

## What is Truth?

Truth is most often used to mean being in accord with fact or reality, or fidelity to an original idea or to a standard or ideal. In modern contexts it can refer to an idea of "truth to self," or authenticity.

Questions to consider as to what constitutes truth: what things are truth bearers capable of being true or false; how to define and identify truth; the roles that faith-based and empirically based knowledge play; and whether truth is subjective or objective, relative or absolute.

Many human activities depend upon the concept of Truth, where its nature as a concept is assumed rather than being a subject of discussion; these include most of the sciences, law, and everyday life. Some philosophers view the concept of truth as basic, and unable to be explained in any terms that are more easily understood than the concept of truth itself. Commonly, truth is viewed as the correspondence of language or thought to an independent reality, in what is sometimes called the correspondence theory of truth.

Other philosophers take this common meaning to be secondary and derivative. The original meaning of "Truth" in Ancient Greece was unconcealment, or the revealing or bringing of what was previously hidden into the open.

Pragmatists take Truth to have some manner of essential relation to human practices for inquiring into and discovering Truth, and that Truth is what human inquiry would find out on a matter, if our practice of inquiry were taken as far as it could profitably go.

Metaphysically, Truth can be defined as "unchangeable", "that which has no distortion", "that which is beyond distinctions of time, space, and person", "that which pervades the universe in all its constancy".

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I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **Jesus Christ**

Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth. **Buddha**

Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth. **Marcus Aurelius**

The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is. **Winston Churchill**

By doubting we are led to question, by questioning we arrive at the truth. **Peter Abelard**

There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going all the way, and not starting. **Buddha**

Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either. **Al Einstein**

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident. **Arthur Schopenhauer**

All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them. **Galileo Galilei**

Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth. **Mahatma Gandhi**

If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.	<b>Rene Descartes</b>
Tell the children the truth.	<b>Bob Marley</b>
There are no facts, only interpretations.	<b>Friedrich Nietzsche</b>
Truth exists; only lies are invented.	<b>Georges Braque</b>
Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold.	<b>Tolstoy</b>
Light is the symbol of truth.	<b>James Russell Lowell</b>
'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,' - that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.	<b>John Keats</b>
“All people know the same truth. Our lives consist of how we choose to distort it.”	<b>Woody Allen</b>
This above all- to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as night follows day, thou canst not be false to any man.	<b>Shakespeare</b>
A truth is to be known always, to be uttered sometimes.	<b>Kahlil Gibran</b>
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.	<b>John 8:32</b>
“He who sees all beings in his Self and his Self in all beings, he never suffers; because when he sees all creatures within his true Self, then jealousy, grief and hatred vanish.”	<b>Paramananda</b>
It will never be possible by pure reason to arrive at some absolute truth.	<b>Werner Heisenberg</b>
Truth is rarely writ in ink; it lives in nature.	<b>Martin H. Fischer</b>
Truth only reveals itself when one gives up all preconceived ideas.	<b>Shoseki</b>
There is no Truth. There is only the truth within each moment.	<b>Ramana Maharshi</b>
It is a terrible thing for a man to find out suddenly that all his life he has been speaking nothing but the truth.	<b>Oscar Wilde</b>
There is no truth. There is only perception.	<b>Gustave Flaubert</b>
When one has one's hand full of truth it is not always wise to open it.	<b>French Proverb</b>
Like all dreamers, I mistook disenchantment for truth.	<b>Jean-Paul Sartre</b>
Don't keep searching for the truth, just let go of your opinions.	<b>Author Unknown</b>
There is no god higher than truth.	<b>Mahatma Gandhi</b>
Seek truth and you will find a path.	<b>Frank Slaughter</b>

There are more martyrs to nonsense than truth, truth preferring missionaries.

**Robert Brault**

I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth — and truth rewarded me.

**Simone de Beauvoir**

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