Honestly Wrong

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Right and wrong, good and evil, truth and error, are determined by God and made known by the revelation of His word -- the Bible. They are neither determined nor made known by our own personal opinions, desires, preferences, feelings or experiences. The truth, as it is made known unto us in the Scriptures, should be the standard by which we measure everything in the spiritual or religious realm. What does God want me to know, to believe, to do, to be? What must I do to be saved? How am I to live? How am I to worship and serve God? The answers to those questions must come from God's Book. You must be honest and sincere in serving God. You must obey His will from your heart. But religious beliefs, affiliations, and practices are not acceptable to God merely because you are honest and sincere, merely because your heart is in them. Never be dishonest, insincere, hypocritical, but remember that you can be honestly wrong, sincerely in error, and perfectly satisfied with something that is not of God at all. Why not read carefully 1Thessalonians 5:21 and 1 John 4:1? Anyone who is honestly wrong and learns that he is wrong, will then cease to be wrong (by changing) or cease to be honest (by refusing to change).

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