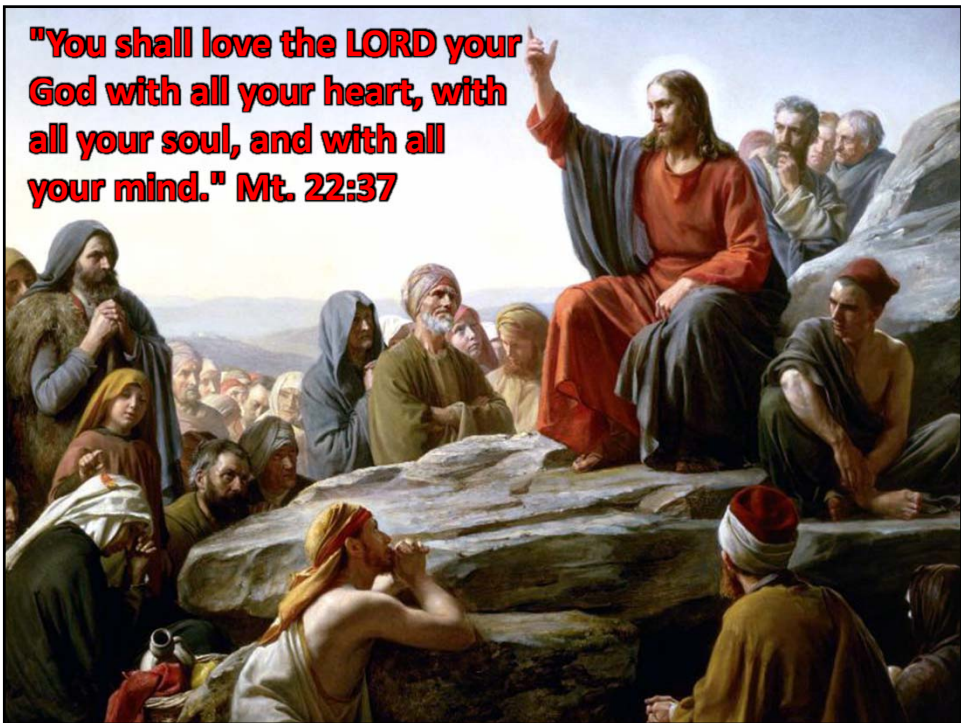
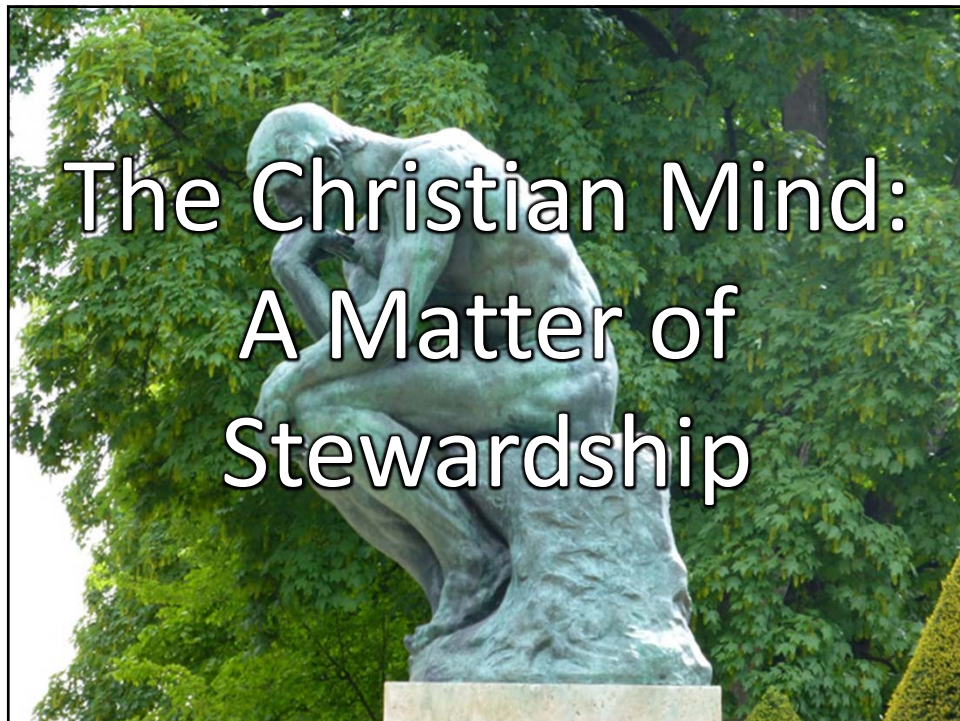
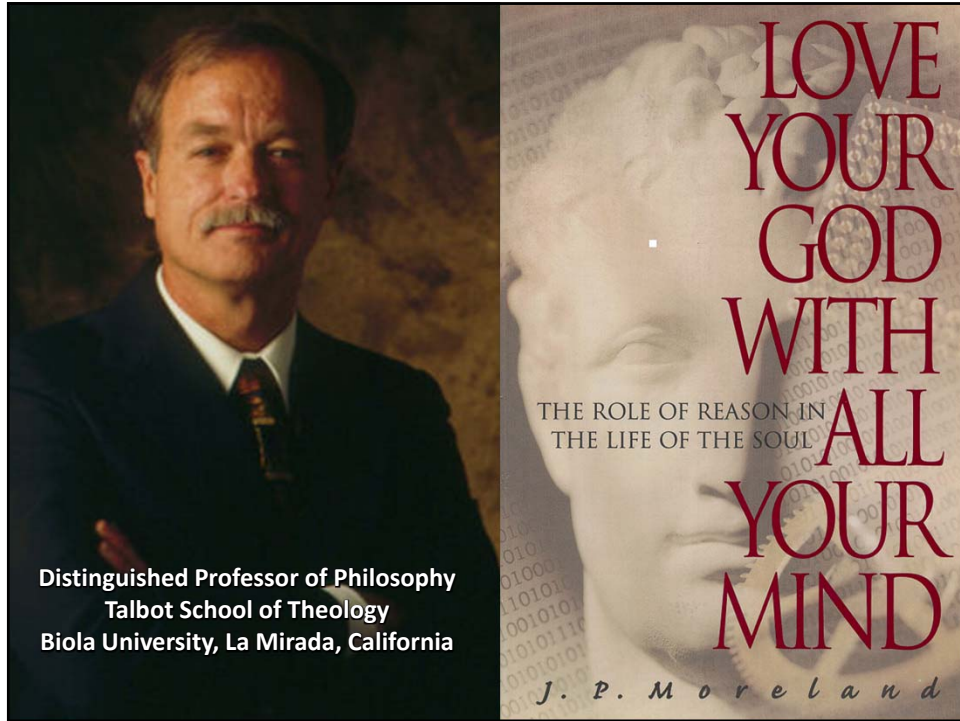


