

# Witney Way Lent and Easter 2011

## The TRUTH in Quotes

*“Jesus replied, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life.’”* John 14:6

**The Way**, is a concept that has been used by many religions, for centuries; Tao *means, The Way*; but it has also been used by Buddhism, Shinto, Do (which covers a number of spiritual and martial disciplines), indeed the early followers of Jesus were referred to as *The Way*. The concept is clear: a direction, road, channel, path, line, flow or doctrine.

But **The Truth?**

Winston Churchill, admittedly referring to Conservatives!, said,  
*“They are ready to die for the truth, if only they knew what the truth was.”* and

Oscar Wilde: *“The truth is never pure and rarely simple.”* or as

Edith Sitwell said, *“There is no truth, only points of view.”* and another?

Emil Brunner, *“Truth is itself, a personal concept.”*

An incident occurs which is being investigated by the authorities, every witness gives a slightly different account of what they *think* they saw; the *truth* as they perceived it to be. So there must always be an element of doubt; and as

Michael Arditti wrote, *“Doubt is an essential element of faith.”*

Theo Hobson agreed, *“The believer has to keep thinking about his deeply problematic faith commitment ... faith demands thought.”* and

Tina Beattie put it, *“Faith goes hand in hand with a willingness to question.”*

RC Archbishop Forte put it like this, *“What is really important in life, is not so much to provide answers, as to discern true questions.”* so

*“Respect the mystery! Don’t try to find an answer.”* Paulo Coelho

because, quoting Emil Brunner again, *“Truth is not something permanent.”*

**The Life**

*“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection, and I am the life’.”* John 11:25

St Paul wrote: *“Those who live on the level of the spirit, have the spiritual outlook, and that is life and peace.”*

***“Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.”*** Proverbs 4:26  
Howard Brayton

