

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

Dr. Charles L. Moffatt, Presbyterian minister and at that time pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Gallatin, Tennessee, taught me years ago to fear no truth, for all truth is from God.

It was some years later that I found the same teaching in the writings of **Augustine**:

A person who is a good and a true Christian should realize that truth belongs to his Lord, wherever it is found, gathering and acknowledging it even in pagan literature.

Augustine, *On Christian Teaching*, translated with an Introduction and Notes by R. P. H. Green (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), Book Two, sections XVIII, 28, and 72 [multiple section numbers from three separate historic ways of dividing the text], p. 47, emphasis added.

I find that this teaching gives me great courage, joy, and freedom as I face the challenges of living. Truth may come from unliked or unlikely sources, but it can still be recognized and welcomed.

Conversely, on the basis of the truth we have received from the Lord in the gospel, we also have the responsibility to challenge false claims about truth even when they come from well known and respected sources.

Fear no truth, for all truth is from God!

Grace and Peace,

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