

Qualities of Truth

A series of three postings on the Divine Love forum intended to help readers come to see the Qualities of Divine Truth in order to help them determine what is truth in their own lives

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Introduction

"You will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free!"

When Pilate was questioning Jesus, just before Jesus death, Jesus made the above statement to him. In response, he said to Jesus "What is Truth?" Although Jesus statement in some ways had already answered his question, in that real truth results in real freedom, if the circumstances were different, what additional things would Jesus have liked to say regarding truth?

For many persons it may seem that it is a mere dream to believe that you can come to know the secrets and truth regarding life, the universe, and everything. Perhaps you have been seeking truth for much of your life, only to become disappointed with the result, and have grown tired of the journey. Or perhaps you have come to think that such a thing does not exist.

The Padgett Messages contain the Divine Truth, as written to the medium James Padgett (Ned to his wife), by persons who had once lived on the earth, as we now do, but who are now various locations within the universe of God. If a person examines these messages in detail, an individual can come to determine the qualities of the truth.

Truth has qualities and properties which, when used as a yardstick to make a comparison, enable thoughts, feelings and actions to either be accepted as truth, or dismissed as falsehood. Once a person understands the properties and qualities of truth, and then uses this knowledge to search for truth, truth can be found, and once found, will result in that person experiencing such overwhelming feelings of happiness and joy.

So this process, besides being a logical and scientific one, is also a process involving feelings and emotions. Coming to knowledge of truth is dependent upon the individual seeking truth with all their soul, which is motivated by their desires and aspirations. Once knowledge of truth is their possession, the feelings of happiness and joy are only obtained by bringing oneself into harmony with the truth that is found.

The Law of Cause and Effect dictates that Truth can only act in certain ways, and there are certain actions impossible to do when the position of Truth is maintained. There are qualities, which when examined, demonstrate that a concept, an idea, thought or feeling must be the truth, and these qualities could be called the Qualities of Truth.

So the question "What Is Truth?" is one of the most important questions a person can ask. When the Qualities of Truth are determined, and applied against the philosophies, knowledge and emotions of man, the Truth of the Universe can be found. And when found, Truth brings the most excelling happiness to its seeker.

So, I thought that it would be good to post a few threads for discussion, listing different Qualities of Truth as seen in the messages, and then taking comparisons and examples from modern day life to illustrate how each quality can be seen.

I have listed only 15, which I shall post in three separate threads, but of course there are many more.

1. Absolute Truth Is of Itself, A Thing Apart, And Admits of No Variations Or Modifications

This truth is stated repetitively within the Padgett Messages. "Truth is of itself, a thing apart, and admits of no variations or modifications, and, hence, the minds of men must submit to and embrace Truth; it will never accommodate itself to the beliefs of men. One is fixed and unchangeable, and the other is always changeable, and until founded on a knowledge of the Truth, will at sometime or other have to change, because in the end Truth will be established in the hearts and minds of men, so that harmony and peace shall reign in all God's universe."

This truth has been stated in the Bible at Eccl 3:11 (NWT); "Everything He has made pretty in its time. Even time indefinite He has put into their heart, that mankind may never find out the work that the True God has done from the start to the finish."

Absolute Truth is the domain of the Creator, our Father, and, since He created the universe, the physical universe seen by the mortal, the spiritual seen by the spirit, and the soul, seen by soul, He is the possessor of Absolute Truth.

Truth of this quality never needs modification or updating, since it is never incorrect or found to be wanting. It is complete within itself. If a belief needs to be modified or updated, then of course, although it may have contained some of the truth before its modification, it never was the full truth.

No other single entity in the universe of all of His Creation, knows everything He has done, and therefore, no entity or soul other than the Creator is the possessor of Absolute Truth. Since this is the case Absolute Truth never changes throughout eternity.

2. Absolute Truth Is Infinite

Since the material of the visible universe appears infinite to the mortal, and the material of the invisible universe also appears infinite to the spirit, then it also follows that the truths contained within such an infinite universe must also be infinite in number.

