

TRUTH – Vocabulary

Four different truth terms.¹

Objective Truth - Can be proved physically (physical world). – You can ‘see’ it with your eyes.

Normative Truth - What a group of people agrees is true. – What we can ‘see’.

Subjective Truth - How the individual sees or experiences the world. – I ‘see’ or I ‘perceive’.

Complex Truth - “Recognizes the validity of all these truths and allows you to focus on the one most useful.”

Epistemological Relativism – Relative Truth²

“The basic idea is that there are no universal truths about the world, just different ways of interpreting it(Messerly 2016).”

A critique on relativism - “If you are a relativist, you must believe all things because nothing is true or false. But everything is just relative? – You might say this, but do you believe it(Messerly 2016)?” Truth vs Belief?

¹ ‘Four Truths,’ Human Systems Dynamic Institute, May 2016.

² Dr. John Messerly, ‘Is Truth Relative?’ Reason and Meaning, Ethics, November 2016.