

**2+2=5 and other “truths”
I’ve learned**

*Judges 17:6 In those days
Israel had no king; everyone did
as he saw fit. (NIV)*

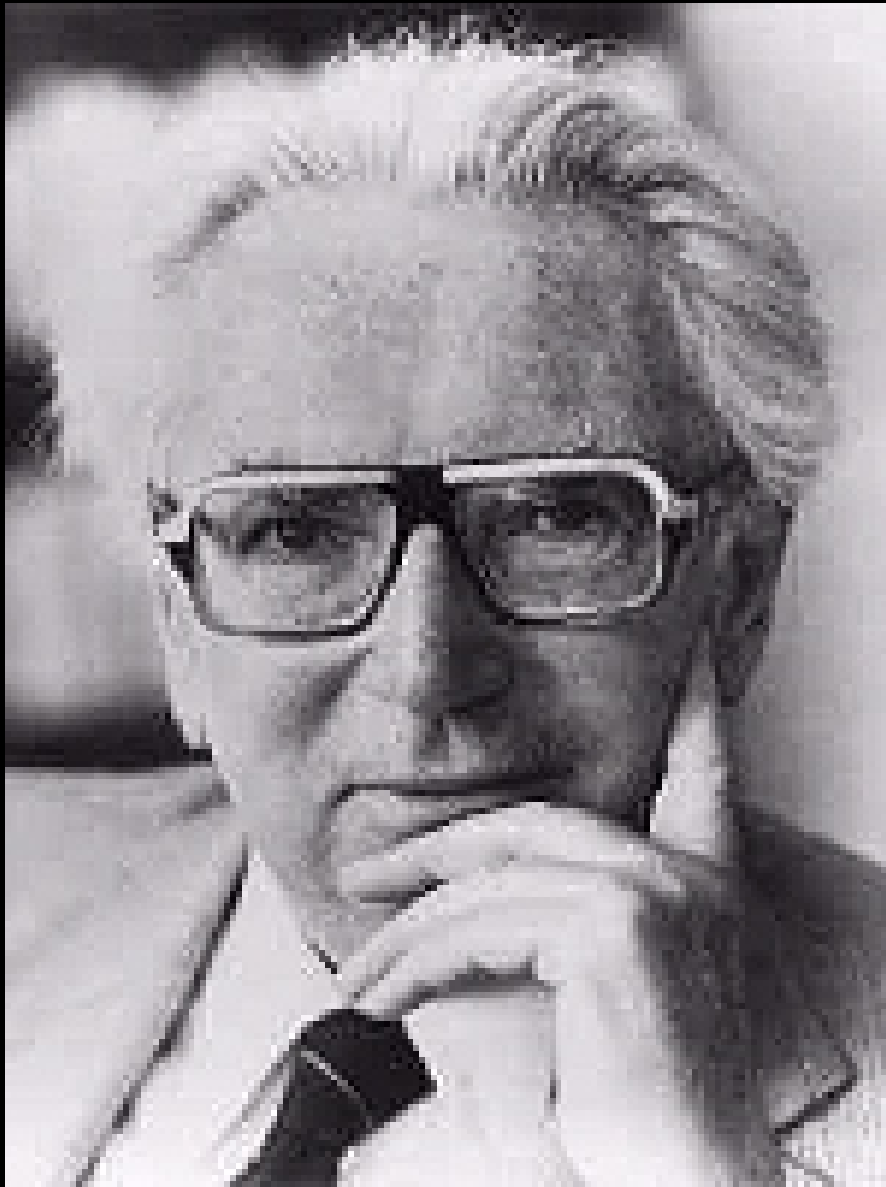
John 18:33-38

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

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

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” “What is truth?” Pilate asked. (NIV)

Rationalism & the Enlightenment



Victor Frankl

Atheist

Agnostic

"There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative" (Alan Bloom, *The Closing of the American Mind*, 25).

Relativism: There are no absolutes. Everything is based upon circumstances.

Church youth, ages 11-18, he found that within a three month period:

- 66% had lied to a parent, teacher, or another adult
- 59% had lied to a peer or friend
- 36% had cheated on an exam
- 23% had intentionally tried to hurt someone
- 55% had engaged in sexual behavior by age 18
- 57% cannot state that an objective standard of truth exists
- That means 85% believe that truth is conditional
- 45% percent agreed with the statement that "Everything in life is negotiable."



Naturalism

Truth: absolute, eternal,
objective

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight." Isaiah 5:20-21

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." (NIV)

*Ps 119:105 Your word is a
lamp to my feet and a light for
my path. (NIV)*

*Ps 90:2 Before the mountains
were born or you brought forth
the earth and the world, from
everlasting to everlasting you
are God. (NIV)*

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (NIV)

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

(NIV)

Be Humble

1 Cor 1:18-21, 25, 27-29 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. (NIV)

Stand Firm

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

Decide NOW

Eph 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (NIV)