

Is it arrogant to say Absolute Truth exists?

³⁸Pilate said to Jesus, “What is truth?” (John 18:38)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (John 1:14, 18)

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” (John 3:17-21)

Charge- Claims to absolute truth have bred arrogance and abuse.

1. ‘Absolute truth’ has been arrogant and abusive

- Religious versions
- Irreligious versions
- Relativism seems the solution

2. ‘Relative truth’ has been arrogant and abusive too

3. Gospel truth breeds humility

- Our finitude
- Our fallenness

4. Gospel truth breeds service

- Jesus served by being abused
- He calls us to serve not abuse