

Re: What is Truth?

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Welcome to my page!

There are four "realms" in which I live: inner self, human society, nature & universe and book's domain. This page reveals me and my present impressions related to these "realms". It is a page made of words and ideas, a way of introducing myself to people who like to read and think, to people who try to understand what life and their life means.

Name: who cares?

"What's in a name? " (Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet)

"A good name is better than precious ointment" Ecclesiastes 7:1 (KJV)

Age: 42 years

Nationality (Citizenship): Romanian (Romania)

Marital status: happily married, one child

Military stage: completed

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Religion: none

Denomination: not affiliated, never been

Profession: A humble mathematician

Education: Ph. D. in mathematics

Teaching experience (19 years): I have taught mathematics at different levels (secondary school, high school, college and graduate level) and in various fields (to students of Mathematics, Economics and Engineering departments)

Older research interests: Dynamical systems and applications; some of my papers are well reviewed in Mathematical Reviews (AMS) and in Zentralblatt für Mathematics. But, I haven't discovered anything enough good to improve people's life or at least to give them a hope in a better life. And hardly can I survive myself with my research "fruits".

Present research interests: I'm searching for a new field to invest my energy and time. It could be related to mathematics, to computers (programming and/or security) or to anything else, if it will be interesting, not boring and useful for living a decent life. And I'm also trying to find a person, a group and/or institution with which I could affiliate in order to make a fast progress in the new field.

Do you have any suggestions?

Favorite occupations in my leisure time: reading, Internet, Chat, TV, sports

Favorite books and authors: George Orwell, Bible, Paul Goma, Shakespeare

Favorite drinks: a cup of quality green tea or a glass of good red wine

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Favorite music: smooth jazz, soul music, chamber music (like Bach), and all 70's, 80's, 90's and today's really good hits

Favorite art movement: surrealism (like Salvador Dali)

Favorite recreational outdoors activities: cycling on a forest trail, swimming in a lake in the middle of the forest, playing badminton and soccer, swimming in a sea with big waves

Main weakness: perhaps a sort of rigidity manifested in establishing friendly relations with people. A difficulty in approaching people, due to bad experiences in the past.

And of course:

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins" Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)

Main strength: I have a great potential for learning new things, in both theoretical and practical domains. I am a conscientious and a persistent student, I accept critiques and I do my best to correct my mistakes.

Main purpose in life: To escape from the prison whose walls are made of my human weaknesses (the floor), spiritual darkness (the ceiling) and poverty (the rest of the four walls).

Personality (at present): I guess there are contradictory features in my personality. I am rather taciturn, but communicative and quite enthusiastic if the situation requires to make my point or if I am interested in the ideas discussed, or if I meet friendly people. I like to work in a team that strives to accomplish a task. I have a good health and I like to practice sports. I am like: creative, accurate, adventurous, conscientious, modest, discreet, open-minded but very rigorous, meticulous, sincere, reliable, sensitive. I'm

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capable of a great effort of work if I got an interesting idea or if there is a stressing situation related to me or to somebody else who needs my help. If I undertake a task I never leave it unfinished. I am a good initiator whenever working or having fun and I can give interesting ideas when I work in a group. I'm driven by a pioneering spirit in all what I do. But I also am like: a little clumsy, a little stubborn sometimes, a dreamer, a little naive, an introvert, sometimes melancholic, inactive – even lazy when I'm in lack of ideas. I don't know to dance well though I like dancing. I seldom drink and don't smoke. Sometimes I act theatrically in intimate moments with friends and I like theatre and theatrical situations. I don't have too many friends and I guess there isn't any real one among them. I've grown up slowly and, at forty years, I've become aware of some things and I've asked myself questions that other people asked during their teens; but I've asked them seriously. At present, I'm not sure about anything, but I'm not sure about the contrary, either ...

