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Teacher: Scott Reynolds

Scott's April 16, 2025 class reviews the first seven tours of **The Truth Project**, a 12-part DVD series by Focus on the Family, designed to promote a biblical worldview. Below is a detailed summary organized by tour, with timestamps and key points from the transcript.

(0:04 - 0:54) Introduction to the Truth Project

Scott opens the class by introducing the evening's focus: a review of the first seven tours of *The Truth Project*, a 12-part DVD series by Focus on the Family designed to promote a biblical worldview. Led by Dr. Del Tackett, the series challenges participants with the question, "Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?" The first seven tours cover foundational topics—truth, philosophy, humanity, God, science, history, and society—each exploring critical questions through a biblical lens. Scott emphasizes the series' call to align one's life with God's truth, unpacking biblical foundations, key illustrations, and practical implications. This introduction sets the stage for a deep dive into how these tours confront worldly perspectives with God's reality.

(0:55 - 2:23) Tour One: Veritology, What is Truth?

Tour One, titled "Veritology," explores the nature of truth, rooted in Jesus' declaration in John 18:37 that He came to testify to the truth, met with Pilate's skeptical question, "What is truth?" The tour frames a cosmic battle between the spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood, led by Satan, described as the "father of lies" in John 8:44. Truth is defined, per Webster's 1828 dictionary, as conformity to fact or reality, grounded in God's nature (Colossians 2:2-3). Scott highlights how every sin—pride, greed, lust—stems from believing a lie, linking salvation to truth (2 Thessalonians 2:13). Lies lead to "common insanity," a detachment from reality (Isaiah 44:20). Believers are urged to gently engage outsiders to help them escape deception (2 Timothy 2:24-26; Colossians 4:5-6). The key takeaway is that truth is God's reality, not subjective perception, and embracing it liberates us from sin's lies. Scott prompts reflection: "What lie have you believed that God's truth has exposed?"

(2:25 - 3:59) Tour Two: Philosophy and Ethics, Says Who?

Tour Two examines philosophy and ethics, warning against “hollow and deceptive philosophy” that captivates minds, as cautioned in Colossians 2. Scott contrasts Carl Sagan’s naturalistic creed—“the cosmos is all there is, or ever was, or will be”—with biblical presuppositions affirming God’s existence, transcendence, and immanence, revealed through creation and His Word. This naturalistic “cosmic cube” traps reality in a material box, excluding God. Historically, philosophy included God (Webster’s 1828), but modern definitions often omit Him. Postmodernism’s rejection of absolute truth leads to “statistical ethics” based on cultural surveys rather than God’s character. Plato’s question about whether an act is right because God commands it or because God recognizes its rightness ties morality to God’s nature. Scott notes that many Christians lack a biblical worldview, conforming to the world instead of being transformed (Romans 12:2). The takeaway is to renew one’s mind to reject deceptive philosophies and live by God’s truth, with a reflection question: “Where have naturalistic ideas influenced your thinking?”

(4:00 - 5:24) Tour Three: Anthropology, Who is Man?

Tour Three, “Anthropology,” addresses the questions “Who are we?” and “Why does evil exist?” Genesis 1:27 establishes humanity as created in God’s image, while Romans 5:12 reveals our fallen state, waging an inner battle between flesh and spirit (Galatians 5:16-17). Scott outlines humanity’s journey: innocent, fallen, facing judgment (Revelation 20:15), yet redeemable and glorifiable through Christ (1 Corinthians 15:42). This contrasts with naturalism’s view of humans as mere matter, lacking purpose or ethics. Secular thinkers like Abraham Maslow and Carl Rogers argue that humans are inherently good, blaming evil on culture, but Scripture counters with human depravity (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5), necessitating redemption. The problem of evil challenges secularists more, as they lack a moral foundation. The takeaway is that humans are made in God’s glory but are sinful, needing Christ to restore purpose. Scott asks, “How does knowing you’re both fallen and redeemable shape your self-view?”

(5:25 - 6:35) Tour Four: Theology, Who is God?

