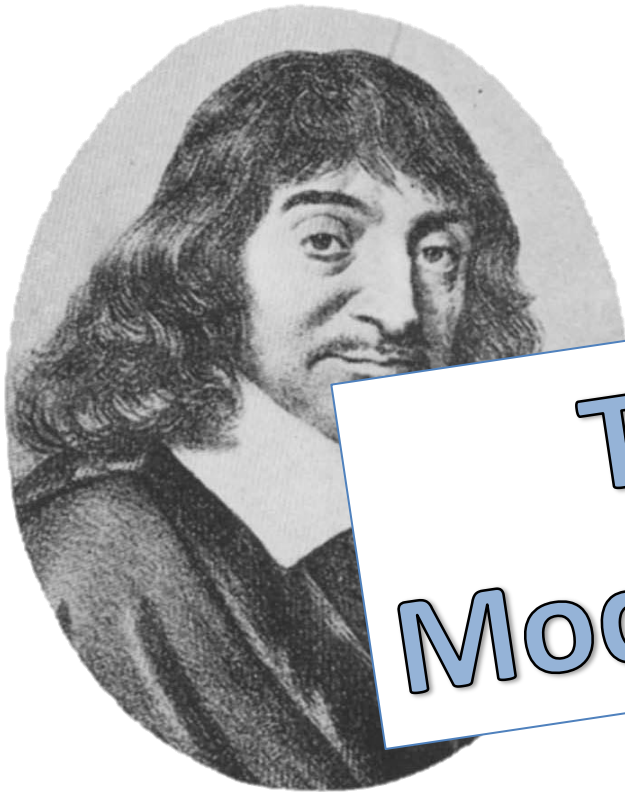
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The Father of
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ARE YOU LIVING IN A COMPUTER SIMULATION?

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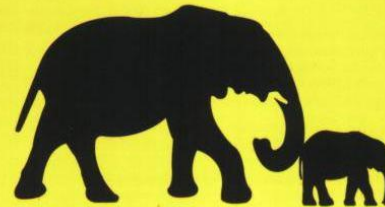
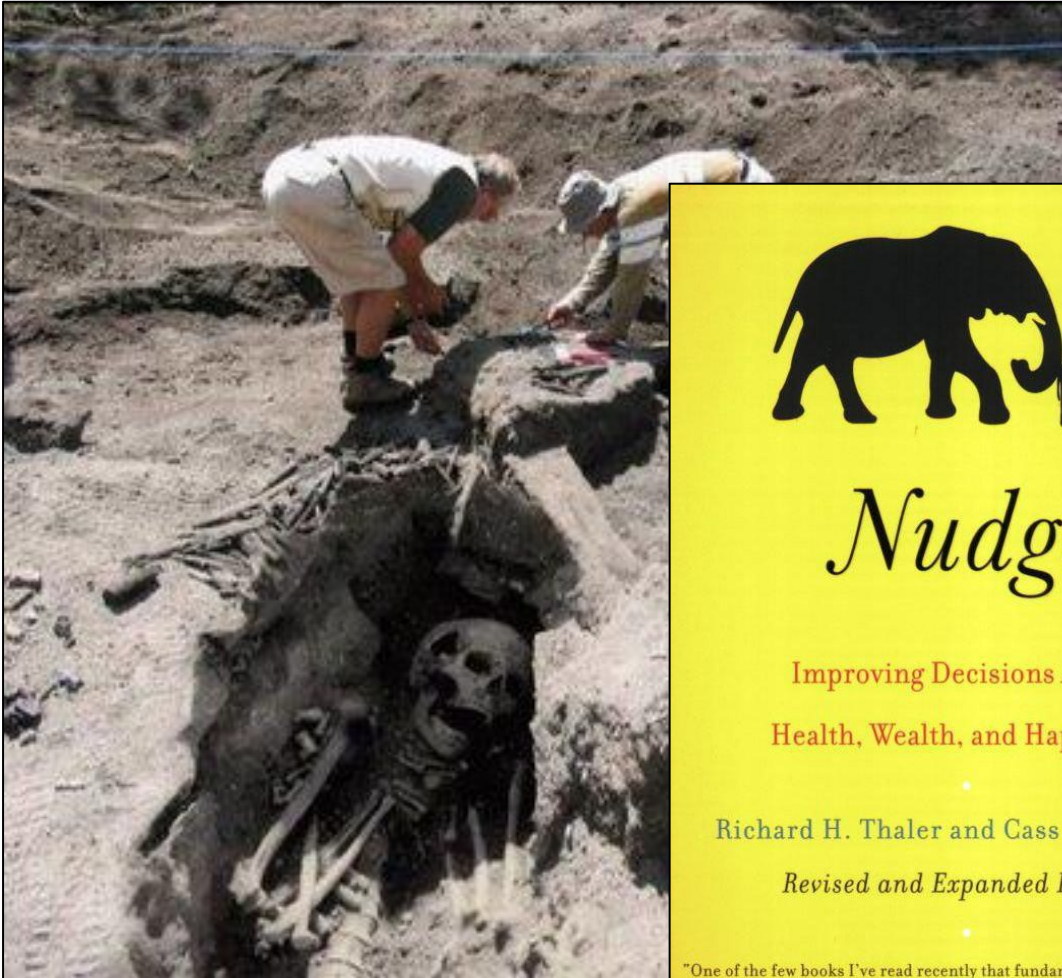


