

THE TRUTH IS JESUS CHRIST IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN ON THE APPROACH OF POPPER'S FALSIFICATION

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Abstract

Many attempts to defend the concept of a Christian understanding of the Truth (ἀλήθεια) especially in the Gospel of John. To defend the Christianity concept of truth, believe The Truth is Jesus Christ himself. Secular scholars attempt to ruin this concept with many theories and principles. They have been continuing to reject this epistemology based on the philosophy of science and questioning what is the Truth and what is the connection with Jesus Christ. To defend this concept, an approach of Karl Popper's falsification theory is used to justify the truth is Jesus Christ Himself in the Gospel and letters of John.

Keywords: ἀλήθεια, truth, Popper falsification, Gospel of John, Gospel and letters of John, philosophy of science.

INTRODUCTION

In Christian doctrine, the Truth is God, and the Truth is Jesus Christ himself (John 14:6). The truth about who is Jesus Christ, the Truth about God's Word and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). The secular community always asked many questions about Jesus and the Truth, who is Jesus, what is the Truth, what is the relationship between the Truth and Jesus Christ. This research uses Popper's Falsification theory one of the branches of the "secular" philosophy of science, to make the justification of the hypothesis about the Truth in the Gospel

of John. The consistency of the Gospel of John about the truth to lead the truth is Jesus Himself.

From a secular perspective, they questioned what was the truth, what the meaning of the truth is Jesus Himself until Jesus Christ declares himself was a God. Yet if we could test in Philosophy of Science, that the truth is Jesus itself then the implication taken many implications in Christianity and also for the secular community.

From in Christian Perspective, the way of truth is taken when Jesus gives her life for sinners in need of forgiveness, atonement, and

justification (Mackinnon, 2009, 22). He shows us that, even though we are forgiven, we still have sin in the flesh, and are powerless to overcome when we are tempted to give in to the sin that is so rooted in us as human beings. Only we believe and dependent on God's truth, we can conquest over the lusts of the flesh which lead to sin. "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20).

METHODOLOGY

Methodology in this paper uses Popper's Falsification theory to justify whether the Truth is about Jesus Christ Himself. The first step in this research paper is finding all the words of truth and their meaning about the truth in the Gospel and letters of John including the Gospel of John, 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John. After data is collected then the coding is needed to be referred to as the interpretation of the meaning of the data or could be understood as the in-depth analysis of data Miles et al. (2014). Codes were gathered through the reoccurring patterns of data chunks based on similar categories or known as pattern codes.

In the second step, the interconnected categories were grouped to provide a more significant level of meaning. Lastly, is to give them in terms of validation and justification, the idea of the truth and make it corresponding whether matching or unmatching as a validation to the hypothesis. The final step is to make a Popper's justification whether all verses truth in Gospel and letters of John supporting the hypothesis or there is one verse or more that contradicts the hypothesis

Popper justification

In the philosophy of science, a standard of evaluation of putatively scientific theories, according to which a theory is genuinely scientific only if it is possible in principle to establish that it is false. Popper's Falsification theory is the branch of philosophy of science to justify whether the hypothesis is accepted or rejected.

Karl Popper (1902-1994) proposed the criterion of falsifiability for validating the theory of empirical judgments by observing inconsistent empirical predictions. So that the scientific theories are instead incrementally validated through the absence of disconfirming evidence in several well-designed experiments. According to Popper, some disciplines that

have claimed scientific validity are not empirical sciences, because their subject matter cannot be falsified in this manner.

For Popper, an accepted theory should attempt to invalidate a theory, rather than attempt to continually support theoretical hypotheses. In this philosophy of science when there is a hypothesis that "all swans are white," can be falsified by observing a black swan; if in this situation there is a black swan then a hypothesis of "all swans are white" is rejected (Popper, 2002, p 361). Popper states that for a proposition to be considered accepted theory then it must be able to be tested and conceivably proven false. With the same condition, a hypothesis in this paper is "The truth is Jesus Christ" can be falsified by observing The Truth is not refer to Jesus Christ. Then the hypothesis the truth is Jesus Christ himself is refuted.