Tour Four, “Theology,” studies God’s existence, nature, and attributes as the source of all truth (Colossians 2:2-3). Scott emphasizes that eternal life involves knowing God personally, not just intellectually (John 17:3; Hosea 6:6). Despite attacks on God’s Word, such as the Jesus Seminar’s democratic voting on Scripture’s validity (Ezekiel 22:26-28), God reveals Himself through creation (Romans 1:19-20) and His enduring Word (1 Peter 1:24-25). These assaults are part of a broader battle against God’s knowledge (2 Corinthians 10:4-5), but His truth remains unshaken. Knowing God transforms one’s identity and purpose as His image-bearer. The takeaway is that a relationship with God anchors us in truth, shaping every aspect of life. Scott prompts reflection: “How has knowing God changed your perspective?”

(6:36 - 7:53) Tour Five: Science, What is True?

Tour Five, “Science,” explores the question “What is true?” Psalm 19:1 and Romans 1:18-20 affirm that creation declares God’s glory. Early scientists recognized design, but naturalism posits a self-originated or eternal cosmos, both problematic without a creator. Scott critiques Darwin’s theory, noting its failure against irreducible complexity (e.g., the flagellum motor) and missing fossil transitions, leading to alternative theories like punctuated equilibrium or directed panspermia

(Francis Crick). The “Scrabble analogy” underscores that organized genetic code points to intelligent design, not chance. Carl Sagan’s claim that evolution is “amply demonstrated” falters against evidence. Evolution undermines ethical foundations, reflecting a worldview battle where humanity exchanges God’s truth for lies. The takeaway is that true science glorifies God’s purposeful design. Scott asks, “How does creation’s design strengthen your faith?”

(7:54 - 9:12) Tour Six: History, Whose Story?

Tour Six, “History,” presents history as God’s providential narrative, not random events (Isaiah 46:9-13; Galatians 4:4-5). Scott warns against historical revisionism, such as Rigoberto Manchus’ contested memoir or omitting God from the Mayflower Compact, which rewrites the past to control the present, echoing Satan’s deception in Genesis 3:1. God commands remembrance through memorial stones (Joshua 4:1-7) and feasts (Deuteronomy 8:10-20). Postmodernism rejects God’s “photo album,” but pilgrims saw themselves as part of His plan (Acts 4:27-28). Scripture’s reliability, backed by manuscript evidence, anchors God’s story. The takeaway is to live as part of God’s grand narrative, not an individual story. Scott asks, “How does seeing history as God’s plan shape your view today?”

(9:14 - 10:31) Tour Seven: Sociology, the Divine Imprint

Tour Seven, “Sociology,” explores God’s order in creation and social structures, reflected in Psalm 19:1-6 and Job 12:7-25. From the intricate design of a chicken egg to the triune nature of God (Father, Son, Spirit), His imprint shapes family (husband, wife, children) and church (Christ, leaders, flock). Genesis 2:18 underscores that loneliness contradicts God’s relational nature. The Fall severed relationships—God to man, man to man, man to creation—but God’s design restores unity through roles like love, respect, submission, and honor (Ephesians 5). Pathologies like divorce (Malachi 2:16) or disrespect (1 Peter 3:7) disrupt this divine imprint. The takeaway is to reflect God’s relational order in family and community. Scott asks, “Where do you see God’s design for relationships in your life?”

(10:32 - 11:16) Conclusion and Call to Action

In conclusion, Scott weaves together the seven tours as a compelling call to reject the world’s lies and embrace God’s truth across all spheres—truth, philosophy, anthropology, theology, science, history, and sociology. He cites Romans 12:2, urging transformation through the renewing of the mind. Each tour offers practical challenges, such as spotting lies (Tour One) or restoring relationships (Tour Seven). Scott encourages the class to reflect on which tour resonates most and to choose one takeaway to apply, fostering growth in a worldview that glorifies God. The class ends with a heartfelt “Thank you,” underscoring Scott’s desire for collective growth in living out biblical truth.