

A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

Community Bible Chapel

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Who do we call and why?



What are the pressing issues behind the calls we make,
the books we read for help and the programs
we attend to get help?



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Foundation Belief #1

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Foundation Belief #2

A Christian has been given **LIGHT** and **SIGHT** in Christ!

Foundation Belief #3

A Christian understands and interprets **PAIN** differently in Christ!

One Another Ministry—Foundational Beliefs

Foundation Belief #1

A Christian has been given **LIFE** in Christ!

resurrection "life in the Son" (zoe) is fundamentally different than the experiences that encompass our daily norms as we breathe in and out or refer to as "life under the sun" (psuche).

Foundation Belief #2

A Christian has been given **LIGHT** and **SIGHT** in Christ!

Resurrection "life in the Son" (zoe) is "revealed truth" that leads to salvation. It's received as a gift and revealed by the Holy Spirit. We were blind, but now we see. This revelation cannot be gained by aptitude, intelligence, academics, a unique curriculum, degrees/certifications, discovery via the rigor of the scientific method or will of man!

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Foundation Belief #3

A Christian understands and interprets **PAIN** differently in Christ

Generally, we source both pain and remedy from the "life under the sun" **horizontal** (psuche) world. However, as we are His children, no pain is allowed without an awareness and movement of the Holy Spirit that drives our eyes and attention to Christ Jesus and the **vertical**, so that we experience a better outcome; the nearness of God!

Foundation Belief #4



Connecting Stones—building the path

Problem

Remedy

Solution

Judgment

Affections

Purpose

Walk

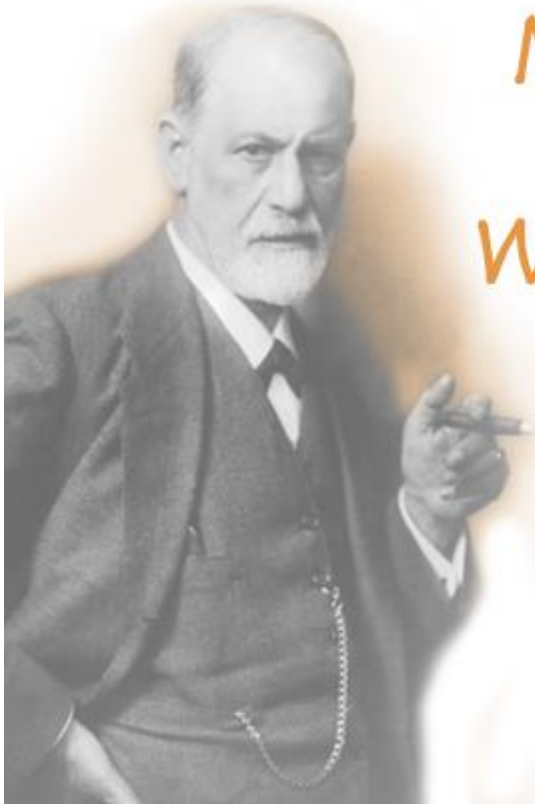
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Mr. H,

What makes you competent
to talk to our class about

counseling?



Biblical Examples sourcing—

Pain, Psyche—earthly tent affections and Zoe remedy

Jacob —and Esau

Martha—and Mary

Martha—and Lazarus

Lot—and Sodom

We have tried to establish that we generally
"pick up the phone" motivated by one of two
views of life we are responding to in the moment!

Life under the SUN
GR, Psuche

Life in the SON
SR, ZOE



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We feel exonerated and have no tension, because after all,
isn't

“all truth God's truth”?

Lets take another look at this premise
and see where it leads!

Life in the SON
SR, ZOE

Life under the SUN
GR, Psuche



“all truth God’s truth”



“Our courses emphasize that God is the ultimate source of all truth and that he reveals his divine purpose in scripture.

Students are taught to understand scriptural truth through sound exegesis **and to seek additional truth** through scientific investigation, thoughtful observation, and scholarly research.”



