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- I. Amen ἀμήν = To be firm, stable, sure, established, and trustworthy. The word was used to acknowledge and emphasize what was valid, sure and true, or important and significant. It is used in the OT as a liturgical formula in which a congregation or individual accepts both the validity of an oath or curse and its consequences (Nehemiah 5:13). "Truly, Truly, I say..." is used by John in the Gospel at least 25 times. Referring to Jesus Christ, it points to Him as the finality and certainty of all things. With HIM no one needs substitutes; no subtractions or additions are needed. The "Faithful and True Witness" defines the word "AMEN" (John 17:17) "Sanctify them in the Truth; Your word is truth." When the word is used at the beginning of the sentence it is translated "Verily"; when at the end of the sentence, it's translated "so be it." God said it, and that settles it. He guarantees it, thus it cannot be changed. AFFIRMATION OF CHRIST Note another Affirmation: God told Abraham, "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). God promised David a throne, upon which His sons would reign He promised Israel a kingdom. Consider the Affirmation of the Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 1:20): "For all the promises of God in Him [Jesus Christ] are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."
- II. Jesus is the origin, the cause, and the Creator of all things –The word is arche $\alpha \rho \chi \dot{\eta} =$ meaning:
 - a. First in time or
 - b. First in place, cause, or origin.

This means that Jesus Christ is the origin, the cause, and Creator of all things. The earth is now fallen under the curse of sin, through rebellion to Him. He is also the Creator of the coming kingdom, and of the eternal state – a new heavens and earth, in which dwells perfect righteousness. In John 1:3 we see "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." And, in Colossians 1:16 we see "...all things were created by Him, and for Him." He is responsible for everything.

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- I. Greek words for Truth in the New Testament logos, didache, didaskalia, and aletheia
- II. Hebrew words for Truth in the Old Testament Chakma, Emet, Shamooah, Moosarr
- III. The last word that Jesus spoke when dying was the word *Truth* in <u>Psalm 31:5</u> which is quoted in <u>Luke 23:46</u>. "Into your hands I deposit my spirit for you have delivered me, O Jehovah, God of TRUTH."
- IV. Bible believers like David spoke the truth in Psalm 38:2 "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness for thy TRUTH for thou hast magnified THY WORD above thy reputation."
- V. Truth was in existence before the human race according to Proverbs 8, but not in condensed writing.
- VI. Our attitude toward Truth determines whether we will be blessed or cursed (disciplined). Proverbs 8:33-36 "Hear instruction, and be wise, DO NOT REJECT IT".
- VII. Truth is the reason for the distribution of Echo Zone (<u>Isaiah 53:12</u>) and Grace Abounding blessings in time and Heaven's Grace Blessings in Eternity (<u>Hebrews 11:9,10; 11:13; James 1:25; 2:12,13</u>).
- VIII. Truth in the Believer's Soul becomes more real than empirical knowledge (2 Peter 1:12-21). (Read)
- IX. When a nation fails to abide by the Truth of God's Word, then that nation is on the road to disaster (<u>Hosea 4:1-6</u>) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."
- X. Truth makes it possible for the believer to live with an enlarged capacity for life.
- XI. The Pastor is responsible to see to it that the congregation receives the mind of Jesus Christ by faithful dissemination of God's Word (<u>I Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 5:18; 2 Peter 3:18</u>).
- XII. Truth brings many results:
 - (1) Confidence Job 5:24; 2 Corinthians 5:6, 8
 - (2) Vertical viewpoint Isaiah 55:7, 8; II Corinthians 10:5
 - (3) Understanding God's Will <u>Isaiah 26:3, 4; Romans 8:28</u>
 - (4) Stability of mind <u>James 1:8</u>
 - (5) Great Happiness Philippians 3:10; Ephesians 3:10; Hebrews 12:2, 3, 7