

How truth can lead to silent terrorism or even war

Truth is not about us and is true no matter if everybody is convinced it is wrong or decrees that it is wrong. Though truth is not about us, we need it. The apple on the tree is not about you but you may need it. So truth then is necessarily narrow. People need it even if they hate it. It hurts nobody and those who hate it hurt themselves. People mix lies with truth and tell half the truth. They are enemies of truth. A problem arises. Because truth is not about us it is intolerant. This intolerance is a necessary evil. The alternative would be worse. A heap of suffering over truth is better than the same one over lies.

Truth can lead to warfare. How? Truth stands whether we agree with truth or not but lies attempt to create a fake truth. If truth can lead to intolerance, imagine how much fake truth will. Once lies are sanctioned as the truth a slippery slope is started. Soon there will be countless factions all disagreeing with each other each with their own set of lies.

Truth can lead to silent terrorism - the type where people feel they will be looked down on and hated behind their backs if they question it.

A man-made religion that claims to be from God and thus to be the truth simply has to end up dodgy. It already is even if it does not know it.

Mother Teresa was about using the plight of the sick and dying to make Catholicism smell of flowers. And the evidence that Catholicism is from man and not from God and that there are problems with Jesus's ethics is overwhelming. I call a religion that won't update its teaching when new light comes up fundamentalist. Notably there is no process in Catholicism for dealing with extremists. The Church will not punish you for shooting abortionists in the name of religion. But it will give out half hearted meaningless condemnations to keep itself looking good.

Truth is not about us or what we want to think or what we think we should think. It is not about us at all. It will not serve us however to defy it. Those who defy it hurt others. Often a religion comes along that claims to be the truth. Truth is intrinsically intolerant.

Truth is a necessary evil but a religion claiming to be truth cannot be a necessary evil if it is not the truth. It is just an evil.

Objective Morality

If morality is real and objective, then it is factual. You do not have a right to your own facts so it follows that morality should be forced on people.

If morality is not real, then it is okay if you force for nothing is really immoral. This is the relativist view.

To create a God who sanctions these things, to worship God for doing so, is going too far. Both views are dangerous and should not be given that glory. They are bad enough by themselves without you trying to make them more insulting and forceful by making them representative of God.