

Truth - Absolute or Relative?

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1) The Nature of Truth

- a) Truth can be understood both from what it is and from what it is not.

2) What Truth is NOT

- a) The nature of truth (its definition) is often confused with certain tests for truth (its defense).
- b) Truth is not 'what works.'
- c) Truth is not what is 'cohesive or internally consistent.'
- d) Truth is not what is 'comprehensive.'
- e) Truth is not what 'feels good.'

3) What Truth IS

- a) Corresponds to Reality
- b) Objective
- c) Transcendent
- d) Exclusive
- e) Discovered
- f) Jesus Christ (Jn 14:6)

4) Answering Questions

- a) We have no absolute evidence for truth
- b) Comparisons show truth is relative
- c) There can be no new truths
- d) Truth changes as we grow
- e) Absolute truth is too narrow
- f) Belief in absolute truth is dogmatic
- g) Important distinctions

5) Concluding Remarks

6) Suggested Readings