Transcendental Truth

"I know not any crime so great that a man could contrive to commit as poisoning the source of eternal truth."

—Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Thus, "Transcendence" is to go beyond the normal standard. Transcendentalism deals with an ideal spiritual state that "transcends" the physical and empirical and is realized through intuition, rather than through the doctrines of established religions. Agreeably, we can say that "truth" involves both the quality of faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty, sincerity, veracity and that of "agreement with fact or reality." Therefore, transcendental truth goes beyond the normal standard of thinking by engaging in intuition which is an "inner knowing." This inner knowing transcends the physical or knowable and is based solely upon one's unique sense of understanding. As such, transcendental truth is not based on doctrines or established religions. It is however, based upon the standards of truth by staying in accordance with fact and reality.

Many of us today wouldn't know the truth if it were staring us in the face. This is because our idea of truth has been shaped and molded by years of conditioning and false programming not to mention false teachings and indoctrination. For many years people thought the Earth was flat. This concept was arduously held by the Church fathers and anyone not believing in such an idea was considered a heretic and tried for heresy which was punishable by death. This was the accepted truth until the ignorance of the Church was dispelled by scientific proof which showed the Earth was in fact globular. The Church argued this could not be so because; "In the day of judgment men on the other side of the globe could not see the Lord descending through the air." Fortunately, in the early part of the sixth century, Pythagoras taught that the Earth was not only round but also that it circled the Sun. But, St Augustine argued this fact by saying; "It is impossible there should be inhabitants on the opposite side of the Earth, since no such race is recorded by scripture among the descendants of Adam." Father Inchofer adds to this by saying; "The opinion of the Earth's motion is of all heresies the most abominable, the most pernicious, the most scandalous; the immobility of the Earth is thrice sacred." Lactanius concludes with; "It is impossible that men can be so absurd as to believe that the crops and trees on the other side of the Earth hang downward and that men have their feet higher than their heads." By the third century, Aristarchus outlined the true heliocentric theory that was further developed by Copernicus some nineteen centuries later. But again, the Church had this to say; "This fool wishes to reverse the entire system of astronomy; but sacred scripture tells us that Joshua commanded the Sun to stand still and not the Earth." Prior to this knowledge, many people credulously thought and believed in the flat Earth theory without ever questioning the Church's position. And just as Will Durant, one of Americas most prolific philosophers stated; "The great snare of thought is uncritical acceptance of irrational assumptions."

This same type of falsehood still holds true to this very day but we fail to realize it because we cannot muster the courage or the ability to challenge these beliefs. So we accept without question all of what the Church purports. However, Science has done its part to disprove many of the fallacies postulated by the earlier Church fathers. But, had it not been for someone to come along and disprove the Earth being the center of the Solar System theory, we would still be deceived by the Church's lack of understanding. Unfortunately, many of us still hold fast to the misinformation offered up by ignorant priests whether it pertains to the Earth and its relation to other celestial bodies or the fairytales of creation. For some unknown reason, we can't seem to bring ourselves to the point where logic and common sense outweighs credulity. In the future, we will all look back on the things we now hold to be true and laugh at ourselves for our immaturity in such matters.

I know at first blush, transcendental truth appears strange and unusual. However, just because something seems strange and unusual doesn't necessarily mean it's not based on truth. All cutting-edge technology once sounded futuristic until years later it became common place. The same holds true with our beliefs. Today what sounds strange and unusual is nothing more than evolution happening. What we believed yesterday about the world, the Universe and God is antiquated and cannot be supported by any real truth. A new paradigm is emerging, one in which space ships, time travel and inter-stellar travel will be the order of the day. A time when off-planet beings are more widely accepted by not only those of us who know they exist but also by the Vatican itself with its recent admission of possible extraterrestrial existence. This is a new day and the beginning of a whole new era. We must usher in a new way of thinking and more importantly a new way of viewing what we hold to be true of ourselves and the Universe.

In time, transcendental truth will be accepted as the norm. What is strange today will be widely accepted come tomorrow. Why is it that we can gradually come to accept a modern and changing world but yet somehow we can't relinquish our antiquated belief systems that are based on biblical fallacies? Is it fear? Or is it plain old obstinacy? "The time will come when our posterity (future generations) will wonder at our ignorance of things so plain."—Seneca