

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S TRUE? Part 2 **BELIEVE**

“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”
Proverbs 4:23 (GNT; TEV)

“Learn the truth and never reject it. Get wisdom, self-control, and understanding.” Proverbs 23:23 (NCV)

It starts with an attitude of **OPEN-MINDEDNESS** and **SINCERITY**
“If you seek me, you will find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

Your worldview, whatever it is should answer life's **four** necessary questions:

- The question of Origin.
- The question of Meaning.
- The question of Morality.
- The question of Destiny.

Test for truth.

- Logical Consistency
- Empirical adequacy
- Experiential relevance

II. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S TRUE?

1. THROUGH CREATION

“... Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that [men] are without excuse.” Romans 1:20 (NIV)

“... The basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is!” Romans 1:19 (MSG)

2. THROUGH CONSCIENCE

“Some people naturally obey [God's] commands, even though they don't have the Law. This proves that the conscience is like a law written in the human heart. And it will show whether we are forgiven or condemned.” Romans 2:14-15 (CEV)

“[This shows] that God's law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but its woven into the very fabric of our creation. There

is something deep within [us] that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong.” Romans 2:14-15 (MSG)

“The LORD gave us mind and conscience; we cannot hide from ourselves.” Proverbs 20:27 (GNT; TEV)

3. THROUGH CONSIDERATION

“... Consider carefully your ways.” Haggai 1:7

“Examine yourself, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourself...” 2 Corinthians 13:5

“Watch where you are going.” Proverbs 4:26

- **Examine your Resources.**

“Fools will believe anything, but the wise think about what they do.”
Proverbs 14:15 (NCV)

- **Examine the Voices you allow to speak to you.**

Jesus: *“Beware of false teachers ... You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit.”*
Matthew 7:15-16 (TLB)

“...Don't be impressed with charisma. Look for character.”
Matthew 7:17 (MSG)

- **Listen to God's Spirit when you are listening to a teacher.**

“... the Father will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. [He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God].” John 14:16-17 (GNT; TEV)

4. THROUGH GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It [straightens] us [out] and teaches us to do what is right.” Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

5. THROUGH CHRIST

“... I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6 (NIV)

“Those who believe Him discover that God is true.” John 3:33