Love God with All Your Mind: On Choosing a World View

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**"You shall love the LORD your
God with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with all
your mind." Mt. 22:37**



The Christian Mind: A Matter of Stewardship



Don't Merely Choose
a World View





PERSPECTIVISM

The notion that everyone has their own perspective on the world and that nobody's perspective is any more or less valid than anyone else's.

HINDUISM

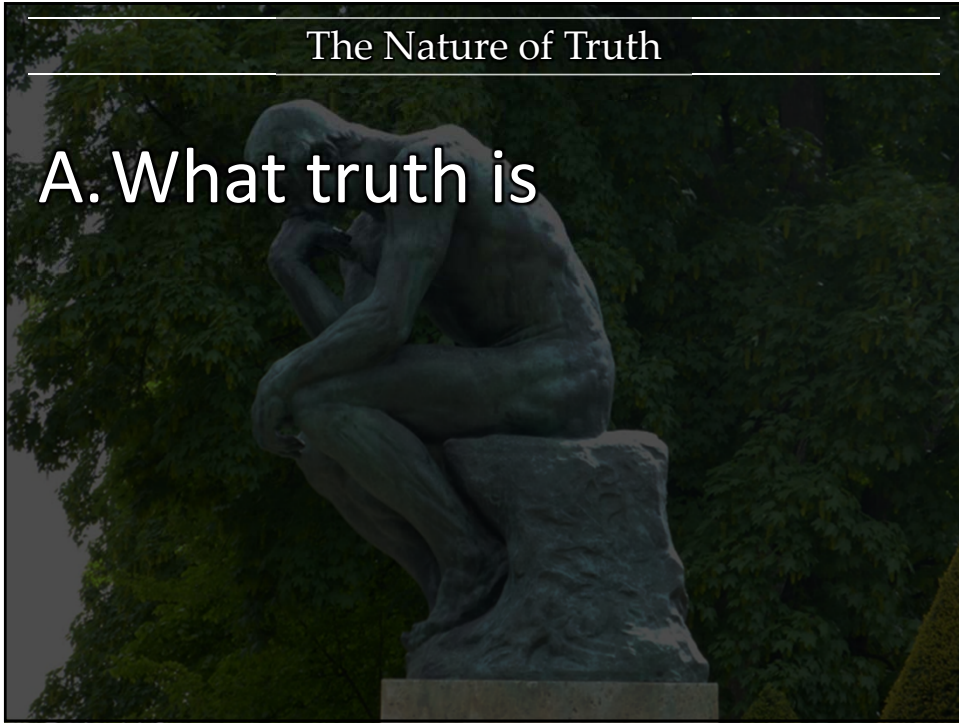
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Understand the
Nature of Truth

