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we verify? Do we care to? (Do we dare to eat the apple of knowledge

and say it's true? Or is it a peach?) Do we choose to? Is it a subcategory of faith? How do you respond when someone says, 'This is really true'? Why do they choose to say it then?"