

Introduction: We've Got a Problem!

- The Symptoms =
- The Issues =
- The Dilemma =
- The Question =

Understanding The Real Problem:

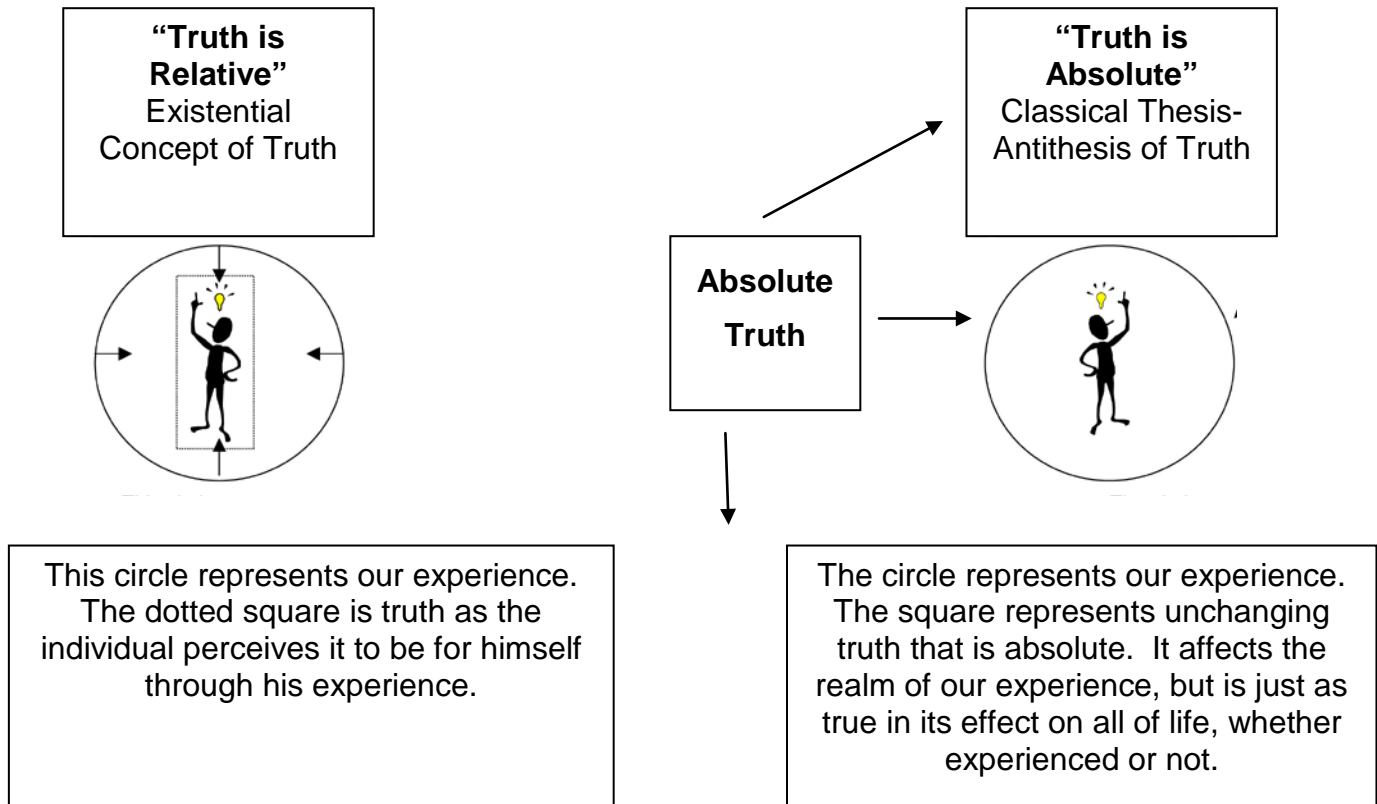
- **Diagnosis** = Our view of **truth** has dramatically shifted in the last 50 years.

1968 – Frances Schaeffer : The God Who is There

1987 – Alan Bloom: The Closing of the American Mind

1995 – Phillip Johnson: Reason in the Balance

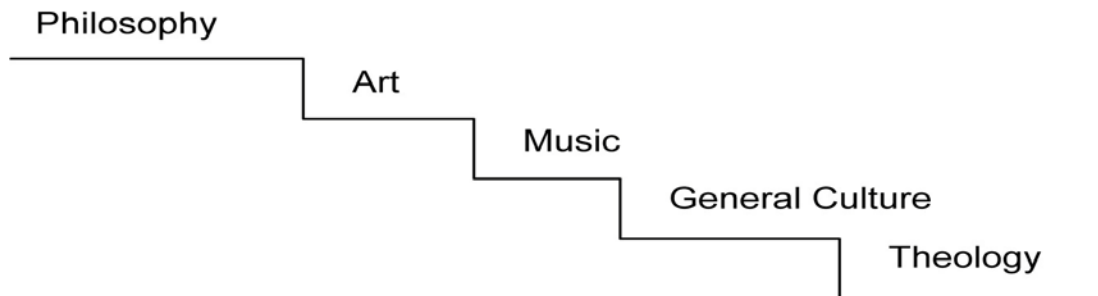
Summarizing The Two Models Of Truth:



What Happened?

- Historical Analysis
- *Philosophical Analysis

How Did It Happen?



How Is The Relative Truth vs Absolute Truth Conflict Played Out Daily?

• Public Rhetoric = “All are right”
Pluralism
Tolerance } **Truth is Relative**

• Private Reactions = “My rights”
Justice
Fairness } **Truth is Absolute**

• Painful Results = Sowing and Reaping
Galatians 6:7-8 (GN)

What did Jesus Say About Truth?

- **Jesus' outrageous claims ...**

1. ... about Himself John 14:6
2. ... about His Word John 17:17

- **Jesus' outrageous concern ...**

1. ... about you John 4:23
2. ... about your welfare John 8:32

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between “relative truth” and absolute truth?
2. How did this “shift” of truth come about?
3. Why is it so important that we think clearly about what is true?
4. Discuss what aspect of Jesus' words about truth most encouraged you.