

# Truth

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Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These are the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Tomes have been written about Brotherly Love and Relief, or Charity, but what is meant by “Truth”?

Truth may mean different things to different people: telling the truth; being true to oneself and others; upholding the truth. To me, it is all those things and more. To me, it is the search for Truth.

Ever since I became a thinking person, at around the age of fifteen or so, I came to realize that, all my life, I have been fed opinions, dogmas, and straight out lies, and was expected to accept these as truth. Since then, I have pursued a quest to look into the truth about many things that I was dubious of, especially religion (and its origins) and history (more specifically, the history of mankind and our origins). I learned to look behind what was being presented.

Now, some forty-five years later, I think I have found many truths that were obscured. I say “I think” because my discoveries are based on evidence, logic and reason—there is very little “proof”. In many cases proof has been deliberately destroyed and hidden.

I was a Christian into my early teens, but I started having trouble trying to reconcile what I was being told, and

taught, with my intellect and what I was observing and experiencing in this world. I could not understand why anyone could accept what was written in the Testaments, as fact. I thought, for a while, that my convictions now made me an Atheist. This troubled me, because logic demanded that everything in the universe must come from something. That “thing” is what I recognize as the Creator—not as someone as depicted in the Testaments, but as something beyond our comprehension and understanding. As I started to delve into who had written the Testaments and how they came to be in their present form, and in all the ancient mystery teachings, and in the origins of mankind, I began to understand. My readings became discoveries that were like pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle and I had put most of the pieces into place. I can now understand why so many people can believe what was written.

There are many things I don’t understand: like why people today are so materialistic, greedy, cruel, savage, and insensitive.

However, I plan to share some of my learning, regarding my search for truth, in future editions of this newsletter. I do not aim to sway anyone from their opinions or beliefs, but just to show that there are things that should be examined closer.