

Understanding People - Chapters 1 & 2
Epistemology & Biblical Authority

1. What is Truth?

Webster: (1) "The state of being the case: FACT (2) The body of real things, events, and facts: ACTUALITY (3) a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality.

Ultimately, truth is _____ (John 14:6; 17:17)

2. Why is it important that we know the truth?

To function apart from truth is to live based on a _____

This will ultimately lead to _____ - See Ecclesiastes

3. How do we know something is true?

When something can demonstrated to be " _____," . . . shown to be in accordance with reality.

Man does not know absolute truth because man's abilities are subject to _____ (in assumption and in testing).

Man can only know relative truth. Absolute truth must come from a source _____ himself.

4. What are the strengths and weakness of each of the following:

A. Intuition: (Page 30) *This is based on undefined internal subjective certainty and not rational or external sources.*

Strength:

Weakness:

B. Reason: " (Pages 31-32) *rationalism - a belief that unaided reason is capable of understanding all that is true.*

Strength:

Weakness:

C. Experience: (Pages 32-33) *Empiricism - hard data of observable and measurable experience provides the needed authority.*

Strength:

Weakness:

D. Revelation: *God's special communication to man through His written word*

Strength:

Weakness:

5. What is the value of General Revelation in counseling? (Page 35)

6. What is the value of Special Revelation in counseling? (Page 36)

7. What is the danger of the "two book" view of General & Special Revelation (pages 37-42)

8. What are Crabb's four arguments for Biblical authority (Pages 42-44)

1) "God's _____ in revealing Himself in the Bible is different from revealing Himself in nature." *Nature is to make God known as someone with whom we must reckon. The Bible was given to be man's textbook on life.*

2) "The _____ of the Bible is reason to turn to its pages with confidence." "The superior clarity of propositional revelation over any other form is argument for depending more on the Bible than on science in developing a counseling model."

3) "The _____ the Bible as uncorrupted revelation contrasts with the defectiveness of a groaning and cursed nature."

4) "We have the explicit _____ of the Holy Spirit's help when we come to the Bible in an attitude of teachable humility and personal honesty."

9. What does Psalm 1 tell us about counseling?

A. *Ungodly counsel*

B. *Godly counsel*