

## **Notes for Session 4 – *How Can I Know What’s Right or Wrong?***

TRUTH involves... Ethics, Sociology, Law, Government, Economics, History

**Relative truth –**

**Absolute truth –**

Determining what is absolute truth is usually not the problem! “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.” John 3:19

**Absolute truth evaluators...**

Clearly expressed in Scripture

Church tradition

Common sense

Godly mentor

The “trueness” of God’s Word is grounded in His attributes...omniscience, unchangingness, holiness, goodness, love, justice.

**Current views of truth...**

There is both RELATIVE and ABSOLUTE truth.

Opposing views of truth can BOTH be correct.

There is no such concept as TRUE or FALSE.

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Generation Z (mosaic worldview, fragments of other worldviews)

**ETHICS...**

*New Age* – Karma. What goes around, comes around.

*Humanist* – Relativism. Those in power decides what is true/false, good/bad.

*Islamic* – Absolute truth. Right and wrong are based on Quran.

*Christian* – Absolute truth. Right and wrong are based on God’s standards.

**SOCIOLOGY...**

*New Age* – “I’m OK, you’re OK...”, “Let’s just all get along.”, “Ascend until we’re all one.”

*Humanist* – .Community, state, globalism.

*Islamic* – Family, Mosque, Friends to those who support Islam, enemies to those who do not.

*Christian* – Family, church, state.

**LAW...**

*New Age* – Self-law. Karma. Whatever you believe is law to you.

*Humanist* – Positive Law; changes with society

*Islamic* – Sharia Law...Entirely based on Quran and Hadith.

*Christian* – Natural and Biblical.

## GOVERNMENT...

*New Age* – Unity of all spirits.

*Humanist* – Socialism, Marxism, Communism, Globalism.

*Islamic* – Global Islamic State.

*Christian* – Maximized freedom and social justice.

## HISTORY...

*New Age* – Reincarnation. Never-ending cycles.

*Humanist* – Random. Without intrinsic purpose. May be deconstructed in order to change the present and future.

*Islamic* – On-going jihad toward a global Islamic state.

*Christian* – A linear story concluding with God's total redemption of man and earth.