

Wednesday 5th week of Lent 2020

What is Truth? Asked Pilate. For the believer Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. But, how to understand what truth is remains an intriguing question. In Scripture, truth is both qualitative and quantitative. In the Old Testament truth is identified with personal veracity and historical fact. Truth is also a quality used to describe utterances of the Lord. The Psalms describes truth as a fundamental characteristic of God. Proverbs speaks of truth as a virtue that people of God should practice. In John's Gospel, Jesus, as the Word become flesh, is full of grace and truth and is the source of grace and truth. In Galatians, truth is synonymous with the Gospel. In 2 Thessalonians Paul equates the truth with salvation. In the Pastoral Epistles, truth is described as a repository or official body of beliefs. In John's letters the basic message of Christianity is termed "the truth." Truth, then, is something that shapes the way we live, guides the way we live, inspires the way we live and is reflected in the way we live. Christ lives within us. Whenever we reflect his presence, live that presence, are inspired by that presence, we live the truth. It is like oxygen in the air we breathe – we can't do good without it. All our good works and acts of charity link us in some way to Christ and his good works. It is in living this inherent truth that as the psalmist so rightly says: We give Praise and Glory to God for evermore!

"Loving the truth means not only affirming it, but rather living it, bearing witness to it. . . . Truth, according to the Christian faith, is God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, truth is a relationship. . . . I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else - God is in this person's life. You can - you must - try to seek God in every human life." Pope Francis quotes.

Questions and answers in lawcourts:

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?

Q: Did he kill you?

Q: How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

Q: You were there until the time you left, is that true?

Q: Can you describe the individual?

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male, or a female?

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

A: Oral!