

What Is Auntie's Attic?



Remember the days when as children we would explore the attic of our grandparents' looking for hidden treasures and things to explore? Auntie's Attic is figuratively that place. Auntie's Attic is my effort to open my treasure chest of my personal insights and share some of my golden nuggets drawn from a Christian context. Just as many of us store treasures in our house attic, I see my mind as my intellectual and rational attic of treasures.

Through the symbolic sorting and unpacking of those treasures from my life, I discover Truth hidden amongst them that reaffirms relevance and purpose. After all, what good are treasures without purpose or use?

I have a Christian view of the world. I believe the Christian world view should be the standard—the basis from which Biblical principles are superior to other belief systems. My life experiences have proven this validity without contest for me. My attic is filled with treasures where the Bible was my handbook for life and still is such. I have been a born-again Christian since I was five and I believe that Biblical principles are based in love which sets one such standard for me on how to treat others. Additionally the ethics that I incorporated into my life since my youth were those taught as underpinning the central moral ethics and common sense of our culture. I find in the treasure chest that these ethics are still unwavering today. The Christian world view has always had its naysayers but it appears to me that morality is being challenged even more aggressively, causing one to question whether or not Biblical principles are losing their credibility in the 21st Century. If the Christian ethic is irrelevant today then what replaces it as the basis for morality? Does it matter that a Christian world view is superior to other belief systems?

Opening my treasure chest in Auntie's Attic, I discover a golden nugget - *The Principle of Truth*. My goal embracing a foundation of truth is to verify whether my Christian world view is based on fact or myth. Although I store what I value in my *mind's* "attic," all too often those things I value are shrouded by distractions from current events. By opening my attic I can reaffirm, and when necessary, reincorporate my golden nuggets, by disregarding ideas that are

counter to truth, because my focus is on the Eternal. An eternal mindset is one centered on God's principles of Truth. Therein lies the golden nugget.

We are living in a time of tremendous technological and social change which has caused frustration and confusion for many people who question the validity and relevance of using a moral compass. It feels like our culture is losing its footing and struggling to recognize truth. But what I think and feel doesn't change the truth. Thus, in difficult and confusing times I can reach into my treasure chest and pull out one of the nuggets of *Truth* that I was taught as a child. These truths are the foundational principles I depend on to guide my life and live it with honor. Ideas, rules, and attitudes may change but principles stand the test of time.

Through Auntie's Attic I hope to be transparent and share what I believe are these time-tested principles. I want to be part of an honest dialog that may help heal the spiritual conflict of our time. If we open our minds, share our most treasured beliefs, and are honest with each other, perhaps we can find truth together and become a people of honor.