

True for You? Or False for Everyone?



THE TRUTH ABOUT ABSOLUTE TRUTH

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We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as for certain and which has as its highest goal one's own ego and one's own desires.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

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Our Task

Either no truth exists
i.e. Truth is relative

OR

Absolute truth exists

- First: Define our Terms
- Second: Demonstrate Relativism is unlivable, irrational, and untrue.
- Third: Respond to common arguments

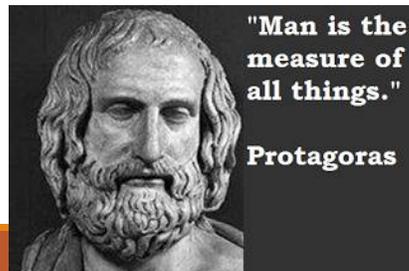
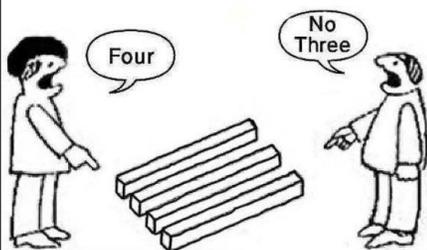
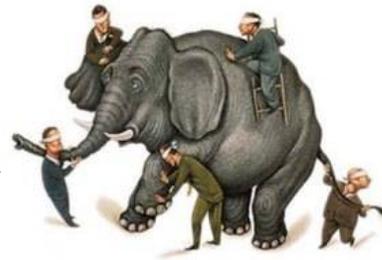
Indirect Proof #1(Contradiction)
Prove:
 $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational
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Defining our Terms

- Relativism is the denial of absolute truth (facts/data/truth as applicable to all people at all times in all places).
 - Moral Relativism
 - Cultural Relativism
 - Religious Relativism
- People may “determine” their own truth.
- “Truth” is actually reduced to “opinion.”



Examples



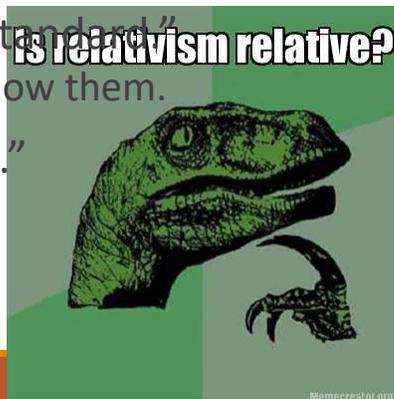
Assume it's True

- Every religion is legitimate.
- Every lifestyle and orientation is legitimate.
- Every political position is legitimate.
- Every action (including rape, pedophilia, and murder) is legitimate.
- No grounds for social action, civil rights, or judicial system.
- No grounds for any corrective measures.



Relativist's Absolute Replies

- "You go to far!"
 - Based on what?
- "Laws also serve as a standard."
 - Only if you choose to follow them.
- "You can't hurt people."
 - Based on what?





JEFFREY DAHMER - ON ATHEIST MORALITY

"If a person doesn't think there is a God to be accountable to, then what's the point of trying to modify your behaviour to keep it within acceptable ranges? That's how I thought anyway."

~ Jeffrey Dahmer

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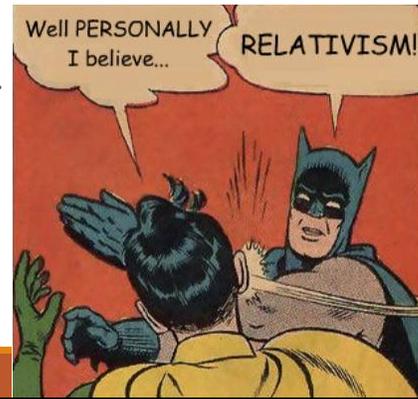


Real Life Relative Dilemmas

- Bruce Jenner praised for assuming a distinct female gender according to stereotypes in a society that seeks to obliterate gender distinctions.
- Actively protesting and legislating to protect animals while human babies are brutally slaughtered.
- TN school system that sues to keep religion out of school while simultaneously suing to have Islam taught to everyone.

Relativism can't Survive Real-Life (Meaning: Reality)

- Reality is really real.
- Whatever is true is what corresponds to reality.
 - This is how we identify errors, lies, fiction, and fantasy.
 - Truth is connected to its object.
- Reality is absolute. It is not fluid or changeable.



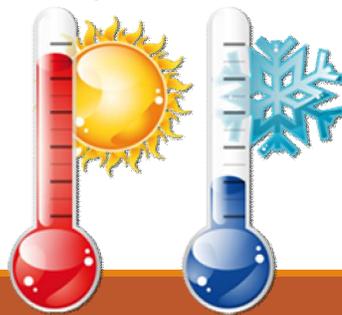
Reality is Absolute (So is Truth)

- Truth does not change over time.
Truth is bound to the object at that time.
- In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
In 2015 it's still true and clearly seen
- The above fact is not now false.
Columbus is no longer sailing, but we aren't claiming he is.