Observation

In this research, the first step is to acquire all about the word of truth (ἀλήθεια) in the Gospel of John. Afterward, categorization is needed to prepare and organize all of the data acquiring for further analysis. Miles et al. (2014) referred to coding as the interpretation of the meaning of the data or could be understood as the in-depth analysis of data. Codes were gathered

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The Truth (ἀλήθεια) verses in the Gospel of John

No	Verses in the Gospel of John	Interpretation categories
1.	John 1:14 NIV 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. <i>Καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας.</i>	Came from Father (God), that God full of grace and truth.
2.	John 1:17 NIV 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <i>ὅτι ὁ νόμος διὰ Μωϋσέως ἐδόθη, ἡ χάρις καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐγένετο.</i>	Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. The characteristic expression for ‘grace and truth’ is <i>eleos</i> [‘mercy’] <i>kai alētheia</i> ; in (compare Jn. 1:14 <i>charis kai alētheia</i>).
3.	John 3:21 NIV 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. <i>ὁ δὲ ποιῶν τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἔρχεται πρὸς τὸ φῶς, ἵνα φανερωθῇ αὐτοῦ τὰ ἔργα ὅτι ἐν θεῷ ἐστὶν εἰργασμένα.</i>	Truth comes into the light
4.	John 4:23 NIV 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <i>ἀλλὰ ἔρχεται ὥρα, καὶ νῦν ἐστὶν, ὅτε οἱ ἀληθινοὶ προσκυνηταὶ προσκυνήσουσιν τῷ πατρὶ ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ: καὶ γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ τοιούτους ζητεῖ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας αὐτόν.</i>	The true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth
5.	John 4:24 NIV 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” <i>πνεῦμα ὁ θεός, καὶ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας αὐτόν ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ δεῖ προσκυνεῖν.</i>	Worship in the Spirit and in truth
6.	John 5:33 NIV 33 “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. <i>ὕμεις ἀπεστάλακατε πρὸς Ἰωάννην, καὶ μεμαρτύρηκεν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ:</i>	He has testified to the truth.
7.	John 7:18 NIV 18 Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one	A man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

ὁ ἀφ' ἑαυτοῦ λαλῶν τὴν δόξαν τὴν ἰδίαν ζητεῖ: ὁ δὲ ζητῶν τὴν δόξαν τοῦ πέμψαντος αὐτόν, οὗτος ἀληθὴς ἐστὶν καὶ ἀδικία ἐν αὐτῷ οὐκ ἔστιν.

8. John 8:32 NIV
32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
καὶ γνώσεσθε τὴν ἀλήθειαν, καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια ἐλευθερώσει ὑμᾶς.
9. John 8:40 NIV
40 As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.
νῦν δὲ ζητεῖτέ με ἀποκτεῖναι, ἄνθρωπον ὃς τὴν ἀλήθειαν ὑμῖν λελάληκα ἣν ἤκουσα παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ: τοῦτο Ἀβραὰμ οὐκ ἐποίησεν.
10. John 8:44 NIV
44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
ὑμεῖς ἐκ τοῦ πατρὸς τοῦ διαβόλου ἐστὲ καὶ τὰς ἐπιθυμίας τοῦ πατρὸς ὑμῶν θέλετε ποιεῖν. ἐκεῖνος ἀνθρωποκτόνος ἦν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, καὶ ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ οὐκ ἔστηκεν, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἀλήθεια ἐν αὐτῷ. ὅταν λαλήσῃ τὸ ψεῦδος, ἐκ τῶν ἰδίων λαλεῖ, ὅτι ψεύστης ἐστὶν καὶ ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ.
11. John 8:45 NIV
45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!
ἐγὼ δὲ ὅτι τὴν ἀλήθειαν λέγω, οὐ πιστεύετε μοι.
- John 8:46 NIV
46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?
τίς ἐξ ὑμῶν ἐλέγχει με περὶ ἁμαρτίας; εἰ ἀλήθειαν λέγω, διὰ τί ὑμεῖς οὐ πιστεύετε μοι;
12. John 14:6 NIV
6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
λέγει αὐτῷ [ὁ] Ἰησοῦς, Ἐγὼ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωὴ: οὐδεὶς ἔρχεται πρὸς τὸν πατέρα εἰ μὴ δι' ἐμοῦ.
13. John 14:17 NIV

- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας, ὃ ὁ κόσμος οὐ δύναται λαβεῖν, ὅτι οὐ θεωρεῖ αὐτὸ οὐδὲ γινώσκει: ὑμεῖς γινώσκετε αὐτό, ὅτι παρ' ὑμῖν μένει καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν ἔσται.
14. John 15:26 NIV
26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.
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15. John 16:13 NIV
13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.
ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ἐκεῖνος, τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας, ὁδηγήσει ὑμᾶς ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ πάση: οὐ γὰρ λαλήσει ἀφ' ἑαυτοῦ, ἀλλ' ὅσα ἀκούσει λαλήσει, καὶ τὰ ἐρχόμενα ἀναγγελεῖ ὑμῖν.
16. John 17:17 NIV
17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
ἀγιάσον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ: ὁ λόγος ὁ σὸς ἀλήθεια ἐστίν.
17. John 18:23 NIV
23 “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?”
ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ Ἰησοῦς, Εἰ κακῶς ἐλάλησα, μαρτύρησον περὶ τοῦ κακοῦ: εἰ δὲ καλῶς, τί με δέρεις;
18. John 18:37 NIV
37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”
εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλάτος, Οὐκοῦν βασιλεὺς εἶ σύ; ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Σὺ λέγεις ὅτι βασιλεὺς εἰμι. ἐγὼ εἰς τοῦτο γεγέννημαι καὶ εἰς τοῦτο ἐλήλυθα εἰς τὸν κόσμον, ἵνα μαρτυρήσω τῇ ἀληθείᾳ: πᾶς ὁ ὢν ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας ἀκούει μου τῆς φωνῆς.
19. John 18:38 NIV
- We know the spirit of truth, for he lives with you and will be in you.
- The Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about Jesus.
- The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.
- The word is truth, and The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (cf. John 1:14)
- Jesus spoke the truth.
- Everyone on the side of truth listens to Jesus.

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- 38 “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.
λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλάτος, Τί ἐστὶν ἀλήθεια; Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν πάλιν ἐξῆλθεν πρὸς τοὺς Ἰουδαίους, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς, Ἐγὼ οὐδεμίαν εὐρίσκω ἐν αὐτῷ αἰτίαν.
20. John 19:35 NIV
35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.
καὶ ὁ ἑωρακὼς μεμαρτύρηκεν, καὶ ἀληθινὴ αὐτοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ μαρτυρία, καὶ ἐκεῖνος οἶδεν ὅτι ἀληθῆ λέγει, ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς πιστεύ[σ]ητε.
21. 1 John 1:6 NIV
6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.
Ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν τῷ σκότει περιπατοῦμεν, ψευδόμεθα καὶ οὐ ποιοῦμεν τὴν ἀλήθειαν:
22. 1 John 1:8 NIV
8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι ἀμαρτίαν οὐκ ἔχομεν, ἑαυτοὺς πλανῶμεν καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια οὐκ ἐστὶν ἐν ἡμῖν.
23. 1 John 2:4 NIV
4 Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.
ὁ λέγων ὅτι Ἔγνωκα αὐτόν, καὶ τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ μὴ τηρῶν, ψεύστης ἐστίν, καὶ ἐν τούτῳ ἡ ἀλήθεια οὐκ ἐστίν:
24. 1 John 2:8 NIV
8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.
πάλιν ἐντολὴν καινὴν γράφω ὑμῖν, ὃ ἐστὶν ἀληθὲς ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν, ὅτι ἡ σκοτία παράγεται καὶ τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινὸν ἤδη φαίνει.
25. 1 John 2:21 NIV
21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.
οὐκ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐκ οἶδατε τὴν ἀλήθειαν, ἀλλ' ὅτι οἶδατε αὐτήν, καὶ ὅτι πᾶν ψεῦδος ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας οὐκ ἐστίν.
26. 1 John 3:18 NIV
- Pilate finds no basis for a charge against him.
- He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.
- Fellowship with him will lead to the truth
- the truth only in Jesus, man is always with sin.
- Knowing about Jesus will lead to the truth
- The true light is already shining.
- No lie comes from the truth.

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- 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
Τεκνία, μὴ ἀγαπῶμεν λόγῳ μηδὲ τῇ γλώσσῃ ἀλλὰ ἐν ἔργῳ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ.
27. 1 John 3:19 NIV
19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:
[Καὶ] ἐν τούτῳ γνωσόμεθα ὅτι ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας ἐσμέν, καὶ ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πείσομεν τὴν καρδίαν ἡμῶν
28. 1 John 4:6 NIV
6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.
ἡμεῖς ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐσμεν: ὁ γινώσκων τὸν θεὸν ἀκούει ἡμῶν, ὃς οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐκ ἀκούει ἡμῶν. ἐκ τούτου γινώσκομεν τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πλάνης.
29. 1 John 5:6 NIV
6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.
Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ ἐλθὼν δι' ὕδατος καὶ αἵματος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός: οὐκ ἐν τῷ ὕδατι μόνον ἀλλ' ἐν τῷ ὕδατι καὶ ἐν τῷ αἵματι: καὶ τὸ πνεῦμά ἐστιν τὸ μαρτυροῦν, ὅτι τὸ πνεῦμά ἐστιν ἡ ἀλήθεια.
30. 2 John 1:1 NIV
1 The elder, To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth.
Ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐκλεκτῇ κυρίᾳ καὶ τοῖς τέκνοις αὐτῆς, οὓς ἐγὼ ἀγαπῶ ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγὼ μόνος ἀλλὰ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἐγνωκότες τὴν ἀλήθειαν,
31. 2 John 1:2 NIV
2 because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:
διὰ τὴν ἀλήθειαν τὴν μένουσαν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ μεθ' ἡμῶν ἔσται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.
32. 2 John 1:3 NIV
3 Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.
- Love with actions and in truth.
- We belong to the truth
- We are from God and recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.
- the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.
- I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth.
- Because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:
- Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