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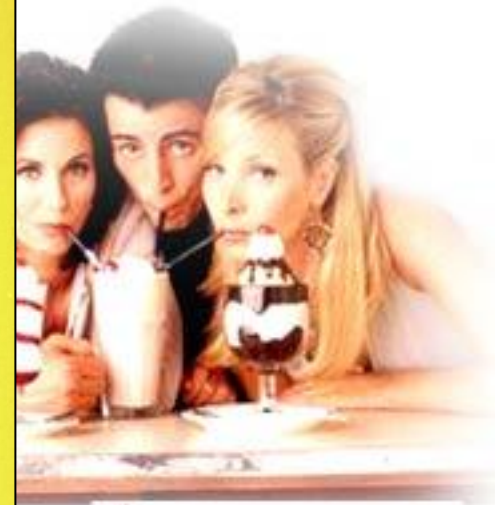
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- 3- Some truths are unknowable

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Rom. 1:18-28

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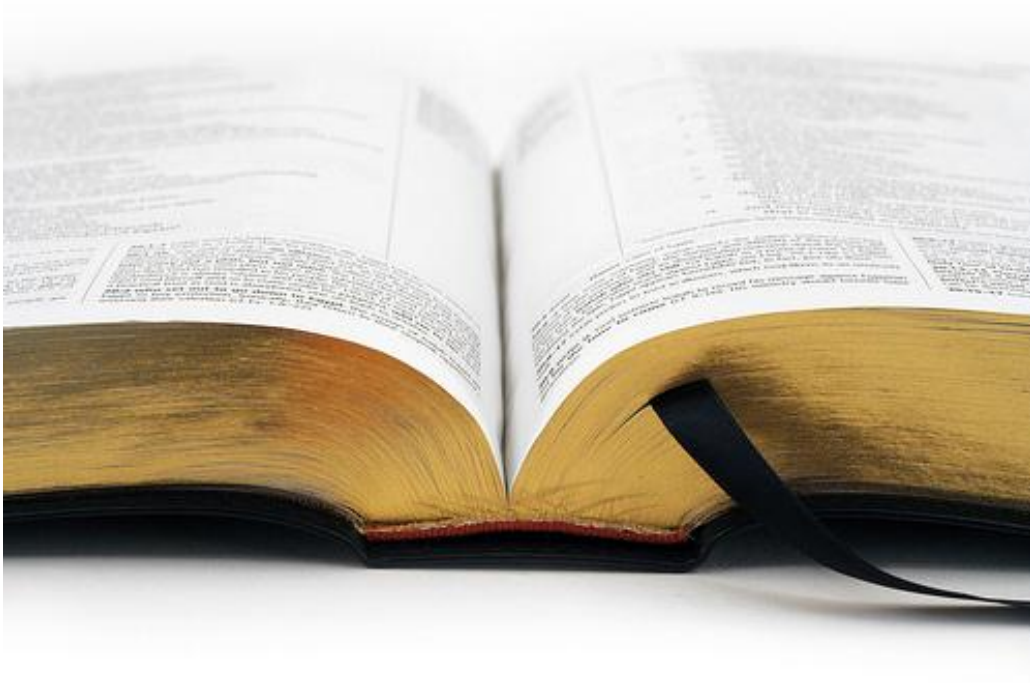


