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<sup>4</sup> . . . . To most people, “truth” is precisely that which they have decided to believe in for some reason.

<sup>5</sup>The Buddha warned his disciples not to believe, not to accept anything that appeared irrational to them. The best proof that Buddhism has degenerated is that it, too, has been turned into a belief system.

<sup>6</sup> According to the Buddha, only the one who has acquired common sense, the condition of wisdom, can understand the true essence of religion. That is why all wise men in all ages have been of the same religion.

<sup>7</sup> But then the Buddha spoke to his disciples. By disciple in that sense is not meant anyone who believes that the Buddha said what is proclaimed as his teaching. The existence of different Buddhist sects is the proof that no one of them knows what the Buddha taught. The corresponding is true of all religions. Sects are proof that none of them has the truth, for in that case there would not be different views.

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