*ἔσται μεθ' ἡμῶν χάρις ἔλεος εἰρήνη παρὰ θεοῦ πατρός,
καὶ παρὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ πατρός, ἐν
ἀληθείᾳ καὶ ἀγάπῃ.*

33. 2 John 1:4 NIV
4 It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us.
Ἐχάρην λίαν ὅτι εὑρηκα ἐκ τῶν τέκνων σου περιπατοῦντας ἐν ἀληθείᾳ, καθὼς ἐντολὴν ἐλάβομεν παρὰ τοῦ πατρός.
Great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth
34. 3 John 1:1 NIV
1 The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
Ὁ πρεσβύτερος Γαίῳ τῷ ἀγαπητῷ, ὃν ἐγὼ ἀγαπῶ ἐν ἀληθείᾳ.
I love the truth.
35. 3 John 1:3 NIV
3 It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it.
ἐχάρην γὰρ λίαν ἐρχομένων ἀδελφῶν καὶ μαρτυρούντων σου τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, καθὼς σὺ ἐν ἀληθείᾳ περιπατεῖς.
testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it.
36. 3 John 1:4 NIV
4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.
μειζότεραν τούτων οὐκ ἔχω χαρὰν, ἵνα ἀκούω τὰ ἐμὰ τέκνα ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ περιπατοῦντα.
I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.
37. 3 John 1:8 NIV
8 We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.
ἡμεῖς οὖν ὀφείλομεν ὑπολαμβάνειν τοὺς τοιούτους, ἵνα συνεργοὶ γινώμεθα τῇ ἀληθείᾳ.
so that we may work together for the truth.
38. 3 John 1:12 NIV
12 Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true.
Δημητρίῳ μεμαρτύρηται ὑπὸ πάντων καὶ ὑπὸ αὐτῆς τῆς ἀληθείας: καὶ ἡμεῖς δὲ μαρτυροῦμεν, καὶ οἶδας ὅτι ἡ μαρτυρία ἡμῶν ἀληθὴς ἐστίν.
you know that our testimony is true.

Interconnection categories

Interconnected categories were grouped to provide a more significant level of meaning. The next step is that show from the view the meaning of the Truth, make it falsification with Popper's Falsification, and justification from these comparisons. These will cause us to accept or repent the hypothesis of whether the Truth is Jesus himself.

No.	Categories	Verses	Validation dan Justification
1.	"full of grace and truth" and "grace and truth"	Jn. 1:14 Jn. 1:17	These two verses lead the truth through Jesus Christ Jn. 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Jn. 1:17 ...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
2.	Worship in the Spirit and in truth	Jn. 4:23 Jn. 4:24	These two verses state that worship in spirit and in truth and according Jn. 1:17. It lead the worship in Spirit and through Jesus Christ. Jn. 4:23 ...the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
3.	A man of truth, testified of truth, will set you free.	Jn 5:33; 7:18; 8:32 8:40; 8:44	These several verses state that truth is nothing false, testified of truth, will set you free from sin. Jesus will set you free. Jn. 7:18 A man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Jn. 8:32 ...and the truth will set you free." - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
4.	Jesus tells the truth	Jn 8:45,46 Jn 14:6 1Jn. 1:8 Jn. 17:17 Jn. 18:37 Jn. 18:38 1Jn. 1:8 3Jn. 1:12	These several verses state Jesus always tells the truth. Jn. 14:6 I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jn 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and

			corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
5.	Spirit of Truth	Jn. 14:17 Jn. 15:26 Jn. 16:13 1Jn. 5:6 3 Jn. 1:8	These several verses will lead the Spirit of Truth will refer Jesus is the Truth Jn 15:26 The Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about Jesus. Jn 16:13 The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
6.	Knowing Truth lead to Jesus	Jn. 3:21 1Jn 2:8 1Jn. 2:4 1Jn. 2:21	These several verses will lead the truth to Jesus. Jn. 3:21 ...it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
7.	Love with action in truth, no lie	1Jn. 3:18 1Jn. 4:6 2Jn. 1:1 2Jn. 1:2 2Jn. 1:3 2 Jn. 1:4	These several verses state the relation the truth with love and no lie. 1Jn 3:18 ... let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1Jn 4:16 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.
8.	Belong to the truth	1Jn. 3:19 3Jn. 1:1 3Jn. 1:3 3Jn. 1:4	These several verses will lead the truth is Jesus, and telling how to walk in it. 1Jn. 3:19 we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence 3Jn. 1:3 It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. - The relating verses in this categories verses are matching and corresponding with Popper's Falsification approach.