So the question then becomes, how does a person with a seemingly finite mind, and a seemingly finite life, learn the seemingly secret truths of an obviously infinite universe. To such a person, the task seems totally impossible, a waste of ones limited energy and resources, and therefore, many make no attempt to even begin the process.

If one summarizes all of the Padgett messages, and then places the messages into a logical sequence of how the truth can be found, the way to search for truth can be narrowed down to the following concept.

Step 1 - Find the Truth about God
Step 2 - Find the Truth about myself
Step 3 - Find the Truth about others
Step 4 - Find the Truth about the universe

Now unfortunately many using this method of study never come to a true knowledge at step 1 (because they generally believe God to be a God of wrath), and generally attempt to skip step 2 altogether (because it is a very emotional process, which is often times painful and criticized by others).

Mr Padgett was constantly encouraged to come into a personal relationship with His God, through the avenue of prayer, which is defined as the "longings of the soul". If a person understands what the "longings of the soul" are, and comes to His Father in this manner, after entering a personal relationship with His Father, more truths become known to him.

Mr Padgett was constantly discouraged from finding other truths about other people or spirits, or of the universe, until he had found the Truth about his Father, had received His Father's Personal Love, and then concentrated on those things within himself he needed to avoid or overcome which prevented the deepening of that relationship.

Since he was now in connection with his Father, the Source of Absolute Truth, as he came into at-onement with Him, further Truth was revealed. Growth in knowledge of the secrets of the infinite universe is very fast using this method, and also, accompanied with that tremendous growth, is the overwhelming happiness knowledge of certain aspects of truth brings to the heart of man.

3. Truth and Love Are Always In Perfect Harmony, and Without Truth, Love Cannot Be Complete

The relationship between truth and love cannot be understated. This relationship is one of the most misunderstood concepts within the beliefs of man. True love is not possible without truth. The most powerful feeling within the Universe, God's Love, cannot be felt without Divine Truth accompanying it.

The harmony of Truth and Love is the science of the Universe, not just moral principals and guidelines by which to live, but also the engine room of the material and spiritual Universe, and the Source of all things.

From the birth of a human onwards, the child begins to seek the truth about its environment, and, if such a child continues to be taught the complete truth as its capacity can accept, it will continue its journey into complete happiness, because, as its knowledge of truth grows, so to will it come into a personal relationship with its own Father, and come to feel His Personal Love.

Happiness of an unlimited nature is only possible by believing, accepting, and then living the Truth, and such is the result because Love and Truth are in harmony.

Throughout the Padgett messages, Love and Truth are constantly shown to exist together, and spirits in darkness were in darkness because they did not have the Love of the Father due to having no desire to exercise their own Free Will to emotionally accept the Truth. Once truth is accepted, longings of the soul can be generated, and the Love of the Father will come.

However, man's concept of Love is often flawed. Because of this, it is often thought not good to say the truth, since it may "hurt" someone, but this is not the case. If someone experiences hurt from the Truth, then the hurt is the result of the belief of error within them and not because Truth and Love are out of harmony.

4. The Individual's Knowledge of Truth Is Eternally Progressive

Since Absolute Truth admits of no variations or modifications, Absolute Truth cannot and does not change. It will never accommodate itself to the thoughts and beliefs of men or women, and hence, the minds of humans must conform, submit to and embrace the Truth before the human can be in harmony with Truth.

Although Absolute Truth never changes, our personal knowledge of truth grows progressively, and is dependant on our own ability to grasp and understand. Throughout the Padgett messages, it was emphasized that spirits with high amounts of knowledge of Truth and Love did not know everything. Jesus said he was a "progressive spirit." A spirit when explaining portions of the truth used often the term "it is not yet known".

It can be stated that individual knowledge of Truth cannot be anything but eternally progressive. (See point 2, the Truth is Infinite.) Since the Truth is infinite, it is impossible for any single person, mortal, spirit, or soul, to state they know the full truth, unless that soul is the possessor of Absolute Truth, which of course, only the Creator of such a universe could say.

