

# Apologetics












---

- **Apologetics** (from Greek ἀπολογία, "speaking in defense") is the religious discipline of defending religious doctrines through systematic argumentation and discourse.
- Christians are asked to *remove obstacles* in the path of seekers so that they can get a direct look at the cross and the person of Christ. This is apologetics can be equated to what Os Guinness descriptively calls “bush clearing.” Here sensitivity to the experience and reasoning of the individual becomes key.

---

If you are like most people you want to know what is true.

This is a very difficult task.

										
0 Pain Free	1 Very Mild	2 Discomforting	3 Tolerable	4 Distressing	5 Very Distressing	6 Intense	7 Very Intense	8 Utterly Horrible	9 Excruciating Unbearable	10 Unimaginable Unbearable
No Pain	Minor Pain			Moderate Pain			Severe Pain			

• **REFERENCES**

- 2019 American Geriatrics Society Beers Criteria Update Expert Panel. American Geriatrics Society 2019 Updated AGS Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 2019;67(4):674-694. doi: 10.1111/jgs.15767. [PubMed [30693946](#)]
- Aldrink JH, Ma M, Wang W, Caniano DA, Wispe J, Puthoff T. Safety of ketorolac in surgical neonates and infants 0 to 3 months old. *J Pediatr Surg.* 2011;46(6):1081-1085
- American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Fetus and Newborn; American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Surgery; Canadian Paediatric Society Fetus and Newborn Committee, et al. "Prevention and Management of Pain in the Neonate: An Update," *Pediatrics*, 2006, 118(5):2231-41. [PubMed [17079598](#)]
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). ACOG practice bulletin no. 209: obstetric analgesia and anesthesia. *Obstet Gynecol.* 2019;133(3):e208-e225. [PubMed [30801474](#)]
- Anderson PO, Sauberman JB. Modeling drug passage into human milk. *Clin Pharmacol Ther.* 2016;100(1):42-52. [PubMed [27060684](#)]
- Aronoff GR, Bennett WM, Berns JS, et al. *Drug Prescribing in Renal Failure: Dosing Guidelines for Adults and Children, 5th ed.* Philadelphia, PA: American College of Physicians; 2007.
- Balevi B, "Ketorolac Versus Ibuprofen: A Simple Cost-Efficacy Comparison for Dental Use," *J Can Dent Assoc.* 1994, 60(1):31-2. [PubMed [8293359](#)]
- Barr J, Fraser GL, Puntillo K, et al. Clinical practice guidelines for the management of pain, agitation, and delirium in adult patients in the intensive care unit. *Crit Care Med.* 2013;41(1):263-306. doi: 10.1097/CCM.0b013e3182783b72. [PubMed [23269131](#)]

