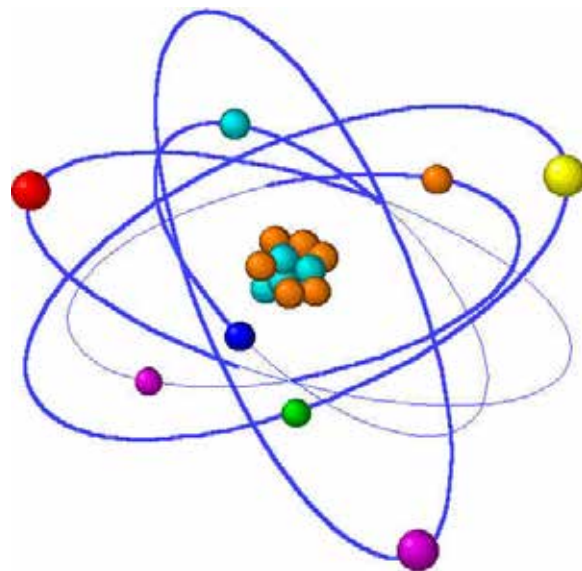


"For *I KNOW That My Redeemer Liveth*, and that He Shall Stand at the Latter Day upon the earth:" Job 19:25 KJV

A mother KNOWS her baby's cry. When I was first born, I knew virtually nothing; my name, my family, my words, how to walk, and foods I like, because they are experientially learned; facts proven to my consciousness by experience. Now, I know fire is hot, because I've burned my hand. I know you can't breathe water, because I almost drowned when I was nine. We may think we know other things like atomic structure from what we consider reliable sources, but do we really KNOW them? Thoughts are treacherous if their source is unsure. "They say..." is not an absolute. Textbooks are not absolute. We only KNOW a repair manual is true if we follow it and it proves to be so. Which thoughts are Truth and which are suspect? Man can KNOW God is, from the surrounding Creation. Atheists KNOW they are liars! *"The heavens declare the Glory of God; and the firmament showeth His Handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, night unto night showeth knowledge. There is NO speech nor language, where their voice is not heard!"* Job said, *"I KNOW that my Redeemer Liveth."* He had heard God's Word and obeyed. God asked Satan, *"Hast thou considered My Servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?"* God doesn't speak in an audible voice to men, although He can and has. His Voice is His Truth in our thoughts. I cannot KNOW His Voice unless I KNOW His Word. *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word...was God and...was made flesh (Jesus) and dwelt among us. Jesus said, 'I Am...the Truth.'*" He prayed, *"Sanctify them through Thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth."* I KNOW God's Word is Truth when I obey it and experientially learn it is in fact Absolute. God's Word says, *"Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and ALL these THINGS shall be added unto you."* Can you honestly say you've sought God and His righteousness, obeyed God's Word, FIRST in everything? I think not! *"For ALL have sinned and come short."* Like radio waves, God's Voice is always there, but not always received, because we are tuned to other channels. *"As many as RECEIVED Him, to them Gave He Power to become the sons of God."* In World War Two, there were messages sent out in code over the airwaves and unless you knew the frequency and were listening, you would miss the message. Even if the message was heard, it had to then be deciphered with a code book to KNOW its meaning. God's Word is the Code Book of Life. Growing up in the Amazon jungle, in the evenings Dad would tune in to the shortwave broadcast, "Voice of America." Sometimes it would be hard to find the frequency, because of atmospheric interference, but if we didn't "tune in," we were "tuned out." I remember he put up an outside antenna to improve the signal. Do we go to extra effort to hear God? An old hymn pleads, "Tune my heart to sing Thy Praise." Like piano strings tuned to the same pitch, one will vibrate when the other is struck. A one-tenth degree turn of the tuning peg will ruin that sympathetic vibration. One act of disobedience separates me from the stillness where the Holy Truth of God's Voice can be heard. Obedience tunes me in, disobedience tunes me out! If I meditate on God's Word day and night, *"Study to...rightly divide"* it, my soul will resonate harmoniously when God speaks Truth to my thoughts. *"Rightly divide"* doesn't mean divide into portions, but the ability to discern God's Voice of Truth from every other "voice" in the cacophony dominating human thought. God's Word instructs, *"Study to be quiet."* I cannot hear God outside of Holy stillness of single minded thought. Stay on the right station or miss the message! *"Be STILL and KNOW that I Am God. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light, but if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"* Knowing God's Word lets me recognize God when He speaks and what He says will not deviate one iota from His written Word; it is the tuning fork of my soul! An untuned instrument cannot make music until the Master tunes it. Truth is Eternally Absolute! It will stand when all else fails. No man, demon, or angel can alter or corrupt God's Word. Many claim their own writings to be Truth, but it doesn't make it so! *"Forever, O lord, Thy Word is settled IN HEAVEN!"* The Holy Spirit of Truth will resonate in your soul as you read or hear anything and will either be in harmony or discord with it. *"He Will Guide you into ALL Truth!"* Like following a lighthouse in the storm, losing focus will lose your way!



Take time to be Holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's Children; help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His Blessing to seek.  
Take time to be Holy, the world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His Likeness shall see. –William D. Longstaff, 1882

It is when we come to the stillness at the end of self, lust, and our own thought, when we have read and studied God's Word, only then we will hear the Voice of the "*Spirit of Truth*." If we listen In the Holy stillness of a quiet soul, He will "*Guide us into all Truth*." We will weep tears of Godly sorrow which will lead us to repentance; that is a return to the obedience of God's Word; doing the right thing. As the Blessed Savior Tells us of His Love and Grace, His precious Truth will resonate within our soul with "*Joy unspeakable and full of Glory*." If this all seems unfamiliar, you have never heard God Speak. He Is Jealous of your attention and will not share His Voice with another single thought. You must be studied, quiet, and still to KNOW God. I ask again, "Have you heard the Voice of God?" His Voice can be heard in the quiet garden of prayer and meditation. Do you KNOW God? Stay tuned for more! Jesus Said, "*I Am Come that they might have Life...more abundantly. My Sheep KNOW My Voice and they follow Me*." Faith is proven by the desire to hear and follow the Voice of God!

*"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have Eternal Life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:13 KJV*