That the truth is progressive can be illustrated by a person's knowledge of sex. If a parent tried to teach a 2 year old child what sex is, there would be much confusion and perhaps even damage to that child should that child not be of the development to understand. For this reason, most children at that age may be aware that a child grows within its mother, but may not have a concept of sex.

A parent can certainly teach an 8 year old child the operations of sex, and demonstrate the effects of those operations as procreation, and that 8 year old will understand the operations, but perhaps not understand the desire of the part of its parents to do what it may think is such a vile thing. ("Ooh yuck, why would you want to do that?" I believe I have quite often heard.)

But a parent will have no trouble convincing a 16 year old teenager why this thing called sex is so enjoyable. In fact, the parent by this stage often is so concerned about the child wanting to experience it themselves, that many rules and regulations are set up by the parent to prevent such an event from occurring.

So, although the truths of sex have not changed throughout the centuries, or throughout our personal life, as a person grows and matures their personal knowledge of sex continues to grow and change.

From this we can illustrate that although the actual truth about any matter may be absolute and does not change, the individual's knowledge of the same truth is progressive, and does eternally change.

5. Truth Itself, With All The Power And Knowledge That It Has As Its Foundation, Will Not Compel A Man To Accept It Against His Will

A person can make a stand for Truth but cannot, and I should say, because of Truth's harmony with Love, will not fight for Truth. Truth will not compel another to accept it against their free will. A person living in Truth refuses to compel a person who may believe, accept and live a lie to accept the truth against their will.

Again a message from Jesus; "While these feelings of discord must necessarily follow the advent of Truth, yet I did not come for the purpose of bringing a sword, but for the purpose of showing men what the Truths are and of causing harmony and belief in these Truths. Never is hatred, nor discord nor war among men justified — no matter what the cause — and if men will only learn the Truth there will never exist such feelings or acts."

"And because of the great gift of free will to man, truth itself, with all the power and knowledge of the Father back of it, will not compel a man to accept it against his will, and hence, as man is very fallible and thinks and believes according as his finite, mental faculties convince him that a certain thing is or is not true, he will not be willing to surrender his convictions until the truth shall come to him in such a way as to persuade him of its reality; and as men differ so much in the operations of their minds and reasoning faculties there will necessarily be a great division among them as to what is and what is not true. And hence there will arise disputes and hatred and even wars among them in maintaining their respective beliefs and opinions as to what is truth. "

It can be shown that personal truth in particular is of this nature. The more we "walk away from truth" in our personal life, the more difficult our personal life becomes. Hopefully, at some time, a person will notice how difficult their own life has become, and, in seeing the results of their beliefs, change and begin "walking towards truth." But often this does not happen, and the person walks even further away from truth, with the resultant increasing difficulties in their own life. But at some time the difficulties will be of such a nature and to such an extent as to cause so much personal pain in their life, and they then realize they have been living a life of error. At this point, many persons turn around, and being walking towards truth.

6. Breaking The Law Of Truth Results In Penalties

Truth is contained within every law of the Universe, including those of a physical nature, as well as the spiritual and soul based laws. As man grows in knowledge of these laws, he comes to realize that every law carries with it a penalty for it's violation, and this applies to the smallest law in the material universe as well as to the greatest law in the soul universe, that is God's Love. Of course, because of the relationship between Truth and Love, Love also is contained within every law of the universe.

Throughout the Padgett messages, laws of all sorts are discussed. It is shown by the discussion that, although mortal man may think certain laws result in penalties, such is not the case. Rather, all laws have a penalty for their infringement, whether those penalties are visible to man, or invisible.

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Lets use the visible Law of Gravity as an example. If we stand on a high building and we jump off without the Law of Aerodynamics on our side, then we will probably die. We can also be on exactly the same building and be pushed off, with exactly the same result (death), but the cause of our death be, not that we chose to do it, but that someone else murdered us by using this law. In one case, we were responsible for the decision, and we died, in another, someone else was responsible for the decision, but we still died.

So the Law of Gravity operates under all circumstances, and is not selective. It does not say, "since that man was pushed, I will cease to operate because the result is not fair for the man because he was pushed." No, it operates on everything coming within its sphere of operation, no matter what the cause. We can chose to obey the law and there will be no penalty. But if we chose, or someone else forces us, or by accident we disobey the law, the penalty is the same.

