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UNDENIABILITY—The Best Test for Truth

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Truth must be undeniable. NOTE: In my opinion, this is the best test for truth.

- (1) Truth is that which is unable to be avoided and, therefore, unable to be denied. For example, “I exist” is undeniable, since I would have to exist to make the denial.
- (2) Logic (the law of non-contradiction) applied to reality is true for the same reason—because it is inescapable. To say “the law of non-contradiction is false” is a claim based on the law of non-contradiction. For example, to say “God cannot be understood logically” is to make a logical statement about the understanding of God.
- (3) Even though there are mysteries (as to how or why certain things can be true), there are no actual contradictions. For example, we do not know how speed changes time, why light can be either waves or particles, how God can predestine everything and we have free will, or how there can be a Trinity and one God. **But none of these are logical contradictions.** They are all verifiable logically. It’s just that we lack the information as to know how they fit together.
- (4) There must be at least some inclinations of the mind toward truth, otherwise nothing could ever be known. There would be no possibility for truth. But that’s already been shown to be false. **(Agnosticism is self-defeating—if truth cannot be known, then the statement, “truth cannot be known” cannot be known.)** The one thing in the mind that does not come through the senses is the mind itself, which is universally observed as pursuing reality logically.
- (5) The real is rational, even though the rational is not always real. **This is true because it’s undeniable.** If I say, “Rational thought does not apply to reality,” I have already, by making the statement, applied rational thought to reality.

CONCLUSION

- As I look, taste, touch, smell, and hear the universe around me, I can make certain observations which are undeniable. The reality of matter and energy, my own existence and that of other people, animals, and things are undeniably there. Ideas are also undeniably there, one of which is the law of non-contradiction (also known as “logic” or “reason,” $A \neq \neg A$). This seems to be the only idea for testing truth which is undeniable, that is, we cannot get away from it. If someone disagrees with someone about something, they either say (1) your observations are deniable or (2) your thinking is illogical. In other words, they are saying your information and/or your way of thinking can be denied. Disagreement does not usually say, “Your problem is you are looking at things logically.” If they do, one can simply point out their objection is a logical one.
- Would it be a problem to claim undeniability is circular reasoning because it is saying un-deniability is true because it’s undeniable? This would indeed be circular reasoning, but that is not what the view says. It claims... **Undeniability is true because it is inescapable.**
- It’s not true simply because we state it as a possible theory and then use it to prove things as the other views do. **Rather, we are saying it is true because it cannot be avoided. We are simply stuck with it. We can’t get away from it. Therefore, it is true.** *What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it* (Acts 4:16).

The best test for truth is undeniability because it says... (you choose)

(A) Truth must have value in the real world.

(B) Truth must come from the thing we observe.

(C) Truth is what we are stuck with because we can’t get away from it.

Undeniability is the best test for truth because of C. It is whatever we cannot get away from. **If something is undeniable, then its truth cannot be denied.** So, like it or not, we are stuck with it. For example, my own existence, pain, pleasure, birth, death, and the reality of the universe are inescapable, so they are true undeniably.