

# What is?

## TRUTH, GOODNESS, & BEAUTY

### *How to Defend Your Faith*

#### What is Truth?

Notes (watch video from gotquestions.org):

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Notes (watch video of John Lennox):

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#### John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

#### Law of Non-contradiction

Contradictory propositions  
cannot both be true!

*To deny is to use it.*

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*"Anyone who denies the law of non-contradiction should be beaten and burned until he admits that to be beaten is not the same as not to be beaten, and to be burned is not the same as not to be burned."*

– AVICENNA (Abu Ali Al-Hussein Ibn Abdullah Ibn Sina)

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*"The Astonishing Hypothesis is that 'YOU,' your joys and your sorrows, your memories and your ambitions, your sense of personal identity and free will, are in fact no more than the behavior of a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules."*

—Francis Crick

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Notes (law of non-contradiction examples)

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#### **All Truth is Absolute**

Something that is true is true  
for **ALL** people  
at **ALL** times  
in **ALL** places.

## Objections to Absolute Truth

1. ***There is no truth!***
2. ***You can't know truth!***
3. ***All Truth is relative!***
4. ***It's true for you... but not for me!***
5. ***No one has the truth!***
6. ***You ought not judge!***

### How to Answer Objections

**Apply claim to itself!**

### Examples of Turning Claim on Itself

“There is no truth.”

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“It's true for you but not for me.”

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“There is no truth in anything but science.”

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“You can't know the real world.”

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“You should doubt everything.”

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“You should not judge.”

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## MATTHEW 7:1-2 (NLT)

*Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The **standard you use** in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.*

## Truth about Truth

- ✓ Contrary **beliefs** are possible, but contrary **truths** are not possible.
- ✓ You can **believe** everything is true, but everything **cannot** be true.
- ✓ Objective truth cannot be **denied** without being **affirmed**.

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