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Hadith of Abu Dhar - III  
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Question for Reflection

What are other words for Truth and  
Falsehood?

He sends down water from the sky whereat the valleys are flooded to the extent of their capacity, and the flood carries along a swelling foam. And from what they smelt in the fire for the purpose of making ornaments or wares, there arises a similar foam. That is how Allah compares **truth** and **falsehood**. As for the foam, it leaves as waste, and that which profits the people stays in the earth. That is how Allah draws comparisons.

Sura Ra'd, Verse 17

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي كَبَدٍ

Certainly we have created  
man to be in distress

Sura al Balad, 90:4

# Truth and Falsehood - Definitions

- To put a thing in its right place
- To follow in harmony
- The reality of things

Accept **Haq** from whoever brings it,  
young or old, even if he [the bringer] is  
disliked

Reject **Batil** from whoever comes with it,  
young or old, even if he [the bringer] is  
loved.

Holy Prophet (s)  
Kanzul Ummal

# Haq is strong against Batil

A little Haq defends a lot of Batil  
just as a little fire can burn a lot of  
wood

Imam Ali (a)

Ghurarul Hikam

# The Word of Haq

- Say what is Haq even if it is against your own self. Imam Baqir (a)
- A believer does not give anything more believed by Allah than a word of Haq in pleasure and in anger. Holy Prophet (s)
- The best struggle is the word of Haq in front of a tyrant ruler. Holy Prophet (s)

# Why is Truth bitter and Falsehood sweet?

1. Because the world is a place of test and trial for the human being.
2. So that the human being can discipline himself to choose the path of truth over falsehood despite its difficulties.
3. Spirituality and good deeds make the human being taste the sweetness of Truth