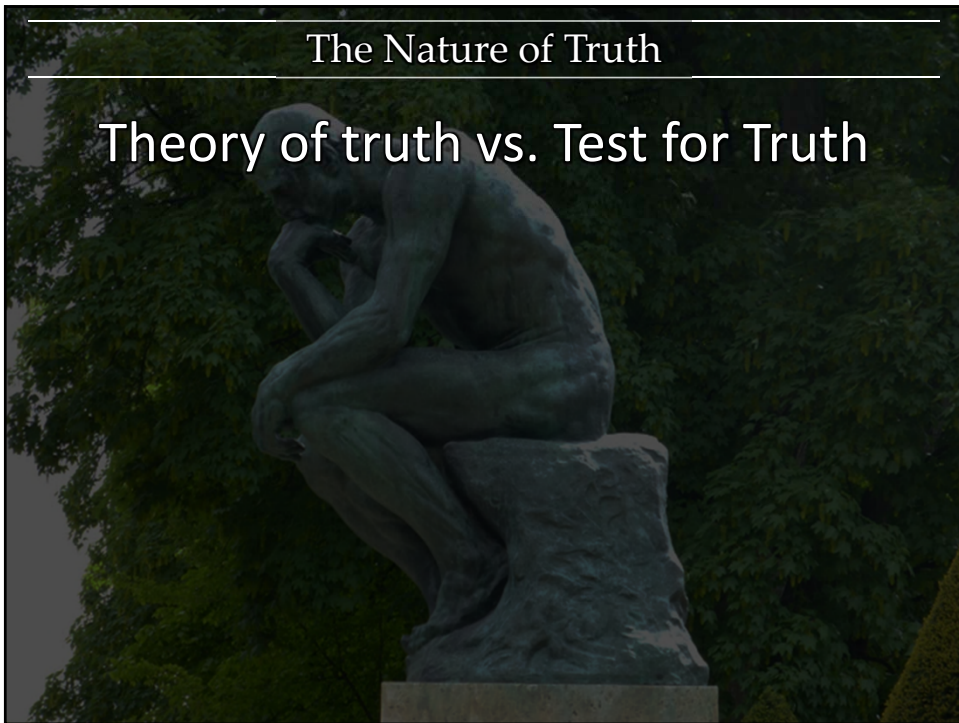
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A. What truth is



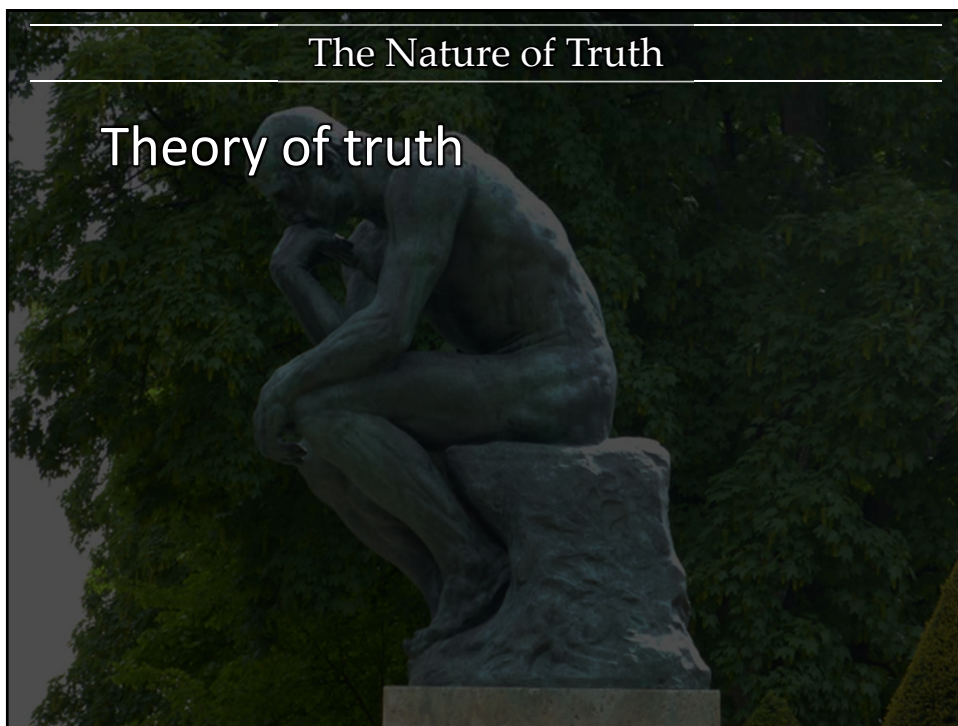
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Theory of truth vs. Test for Truth

