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Christianity might be true for you, but it's not true for me, we can all find our own path to God. It's a very attractive idea. Why should anyone impose truth on anyone else? Truth should commend itself. The modern world is modern because people have had the courage to bring hallowed traditions and truths into question. Sometimes modernisation brings good, sometimes it brings a demoralising confusion.

Societies with a majority view of truth have always had dissenters. Today through the great connecting up of the world people cannot go easily with the majority view because there isn't one! People are looking to different places for ultimate authority.

Christianity might be true for you, but it's not true for me, we can all find our own path to God. I would say in reply 'can you tell me a better story that makes sense of the human predicament than the story of Jesus?' Jesus himself taught truth by stories. He also respected dissenters from his truth, like the rich young man who went away from him 'grieving, for he had many possessions' (Mark 10:22). Truth can hurt. Jesus did not run after him. Many a time Jesus in the gospels enters dialogue with people and leaves them with open questions.

Too often throughout history 'the truth that is in Jesus' referred to in the letter to the Ephesians (4:21) has been forced upon people in a way Jesus surely would never entertain. No surprise that so-called Christian cultures are now rejecting this sort of imposition. Not that the truth about life and sex and money and power that is in Jesus has changed. It's just that people have been distracted from that truth by its guardians in his church.

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world was a day when everyone All attempts to defend Christianity as true will fail Unless, that is, the truth to fail

What if truth isn't just something you and I seek but someone seeking us both?

Christianity is God revealed in Jesus (John 1:17). This is more matter of fact than matter of opinion

If God is more than 'the genie in my lamp', outside as well as inside of me, there can be a path to him defined by him

Scripture says Jesus holds all things together across death's divide and is the path to God shown by God (Philippians 2:9-11, John 14:6).

There are no relativists in the boardroom or the courtroom, you either have enough money to pay the wages or not, the defendant is guilty of breaking the law or not.

Air travel, technology etc are all governed by natural laws, by truths that do not change, therefore such absolute truths exist. Jesus makes claim to being one of those absolute truths, his word, his life, his miracles his death and resurrection all speak to that truth.

