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As long as you're sincere, all roads lead to God

(How to know for Sure Where You Stand With God)

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"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."
(Proverbs 14:12 NIV)

"Jesus told him, "I am the Way--yes, and the Truth and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me." (John 14:6 TLB)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12 NIV)

Lie #5:

"There is no single truth. Everyone needs to explore and find a truth that works for them."

Facing the reality of reality

The law of **non-contradiction**.

How many **conflicting versions** of the truth can actually be true?

It's **impossible for all** religions to be true.

4 Reasons It Matters What You Believe

There is such thing as **truth** and **non-truth**.

There is such thing as **trust** and **non-trust**.

There is such thing as **love** and **non-love**.

There is such thing as **eternal life** and **judgment**.

The Religious Party Line

Be good, **go to church**, then **hope for the best**.

If the good you've done outweighs the **bad**, then **you get in**.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I **never knew you**. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (Mat 7:21-23 NIV)

It doesn't matter what you believe, **as long as you're sincere**.

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:12-13 NIV)
31-32 NIV)

THE 4 FREEDOMS

Freedom from the fear of death.

"For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 6:23 NIV)

"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again. They are given eternal life for believing in me and will never perish. Do you believe this, Martha?'" (John 11:25-26 (NLT)

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:12-13 NIV)

Freedom from the fear of judgment.

"Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment" (Hebrews 9:27 NIV)

"... we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' **So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.**" (Romans 14, NIV)

Freedom from the fear of being abandoned.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" (Romans 8)

Freedom from the fear of being forgotten.

"For no one can lay any other foundation than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Now anyone who builds on that foundation may use gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But there is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. If the work survives the fire, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames." (1 Cor. 3:11-15 NLT)