Physical laws of a lower nature exist, such as the law of gravity, and we can see the effect and operations on those laws in the physical world, and physical laws of a higher nature exist such as the law of aerodynamics, which under normal circumstances we cannot see, but can see the effects of and use on a consistent basis also within our physical world. Obviously also, since physical laws exist that have their effect on the material body, so to spiritual laws exist controlling the spiritual body (which is of a material, just not a material seen by the human eye), and the soul laws exist controlling the soul, the "real man".

So all laws visible or invisible to man, result in a corresponding penalty if infringed, and that penalty is sometimes visible to man, but in more often times is invisible to man, and can only be seen by man after he enters the spirit world. This is a great Truth presented within the Padgett messages.

For example, the person pushing another person off the building has broken a law, and caused someone else to break a law, but it seems at the time that the penalty for the lawbreaker does not exist. He seems to "get away with it." But there are others laws, invisible in nature, but of a higher degree of operation, which will result in the penalty being paid by that person.

The Padgett messages mention Laws over and over again, demonstrating that Law is a consequence of Truth and Love, and that there are Laws that exist which are higher in operations than other Laws. But each time a soul breaks the Law, penalties arise from the event and are at work upon that soul.

7. Truth Does Not and Cannot Compromise, Even For The Sake Of Peace

Again quoting Jesus from the Padgett messages; "While the truth will cause a division, as I know, among men as to what the truth is, and may even separate and cause bitter thoughts and even hatred to arise in the souls of men towards their fellow men, and even brother may come to dislike brother, yet the accomplishing of such results was not the object of my coming to earth and teaching the truths, but rather are they results of the unavoidable conflict between truth and error. Truth cannot compromise even for the sake of peace, and error will not submit or acknowledge its untruth so long as it can get any mortal to believe in and advocate it.

Absolute Truth does not and cannot compromise, even for the sake of peace. For this reason truth may seem to cause divisions, but in fact, truth of itself does not cause such things. Truth is separate to error, and the presence of truth may cause deep feelings of resentment and even hatred to occur and arise in the souls of men who are in error towards their fellow men, and even brother may come to dislike brother. But such is the position of those in error, since those with truth will continue to love their brother who may be in error.

Those who love will come to realize that truth must be said in all situations, and in fact, a person who lives in truth will find it extremely difficult to withhold from being truthful in every situation. A person with such a love of truth will accept their death rather than compromise truth for the sake of peace. This was demonstrated in Jesus own life.

8. Truth Results In Freedom

The statement "The Truth will set you free" is one of overwhelming accuracy and persists during all areas of the development of the soul of man.

The Padgett messages again; "This Love frees man from all law except the law of its Ownself — and when man possesses this Love he is slave to no law and is free indeed." Since Love and Truth cannot exist apart, Truth is the thing that allows this Love to such an extent that true freedom is realized, then Truth results in freedom.

Many examples can be given of this. A woman repeatedly beaten by her partner may be told by her partner that he loves her. So she attempts to believe this lie, and in doing so, chooses to stay with the man. She is in a prison caused by her own belief, thinking love would dictate she should stay. But if she faces the truth and sees that a person who loves her would never beat her, she now becomes free in her mind and no longer can accept this false belief. In addition, she is also free in her mind to see that her own love of self would dictate that she cannot allow this treatment to continue, no matter what the price.

Once she is free in her mind and can see the full truth, she now has the power to act, and can act no matter what the price, and upon acting will in all instances experience even more freedom.

A person may argue that if her partner is violent her actions may result in her own death, but, once the truth is known, death will not be seen as a major interruption to life, and in fact, many blessings can and do result from leaving the fleshly existence for a spiritual one.

9. Truth Results In A Fearless Existence

A fearful existence is the result of a person believing lies rather than the truth. In fact, if the accepting the belief results in a more fearful existence, then there is less truth contained within that belief, unless of course, the fear is already within the soul and being triggered by the truth.

