

# Jesus – The Way, The Truth and The Life

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- 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- **6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

# Jesus Is The Way

- Many claim to follow Jesus, do not really believe what He taught.
  - World does not like claims of exclusivity in religion.
  - “Pluralism” → all religions/beliefs are valid; all paths lead to the same God...
  - To say that there is only one way to God and that all others are the wrong way is to incur the wrath of a “tolerant” culture.
- **Atheist will deliver opening prayer at this week's Huntsville City Council meeting (9/22/14)**



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- Other texts make the same exclusive claims:
  - Matt. 7:13-14 → only one way, and it is narrow, that leads to life.
  - Matt. 12:30 → He that is not with me is against me.
  - Acts 4:11-12 → In no other name (Jesus Christ) is there salvation.
- “ὁ” –the → definite article before way, truth and life. It specifies one person or thing as distinguished from others.
- “way” → road, course, means of access. (cf. Jn. 10:1,7,9)

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- Those who believed and obey Jesus referred to as “the way”.
  - Acts 9:2 → And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. (cf. Acts 19:9; 22:4)
- Jesus is the way because He is the ladder between God and man. (Gen. 28:10-14; Jn. 1:51)

# *Jesus Is The Truth*

- Jesus claim proclaiming reality, what is true as opposed to error, opinions, supposition and falsehood. He came as the embodiment of truth. (Jn. 1:14,17)
- Jesus came proclaiming objective, propositional truth:
  - Truth is not relative.
  - Fallacy of the elephant analogy.

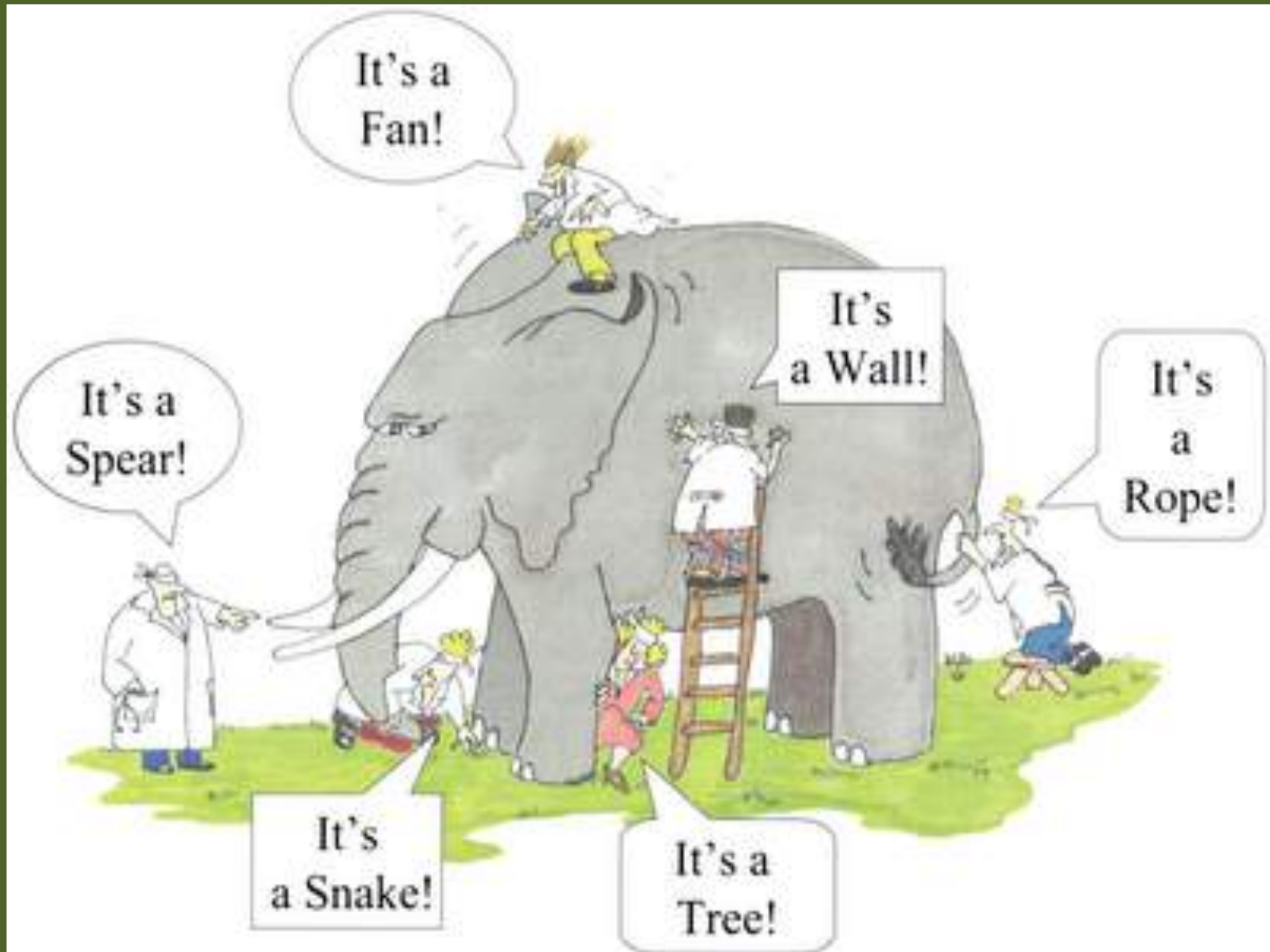
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- John 1:17 → 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- John 4:24 → 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- John 8:31-32, 44 → 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ...
- John 8:44 → Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

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- John 16:13 → 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:
- John 17:17 → 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- John 18:36-38 → To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? ...





# *Problems With The Elephant Story*

- God has not left us like blind gropers in the discovery of spiritual truth.
  - He has revealed himself to us. (I Cor. 2:9-13; Jn. 8:31-32)
  - We are blind only if we chose to be. (Matt. 13:15)
  - God hath spoken. (Heb. 1:1-3)
    - He has told us who He is, what He is like, and what He wants of us.
    - God has spoken and that changes everything. We can see what we need to see. (Ps. 119:105)
- They were wrong.

# *Jesus Is The Truth*

- The very nature of truth is that it is exclusive.
- To say something is true is to say all that is opposite that is false.
- Illustrations:
  - Jesus is the Son of God. (Matt. 16:16)
  - Faith is essential to pleasing God. (Heb. 11:6)
  - Repentance is necessary to forgiveness. (Acts 2:38)
  - Baptism is necessary for salvation. (Gal. 3:26-27)
  - It is possible to fall from grace. (Gal. 5:4)
  - Divorce and remarriage except for fornication is sinful. (Matt. 19:9)
- How important is truth? (II Thess. 2:10-13; Rev. 22:15)

# *Jesus Is The Life*

- *Spiritual and eternal life.*
  - He alone died for our sins. (Jn. 10:11; Heb. 2:9)
  - He is the resurrection and the life. (Jn. 11:25)
  - It is in him that we have life. (Jn. 15:1-6)
  - He has the words of eternal life. (Jn. 6:35,68)