

The Experience of Truth

Eternal Truth, Radical Thought

It is MANY years since I first realised that God and Jesus were in any way relevant to me personally, not just related to an activity that took place once a week.

In those years, I have increasingly found that truth is what makes the difference, and the application of that truth becomes real as the Holy Spirit opens up my understanding – just as Jesus said he would!

And truth applied like this is radical and transformative. My life just goes on being changed as fresh light dawns, sometimes quickly, sometimes much more slowly. Truth is not dull, not academic, not boring, specialist or irrelevant. It is the doorway into spiritual growth, continuing and ongoing.

Truth is not there to be stored and catalogued, but to be experienced.

So why am I launching into Substack to share my thoughts? I have sometimes been accused of thinking that I am always right, but that is definitely not the case, as all those who know me well enough can bear witness!

However, I do believe that sometimes I have something that is worth sharing which may help to bring more of that same experience of truth to more people. From time to time, I have spoken in Christian meetings and have usually shared some printed notes with the audience. Sometimes I have written 'articles' when something has been really burning with me, and initially (in 2008) I shared some of these on blogspot (<https://just1candle.blogspot.com>).

Then, in 2016 I eventually brought all those pieces together on a website with 'articles', 'sermon notes' and a few recordings, and quietly told a few people about it. (<https://www.justonecandle.uk>) I know that some people have ventured onto that site, but I don't know how much benefit they may have received – or not! There are now hundreds of items there, so it may be a bit daunting at first sight, difficult to know where to start.

Hopefully, Substack will make it easier to focus!

My plan is to aim to write something most weeks, usually on a Sunday afternoon. Most of it will be fresh but I may serialise some of my previous writing and I will certainly refer to it from time to time, which should make it easier to pluck a relevant thought from the large choice available on my website.

One of the big benefits of Substack is that there can be more 'audience participation', and entirely at the level that you decide! You could choose to dip into my Substack from time to time, just as you can visit my website, but I hope you will choose to subscribe and so receive my latest Substack posts sent direct to your inbox. I'm looking forward to the feedback!

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