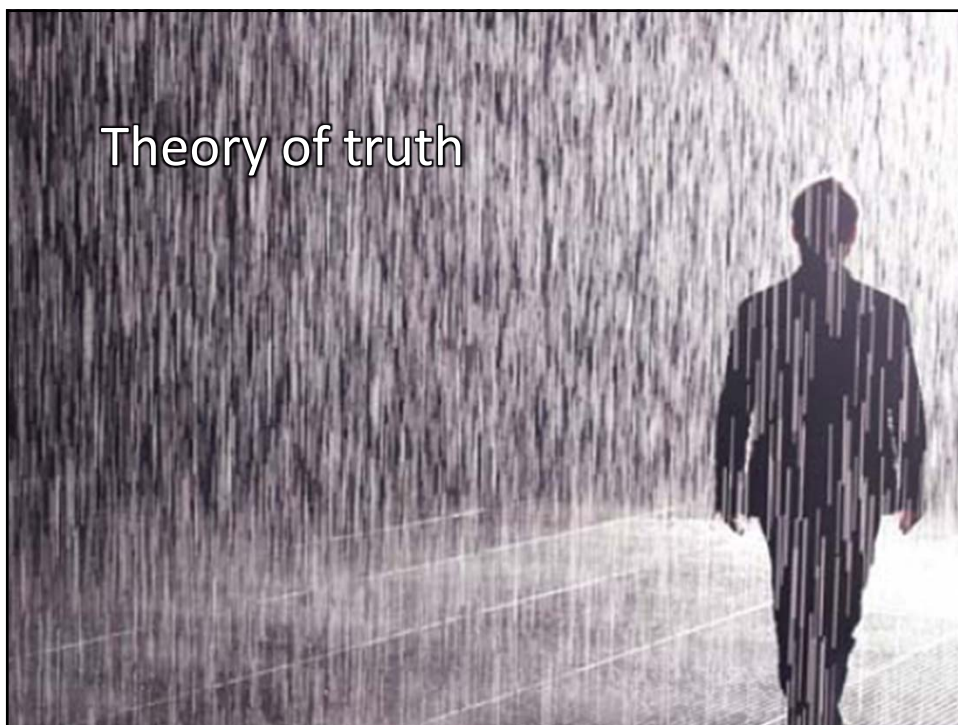


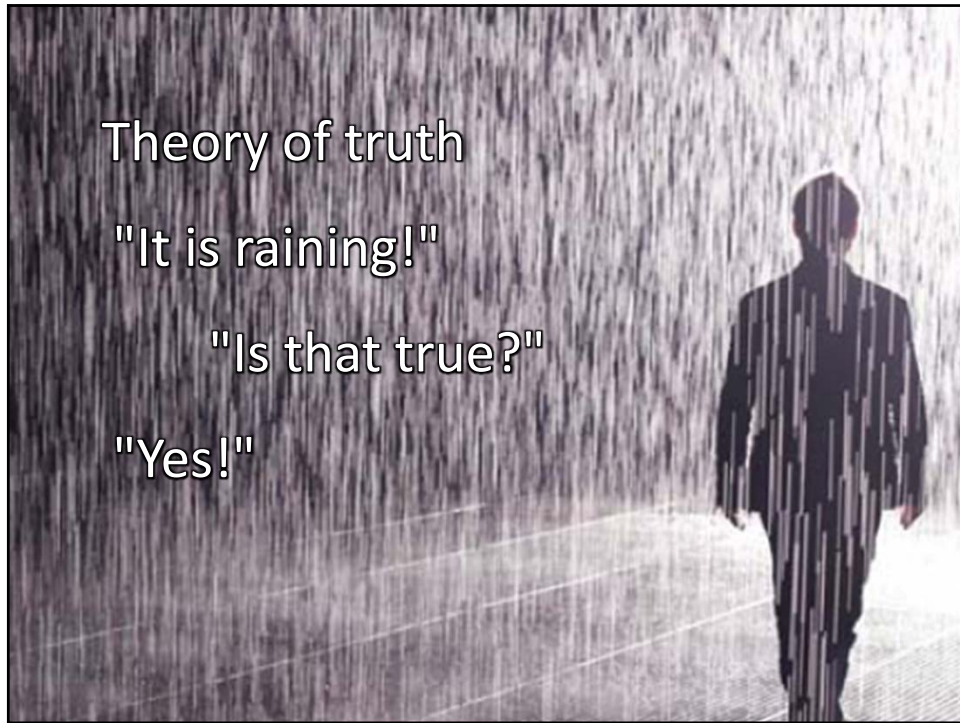
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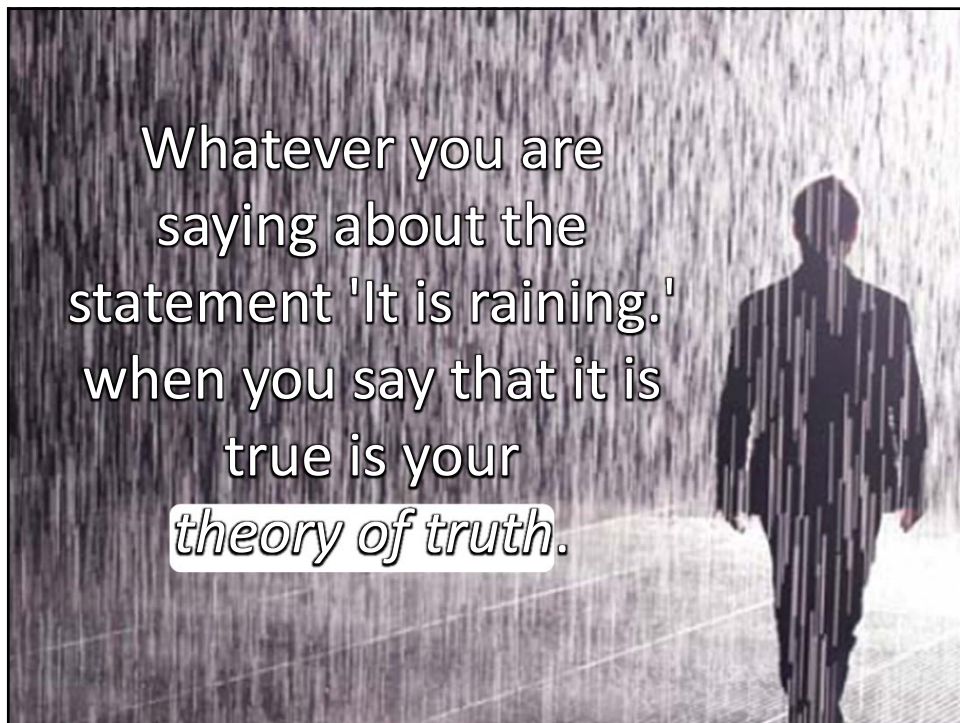