Nobody can judge somebody perfectly, even himself, except: "he which searcheth the reins and hearts" Revelation 2:23 (KJV)

Because: "For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 (WEB)

THOUGHTS THAT I LIKE

How to approach the Bible (and not only it): "Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good." 1Thessalonians 5:21 (WEB)

>*From my (present) point of view the Bible is: a huge (liturgical) made up conventional allegory mixed with truth or it's only incredible (but real) truth presented, more or less, in an allegorized form. Both approaches are not well understood or explained at the moment by anybody, despite an enormous number of books and articles which have*

been written.

Contradictions: As far as I've searched, there aren't any contradictions in the Bible. The apparent contradictions are only complementary descriptions of the same event.

Friends and friendship: "A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity" Proverbs 17:17 (AMP)

"A man of too many friends comes to ruin; but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Proverbs 18:24 (NASB)

Teaching and teachers: "If you can do it, do it! If you can't, teach it!"

"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for life!" (English proverb)

Teaching and teachers: "But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." Luke 22:26 (NIV)

Teaching and teachers: Why is that there are so many teachers and university professors who do not care at all about their students and despise them? Why are they so boastful? Don't they realize that they use a brain that's not their creation – they just got it somehow (created or not created)! Even if they've worked a lot to train it, the main credit doesn't belong to them.

Teaching and teachers: Math teachers and professors, be aware that anybody could show you a problem which you'll never be able to solve, even a high school problem! So, don't boast yourselves!

Education is useful, but: In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children." Luke 10:21 (WEB)

Mahatma Ghandi (an approximate translation): "First, they will laugh of you. Then they will declare you a foul. After that, they will try to discredit you. Finally, they will do all they can to liquidate you. If you are able to get out of all these, you are a great man!"

Romania and the Romanians: "What a beautiful country! It's so pity it's inhabited!" (an Englishman)

Romania and the Romanians: There have never been vampires here. The Romanian government should sue the companies that made movies about Vlad the Impaler, relating him to Dracula – the vampire. He was a great king of Walachia. His father got the "order of the Dragon" from Sigismund, the king of Hungary, as a reward for his victories against the Turkish armies. In Romanian, the word "dragon" is translated by "drac". From here got Vlad's father (and his family inherited) the name "of Draculea", that is, those from the family of the man wearing a dragon symbol on his chest. Like when you say in English "the Smiths". The Western diplomats of that time couldn't pronounce "Draculea" so that they latinized the word in "Dracula". There isn't any connection with vampires and stuff. Vlad the Impaler is my favorite Romanian king. His methods against the thieves and murderers were very tough, but effective, and not beyond the methods used elsewhere in Europe, see for example the history of England.

On the first page of my fifth grade ancient history book was written an idea of the former communist writers but still true nowadays: "The state is an instrument in the hand of the rich people to exploit the poor people".

Human society has always been like this: "People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. [...], always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth" 2 Timothy 3: 2-7 (TNIV)

Human society should be like: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" Galatians 5: 22-23 (TNIV)

The best human organization – your body: "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be ? But now they are many members, but one body. The eye can't tell the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you."No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. Those parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, on those we bestow more abundant honor; and our unpresentable parts have more abundant propriety; whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But God composed the body together, giving more abundant honor to the inferior part, that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. Or when one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." 1 Corinthians 12:18 – 27 (WEB)

My favorite prophecy: "In the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty of it be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever"
Daniel 2:44 (WEB)

Something I don't like: intellectualism, "culturism", traditionalism, dogmatism, sectarianism, legalism, literalism, institutionalism

Because: Love overrides intellectualism (& comp.); and intellectualism acts as a blinding force against common sense.

My impression about nature and universe: They are beautiful and great but also scary; complicate but imperfect too. There is much cruelty and decay shown in nature (from the smallest living organisms up to mammals – everybody eats everybody), but also love.

Miracles: There are two kind of miracles. Ordinary and out of the ordinary miracles. By miracle I understand something that can't be explained by today's scientists. But nothing can be completely explained. Each "explanation" rises lots of other questions and a genuine science man will agree that. If you could "explain" something you should be able to make "from scratch" that thing. "From scratch" means from what's beyond the elementary particles, energy and stuff. Thus, a single leaf of a tree is an ordinary miracle. And a stone, too. An out of the ordinary miracle should be that of Jesus multiplicating the loaves. ...

