

Evaluating Worldviews

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Warm-Up

ON TEENAGERS, ADULT:

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

*Mary Anne Tebode, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs
(contributed by Harry F. Pincet)*

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Stretching



Minnesota Signs



What questions can you ask of these?



Worldview



Worldviews

Theism

1. God exists
2. Man is a creature of body/soul
3. There is good and evil
4. Our destiny is eternal life, eternal death, or annihilation.



Atheism

- God doesn't Exist
- Man is nothing but matter
- There is nothing really good and evil. Morality is a matter of taste.
- Our destiny ends with death.



Pantheism

- All is God
- Man is God and pure spirit
- Good and evil are an illusion.
- Our destiny is to be absorbed with the ONE.



Contradiction

- A is not non-A
- Opposites are not the same
- Example
- Implications



Avicenna on Contradiction

- Anyone who denies the law of non-contradiction should be beaten and burned until they realize that to be beaten is not the same as not to be beaten, and to be burned is the same as not to be burned.

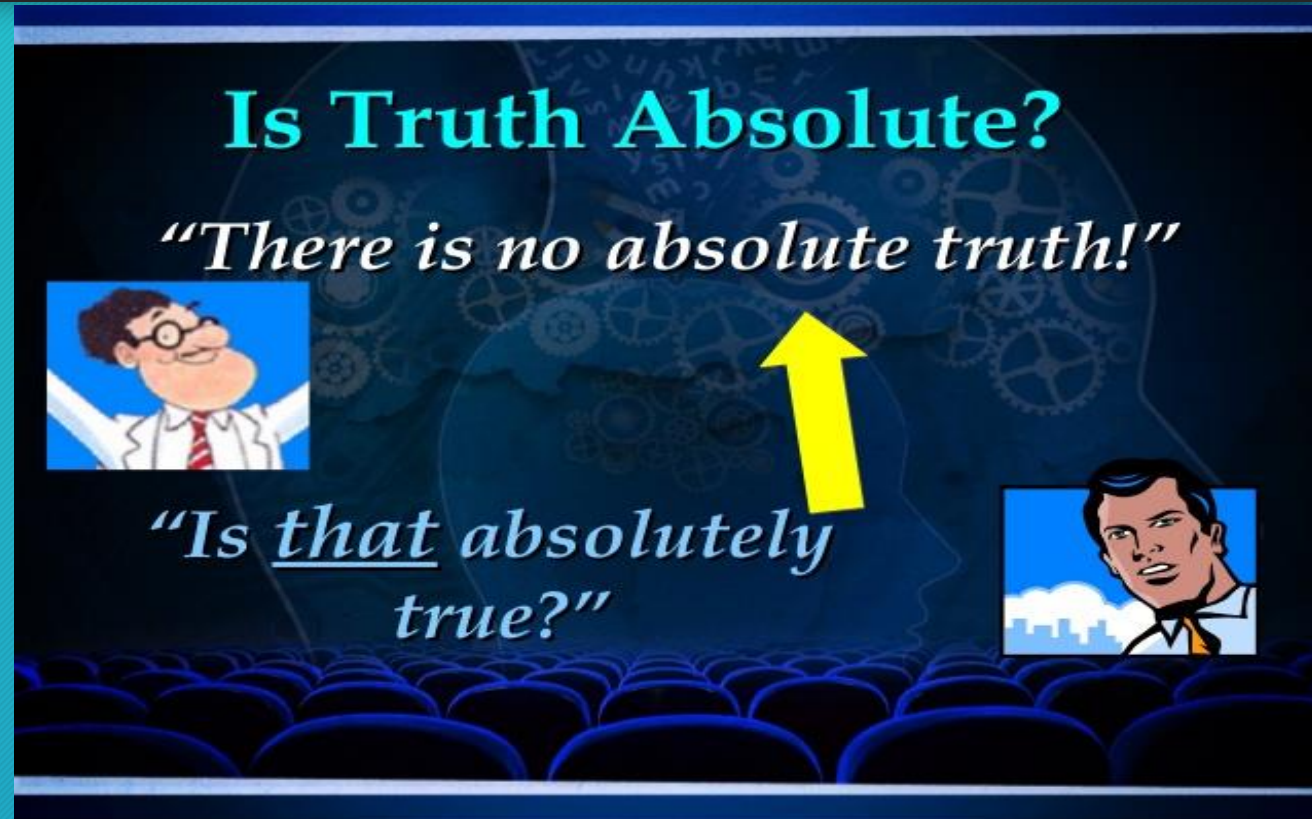
Truth

- Identity between what you say and what is.
- Correspondence to reality



Denying truth

- There is no truth!



Coherence

- This means it is consistent and can be united.
- It holds together

Presuppositions

- Assumptions
- What are foundational principles of the system?



Application

- That's true for you but not for me.
- You can't know anything about reality.
- You shouldn't force your view on people.

Application given truth of Christianity

Contradictions

- Atheism=materialism
- Pantheism

Not True

- Mormonism- entire history
- Jehovah's Witnesses- no trinity, Jesus not God, false prophecies
- Islam

Remember

- Ask questions
- Study logic
- Research



**A cop pulled me over once.
I let him go with a warning.**

- Chuck Norris