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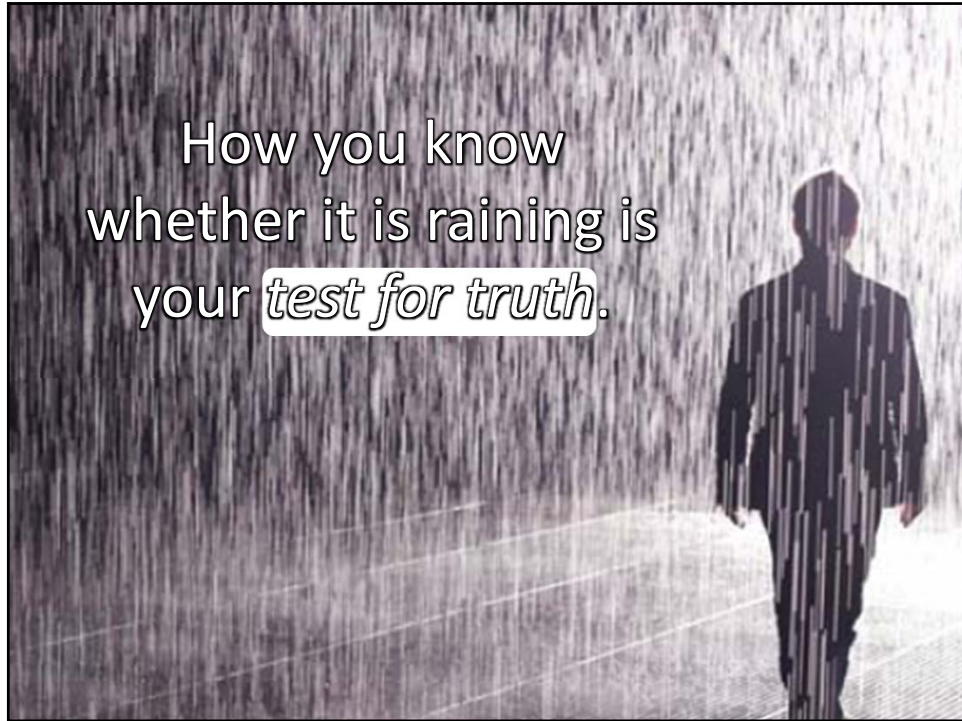
"It is raining!"

"Is that true?"

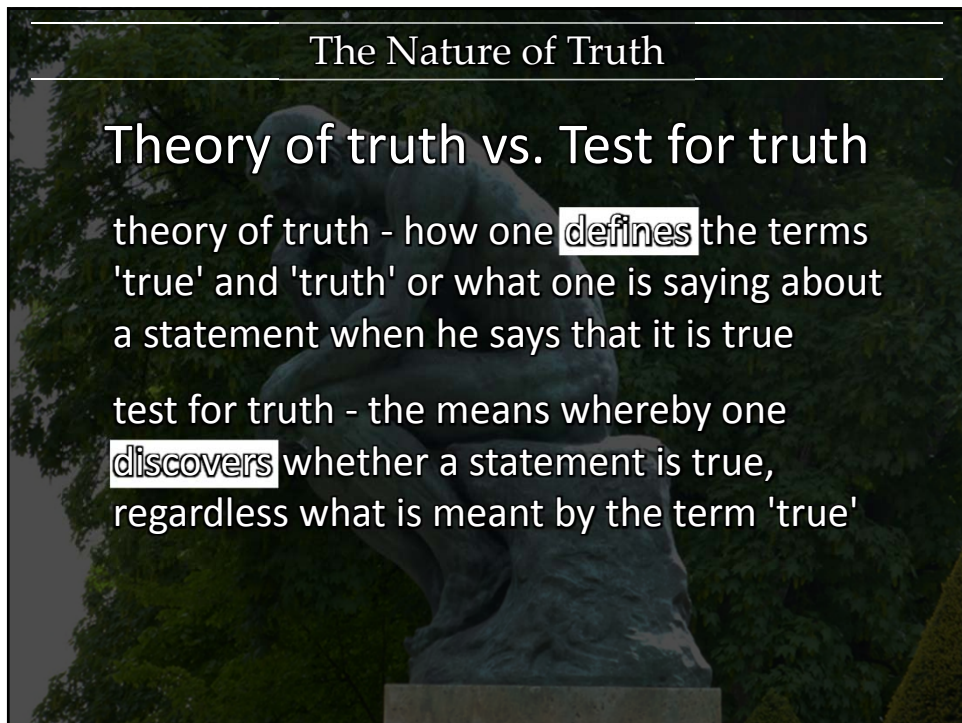
"Yes!"



Whatever you are
saying about the
statement 'It is raining.'
when you say that it is
true is your
theory of truth.



How you know
whether it is raining is
your *test for truth*.



