

130 Everyone's looking for KURT!

KURT is a very sought-after fellow! Everyone on this planet is either trying to find him, or thinks they have found him; and everyone then lives their lives on the basis of what they believe KURT says.

Eh?! KURT simply stands for Knowledge, Understanding, Reality and Truth. KURT concerns the ultimate answers to the ultimate questions which face us all: Why are we here? How did we get here? Is there a God? What's the point? Is anything right? Is anything wrong? Where are we going? - to name but a few!

Now we all develop our own ideas about KURT, from all sorts of sources: our parents and family; our teachers at school or church, synagogue, temple or mosque; our own characters; our experiences through life; our nation and culture; our peers, the media, social media, and so on. Often without realising it, we are constantly shaping our own ideas about KURT, from learning what works, or suits us, or feels right or feels wrong - for us.

Gradually there forms within each one of us, as we grow up and pass along through life, what we can call our "KURT framework". This framework is simply our own set of answers to life's great questions, which may change as time goes by. We dwell within that framework, and from within it we steer our lives by heeding KURT's voice via our conscience: if KURT says something is fine, then we do it, and vice-versa. Whoever we look at, be it in the mirror or on the bus or on the television, that person is steering his or her life from within their own KURT framework.

"So what?" we may ask. For a start we see that everyone's ideas about KURT are unique to them, and these ideas may have very little to do with the real, ultimate, genuine KURT. The KURT of a jihadist youth fighting for ISIS in Iraq tells him that beheading Christians is fine, while the KURT of one of his innocent victims kneeling before him says, "Love your enemies": which of these KURT's is more likely to be trustworthy and genuine? The KURT of a Vladimir Putin seems to differ greatly from that of a Barack Obama; the KURT and life of an atheist differ greatly from the KURT and life of a Bible-believing Christian.

So we find ourselves faced with a whole rag-bag of KURTs all around us, each strongly held by its adherents, and many of them downright contradictory. They can't all be genuine, so we have the task of trying to work out real KURTs from false KURTs - if that can be done.

It can be done, as we shall hope to come on to next week. But for now let us look to the Holy Bible, which Christians hold, on solid authority, to be nothing less than the God-given source of ultimate, genuine Knowledge, Understanding, Reality and Truth - for all of creation.

Genuine KURT, as revealed to us by Almighty God in His Word, has the full record of who God is, who we are, how we got here, why we are here, and where we are going. It has the Ten Commandments. It has news of mankind's dire spiritual state before our holy God, and the one stupendous, God-given lifeline freely offered to us in Jesus Christ, which any of us can reach out and grab. It has news of the Holy Spirit, the gracious presence within Christian lives, and the trustworthy voice behind Christian consciences. It has the genuine grounds for human hope, peace, joy, love, meaning and purpose - all that we could ever long for, and more.

Truly, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119.105). In short, for ultimate KURT, we turn to the Holy Bible. It is the height of human folly not to do so.

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