

SUPERNATURAL TRUTHS

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In all the years I have spent studying magic and the paranormal I have yet to discover any magician, psychic, spiritist, etc. who has or who can demonstrate anything of a genuine miraculous nature. I have, however, discovered the genuine miraculous and the needful relationship we can all experience with God through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

I've discovered that just as there are physical truths that govern the physical world we live in, and that we're all subject to, so also there are spiritual truths that govern the spiritual world we live in and that we are all subject to. These spiritual truths, or realities, have radically changed my life, and I believe that they are true for all of us.

TRUTH #1 - You and I were created by God to accomplish His purpose. In other words, God wants our lives to count -- to be full, meaningful and abundant. (Psalm 139:13-14; John 3:16; 17:3)

TRUTH #2 - Sin has separated us from God. Our sin creates a barrier between ourselves and God. We could never know God personally unless the barrier of sin is removed. We are sinners and need reconciliation with God. (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23; James 4:17)

TRUTH #3 - Jesus Christ removed the barrier of our sin. In the New Testament book of Romans we read that God demonstrated His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, He sent Himself in the form of a man (Jesus Christ) to pay the penalty for our sin, in our place (by being crucified on the cross) in order that we might be reconciled to Him. (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

TRUTH #4 – Recognizing and embracing the removing of that barrier of sin by Jesus Christ is a spiritual gift. By God's grace we can believe in Jesus Christ and trust Him with our eternal destiny. To believe in Him intellectually is not what I mean. We can accept Jesus as an historical figure without trusting in who He is and in what He has done for us. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 3:19)

A lot of people in the world today are saying, "Yes, I believe in Jesus" or, "I believe in God," but have no idea what truly believing in God means. It means to trust Him with all that you are and with all that you have. James, the brother of Jesus, put it so well when he said in his New Testament letter, "You believe in one God? Big deal! So do the demons and they tremble!" (James 2:19)

TRUTH #5 - Just as Heaven is a reality, so is Hell. The only eternal destiny that you and I will ever know, apart from faith in the saving act of Jesus Christ, is Hell - total separation from God for all eternity. (Romans 6:23)

TRUTH #6 - Jesus Christ is alive and well. He is the only individual in history to return from the grave by His own power, never to die again. He is planning to return to sometime in the future. He is coming to establish a physical kingdom. In order for us to be a part of that physical kingdom we must be a part of His spiritual kingdom today. (Daniel 7:13; Matthew 24:36; Revelation 11:15)

If you honestly desire to know the true God of the universe, and the reality of His Spirit living inside of you, you can enter into a relationship with Him simply by an act of faith. His promise of salvation from the power of sin and the penalty of death is a free gift -- an act of grace on His part. All we need to do is embrace His demonstration of love towards us. Nothing more is required and nothing more on our part would do. It is His work that brings meaning, peace and eternal life; not our efforts.

Don't trust your feelings or your senses. Our feelings and our senses can always be fooled. (The art of illusion is a great example of that truth.) What God's Word, the Bible, says is true. Trust in it and not your feelings.

Seek out a church that teaches the Bible for what it is -- the Holy Word of God. You will need their encouragement, their instruction and their friendship.

Share your relationship with God with the world around you. In the Bible we also read that it is with the heart that we believe God, and are pardoned for our sin, but it is with the mouth that we confess our faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10) We need to verbally and physically demonstrate our faith to the world around us.

Get to know God's Word, the Bible. By all means get a translation you can read, but then read it, memorize it, and live it. Don't just look at the words. Listen to what God is saying and then do it!

If you have any questions about the truths that I have briefly shared above, please feel free to write to me and I will do my best to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can. It is my very sincere hope that these "Spiritual Truths" will impact your life in the same way they have mine – and even more.