---

- Bell AD, Roussin A, Cartier R, et al. "The Use of Antiplatelet Therapy in the Outpatient Setting: Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines," *Can J Cardiol.* 2011, 27(Suppl A):1-59. [PubMed [21640290](#)]
- Bermas BL. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, glucocorticoids and disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs for the management of rheumatoid arthritis before and during pregnancy. *Curr Opin Rheumatol.* 2014;26(3):334-340. [PubMed [24663106](#)]
- Bhangu A, Singh P, Fitzgerald JE, Slessor A, Tekkis P. Postoperative nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and risk of anastomotic leak: meta-analysis of clinical and experimental studies. *World J Surg.* 2014;38(9):2247-2257. doi: 10.1007/s00268-014-2531-1. [PubMed [24682313](#)]
- Bhatt DL, Scheiman J, Abraham NS, et al. "ACCF/ACG/AHA 2008 Expert Consensus Document on Reducing the Gastrointestinal Risk of Antiplatelet Therapy and NSAID Use. A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation Task Force on Clinical Expert Consensus Documents," *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2008, 52(18):1502-17. [PubMed [19017521](#)]
- Bloor M, Paech M. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs during pregnancy and the initiation of lactation. *Anesth Analg.* 2013;116(5):1063-1075. [PubMed [23558845](#)]
- Buck ML. "Clinical Experience With Ketorolac in Children," *Ann Pharmacother.* 1994, 28(9):1009-13. [PubMed [7803871](#)]
- Buckley MM and Brogden RN, "Ketorolac. A Review of Its Pharmacodynamic and Pharmacokinetic Properties, and Therapeutic Potential," *Drugs*, 1990, 39(1):86-109. [PubMed [2178916](#)]
- Burd RS and Tobias JD, "Ketorolac for Pain Management After Abdominal Surgical Procedures in Infants," *South Med J.* 2002, 95(3):331-3. [PubMed [11902701](#)]
- Capone ML, Sciulli MG, Tacconelli S, et al. "Pharmacodynamic Interaction of Naproxen With Low-Dose Aspirin in Healthy Subjects," *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2005, 45(8):1295-301. [PubMed [15837265](#)]
- Carvalho B, Butwick AJ. Postcesarean delivery analgesia. *Best Pract Res Clin Anaesthesiol.* 2017;31(1):69-79. [PubMed [28625307](#)]
- Catella-Lawson F, Reilly MP, Kapoor SC, et al. "Cyclooxygenase Inhibitors and the Antiplatelet Effects of Aspirin," *N Engl J Med.* 2001, 345(25):1809-17. [PubMed [11752357](#)]
- Chalasani NP, Hayashi PH, Bonkovsky HL, et al. ACG Clinical Guideline: the diagnosis and management of idiosyncratic drug-induced liver injury. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2014;109(7):950-966. [PubMed [24935270](#)]
- Chou R, Gordon DB, de Leon-Casasola OA, et al. Management of postoperative pain: a clinical practice guideline from the American Pain Society, the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, and the American Society of Anesthesiologists' Committee on Regional Anesthesia, Executive Committee, and Administrative Council [published correction appears in *J Pain.* 2016;17(4):508-510]. *J Pain.* 2016;17(2):131-157. doi: 10.1016/j.jpain.2015.12.008. [PubMed [26827847](#)]
- Clinch D, Banerjee AK, and Ostick G, "Absence of Abdominal Pain in Elderly Patients With Peptic Ulcer," *Age Ageing.* 1984, 13(2):120-3. [PubMed [6731166](#)]

- Conlin P, Moore T, Swartz S, et al, "Effect of Indomethacin on Blood Pressure Lowering by Captopril and Losartan in Hypertensive Patients," *Hypertension*, 2000, 36(3):461-5. [PubMed [10988282](#)]
- Dawkins TN, Barelay CA, Gardiner RL, et al, "Safety of Intravenous Use of Ketorolac in Infants Following Cardiothoracic Surgery," *Cardiol Young*, 2009, 19(1):105-8. [PubMed [19134246](#)]
- Devlin JW, Skrobik Y, Gélinas C, et al. Clinical practice guidelines for the prevention and management of pain, agitation/sedation, delirium, immobility, and sleep disruption in adult patients in the ICU. *Crit Care Med*. 2018;46(9):e825-e873. doi: 10.1097/CCM.0000000000003299. [PubMed [30113379](#)]
- Dsida RM, Wheeler M, Birmingham PK, et al, "Age-Stratified Pharmacokinetics of Ketorolac Tromethamine in Pediatric Surgical Patients," *Anesth Analg*, 2002, 94(2):266-70. [PubMed [11812682](#)]
- Ericson A and Källén BA, "Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs in Early Pregnancy," *Reprod Toxicol*, 2001, 15(4):371-5. [PubMed [11489592](#)]
- Etches RC, Warriner CB, Badner N, et al. Continuous intravenous administration of ketorolac reduces pain and morphine consumption after total hip or knee arthroplasty. *Anesth Analg*. 1995;81(6):1175-1180. [PubMed [7486100](#)]
- Forbes JA, Butterworth GA, Burchfield WH, et al, "Evaluation of Ketorolac, Aspirin, and an Acetaminophen-Codeine Combination in Postoperative Oral Surgery Pain," *Pharmacotherapy*, 1990, 10(6 Pt 2):77S-93S. [PubMed [2082317](#)]
- Forbes JA, Kehm CJ, Grodin CD, et al, "Evaluation of Ketorolac, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, and an Acetaminophen-Codeine Combination in Postoperative Oral Surgery Pain," *Pharmacotherapy*, 1990, 10(6 Pt 2):94S-105S. [PubMed [2082318](#)]

