

## Objective Truth

Truth is objective, which means that it's the same for everyone because it's outside of all of us.

We discover truth with our intellect;  
we don't decide what is truth with our will.  
What a person thinks is true doesn't make it so;  
it's true independently of what anyone thinks.

No one can deny that truth is objective without implying that it is objective.

Without objective truth we cannot communicate with another person;  
without objective truth we cannot have a purpose outside ourselves.

Truth is not different in different places, among people of different cultures  
or at different times in history.

Opinions may change and theories may change, but the facts remain the same.  
We may make errors in our understanding of the facts and need to correct it;  
we can expand our knowledge and refine our understanding;  
but the actual truth was always the same, even though we did not realize it.

Objective truth is a fact of nature, as much as the law of gravity.  
Ultimately we have to confront it.

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We need to base our actions on what we believe to be true,  
not on what we feel we would like;  
according to principles we learn, rather than values we simply select.

Objective truth has implications for conscience. What I would like to be true,  
or even what I think to be true, does not make it so. The basis of truth is outside of us.

Objective truth is not confined to mathematics and the physical sciences.  
It applies to the morality of human actions as well.

Human nature does not differ according to history, culture, geography,  
nationality, race or religion.

Moral norms are universal and unchangeable.

There are some actions that are intrinsically evil and always wrong, and  
cannot be justified by good intentions or worthwhile consequences.