

WHAT IS TRUTH?

- I. In an ultimate sense this question is not easy to answer;
 - A. Yet all have some notion of the difference between Truth and untruth.
 - B. As a first approach let us consider what we mean by "Untruth".
 - L. Proposition: "The sun is shining now in the streets of Los Angeles". (Hour after 8:00 P.M. in Nov.)
 - a. Judged untrue. Why?
 - (1) Since if true certain experiences would be possible which on test is found not to be the case.
 - (a) Judgement fails because it does not correspond to external world.
 - (b) Judgement fails because it does not work. Pragmatic test.
 - b. What really is the external world referred to?
 - (1) Certain sensory data.
 - (a) Hence fails to ascertain failure in the conjunction of two domains of consciousness.
 - (b) These domains are Consciousness as Object and Consciousness as Representation.
 - C. Truth as correspondence between Representation and Object is truth in scientific sense.
 - D. Truth as internal coherence.
 1. Mathematical & Logical meaning of Truth.
 - EE Truth as symbolic indicator.
 1. Dramatic truth.
 - a. Truth as exemplified in art.
 - b. Truth in this sense may be expressed through a form that is untrue in scientific sense.
 2. *Psychological Truth.*
 - II. Truth in foregoing senses is relative.
 - A. Truth based upon base of reference or perspective.
 1. It is not possible to judge the truth-value of the science or art of one culture from the standpoint of another culture.
 2. Truth in the sense of internal coherence does not afford differentiation between real and imaginary systems.
 - III. There remains Truth in the metaphysical sense.
 - A. Two vital senses in which Truth may be differentiated.
 1. Correct knowledge for the Understanding.
 - a. Includes Correspondence and Coherence Truth as above considered.
 - b. Requires technical training and specialized effort.
 2. Truth that satisfies the yearning of the Soul.
 - a. Not technical or specialized.
 - b. Is found only in an inner well of certitude.
 - (1) Every man must recognize this Truth within himself.
 - c. Essentially not Truth as Form.
 - d. Is rather Truth as a Current.
 - (1) He who has found this finds all well with the world and is content in the depths of his nature.
 - (2) This is the Truth of which Jesus spoke.
 - (3) Is the burden of the message of every Sage to the Souls of men.
 - IV. Illustration of the Sphere with the "I AM" as center.



"In the world-as-nature there are eternal truths;
in the world-as-history there is an eternally
changing trueness." Spengler D of the W VÖI II p 274

There are transformations of both space and time
and the constant element throughout all such trans-
formations is the final or metaphysical Truth. F.F.W.