

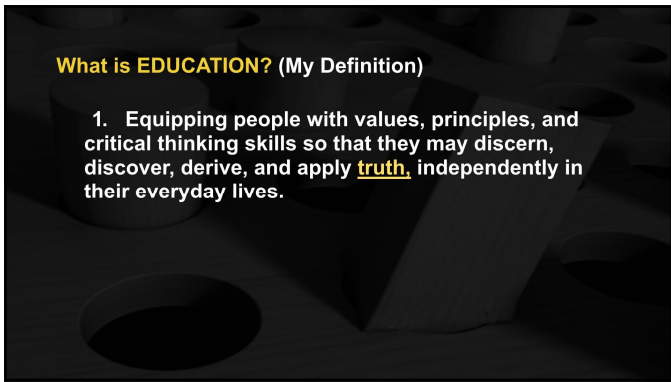
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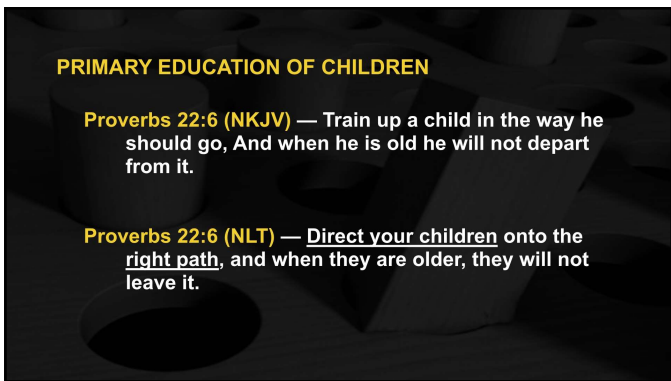
- This message will mention topics that are hot-button subjects which are on-going issues within education.
- I trust our hearers to be Bereans in their approach, and will do their own research from a broad range of sources. if they disagree with a point or find something is ambiguous or unclear, they will ask questions.

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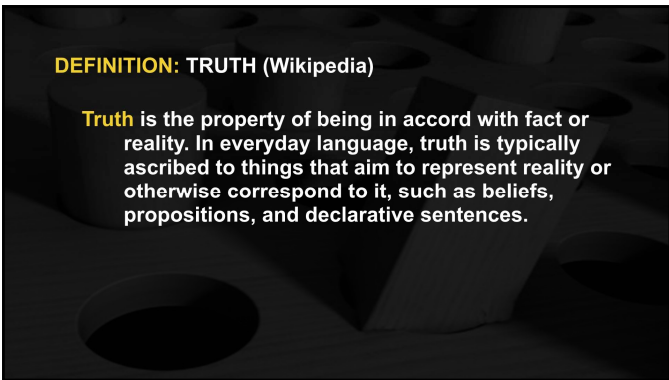
- I am a pastor, and the message is ultimately about how Christians need to learn to walk in truth, and not in deception.
- The Word of God is the primary source of spiritual formation and religious/philosophical education. It is not the only source of temporal education.

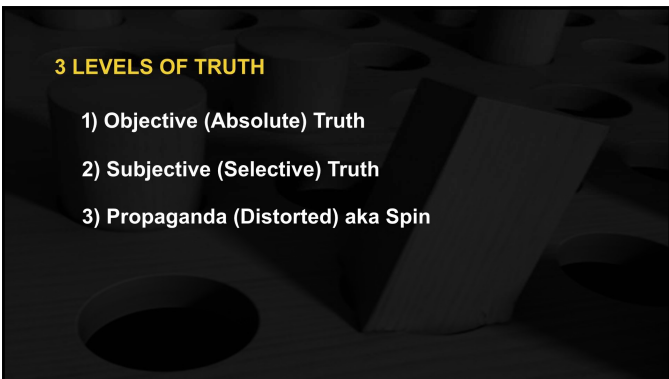












DEFINITION: TRUTH (Merriam-Webster)

- (1) the body of real things, events, and facts : **ACTUALITY**
- (2) the state of being the case : **FACT**
- (3) *often capitalized*: a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality

3 LEVELS OF TRUTH

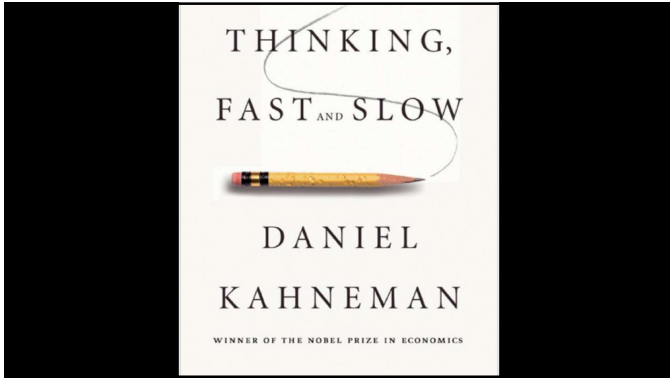
Objective (or Absolute) Truth — A particular fact or set of facts are true, and the narrative, story, or conclusion derived from these facts. The conclusion is given primary weight over personal feelings, presuppositions, or assumptions.

EXAMPLE: ABC Bank failed and lost a lot of people's money due to poor business and fiscal practices.

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Subjective (or Selective) Truth — A particular fact or set of facts that are accepted or rejected primarily to meet the conscious or unconscious need for agreement with pre-determined biases, safety/comfort, or convenience. The conclusion may or may not relate to the supporting facts.

