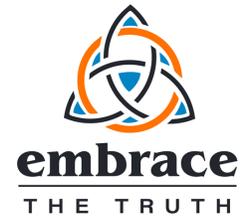


## Clarity in a Culture of Confusion by Abdu Murray

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### Defining a Post-Truth Culture:

- Post-Truth is not the same as Postmodern.
- “*Post-truth* is an adjective defined as ‘relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.’”
- Misdefining Freedom: human autonomy.
  - Autos – Self
  - Nomos – law

### The Consequences of Sacrificing Clarity on the Altar of Human Autonomy:

- Sacrificing our ability to reason
- Sacrificing our Sense of Integrity
- Sacrificing our Sense of Accountability and Human Value
  - Protagoras: Man is the measure of all things.
  - Tom Flynn: “Secular humanism maintains that, through a process of value inquiry informed by scientific and reflective thought, men and women can reach rough agreement concerning values, crafting ethical systems that deliver optimal results for human beings in a broad spectrum of circumstances.”

Tom Flynn, “Secular Humanism Defined” (July 7, 2012),  
<[www.secularhumanism.org/index.php?section=main&page=sh\\_defined4](http://www.secularhumanism.org/index.php?section=main&page=sh_defined4)>

### Saving Truth: Is there a Clear Source of True Human Freedom?

- Freedom vs. Autonomy: Defining True Freedom.

- To Jesus' claims to be the truest source of our freedom:

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."<sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.<sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. [John 8:31-36]

- Power of the Gospel: Clarity to Offer personal hope: The Student at Yale

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