

Just Thinking Apologetics

How do individuals decide what is true? There are two competing views in today's culture. One way is relativism, which states that truth is relative or can change within culture or circumstances. The other way is that truth is objective. Objective truth or absolute truth maintains that truth does not vary.

Objective or absolute truth is what the Bible promotes. In Isaiah 45:19, God declares, "I the LORD speak the truth, I declare what is right." Again, in Proverbs 8:7 God says, "For my mouth will utter truth." The Bible makes it clear that truth is objective and can be discovered.

How do you know when you have found truth? The classical theory is referred to the correspondence theory of truth. This theory states that something is true if and only if it corresponds to reality. We use this view all the time. For example, the statement, "the Chiefs won the Super bowl last year" does not conform to what we know to be true. However, the statement, "The Hill City Times is located at 110 N. Pomeroy" does conform to reality. Even Jesus used this line of thinking when he told individuals they could predict storms based on the skies (Matt. 16:3).

C.S. Lewis said, "Religion involves a series of statements about facts, which must be either true or false. If they are true, one set of conclusions will follow... if they are false, quiet a different set (follows)."