For example, suppose a person believes they can only be saved from eternal punishment in a fiery hell by believing the death of Jesus saves them from such punishment, and that Jesus is God. Then there is a lot of fear associated with those beliefs.

As the Padgett messages say, there is no truth in such a belief, and this belief has caused untold misery on earth and in the spiritual heavens. Often the messages show and demonstrate the pain and suffering of feelings and emotions experienced by a soul that has accepted the error caused by a false belief.

But what if the truth is in fact that belief in Jesus death does not save a person from punishment, and that he is not God? Or, even worse for the false believer, what if a belief in those things actually in itself results in darkness and suffering? How is a person who is living in the fear of eternal torment and damnation going to accept this totally different teaching? In such a condition, their fear will often prevent them from accepting the new teaching, even though the new teaching may in fact be the truth.

If a person who is a member of a religion decides to seek for more truth, and because of this decision, he is excommunicated from his religion, and his friends who remain in the religion are taught to have nothing to do with him, then how can that religion have the Absolute Truth?

It is an undeniable truth and in fact a Law of Truth as certain as the Law of Gravity in its operations, that although truth can never be changed for the lie, truth will also not prevent the seeker from seeking more truth.

This of course sounds very logical once it is heard, but in fact most religions on earth teach that once you know the truth, there is no more to seek, and in addition, if you do seek anything more you are an apostate to the truth, and therefore under condemnation.

Such a teaching directly opposes the law of truth, which is that as a person comes closer to the truth in their belief, they will in fact be free to be able to seek for even more truth. Religion that opposes a person seeking more truth, or condemns a person to a fearful existence because of their seeking for more truth, cannot contain the full truth. As such it can be seen that although many religions of the earth contain truths, it will be very difficult for a seeker of truth to find a religion on earth that he can call the Truth.

Truth always results in more freedom, and a less fearful existence.

10. Truth Does Not Hurt Anyone Or Anything

There is a common saying among mankind that "the truth hurts." Never has a more inaccurate statement been said regarding truth, and it continually astounds me that people should have such an inaccurate view of the truth.

The Padgett messages confirm over and over that falsehood hurts, and that the truth results in the releasing of that hurt, and after the release, happiness. Many times the effect of falsehood creating pain and suffering is emphasized.

Truth may seem to hurt and injure, but in fact, truth of itself does not cause hurt or injury. Injury and hurt results from error, lies and deceit. Truth will often seem to be accompanied by injury and hurt because truth exposes error and lies, and the person feels the results of such error and lies within their feelings and thoughts, becomes pained because of those feelings and thoughts, and may even feel that they did not really want to know the truth.

But the truth is always beneficial and never harmful, and until all men come to realize that fact, man will be plagued with strife and disharmony. The feelings which are often overwhelming, frightening, and distressing to man which are a result of coming to know the truth regarding a situation are the result of the injury caused by the belief of an error.

This is time and again shown within the Padgett messages. The truth that Mr Padgett himself "was not of condition" to receive a message was always told to him, even when he thought he was of the correct condition. Mr Padgett did not find this hurtful, even though others may have, because he was open to the Truth.

Spirits were often referred to as a "failure" both by themselves and other spirits. This is not hurtful, because it is the truth. Many spirits stated unequivocally that they and others had taught and believed lies, and the spirits identified were not offended by such speech or writing because it was the truth.

Perhaps a good way to illustrate this is a committed relationship between a man and a woman. Lets say both parties believe the other to be fully committed to the relationship. This they believe to be the truth, and rest in the security and trust such a relationship may bring.

Then one of the parties may be sexually unfaithful. From that point error has occurred, and error always brings pain with it. If the unfaithful partner does not disclose the Truth, error is then compounded upon error, which of course will result in even more pain.

The relationship is in error, since lies and deceit have now become the basis for the relationship continuing, and pain is going to be the result within the relationship whether both parties are aware of the deceit or not.

It is true that when the truth is exposed, the innocent party, often whether they love their partner or not, will feel the pain of coming to know the truth. But the pain is a direct result of the error, since if the error did not occur pain could not be associated with it.

