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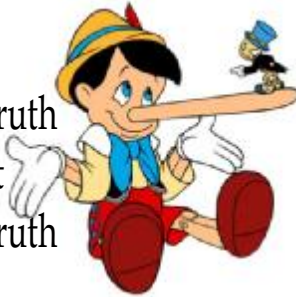
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A question: "If you studied the Bible long enough and hard enough and were able to find all of the truths in it, would you then have the truth?" Most Christians would agree that they would then have the truth. But "truths", plural, is not a biblical word; it is never used in the Bible. Nowhere in the 200 times it is used in the scriptures is ἀλήθεια (*al-ay'-thi-a*), the Greek word for truth, used in the plural.

One of the key passages in scripture about truth is Jn 8:31-34, "Then Jesus said to the Jews who believed on Him, 'If you continue in my word, you are my disciples indeed; then you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'" A large portion of the Christian community understands this passage to say, "If you immerse yourself in the study of the Bible, then you are a Christian and you will be able to extract the Bible's truths and these truths will make you free."

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A better translation of Jn 8:31-32 might be, "If you rest (puppyness) in me and are obedient (featheriness) to what I ask of you (my word), then you will know me (intimately) and I will free you." Then, in case there was still any doubt about meaning of the word "Truth", He continues in v. 36, "Therefore if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free."

How do we get free? The Son sets us free. It is not truths from the Bible, it is the Truth, the indwelling person of God the Son, His life in us, setting us free. It is not knowing the truths or knowing about the truth, but knowing the Truth that will free you.

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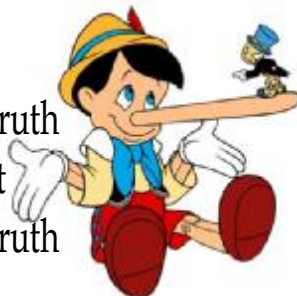
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