EXAMPLE: Deregulation of bank laws caused ABC bank to fail.



SYSTEM-1 versus SYSTEM-2 THINKING

System 1 — System 1 Thinking: Our brains' fast, automatic, unconscious, and emotional response to situations and stimuli. This can be in the form of absentmindedly reading text on a billboard, knowing how to tie your shoelaces without a second thought, or instinctively hopping over a puddle on the sidewalk.

SYSTEM-1 versus SYSTEM-2 THINKING

System 2 — The slow, effortful, and logical mode in which our brains operate when solving more complicated problems. For example, System 2 thinking is used when looking for a friend in a crowd, parking your vehicle in a tight space, or determining the quality-to-value ratio of your take-out lunch.

3 LEVELS OF TRUTH

Propaganda (or Spin) — Facts selected to get an emotional response to serve a narrative or agenda. A form manufactured consent as control of the masses.

EXAMPLE: ABC Bank failed because of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

Discovering Truth
John 18:33-38

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Step 1: Ask questions.

John 18:33-38 (NIV)

SOCRATIC METHOD (Wikipedia)

The **Socratic method** is a form of cooperative dialogue whereby participants make assertions about a particular topic, investigate those assertions with questions designed to uncover presuppositions and stimulate critical thinking, and finally come to mutual agreement and understanding about the topic under discussion.

³⁴“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

Step 2: Determine the origin of your inquiry or questioning. Why is this important to you?

John 18:33-38 (NIV)

³⁵“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Step 3: Determine stakeholders. Who is making this an issue?

John 18:33-38 (NIV)

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

Step 4: Pay attention to answers. What is said and what is not said?

John 18:33-38 (NIV)

³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

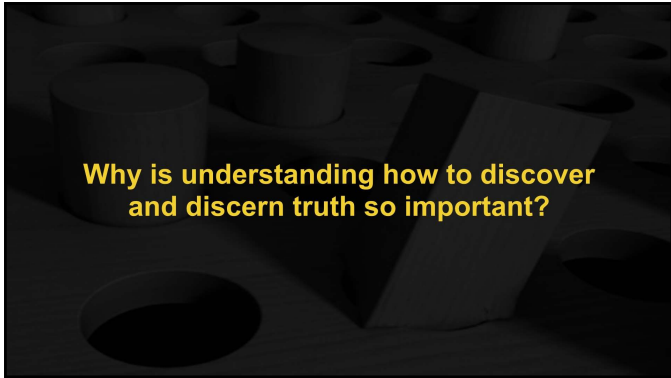
Step 5: Combat assertions with facts/truth.

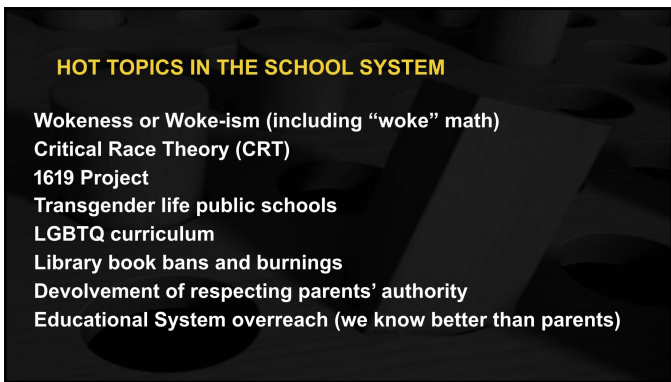
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³⁸"**What is truth?**" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Step 6: Observe response. Responses and reactions reveal agenda.

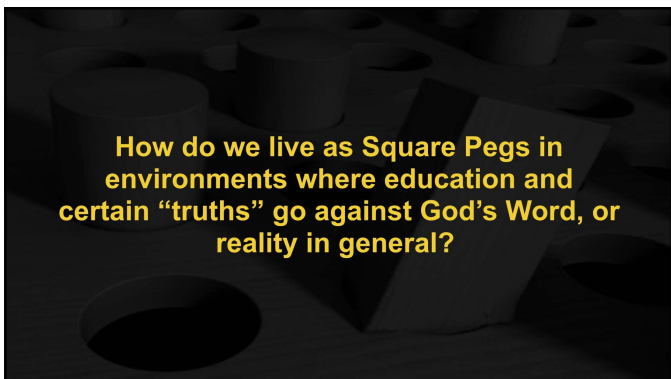
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HOT TOPICS IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

- Wokeness or Woke-ism (including "woke" math)
- Critical Race Theory (CRT)
- 1619 Project
- Transgender life public schools
- LGBTQ curriculum
- Library book bans and burnings
- Devolvement of respecting parents' authority
- Educational System overreach (we know better than parents)



Education & Truth in a world we don't fit

- 1) Know the Word of God (Gal. 3:24 - The law is a tutor) especially the life of Daniel in Babylon.
- 2) Ensure you are on God's agenda and not your own. He called you. Jesus' life has NO political involvement. None.

Education & Truth in a world we don't fit

- 3) Be a Berean and a lifelong learner willing to grapple with the nuances and finer points of topics.
- 4) Understand our role in contributing to a culture of deception. (Rom. 2:17-24)

¹⁷Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; ¹⁸if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; ¹⁹if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, ²⁰an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have

Romans 2:17-24 (NIV)

in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? ²²You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Romans 2:17-24 (NIV)

²³You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

Romans 2:17-24 (NIV)

ULTIMATE TRUTH

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John 14:6 – Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

ULTIMATE TRUTH

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
