

Truth & the “value/fact” schism



Theology, Morality & Values
(Private, subjective, relativism)

*Historic: Postmodern,
Romantic era, Gnosticism*

Science & Facts
(Public, objective, empirical)

*Historic: Modernism,
Enlightenment era*

Fragmented Worldview



Personhood vs Humanhood

Personhood (Identity; values, feelings) vs Body (Science)

Values vs Facts

Enduring Dualism

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Splintered Personal Worldview



Authentic Sensing Self” vs “Existential Bodily Existence”

Impacts sense of self, community, relationships, intimacy, actions

Genesis 1 From the Beginning; Well Designed & Created In His Image – Male & Female

- Holistic creation, incorporated design, fitted together & good stewardship
- Rest in ‘completeness’, not ‘weariness’ or strife. God’s Good to Very Good.
- Creative Genius, foundational centrality of design. In His image, male & female; gender is intentional & counts. Identity; in His image with our gender.

Genesis 2 Man & Woman; Adam & Eve & Family

- Good design; form follows function, fitted together, three in intimacy & trust & co-labor. Self-sacrificial life with mystery and wonder of ‘other’.
- Walking together in the cool of the Garden; God’s primacy as rootstock of moral knowledge & ethical discernment. Love as Choice & Free Will.

Genesis 3 Which Voice, Whose Narrative, & Whose to Trust with your future?

- Power of half-truth to corrode. Self-delusion, Subtle Rebellion, Crafting narratives of Blame & Shame. Falling apart.
- The Liar Lies. God is good, Creative Father covers shame & makes a way.
- Liar’s leverage: Questions the directions/commands of God, accused God of withholding pleasure from man, then challenged the goodness (character) of God. Belief that God’s word is false & fullness found apart from His will.

Genesis 4 & 5 Brother’s Keeper? Anger & Self-Centeredness; Generations of Bentness. Cain & Abel.

- Dealing with disappointment, not being the dominant & favored one. Power of Anger & Self-justifying emotion & self-serving narrative. A lifestyle of offense & feeling orphaned.
- The Power of “It’s About ME, and What I WANT.”
- God’s Father Heart abides still, and He makes a way
- Rebellion’s power to corrode family, marriages, intimacy, community, & cripple generations
- Design usurped (Lamech) or Design flow (Enoch); striving/death or walking/life. Bitter fruit

Truth Versus Lies

Truth #1 Homosexuality is a sin
Romans 1, Leviticus 18, 1 Corinthians 6.
All sin 'falls short of the mark'.

Rom 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Lie #1 Homosexuality is not a sin.

Truth #2 Temptation is not sin. Sexual temptation – whatever it might be – is not sin.

Lie #2 My temptation sexually means that I must be a homosexual.

"... for we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

Truth #3 God is able to give us power over every sin, including homosexuality.

Lie #3 I am a homosexual in thought, in action, and I cannot change.

1Corinthians 6.

Inclination or propensity does not pre-determine any of our futures. We all have flaws, we all need a Deliverer, a Counselor, a Father to carry us.

Truth #4 God and the Church (Antioch Boone) are to be the love, truth, and healing for sexual brokenness.

Lie #4 God and the Church want nothing to do with me if I am a homosexual or I am struggling with same sex attraction, gender confusion, pornography, sexual promiscuity, adultery or divorce.

Truth #5 By lovingly being clear about God's Truth and design, I can help rescue people from the destruction of sin.

Lie #5 If I don't accept homosexuality as normative, I am unloving.

The most potent lie to the well-intentioned Believer.