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Science and technology: There is a contradiction between man and the general development of the society; today the ordinary man is the same as he was centuries ago, speaking about his physical, mental or moral condition and potential. But human knowledge (sciences and technology) has evolved and today an individual (even a great scientist) is very "small" comparatively to this huge development of human knowledge.

Science and technology: What have you done in order to be born ? Do you realize how many aleatory (or random) factors were related to your birth ? You could not have been born! Can you control your body while working, walking or having fun ? You are using your body without being aware of how it works in every detail. A man is a system that works by itself, mainly. What's man's role in the growth of a single plant from a seed ?

Science and technology: So it was the Big – Bang, then a bunch of particles appeared and they grouped together and formed stars and planets and finally us, humans, just like that ?!

Science and technology: To believe that science will solve all human's problems in the future it's a matter of real faith; I don't believe it.

The real science and technology is (according to Bible): "Yahweh, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his steps" Jeremiah 10:23 (WEB)

Mathematics: Numbers cannot describe everything. A new model for physics, besides real analysis, would be interesting. The paradox of Zenon could suggest this idea. Perhaps in that model many of nowadays problems will be reformulated and solved.

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Read carefully to see what you are: "Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7 (WEB)

And also read this to see what you'll be: "For that which happens to the sons of men happens to animals. Even one thing happens to them. As the one dies, so the other dies. Yes, they have all one breath; and man has no advantage over the animals: for all is vanity. All go to one place. All are from the dust, and all turn to dust again" Ecclesiastes 3:19 –21 (WEB)

My opinion about death: What were you doing in 1800 at this hour ? The same thing you will be doing in 2200.

The "cornerstone" of the Bible's message – Jesus (Yeshua) Christ (Messiah): "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all; the testimony in its own times; 1 Timothy 2:3–6 (WEB)

Hopes (according to Bible): "He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away." He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things

new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son. But for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their part is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." Revelation 21:4–8 (WEB)

Hopes (according to Bible) : "Now if Christ is preached, that he has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead ? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised. If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith also is in vain. Yes, we are found false witnesses of God, because we testified about God that he raised up Christ, whom he didn't raise up, if it is so that the dead are not raised. For if the dead aren't raised, neither has Christ been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable. But now Christ has been raised from the dead. He became the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since death came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then those who are Christ's, at his coming. Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For, "He put all things in subjection under his feet." But when he says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that he is excepted who subjected all things to him.

When all things have been subjected to him, then the Son will also himself be subjected to him who subjected all things to him, that God may be all in all. Or else what will they do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead aren't raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? Why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If I fought with animals at Ephesus for human purposes, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, then ``let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die``."

1 Corinthians 15:12 – 32 (WEB)

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CONCLUSION

If you want to write me a letter please use the procedure provided by the host. Your race, religion, age, sex, education are not important. And feel free to write anything you want, of course in the limits of (good) common sense. THANKS for reading this page!

Jim Spriggs <jim.sprigs@ANTISPAMbtinternet.com.invalid> wrote in message news:<422F88D0.13CA5B1F@ANTISPAMbtinternet.com.invalid>...

> *Hero wrote:*

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> > *Poor Bob,*

> > *in what a world You must live in, that You*

> > *even have doubts about Your own senses.*

> > *It must be a world full of lies and deception,*

> > *leading You not only believing in a God,*

> > *which is playing cruel tricks on You,*

> > *but also loves this.*

> > *I hope for You, that You don't have to*

> > *participate.*

> > *There's a simple remedy, it's called*

> > *experiment and it gives You truth.*

> > *No, not thought-experiment, actually*

> > *one has to use his hands.*

> > *Just lit a candle and put Your finger*

> > *in the flame(fire) and then go on with*

> > *Your ideas about Your senses deceiving*

> > *You....*

> > *Good luck*

> > *Hero*

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> *Here's another experiment: wear a hat that's too small for you, take the*

> *hat off and continue to feel that you're wearing it. Of course our*

> *senses deceive us; they so all the time.*