The Nature of Truth

Theory of truth vs. Test for truth

theory of truth - how one **defines** the terms 'true' and 'truth' or what one is saying about a statement when he says that it is true

test for truth - the means whereby one **discovers** whether a statement is true, regardless what is meant by the term 'true'

The Nature of Truth

Correspondence

Coherence

Pragmatic

Functional

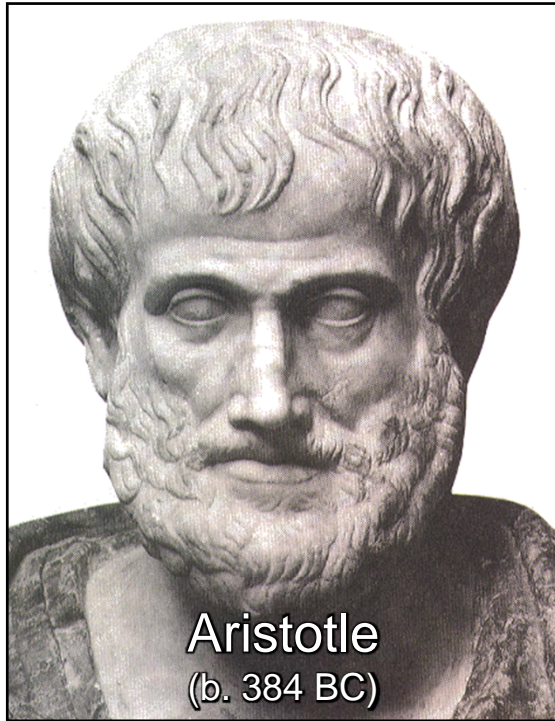
CAUTION
THEORIES OF
TRUTH
WARNING!

The Nature of Truth

Correspondence

Truth is correspondence to reality.

- This says that a statement is true in as much as it corresponds to reality.
- Thus, the statement 'It is raining.'
 - ✓ would be a true statement if it is in fact raining in reality.
 - ✓ would be a false statement if it is in fact not raining in reality.

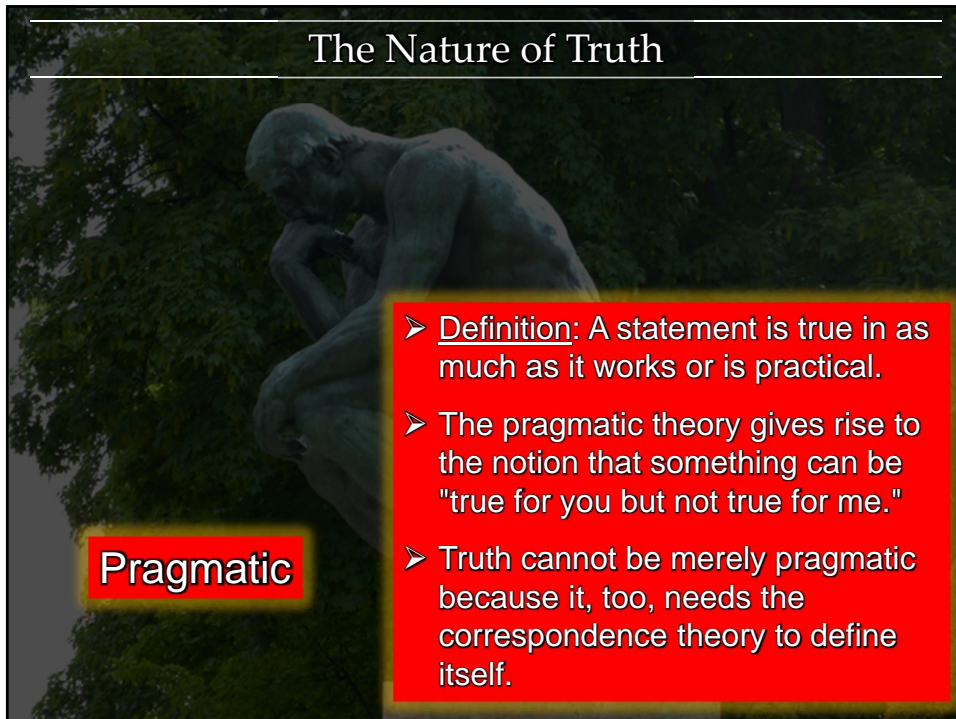


Aristotle
(b. 384 BC)

"To say of what is, that it is not, or of what is not, that it is, is false, while to say of what is, that it is and of what is not, that it is not, is true."

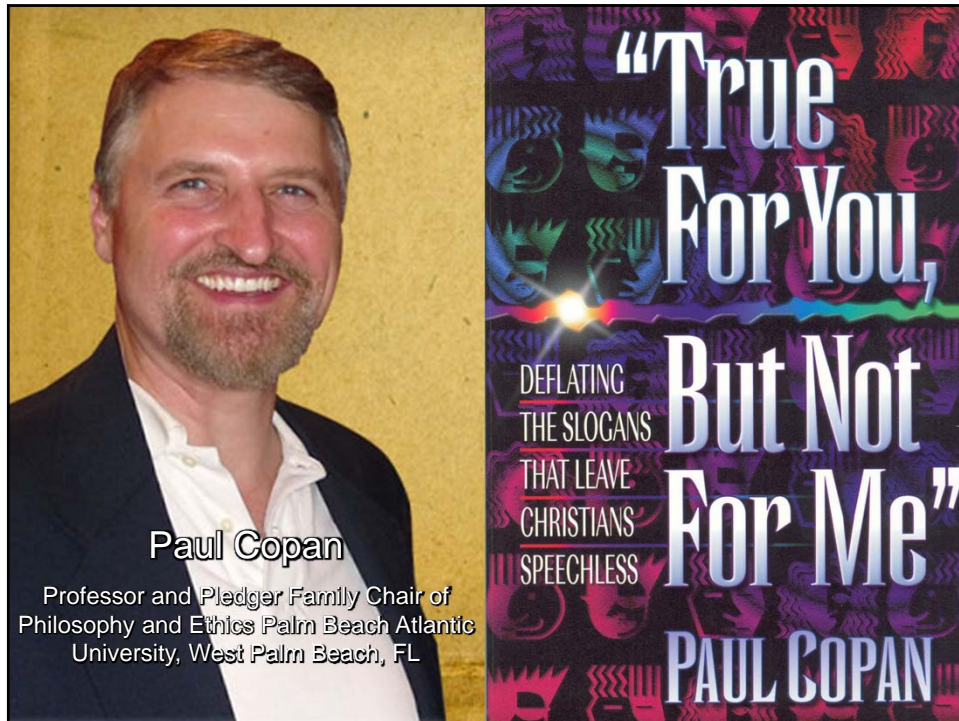
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Pragmatic