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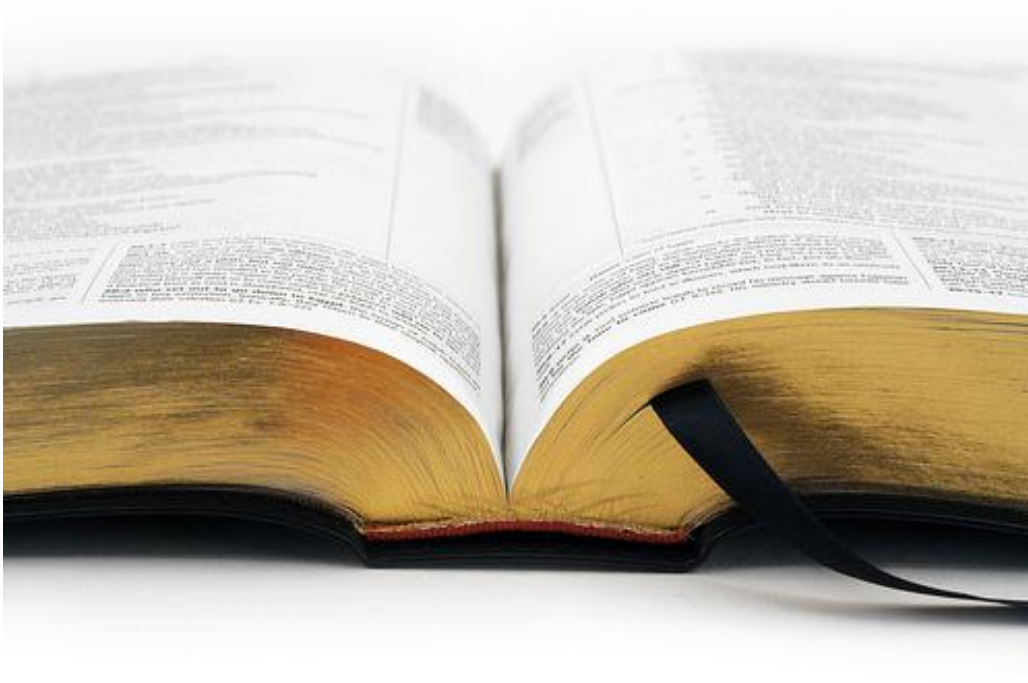
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The
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1 Cor. 2:1-16

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John 14

What is Truth?

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Truth is outside of man!

What is Truth?

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What does man do with the truth?

How DO WE KNOW?

How DO WE KNOW?



Anselm of Canterbury
(1033-1109)

How DO WE KNOW?



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Nor do I seek to understand that I may believe, but I **believe** that I may **understand**. For this, too, I believe, that, unless I first believe, I shall not understand.

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Points for home

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(Jn. 8:32)



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Seek the truth!



Points for home

*“I am the way [road], and the **truth**, and
the life”*

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The ultimate question is not “what is truth,”
It is “What do I do with the truth?”



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*“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil... Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of **truth**”*

(Eph. 6:12, 14)



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