
What is Truth?

Does Truth Exist?

- Today's "Thesis"
 - If truth _____, then the most plausible explanation of its origin is the _____ of Christian Theism.
 - "If truth exists...."
 - To even ask a question about truth is to assume there is a _____ answer.
 - "If there were, hypothetically speaking, no such thing as truth, then [how] would it be truth that there is no truth?" – Stewart E. Kelly

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- Some acknowledgements:
 - First, we need to agree that we do in fact know certain things about _____.
 - Second, we will be looking at two areas of truth:
 - *Epistemological Truth* – answers the question how do we know what we know?
 - *Ontological Truth* - This kind of truth is the unwavering truth that acts as the standard by which all things are measured. Truth in ontology is truth that is at the core of all existence.
- **Definition:** Truth is _____ to an _____.
 - Based on the *correspondence theory of truth*, which states that truth is when both the statement about reality and reality itself are the same
 - Put more succinctly, when we say "fidelity to what is original," we are saying "exactness to what is real."

Epistemological Truth

- _____ **Truth:** has mostly "...to do with one's personal preferences or desires..." because "the beliefs of the subject are the determining factor in whether the claims are true or not." – Josh and Sean McDowell
- **Objective Truth:** Deals mostly with reality, or the "mind-independent world"; Truths that are true no matter what we prefer or believe; they are mind-independent and depend on the object itself.

Relativism

- A predominant way of thinking that attempts to remove the existence of _____ truth and assume that all that exists is _____ truth, and that this subjective truth should be treated with the same weight and consideration as objective truth.
 - The problem with Relativism: the Law of Noncontradiction
 - The law of noncontradiction says that "...no two opposite statements can both be _____ at the same time in the same sense." – Norman Geisler
 - A relativist has to superimpose subjective truth over objective reality
 - To deny the law of noncontradiction is to deny all _____ itself and to embrace absurdity.

Ontological Truth

Morality

- All morality is based on _____.
 - Where the sun goes, so go the trees. Similarly, where the _____ goes, so goes the _____
 - Exodus 20
 - 1 John 4:6
 - Romans 1:18
 - John 17:17