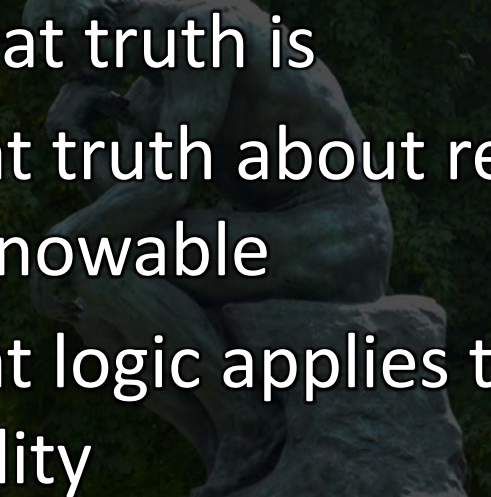
- Definition: A statement is true in as much as it works or is practical.
- The pragmatic theory gives rise to the notion that something can be "true for you but not true for me."
- Truth cannot be merely pragmatic because it, too, needs the correspondence theory to define itself.



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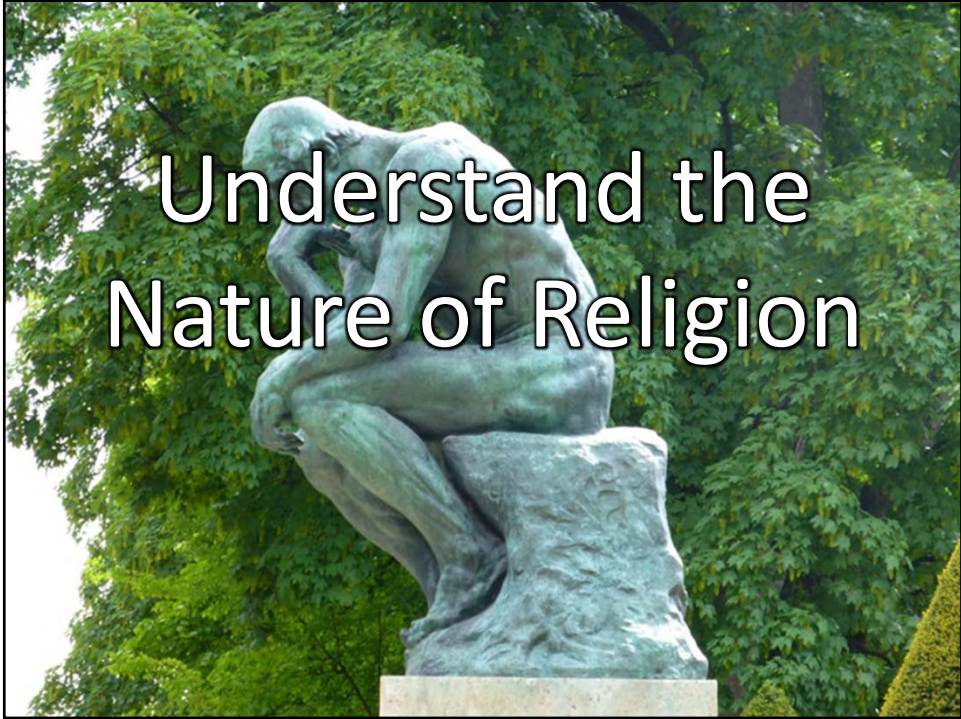
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- A bronze statue of a man sitting on a rock, leaning forward with his chin resting on his hand, symbolizing deep thought or philosophy. The background is a dark, leafy forest.
- A. What truth is
 - B. That truth about reality is knowable
 - C. That logic applies to reality

The Nature of Truth

Isaiah 55:6-9

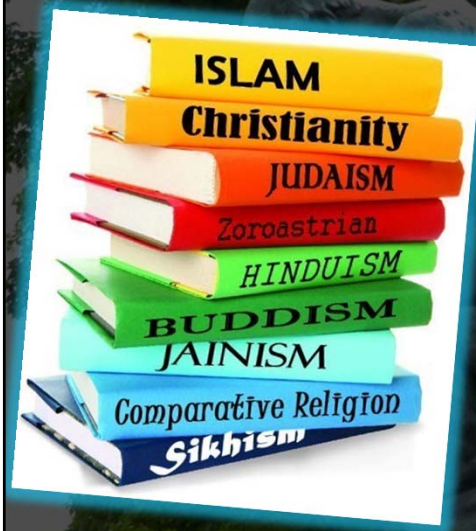
Isa 55:6-9 {6} Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. {7} Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

{8} "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. {9} "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."