---

- Forrest JB, Heitlinger EL, Revell S. Ketorolac for postoperative pain management in children. *Drug Saf*. 1997;16(5):309-329. [PubMed [9187531](#)]
- Fricke JR Jr, Angelocci D, Fox K, et al, "Comparison of the Efficacy and Safety of Ketorolac and Meperidine in the Relief of Dental Pain," *J Clin Pharmacol*, 1992, 32(4):376-84. [PubMed [1569240](#)]
- Fricke J, Halladay SC, Bynum L, et al, "Pain Relief After Dental Impaction Surgery Using Ketorolac, Hydrocodone Plus Acetaminophen, or Placebo," *Clin Ther*, 1993, 15(3):500-9. [PubMed [8364942](#)]
- Funder JW, Carey RM, Mantero F, et al. The management of primary aldosteronism: case detection, diagnosis, and treatment: an Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2016;101(5):1889-1916. doi: 10.1210/je.2015-4061. [PubMed [26934393](#)]
- Gerstenfeld LC, Thiede M, Seibert K, et al, "Differential Inhibition of Fracture Healing by Non-Selective and Cyclooxygenase-2 Selective Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs," *J Orthop Res*, 2003, 21(4):670-5. [PubMed [12798067](#)]
- Golightly LK, Teitelbaum I, Kiser TH, et al, eds. *Renal Pharmacotherapy*. New York, NY: Springer Science; 2013
- Gupta A, Daggett C, Drant S, et al, "Prospective Randomized Trial of Ketorolac After Congenital Heart Surgery," *J Cardiothorac Vasc Anesth*, 2004, 18(4):454-7. [PubMed [15365927](#)]
- Gupta A, Daggett C, Ludwick J, et al, "Ketorolac After Congenital Heart Surgery: Does It Increase the Risk of Significant Bleeding Complications?" *Pediatr Anaesth*, 2005, 15(2):139-42. [PubMed [15675931](#)]
- Heerdink ER, Leufkens HG, Herings RM, et al, "NSAIDs Associated With Increased Risk of Congestive Heart Failure in Elderly Patients Taking Diuretics," *Arch Intern Med*, 1998, 158(10):1108-12. [PubMed [9605782](#)]
- Horsley RD, Vogels ED, McField DAP, et al. Multimodal postoperative pain control is effective and reduces opioid use after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *Obes Surg*. 2019;29(2):394-400. doi: 10.1007/s11695-018-3526-z. [PubMed [30317488](#)]
- Howard ML, Isaacs AN, Nisly SA. Continuous infusion nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for perioperative pain management. *J Pharm Pract*. 2018;31(1):66-81. [PubMed [27580638](#)]
- Ito S. Drug therapy for breast-feeding women. *N Engl J Med*. 2000;343(2):118-126. [PubMed [10891521](#)]
- Jallad NS, Garg DC, Martinez JJ, et al, "Pharmacokinetics of Single-Dose Oral and Intramuscular Ketorolac Tromethamine in the Young and Elderly," *J Clin Pharmacol*, 1990, 30(1):76-81. [PubMed [2303585](#)]
- Joishy SK and Walsh D, "The Opioid-Sparing Effects of Intravenous Ketorolac as an Adjuvant Analgesic in Cancer Pain: Application in Bone Metastases and the Opioid Bowel Syndrome," *J Pain Symptom Manage*, 1998, 16(5):334-9. [PubMed [9846029](#)]
- Ketorolac tromethamine injection [prescribing information]. Newton, PA: Virtus Pharmaceuticals; August 2018.
- Ketorolac tromethamine injection [product monograph]. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Fresenius Kabi Canada Ltd; July 2019.
- Ketorolac tromethamine tablet [prescribing information]. Morgantown, WV: Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc; July 2015.
- Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) CKD Work Group. KDIGO 2012 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Kidney Disease. *Kidney Int*. 2013;3(suppl):1-150.
- Li DK, Liu L, and Odouli R, "Exposure to Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs During Pregnancy and Risk of Miscarriage: Population Based Cohort Study," *BMJ*, 2003, 327(7411):368. [PubMed [12919986](#)]

