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Four Questions

- Where did I come from?
- Why is there such a mess in the world?
- Is there a way out?
- If we are redeemed, what is my purpose? (How shall we now live?)

How Do I Know What's True?

1. Through Revealed Truth – The Bible and Jesus

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

¹⁷ *so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

John 14:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

⁷ *If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

⁸ *Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."*

2. Through Nature and Creation

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

²⁰ *For 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 1:19 (MSG)

¹⁹ *But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is!*

3. Through **our Conscience**

Romans 2:14-15 (MSG)

¹⁴ *When outsiders who have never heard of God's law follow it more or less by instinct, they confirm its truth by their obedience.*

¹⁵ *They show that God's law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong.*

4. Through **our Understanding (Awareness)**

Proverbs 14:15 (MSG)

¹⁵ *The gullible believe anything they're told; the prudent sift and weigh every word.*

John 3:33 (MSG)

³³ *But anyone who examines this evidence will come to stake his life on this: that God himself is the truth.*

John 14:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--*

¹⁷ *the Spirit of truth.*

What do I do with the truth?

Believe it.

Live it.

Share it. (Spread it)