Man, in his limited belief, may feel that it is better to not tell the truth regarding the act of unfaithfulness, but to do so results in error added to error, which will always have the result of increasing the pain and injury, both within that man, and within his partner. In all of these actions it is obviously not the truth that has caused the pain or hurt, but the act of unfaithfulness.

Many persons often avoid pain at all costs by not wishing to know or accept the truth, but, as they will find sometime throughout their existence, there is a penalty for choosing to believe the lie, as the Law of Truth dictates that happiness is not possible for the person who chooses to believe the lie by taking a position of denial.

11. Truth Does Not Allow The Lie, No Matter What The Price.

Obviously truth and lies are opposites, and a person who lives in truth cannot lie. Many times you hear people say that there are "white lies," implying that a lie said to make a person feel good is in fact a "good lie." But in fact there is no such thing as a good lie, just as there is no such thing as a hateful love.

Within the Padgett messages, the spirits allowed to talk by his band of spirit protectors never told an untruth as far as its own belief. This was a pre-requisite of any spirit allowed to write a message using Mr Padgett as the medium. Often, spirits with greater development would tell Mr Padgett that the previous spirits message, although said by the spirit in sincerity, was actually not the truth.

Also Jesus said; "The importance of these truths cannot be too forcibly placed before men for their consideration; and, when the time comes for them to pass over, the more they have pondered on and obtained a knowledge of these truths, the better will be their condition in the spirit world."

But truth motivated by love also goes further, in that it will not even allow a person to believe the lie, or allow the lie to go unchallenged, if it is within the power of the person who knows the truth to prevent such a thing. Some people say that staying silent when you know and could tell the truth is not lying. But of course, such is not the case, since truth and love live in harmony, and love would dictate that a person who knows the truth will always inform the person who believes the lie what the truth actually is if they really love them and they are given the chance. Telling someone the Truth is an act of Love.

To put this in a practical situation of the partner who commits the error of being unfaithful. Perhaps a friend of the couple knows of the unfaithfulness, and is trying to decide whether to tell the innocent party about the affair. A friend who lives in the truth and who loves their friends will always tell the truth, even if there was a risk that the innocent party in the desire to stay in denial, refuses to believe and terminates the friendship, or the guilty party believes that they were not a true friend, and becomes angry and resentful.

Truth will not allow the lie, even when there is a risk of any "friend," feeling so hurt by the suggestion of Truth, terminates the friendship. A good friend who has the knowledge of truth will understand that loyalty to truth dictates that the truth seeker will be willing to pay the price.

There are many situations in life were the person, upon learning the truth from any source, decides to disbelieve because of the potential pain, and in the process of disbelief, becomes angry with the person telling them the truth. But, as has been previously shown, a person wishing to remain in denial is also choosing the lie over the truth, and, because of this is living in error and will create even more pain in their own life.

On earth, becoming angry with a person saying the truth this is often referred to as "shooting the messenger." A person who decides to "shoot the messenger" rather than deal with the pain the original error may have caused is adding hurt to the original pain by compounding an error. The result will be more disharmonies in their own life. They are choosing error over truth, and such an action never results in more peace and harmony.

12. Personal Truth Must Be Faced Before Universal Truth Can Be Found

All of a persons internal thoughts and feelings which result from unresolved emotional pain, which I call their "personal truth" must be felt and released from their being before they can become in a condition to seek for and attain the universal truth which will result in their unlimited happiness.

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The Prayer, as provided by Jesus within the Padgett messages illustrates the importance of the individual's own beliefs about themselves having to be modified to obtain Truth.

For example; "... we are Your children, and not the subservient, sinful and depraved creatures that our false teachers would have us believe ...". God's Love cannot flow to a person who believes they have no personal worth, because their personal belief is in opposition to the Truth about that God's Love.

Another example; "... Let us have such faith as will cause us to know that You are our Father, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift, and that only we, ourselves, can prevent Your Love changing us from the mortal to the immortal ...". A person must allow himself or herself to be caused to know their Father, and that; only they themselves can prevent His Love from changing them. If they do not understand this Truth, the Love cannot come.