- Li DK, Liu L, and Odouli R, "Exposure to Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs During Pregnancy and Risk of Miscarriage: Population Based Cohort Study," *BMJ*, 2003, 327(7411):368. [PubMed [12919986](#)]
- Litalien C and Jacqz-Aigrain E, "Risks and Benefits of Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs in Children: A Comparison With Paracetamol," *Paediatr Drugs*, 2001, 3(11):817-58. [PubMed [11735667](#)]
- Lynn AM, Bradford H, Kantor ED, et al, "Postoperative Ketorolac Tromethamine Use in Infants Aged 6-18 Months: The Effect on Morphine Usage, Safety Assessment, and Stereo-Specific Pharmacokinetics," *Anesth Analg*, 2007, 104(5):1040-51. [PubMed [17456651](#)]
- Marret E, Flabault A, Samama CM, et al, "Effects of Postoperative, Nonsteroidal, Antiinflammatory Drugs on Bleeding Risk After Tonsillectomy: Meta-Analysis of Randomized, Controlled Trials," *Anesthesiology*, 2003, 98(6):1497-502. [PubMed [12766664](#)]
- Mannuksela E, Kokki H, and Bullingham RES, "Comparison of Intravenous Ketorolac With Morphine for Postoperative Pain in Children," *Clin Pharmacol Ther*, 1992, 52(4):436-43. [PubMed [1424417](#)]
- Mechanick JL, Youdim A, Jones DB, et al. *Clinical practice guidelines for the perioperative nutritional, metabolic, and nonsurgical support of the bariatric surgery patient--2013 update: cosponsored by American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, the Obesity Society, and American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery. Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2013;9(2):159-191. doi: 10.1016/j.soard.2012.12.010. [PubMed [23537696](#)]
- Moffett BS, Cabrera A. Ketorolac-associated renal morbidity: risk factors in cardiac surgical infants. *Cardiol Young*. 2013;23(5):752-754. [PubMed [23088994](#)]
- Moffett BS, Wann TL, Carberry KE, et al, "Safety of Ketorolac in Neonates and Infants After Cardiac Surgery," *Paediatr Anaesth*, 2006, 16(4):424-8. [PubMed [16618297](#)]
- Moise KJ Jr, "Effect of Advancing Gestational Age on the Frequency of Fetal Ductal Constriction in Association With Maternal Indomethacin Use," *Am J Obstet Gynecol*, 1993, 168(5):1350-3. [PubMed [8498410](#)]
- Montgomery A, Hale TW, *Academy Of Breastfeeding Medicine*. ABM clinical protocol #15: analgesia and anesthesia for the breastfeeding mother, revised 2012. *Breastfeed Med*. 2012;7(6):547-553. [PubMed [23215911](#)]
- Morgan TO, Anderson A, and Bertram D, "Effect of Indomethacin on Blood Pressure in Elderly People With Essential Hypertension Well Controlled on Amlodipine or Enalapril," *Am J Hypertens*, 2000, 13(11):1161-7. [PubMed [11078175](#)]
- Motov S, Yasavolian M, Likourezos A, et al. Comparison of intravenous ketorolac at three single-dose regimens for treating acute pain in the emergency department: a randomized controlled trial. *Ann Emerg Med*. 2017;70(2):177-184. [PubMed [27993418](#)]
- Munro HM, Reigger LQ, Reynolds PI, et al, "Comparison of the Analgesic and Emetic Properties of Ketorolac and Morphine for Paediatric Outpatient Strabismus Surgery," *Br J Anaesth*, 1994, 72(6):624-8. [PubMed [8024908](#)]
- Nielsen GL, Sorensen HT, Larsen H, et al, "Risk of Adverse Birth Outcome and Miscarriage in Pregnant Users of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs: Population Based Observational Study and Case-Control Study," *BMJ*, 2001, 322(7281):266-70. [PubMed [11157526](#)]
- Obase Y, Matsuse H, Shimoda T, et al, "Pathogenesis and Management of Aspirin-Intolerant Asthma," *Treat Respir Med*, 2005, 4(5):325-36. [PubMed [16137190](#)]
- Page J and Henry D, "Consumption of NSAIDs and the Development of Congestive Heart Failure in Elderly Patients: An Underrecognized Public Health Problem," *Arch Intern Med*, 2000, 160(6):777-84. [PubMed [10737272](#)]
- Penderville PE, Van Boven MJ, Contreras V, et al, "Ketorolac Tromethamine for Postoperative Analgesia in Oral Surgery," *Acta Anaesthesiol Belg*, 1995, 46(1):25-30. [PubMed [7618425](#)]
- *Pharmacy Quality Alliance*. Use of high-risk medications in the elderly (2017 update) (HRM-2017). <https://www.pqaalliance.org/medication-safety>. Published 2017. Accessed March 21, 2019.
- Pope JE, Anderson JJ, and Felson DT, "A Meta-analysis of the Effects of Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs on Blood Pressure," *Arch Intern Med*, 1993, 153(4):477-84. [PubMed [8435027](#)]
- Pradhan BB, Tatsumi RL, Gallina J, et al, "Ketorolac and Spinal Fusion: Does the Perioperative Use of Ketorolac Really Inhibit Spinal Fusion?," *Spine*, 2008, 33(19):2079-82. [PubMed [18698276](#)]
- *Principles of Analgesic Use in the Treatment of Acute Pain and Cancer Pain*. 7th ed. Glenview, IL: American Pain Society; 2016.
- Ready LB, Brown CR, Stahlgren LH, et al. Evaluation of intravenous ketorolac administered by bolus or infusion for treatment of postoperative pain. A double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter study. *Anesthesiology*. 1994;80(6):1277-1286. [PubMed [8010474](#)]
- Sammaritano LR, Bermas BL. Rheumatoid arthritis medications and lactation. *Curr Opin Rheumatol*. 2014;26(3):354-360. [PubMed [24614280](#)]
- Schwinghammer AJ, Isaacs AN, Benner RW, Freeman H, O'Sullivan JA, Nisly SA. Continuous infusion ketorolac for postoperative analgesia following unilateral total knee arthroplasty. *Ann Pharmacother*. 2017;51(6):451-456. [PubMed [28478713](#)]