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Nature of Religion

The Nature of Religion



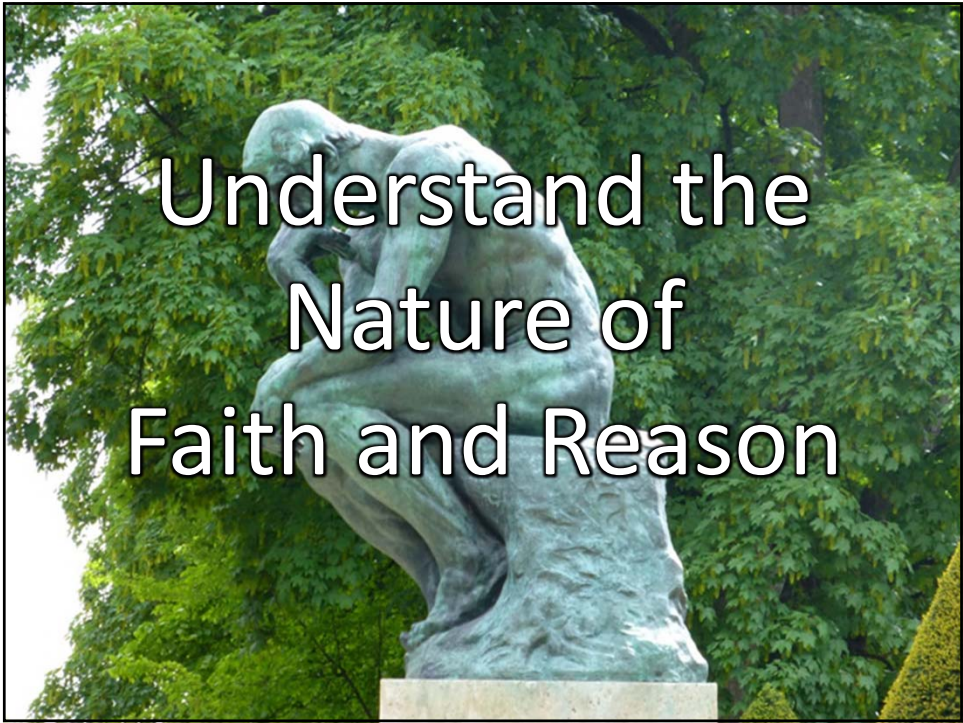
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The Nature of Religion



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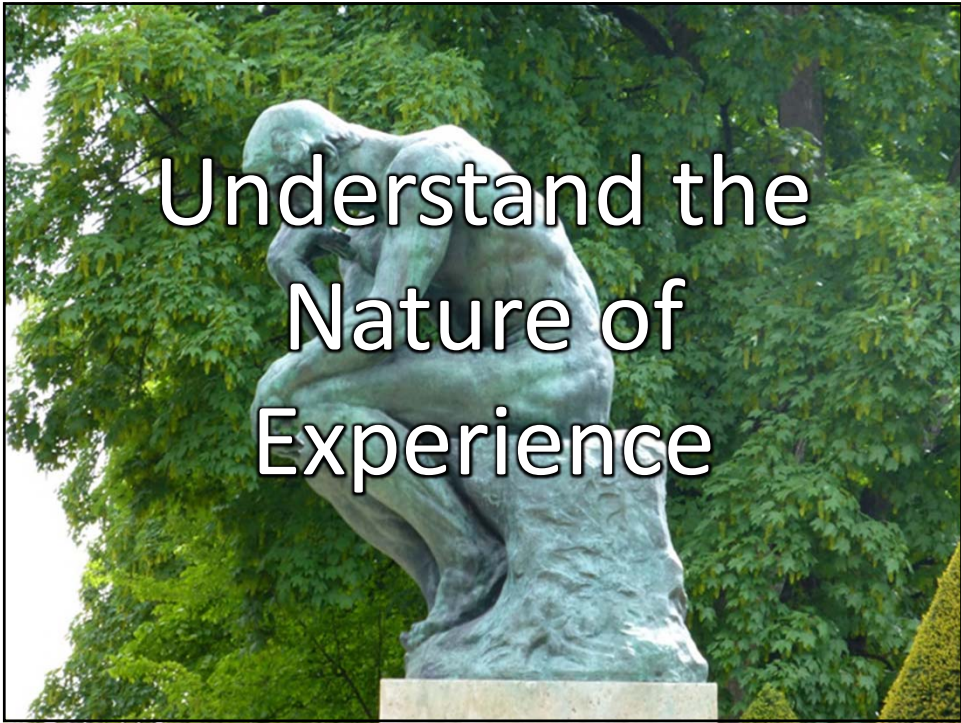
The Nature of Faith and Reason

A Popular Misconception of Faith and Reason

<u>Faith</u>	<u>Reason</u>
opinion	truth
values	facts
inner	outer
private	public
emotional	rational
feelings	thoughts
subjective	objective
religion	science
true for me	true for all

The Nature of Faith and Reason

- A. Reason is believing something on the basis of demonstration (historical, scientific, mathematical, etc)
- B. Faith is believing something on the basis of authority.



The Nature of Experience

Understand the
nature of experience.

agant;
pen'siv·li, adv.
ner.—expensiveness
nes, n. The quali
pensive.
experience, iks·p
périence, L. exper
to try, to prove
to try, to pass
E. ferry, etc.
est; frequ

The Nature of Experience