A further example; "Keep us in the shadow of Your Love every hour and moment of our lives, and help us to overcome all temptations of the flesh, and the influence of the powers of the evil ones, which so constantly surround us and endeavour to turn our thoughts away from You to the pleasures and allurements of this world." We must take personal responsibility to overcome temptations of the flesh, and if we do this, God will help us.

All of these things are "personal truths" in that we must take responsibility for ourselves and be willing to change and conform to a true belief before God's Love can flow to us.

This can be illustrated by looking at a person who has suffered from the terrible effects of childhood abuse. Often such a person refuses to deal with the truth of their own life, coming to acknowledge that their own parents, if they were the source of the abuse, did not and cannot love them.

Rather than believe this truth, and thus feel the sadness of their own emotional pain and release it, they may choose to hold onto the belief in their mind that their parents were good, or that they did their best. Such a person also then holds onto incorrect views of love and childrearing, and their own failure to face their own personal truth results in the rest of their own life being damaged.

Such a person remains in a position of pain, and with it anger, and often that pain and anger does not leave them all their own earth life or beyond. Many times their life is then affected so badly that they themselves or the person they choose as a life partner abuse their own children, maybe not in a sexual way, but in the many other ways that result in emotional damage to the growing child.

This of course impedes their own growth, and also the growth and happiness of their beautiful children. In this way, the pain of the parent is visited upon the child, and many times this cycle continues throughout generations.

This pain, both the personal continuous pain of the parent, and the subsequent pain of the children reared by the same, could be avoided by the parent making a choice to emotionally connect with their personal truth.

In this way, many parents do not show love to their own children. So parents have such a large responsibility and must face, process and deal with their personal truth before they can expect the happiness that comes from knowing the universal truth.

Time and time again I have seen how a person attempts to find the universal truth, but also, at the same time, attempts to avoid the feelings associated with coming to feel and process their own truth. Since it is a law that two opposites cannot exist in the same thing (an attempt to accept the lie by not feeling the pain of their own error, and another attempt to find and accept the truth of the universe with its resultant happiness), disharmony and disappointment can be the only result.

Such is the unhappiness of the man attempting to seek for universal truth, but also, at the same time, attempting to deny the truth within their own life.

13. Truth Is Demonstrated By Actions

This is again an undeniable fact regarding truth, but one that many people ignore totally resulting in their own unhappiness.

Often within the messages it is stated that "when a spirit comes to know the truth", "they will realize their error", and once the error is realized, will change, and do things differently.

Lets continue with the example of the woman being beaten by her partner. If she understood that truth is demonstrated by actions, she would see that even though her husband says he loves her, his actions show that his claims cannot be the truth. The truth is that love precludes an act of violence of any kind, and if the woman could see that actions demonstrate the truth of the matter, she would see that in fact his claims are false, whether he believes them to be true or not.

We may believe that we can think and have a longing for something hurtful, and as long as we do nothing about the thought or longing, then there is no harm done. The Padgett messages disagree with this conception.

It is a well known fact that, if a person forms a longing for something by thinking about it in his mind, he will at some time, have developed this longing so much that he will convince himself that there is nothing wrong with his intention, and then in fact carry out the act. So the truth is exposed by actions based on the inner intention of that man, and the intention, which was initially a feeling, then a thought, has now motivated the action.

This operates in both a positive and a negative way. In a positive way, if a person really loves a friend, they will place that friend in an important position within their life, and make time to spend with the friend. So, the real intention of the person, or the truth of love, is exposed and demonstrated for anyone else to see.

In a negative way, a person may say they wish to give up cigarette smoking, since they understand that it is a harmful practice, and that they do not love themselves enough if they continue to abuse their own body. Such may be their statement, but if they continue to purchase the cigarettes, hide that they are smoking from others, and frequent locations such as bars, clubs and parties where others will induce them to continue their habit, the truth is exposed, and any outsider can see that they have no real intention of giving up the habit.