- Strate LL, Gralnek IM. ACG clinical guideline: management of patients with acute lower gastrointestinal bleeding. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2016;111(4):459-474. doi: 10.1038/ajg.2016.41. [PubMed [26925883](#)]
  - Sutton CD, Carvalho B. Optimal pain management after cesarean delivery. *Anesthesiol Clin*. 2017;35(1):107-124. [PubMed [28131114](#)]
  - Thorell A, MacCormick AD, Avad S, et al. Guidelines for perioperative care in bariatric surgery: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Society recommendations. *World J Surg*. 2016;40(9):2065-2083. doi: 10.1007/s00268-016-3492-3. [PubMed [26943657](#)]
  - Tietze KJ, Fuchs B. Sedative-analgesic medications in critically ill adults: Properties, dosage regimens, and adverse effects. Post TW, ed. UpToDate. Waltham, MA: UpToDate Inc. <http://www.uptodate.com>. Accessed February 14, 2019.
  - Toradol (ketorolac) [product monograph]. Vaughan, Ontario, Canada: AA Pharma Inc; May 2018.
- 
- Väitalo PA, Kempainen H, Kulo A, et al. Body weight, gender and pregnancy affect enantiomer-specific ketorolac pharmacokinetics. *Br J Clin Pharmacol*. 2017;83(9):1966-1975. [PubMed [28429492](#)]
  - Van den Veyver IB and Moise KJ Jr, "Prostaglandin Synthetase Inhibitors in Pregnancy," *Obstet Gynecol Surv*, 1993, 48(7):493-502. [PubMed [8355924](#)]
  - Verbeeck RK, "Pharmacokinetic Drug Interactions With Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs," *Clin Pharmacokinet*, 1990, 19(1):44-66. [PubMed [2199127](#)]
  - Walker JJ, Johnstone J, Lloyd J, et al, "Transfer of Ketorolac Tromethamine From Maternal to Foetal Blood," *Eur J Clin Pharmacol*, 1988, 34(5):509-11. [PubMed [3264528](#)]
  - Walton GM, Rood JP, Snowdon AT, et al, "Ketorolac and Diclofenac for Postoperative Pain Relief Following Oral Surgery," *Br J Oral Maxillofac Surg*, 1993, 31(3):158-60. [PubMed [8512909](#)]
  - Watcha MF, Ramirez-Ruiz M, White PF, Jones MB, Lagueruela RG, Terkonda RP. Perioperative effects of oral ketorolac and acetaminophen in children undergoing bilateral myringotomy. *Can J Anaesth*. 1992;39(7):649-654. [PubMed [1394752](#)]
  - Wischnik A, Manth SM, Lloyd J, et al, "The Excretion of Ketorolac Tromethamine Into Breast Milk After Multiple Oral Dosing," *Eur J Clin Pharmacol*, 1989, 36(5):521-4. [PubMed [2787750](#)]
  - Yancy CW, Jessup M, Bozkurt B, et al; American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines. 2013 ACCF/AHA guideline for the management of heart failure: a report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on practice guidelines. *Circulation*. 2013;128(16):e240-e327. [PubMed [23741058](#)]

