

(Clip) The Only Alternative to Absolute Truth Be Ruled By Tyrants

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Scripture: John 14:6, Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 25:5, Ephesians 4:25, John 8:32

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Transcript

If there is no absolute truth functioning as the arbiter that two people in an argument with each other can appeal to, there's only one appeal left, power. And therefore, might will make right. And that's the definition of a tyrant.

There is no alternative. You better hope that all those loosey-goosey, mushy Christians that talk in vague, hazy terms about propositions being old-fashioned enlightenment ways of doing truth better not carry the day. They prepare the jails that tyrants will put you in when you claim that it's wrong to put me there for just believing what I believe, and they will say, who are you to say what's right and wrong? What's right to me is right to me, and I've got the sword.

You don't want to go there. Don't play, students, in the university with epistemology. Don't play games with epistemology.

Huge things are at stake in how you view whether there is such a thing as truth or not. We're not playing games. This pays a price.

Oh no, if you have to know two centuries of history, if you have to know two centuries of history, know the first and know the twentieth. Know Christ and know the gulag. Know Hitler.

Know Mussolini. Know Stalin. Don't be ignorant of what price has been paid for those who think they can call the shots without submitting to any absolute truth.

Know at least two centuries, because the twentieth was the worst, and the first introduced the best.

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