



Defending Absolute Truth

A plea for developing critical thinking skills

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You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:14-17, NASB

And He said to him,
“ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’
Matthew 22:37, NASB

C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christ desires for all Christians to have a child's heart and a grown-up's head. This involves developing critical thinking skills!

There are three primary “laws” of Logic that must be followed, or the premise is unproven or false. These laws are:

The law of non-contradiction. (A is not non-A)

The concept here is that two contradictory statements cannot be true at the same time, and in the same respect. A person cannot talk and not talk at the same time.

The law of excluded middle. (Either A or non-A)

Something is either itself or it is not itself. It cannot be both the same and different at the same time, and in the same way. Either you are reading this or you are not... there is no middle ground.

The law of identity. (A is A)

Something is itself and not something else.

There is no way of getting around the first law. The law of non-contradiction helps us distinguish between thoughts, and we all assume this law every time we think anything at all.

In this modern age of “Free thinking”, mankind has begun to assume that there are no absolutes, each person is their own free moral agent, and able to create their own standards of right & wrong. In this line of belief, each moral code is equal in it's validity and none is above the rest. However, many fail to recognize that to embrace this concept is to **accept an absolute**.