

## TRUTH – Vocabulary

### Four different truth terms.<sup>1</sup>

**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 Truth<sup>2</sup>

“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?

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<sup>1</sup> ‘Four Truths,’ Human Systems Dynamic Institute, May 2016.

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