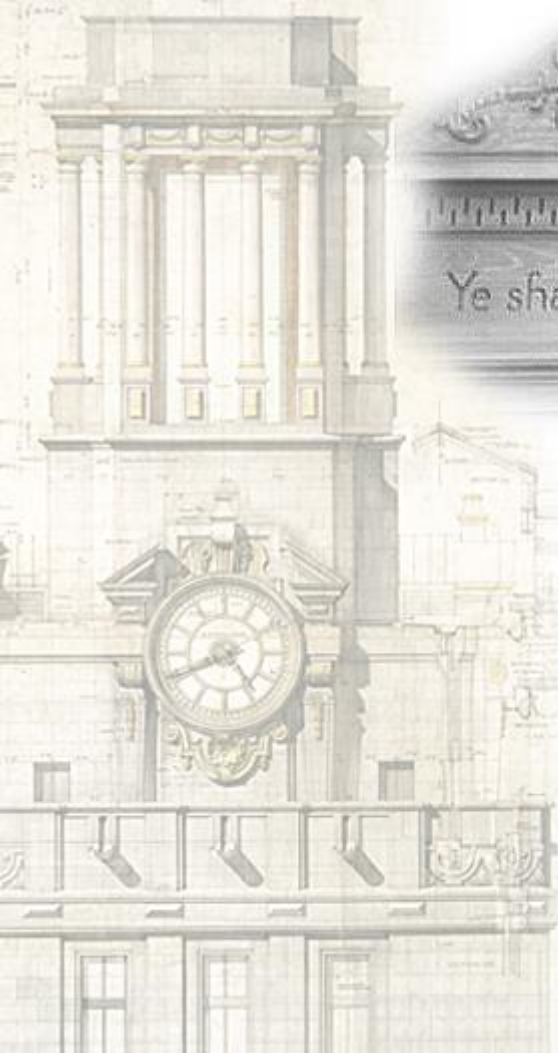
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Dallas Theological Seminary believes in an integrated model of counseling, which integrates Theology, Spiritual Formation, and Psychology.

DTS does not subscribe to the **Nouthetic** viewpoint.





Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you Free.

The Secularization of Gods word!

You shall know the Truth,
and the Truth shall make
you free! John 8:32

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Truth in scripture

Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." John 18:37

For the Law was given through Moses;
grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." John 16:13

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

John 17:17

"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, John 15:26

always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth., 2 Tim 3:7

Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me..

John 14:6

The findings of psychology simply cannot be categorized as **general revelation**.

Biblically defined, general revelation is the universal self-disclosure of God in which He makes Himself known to all people everywhere and at all times.

The specifics of some of the means of this revelation are:

- God's creation (Ps 19:1-6; Rom 1:19-21),
- God's provision (Acts 14:17),
- effecting Man's conscience (Rom 2:14-15);

they also reveal:

- His glory (Ps 19:1a; Rom 1:19-23),
- His power (Ps 19:1b; Rom 1:20),
- His goodness (Acts 14:17)
- His law (Rom 2:14-15)



The content of this revelation is truth about God

and the outcome of this revelation is that unbelievers suppress the truth in unrighteousness and are therefore left without excuse before their Creator (Rom 1:18-25).

Consider, then, the true differences between general revelation and how believing institutions create an "integration" by trying to identify and merge the insights of modern psychology as part of God's disclosure in the created order.

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GR
Truth
under the Sun!

SR
Truth
in the Son!

GR vs Integrationist examples:

1.

Modern Psychology's insights **come through human discovery rather than divine revelation.** Because revelation is that which God reveals or discloses to people through specific means— not that which man extracts through his own investigation— the findings of psychologists cannot be considered general revelation.

2.

In contrast to General Revelation's criteria of:

- a universal audience
- all men everywhere and at all times

—the findings of psychology have been **discovered and known only by some people in some places at some times, being relegated to only certain parts of the world over the last 150 years.**

3.

In contrast to general revelation—which exclusively communicates truth about the nature and character of God—the findings of secular psychologists focus exclusively on the nature of man and his relationships with other human beings. This, in itself, precludes the possibility of categorizing psychological insights as general revelation.

As Robert L. Thomas writes, "**Any efforts to widen the scope of general revelation to include information or theories about aspects of creation, man, or anything else besides God do not have support from the Bible.**"

GR
Truth
under the Sun!

| | Science/Psychology | General Revelation |
|---------|---|---|
| Source | From the research of man | From God |
| Content | Hypothesis and conclusions | Nature, the created world and order, the conscience |
| Measure | Secular "truth" (as in $2+2=4$) repeatable, observable and validated by men | Divine Truth and authoritative |
| Purpose | The study of the emotional and behavioral characteristics of an individual, group, or activity | To reveal the nature of God |
| Extent | Limited and Specific discovered and known only by some people in some places at some times | All inclusive, all humanity; broad in its information about God |
| Weight | Derived Derived, studied, examined and tested for trustworthiness | Revealed Self Authenticating, non-discoverable "I AM" |

God
discloses
himself
under
the
Sun!

What would be a better statement than:

“all truth God’s truth”?



What would be a better statement than is:

“all truth God’s truth”?

“All Biblical truth is revealed in God,
and in His Word”.



Now that we see the differences between Biblical truth, and Secular truth, does that impact who we call?

Why?

Does the phrase—

“Gods word is sufficient
for faith and practice”

identify the issues that impact
who we call and why?



Plant "How do we engage" thoughts

1. Understand how we are ALL tugged towards the horizontal
– towards the "under the sun" answers
2. Ask questions to clarify language –
i.e. **What do you mean by truth?**
3. Take our discussions to the Word –
i.e. **How does the Word define "truth"**
4. **Always pray and trust the Spirit to lead** (2 Tim. 2:21-26)

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