- 
- How certain do you need to be about the truth to make a decision?

Consequences.



---

What is “The Truth” ?

# It is an old question

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

---

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

<sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth.

Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him,

“What is truth?”

John 18

# Is It...

---

## Truthiness

- the quality of seeming or being felt to be true, even if not necessarily true.

# What is Truth?

---

- Although it is initially appealing to say it is simple to understand what it means to say something is **“true”**, it has been a universally difficult issue to nail down.

# Philosophy of Truth 101

---

- Propositions are statements about the way reality is. They can be true or false.
- Beliefs are opinions people hold that are dispositional. They may be based on true or false propositions.
- True can mean it matches with your beliefs-Coherence.
- True can mean it matches reality. Correspondence.
- Truth is impossible to know because there is nothing to correspond to. And if there is we cant see it. PM allows for community agreement.

- “The rational, scientific view of the world has been painstakingly built over millennia to guarantee that research can have access to objective reality: the world, for science, contains real objects and is governed by physical laws that existed before our knowledge of these objects and laws.
- Science attempts to describe the natural world independently of belief by seeking universal truths, on the basis of observation, measurement and experimentation.
- The postmodernist school of thought arose to question these assumptions, postulating that claims about the existence of a real world—the knowledge of which is attainable as an objective truth—have only been relevant in Western civilization since the Enlightenment. “

The postmodern assault on science, if all truths are equal, who cares what science has to say?

Marcel Kuntz

- There are ideas in scripture universally agreed on. They are few.
- There are others that are interpreted differently by well respected theologians
- There are others used by people to promote their personal interpretations, their mountains to die on.
- “The older I get the fewer things I am absolutely sure of”

- **Your view of truth matters. You may be a correspondence theorist when it comes to airplanes but a postmodernist when it comes to ethics or politics**



- So... what is true?
- What do you believe? What's your Weltanschauung?
- These beliefs are put together in some way, sometimes without much thought and care.
- Other times great care and effort is put into developing systems/institutions/cultures.

- What is the worldview the Christian Faith has of the Truth?

# 1 Timothy 3

---

- <sup>14</sup> I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, <sup>15</sup> so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

## John 8:31-32

---

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the **truth** will set you free."

## John 14:6

---

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- In apologetics, we point others to the truth so they can understand Jesus
- “Knowing” the truth is very difficult in our day to day.
- Everybody/organization/culture has a philosophy of truth, figure that out to understand what you are being presented as true. What is yours?-by your actions not your words

A freeing idea about truth may help you be a better apologist—you want to converse with people in a way that makes them want another conversation. A barrier is judgemental attitudes/words/actions.

A policy of no judging makes sense because your judgements will be wrong the majority of the time.

- Judges vs computers making bail decisions.
- Truth Default Theory
- Sergio Jarillo and Transparency



Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help.

*<sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.*

**Romans 14**

Judgement

---

versus

Discernment

“The Truth” is a complicated idea. Certainty is difficult.

Understanding the worldview of a person helps you evaluate claims.

Understanding the nature of truth is freeing because you can stop coming AT people with judgement and come along side them in the journey you are on, WITH them.