
**A Christian Philosophy
Of Learning:
The Starting Point for Truth
(part 1)**

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Review of Weeks 1 & 2

P We're seeking a biblically sound, comprehensive way of thinking about acquiring and applying truth

P Special elements will include

- ▶ Inquisitive Interlude (I^2) : none yet
- ▶ Week's Work (W^2) : one each week
- ▶ Valuable Verity (V^2) : two so far
- ▶ Quaint Quote (Q^2) : two so far
- ▶ Evident Enigma (E^2) : none yet
- ▶ Ubiquitous Untruth (U^2) : none yet, but just wait ...
- ▶ Pet Peeve (P^2) : two so far

Review of Weeks 1 & 2 (continued)

P V^2_1 : A wise person will continually seek to acquire and apply truth for the glory of God. An unwise person will not.

- ▶ If you do not seek truth, you are unwise.
- ▶ If you seek truth, but not for God's glory, you are unwise.

P V^2_2 : Truth consists of all the propositions that God affirms.

$$\{p \mid A_{\text{God}}(p)\} : \mathcal{X}$$

- ▶ A proposition is a statement that is either true or false.
- ▶ A proposition is true if and only if God affirms it (perhaps only to Himself).
$$p \Leftrightarrow p \in \mathcal{X}$$
- ▶ We define affirmation by a person based primarily on what the person does (not just on what he says).

Implications of V^2_1 & V^2_2

P A wise person will continually seek to _____, for the glory of God.

P If I am wise, then my attitude will be



Some Ubiquitous Untruths (U^2_{1-3})

P Denying what God affirms

P Affirming what God denies

P Affirming / denying when God's position is not clear

You Must Remember This ...

P A is still a

- ▶
- ▶
- ▶

P But, unless God has

we

must not

- ▶
- ▶

Valuable Verity (V^2_3)

Discussion of W^2_2

P Your homework was to consider how to answer the question:

- ▶ *Do there exist any propositions that are affirmed by every sane person?* $\exists p \forall S : A_S(p)$

P In particular, you were to

- ▶ Answer 'Yes' or 'No'.
- ▶ If 'Yes', state the proposition(s) that you think is (are) affirmed by every sane person.

A Clever, But Useless Answer

P



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Distribution of Answers

P Number of people saying, “No”:

P Number of people saying, “Yes”:

Suggested Propositions

P P1:

P P2:

P P3:

P P4:

P P5:

P P6:

Suggested Propositions (continued)

PPx:

Suggested Propositions (continued)

PPx:

Two Famous Answers

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So What's the Right Answer?

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Next Week

P We'll talk about the relationship between regeneration and learning

P W^2_3 : Read the following passages

- ▶ Matthew 16:13-17
- ▶ Matthew 11:25-27
- ▶ Psalm 119:18
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31