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# What is Truth?

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## PREFACE.

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**T**HE few Hebrew and Greek terms used in the following essay are represented, as nearly as may be, by *italics*, for the reason that readers who may not be acquainted with the original characters, would prefer to know something of the sound of those terms.

The essay includes a series of Scriptural Subjects, treated in a condensed manner, and consecutively arranged.

The intent with which the essay is written, is to offer assistance to true believers in the Son of God Jesus Christ in their desire to speak that which is right of their Heavenly Father, in presence of an evil and gainsaying world.

Towards the end of the Book of Job, the LORD rebukes Job's accusing friends, saying,

“Ye hath not spoken of me that which is right, as my servant Job hath.” Thus the LORD commended Job. And Divine commendation may now be experienced, in moral nearness to God, and in speaking that which is right of God.

The writer has been engaged in the service of the gospel of God during more than half a century ; and the testimony borne in this essay has been written, and is sent forth, under a deep and abiding sense of responsibility to the Lord Christ.

*Colquill Villa, Mannamead, Plymouth,  
January, 1880.*

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# WHAT IS TRUTH?

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## PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

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**T**HE Lord Jesus said to Pontius Pilate, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."

Pilate waited not for an answer to his own question: "What is truth?"

TRUTH IS REALITY. The Son of God Jesus Christ is THE TRUTH. The words of truth are the expressions of reality. Revealed truth is the revelation of realities which could not be known through the exercise of human reason. The written words of divine revelation are the

signs of ideas conceived by inspiration of God. And, in as far as those same ideas are discerned and entertained, the truth revealed is known and held.

But in order to such a communion of mind with the inspired writers, the terms used by them—or the representatives of those terms in a translation—must needs be understood, as they repeatedly occur in the *progressive* revelation of the mind and will of God.

Here, a few remarks on the nature and uses of language, particularly in literary composition, may be pertinently made, and reasonably permitted:—

The ideal or radical meaning of any given term, is inherent in its form. In the primary use of terms, the literal meaning is the true. In secondary uses, the literal is subservient to the obvious. And in other, and more advanced uses, the literal meaning has no place, and is intentionally ignored.

The following uses of the same term will