

## Perceptions

- “So much of what we know as “fact” in life is, in truth, nothing more than propaganda or a well-meant reflection on how events and people are perceived by those with a bias and poor vision. Tales pass from lips to lips, from news story to news story, from e-mail to e-mail, from politicians to us, from witnesses to jurors, and eventually we are led to believe all manner of things that are grossly distorted if not patently false.” From p. 10, *Isle of Dogs*, by Patricia Cornwell. This quote as a lead-in to explanations of Jamestown, VA, being the first European settlement in America, rather than Plymouth, MA.
- References such as *1491* and *The European and the Indian*, by James Axtell that contradict the ‘accepted history’ of school-taught Indian ‘savages’ vs. ‘enlightened European’ invaders.
- The research of people like Dr. Bart Ehrman on the potentially chaotic writings of the Christian New Testament, in the first 300 years before the arbitrary, politically-driven decisions of the Nicaean Council in 325 AD.
- Then there’s the other side of the coin in this quote by T.S. Eliot “People cannot bear very much reality.” A ‘reality’ that conflicts with pre-programmed false beliefs can accept only just so much contradiction to those beliefs.

Is it any wonder then that a concept such as a multi-dimensional existence and universe with it’s attendant implication of unlimited possibilities is so difficult to ‘sell’ to a public who’s awareness is limited to what is translatable by the physical sensations of sight, sound, feeling and taste?