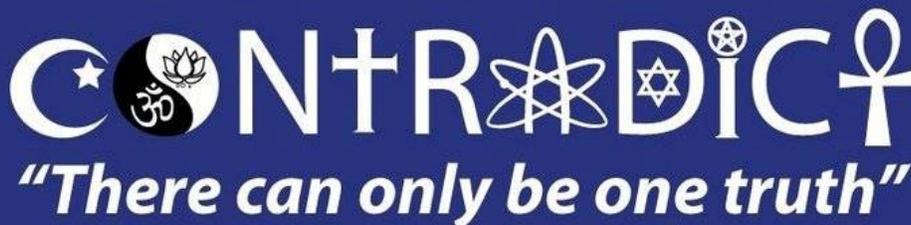
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- Truth does not change in locations.
- I'm hot, you're cold. Both are absolutely true for everyone in here, but we've made separate, non-competing truth claims



Reality is Absolute (So is Truth)

- You believe in Jesus, I believe in Muhammed. Therefore truth is relative.
- Both facts are absolute concerning what each person believes. But the fact of Jesus' deity or the





Reality is Absolute (So is Truth)

- Homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. You can't tell someone else how to live.
- That's exactly what morality does. It tells people how one "ought" to live.



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Objective, Absolute Morality

- If it is subjective, then it can never be affirmed or denied outside of one's head.
- If it is objective, then it must be ultimate because any lower standard would just be a projection of a relative standard.
- Then morality must be absolute.
- This requires God.
- If morality is really real and not just a socially contrived delusion, then God must provide that standard.



THE STANDARD
of morality



The moment you say that one set of moral ideas can be better than another, you are, in fact, measuring them both by a standard, saying that one of them conforms to that standard more nearly than the other. *But the standard that measures two things is something different from either.*

C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity, 25.

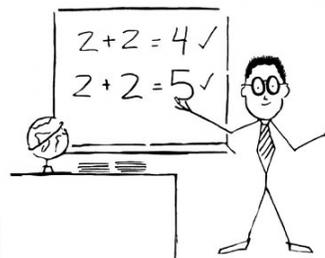
Absolute, Objective Truth

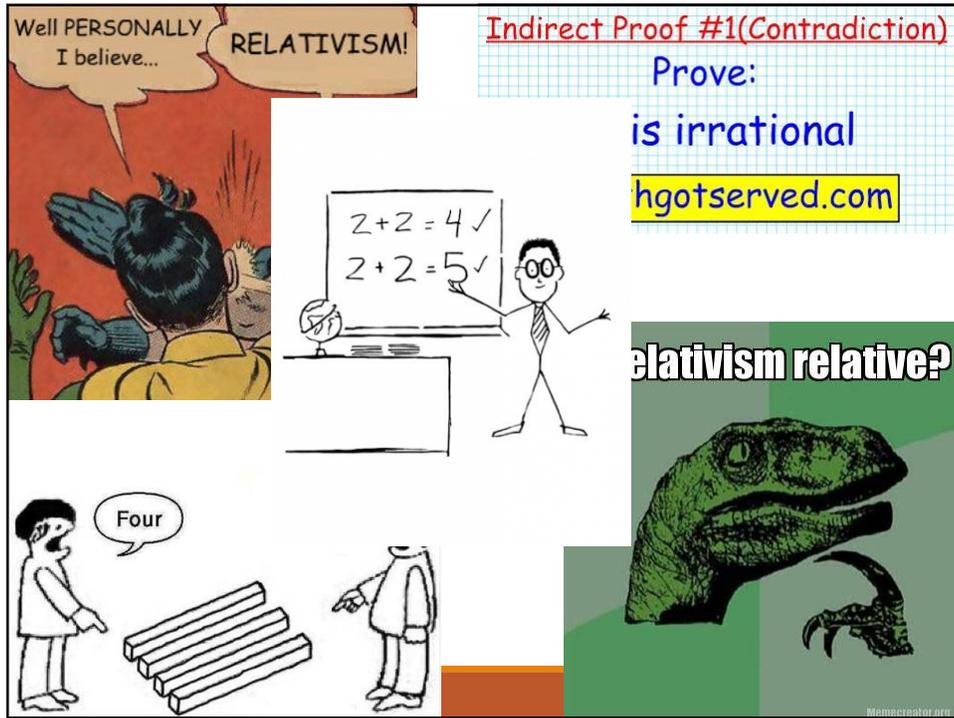
- Absolutes come from God.
- The alternative to absolutes is relativism (or Nihilism, and no body likes that).
- So one must recognize God or live in contradiction.
 - You shouldn't push your views on other people.
 - Don't judge.
 - You always think you are right and others are wrong.
 - Truth is relative.
 - There are no absolute truths.
- All these statements are either self-refuting or judged logically against reality.



Absolute Truth Exists (Implications)

- Only one true religion.
- Only one true ethic.
- Only one true interpretation.
- Just because we may not know the truth of something doesn't mean there is no truth.
- Final classic example:





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