14. Truth Will Never Accommodate Itself To The Beliefs Of Men

Since real truth is fixed and unchangeable, and men and their thoughts, until founded on the Knowledge of Truth, will sometime or other have to change to come into harmony with the truth, truth will never be able to be modified to suit what men would like to believe.

Man can, and must if he wishes to be happy, conform his belief to the truth.

15. Truth Is Felt

Mankind often speaks of feelings as coming from the heart, and logic as coming from the mind. Although such is an over simplification of the actual workings of a man, it can be used to illustrate how truth, to be accepted, must be felt. In fact, if an idea or concept is said to contain the truth, but to believe it requires the removal of feelings of love from the individual, then the truth cannot be contained in such a concept.

Jesus said within the messages; "But the soul, as concerning man is a thing of itself, alone. A substance real, though invisible to mortals. The discerner and portrayer of men's moral and spiritual condition — never dying, so far as known, and the real ego of the man. In it are centred the love principle, the affections, the appetites and the passions, and possibilities of receiving and possessing and assimilating those things that will either elevate man to the state or condition of the Divine Angel or the perfect man, or lower him to the condition that fits him for the hells of darkness and suffering."

QUALITIES OF TRUTH

So the real man, the soul of the man, centers on its feelings, appetites, passions, longings and the love principle. All of these emanations of the soul are based around emotion, not thought. As such, the Truth that operates on the soul, is also centered on emotion and feelings.

For example, in so-called Christian religions, it is said that Jesus had to die in order for God to forgive the sins of man, and for man be reconciled to God. Jesus death and blood, it is claimed, was necessary, since the first human couple lost the right to eternal life by an act of error, another act of error had to occur (that is, the death of a perfect man) in order for mankind to obtain what the first couple lost. This being the case, and since suicide is wrong, Jesus had to tortured and killed in the manner in which he died in order for man to be saved.

Now if a person studied this so-called truth with their own feelings, and truly felt, as it is also claimed by the same persons, that God is a God of Love, then this so-called truth would be almost instantly dismissed from their consideration as the way for them to obtain a relationship with God. In fact, if a truly feeling person examines this teaching, then the feelings in his heart would rebel against such a belief.

This God demanded that His own loved creature die, and this creature it is claimed is His best beloved son, and then that others of God's sons and daughters had to believe in this death, and that no other way was possible in order for man to be redeemed.

If there is a God, and He is a God of Love, then why would He require the death and blood of His son, whom He loved, in order to right the wrong of another of His sons and daughters? Surely this is very unjust and unfair.

This is the same as saying that a earthly father, once he seen the wrongdoing of one of his sons, decided that the only way in which his anger would be satisfied, would be to have another son, whom he loves, killed, and then everything would be right again. For the father to kill his son would be wrong and against his nature, so he then required that others perform the sinful deed, and in performing the deed for him, they would be condemned.

To follow this absurd proposition to its logical conclusion, it was necessary in order for the debt to be paid that his son should die a most painful death, that another of his sons would become a traitor, that those who knew and hated his best beloved son would clamor for his death, and that the ruling authority would pronounce the sentence.

If all this was required, then why would this same unloving and unjust father condemn the actions of all these persons when really they did what he could not do. If he were fair and just surely he would rather have thanked them for their accomplishment of the deed.

And since the son was aware of the requirement, surely rather than saying to his father "forgive them Father, for they do not know what they do" he instead would have said, "I thank you Father that this can happen to me, that these people are doing these things for your benefit, and I can be the instrument of paying this penalty in this way."

To a person who feels, this teaching would be as abhorrent as it is illogical, and those who watched Jesus death will tell you, any person of feeling watching such an event could not but look upon it with distress and revulsion. It is also said that Jesus in fact taught such a belief, which the Padgett messages assure us he did not. Those who teach he said and believed such things not only misrepresent and slander Jesus, but also blaspheme their own Father.

So, as I have said, if an idea or concept is said to contain the truth, but to believe it requires the removal of feelings of love from the individual, then the truth cannot be contained in such a concept.

Conclusion

Obviously much more can be written about truth. But I was hoping in starting these threads different persons could add to them from their own life experiences, and demonstrate where they have found these Qualities of Truth within these experiences.