Observation of Justification

The noun form of “truth” (ἀλήθεια) occurs 25 times in the Gospel of John, 9 times in 1 John, 5 times in 2 John, and 6 times in 3 John. The first introduction to the term in the Gospel of John occurs in the prologue (1:14, 17). The Word which came and dwelt among us is “full of grace and truth” and “grace and truth” came through Jesus Christ. In the first two occurrences of the term, “truth” is related to Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word.

In the gospel of John, Jesus says that his words are “true” at least seven times (i.e. 8:13-14, 26, 31-32). In John 5:33, Jesus says that John the Baptist “bore witness to the truth.” John the Baptist came bearing witness to the Messiah who would come after him- Jesus. In the most explicit statement in the Gospel, Jesus himself says in 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life”. In the Gospel of John, the “truth” is Jesus Christ. Three passages help us to understand what John 4:23-24 means because both terms “Spirit” and “truth” are used in a single phrase. In John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13, the Paraclete is referred to as the “Spirit of truth”. One passage speaks worship in Spirit and truth in John 4:23-24.

The letter of 1 John, has the word “truth” 9 times. In 1 John 2:3-6, And by this, we know that we have come to know him if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. For John, “keeping his commandments” refers to “believing in the name of his Son Jesus” and “loving one another”.

The letter of 2 John only has 13 verses and the first 4 verses have the word “truth” 5 times. The statement of He and all the others “who know the truth” write to the elected lady “whom I love in truth”. John rejoices that some of her “children are walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father” (2 John 4).

The letter of 3 John only has 15 verses and mentions “truth” 6 times. John writes to Gaius whom he “loved in truth”. He says, “For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” (3 John 1:3-4) John was overjoyed they were walking in the truth.

All verses in the Gospel and letters of John about the truth (ἀλήθεια) are consistent of the truth leads to an individual of Jesus¹ lead to that the truth is Jesus himself. In the beginning, the truth from the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (John 1:17). Then the truth comes into the light (John 3:21), The truth will set you free (John 8:32), Jesus tells the truth (John 8:45,46) and the final statement is Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6).

The other supporting verses correspond with the matching with the concept of truth that leads to an individual of Jesus. According to Popper’s falsification, there is no conflict among verses in the Gospel and letters of John about truth, there is no single verse that contradicts will lead the hypothesis will be rejected. So, the observation of justification of Popper’s falsification satisfies the statement the Truth is Jesus Christ.

¹ Bauckham (2015, pp 6-7) in the Gospel of glory shows us that there are sixty-seven aphoristic sayings about the individual’s relationship with Jesus. He expressions that the Gospel of John with 5 types. There are type 1. “The one who . . .” (ho + participle) with 37 sayings, type 2. “If anyone . . .”

Implications

The implication of the truth is Jesus Himself is the truth is the life of Jesus – which is to be manifested in us. (2 Corinthians 4:10). Jesus is the truth will proclaim Jesus is the Son of God and the Triune God. The use of Popper falsification is an indisputable reason for secularism that Jesus Himself is the truth. The analysis of the truth (ἀλήθεια) also gives the meaning and a concept of Truth in The Gospel of John and focuses on Jesus (Ogon, 2021, p.3) . It is deeply Christocentric (John 14:6), but also contains a Triune of God.

CONCLUSION

Popper’s falsification verifies the concept of the truth is concurrent for all the verses and converges to the hypothesis that Jesus is the truth himself. This means that its philosophy of science constructs the validity of the concept of truth in the Gospel of John. The implication of the truth (ἀλήθεια) is Jesus Himself is important, in connection of the declaration of Jesus is the God, the son of God. The

(ean tis . . .) with 14 sayings, type 3. “Everyone who . . .” (pas ho + participle) with 12 sayings, type 4. “Whoever . . .” (hos an . . .) with 1 saying and type 5. “No one . . .” (oudeis . . .) with 3 sayings.

Gospel of John and the three letters of Johannine epistles exhibit strong resemblances in the theology of ἀλήθεια as a declaration of Jesus is the truth himself (John 14:6).

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