

## **How much longer**

How much longer? Seriously, how much longer will we be able to say what we want. To look at what we want. In all seriousness, freedom of speech is long gone. It all began with people being offended by words. Look, I am all for confronting hate speech. Yet, the line between what is hate and what offends has disappeared. Someone will push back and say we don't have a right to offend. Where is the line? If Christianity offends, should it be banned? If saying you like your white skin is deemed offensive then should those words be banned? There has been talk of banning words that describe gender like him and her. Mom and dad are being replaced because they are deemed offensive. What line!

It's pretty simple. My peers always said "*give an inch, and they will take a mile.*" We laughed and joked at that funny saying. Some just rolled their eyes because it's so true most of the time. Yet, we never really believed in it. Sure, some people take things too far. However, that was far and few between. Another funny saying is "what is truth." I grew up thinking some things were true. The earth is round. Words were just words, yet, truth was just true. Was I naïve? Was I just told things to believe? Maybe, but isn't the earth round?

It's not just in Canada, but what if it was? In WWI we have an insignificant country become the catalyst for a major war. What if Canada is being used to see if a few men could control 38 million people. Control them without a single bullet being fired. My country changed its long-standing national anthem within days of the election in 2015. Our privacy laws and social media are being controlled by a few men. Corrupt government is now described as normal and their working on being better. In the past, our leaders wouldn't have stood for it.

Government used to try and not be corrupt rather trying to be good.

What does God have to say? There are two competing truth verses. Pontus Pilot says to Jesus *what is truth?* Jesus says that *the truth will set you free*. It's astounding that we are having the exact same conversation today. After all the history behind Nazism, genocide, and cover-ups around the world, people are still believing that truth is subjective. The best part is God. People can believe what they want. It's their choice to make their own truth. The great thing about the grace of God is freedom to choose. Although God loves every single person, they are free to reject Him. One day real truth will win. Until then, the argument continues.

Laws are coming to limit people on the internet. In principle it looks good. We all want safe content. Yet, it's not going to be the intent. How do I know that? In my country there is an accusation against Hockey Canada. It's nothing proven, but someone is accused. The government announced an advisory board to over see Hockey Canada. This board has denied them funding until they comply with the government's oversight. All media in this country is government funded and run. The internet will be too very soon. Then it's Hockey Canada and then what? There are two competing truths. The government one and the other one. The people one. The history one. The real one!

How much longer do I have to blog? How much longer will I stay on the internet. Is that the end game? If we all leave then there is only one truth. A government truth. There are lots of strange books that depict the fall of humankind. Is it aliens or corrupt governments? What about communism, corporate might, or some secret society? We are in a weird place. How long until one side of truth wins? I think the thing that scares me the most is the guardians of truth. God has no issue with letting his religion fall. God always keeps a remnant safe from harm. His word and plan can't die no matter who holds the present-day truth. Is that truth being hidden for a time (by God) from corrupt humans?

A second thing the Bible does is even worse. From time to time the Israelite community was under captivity or a bad king. God has no problem with letting this happen for 20, 70, or even 400 years. How much time is needed for people to desire the real truth. Is it about the Israelites crying out to God after 400 years, or is it that after 400 years the people were finally willing to try it Gods way and His truth? Right now, we are all becoming passive on truth. In the Bible is another saying "*they all did what was right in their own eyes.*" Is it really going to come down to that! No truth means anything can and will be true for a time. Good things and bad things can be true. My worry is for how long will it take for us to know good from bad truth?