

Chapter VI – Truth and Certitude

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1. Truth in thought is the agreement of our _____ with reality.
2. The whole of an apple is bigger than half of it. This is a _____-evident truth.
3. By a person's authority we mean his _____ to be believed on account of his _____ and _____.
4. If we are no more inclined to accept a statement than to deny it, we are said to be in _____.
5. We have an opinion when we incline to one side, but have a _____ fear of error.
6. We have certitude when we accept a truth firmly, without any _____ fear of being wrong.
7. We have (*moral*) (*physical*) (*metaphysical*) certitude that Julius Caesar existed.
8. We have _____ certitude that the sun will rise tomorrow morning.
9. A thing is what it is. This is the principle of _____.
10. A thing cannot be and not be, at the same time and from the same point of view. This is the principle of _____.
11. We have _____ certitude of these two principles.
12. They are the fundamental laws of all _____; hence also of all _____.
13. If any teaching violates them, we are absolutely certain that it is _____.
14. To try to deny them is to commit complete mental _____ by making all further thought and speech absolutely impossible.
15. Scepticism is false because it is _____, and because it does not square with _____.
16. Truth in action is the agreement of our conduct with an _____ will.
17. It (*is*) (*is not*) possible for us to live the truth fully if we have not good habits.
18. I should act now as I shall wish to have acted when _____ plunges me from time into eternity.
19. I should pray as if all depended on _____, and make an effort as if all depended on _____.
20. When puzzled as to the best thing to do, I should ask myself: "What does God's _____ require me to do?" and do that.

Complete the following texts from sacred Scripture: —

1. Our Divine Saviour told Pilate that He had come into the world in order to “give testimony to the _____.”
2. “I can do _____ things in Him who strengtheneth me.”
3. “Without Me you can do _____.”
4. “What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his _____?”

(A). 1. Truth in thought is the agreement of our *mind* with reality. 2. The whole of an apple is bigger than half of it. This is a *self*-evident truth. 3. By a person's authority we mean his *right* to be believed on account of his *knowledge* and *truthfulness*. 4. If we are no more inclined to accept a statement than to deny it, we are said to be in *doubt*. 5. We have an opinion when we incline to one side, but have a *reasonable* fear of error. 6. We have certitude when we accept a truth firmly, without any *reasonable* fear of being wrong. 7. We have (*moral*) certitude that Julius Caesar existed. 8. We have *physical* certitude that the sun will rise tomorrow morning. 9. A thing is what it is. This is the principle of *identity*. 10. A thing cannot be and not be, at the same time and from the same point of view. This is the principle of *contradiction/non-contradiction*. 11. We have *metaphysical* certitude of these two principles. 12. They are the fundamental laws of all *beings*; hence also of all *thought*. 13. If any teaching violates them, we are absolutely certain that it is *false*. 14. To try to deny them is to commit complete mental *hari-kiri/suicide* by making all further thought and speech absolutely impossible. 15. Scepticism is false because it is *absurd*, and because it does not square with *facts*. 16. Truth in action is the agreement of our conduct with an *upright* will. 17. It (*is not*) possible for us to live the truth fully if we have not good habits. 18. I should act now as I shall wish to have acted when *death* plunges me from time into eternity. 19. I should pray as if all depended on *God*, and make an effort as if all depended on *me*. 20. When puzzled as to the best thing to do, I should ask myself: "What does God's *love* require me to do?" and do that.

(B). Complete the following texts from sacred Scripture: –

1. Our Divine Saviour told Pilate that He had come into the world in order to "give testimony to the *truth*."
2. "I can do *all* things in Him who strengtheneth me."
3. "Without Me you can do *nothing*."
4. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his *soul*?"