

# TRUE FOR ME, TRUE FOR YOU?

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## EXAMPLE 1:

IF "I refuse to accept that something has to be either true or false" IS TRUE, THEN "Everything must be either true or false" MUST BE FALSE. But this violates the first statement! It means THAT "Everything must be either true or false" IS FALSE, NOT TRUE AND FALSE!

**∴ Therefore everything must be either true or false. It cannot be both.**

## EXAMPLE 2

IF "If Joe likes lobster, and Mary does not," IS TRUE, then "Lobster tastes good" IS TRUE and "Lobster tastes horrible" IS ALSO TRUE. Doesn't that mean the statement "Lobster is good" IS TRUE AND FALSE? No, because the statement is a preference. "Good" must be defined. If we define "Good" as "Good for all people," THAT IS FALSE, NOT TRUE. If we defined "Good" as "Good for Joe," IT IS TRUE, NOT FALSE.

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## EXAMPLE 3

IF "God's character cannot be known" IS TRUE, then the statement "God is Love" IS FALSE. If Christianity teaches "God is Love" and Islam teaches "God's character cannot be known," then EITHER ISLAM OR CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE, but BOTH CANNOT BE TRUE.

**∴ The statement "All Religions Are True" IS FALSE.**

**CICERO:** There is in fact no subject upon which so much difference of opinion exists, not only among the unlearned but also among educated men; and the views entertained are so various and discrepant, that, while it is no doubt a possible alternative that none of them is true, it is certainly impossible that more than one should be so." (Cicero, *De natura deorum*).

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	<b>BUDDHISM</b>	<b>ISLAM</b>	<b>HINDUISM</b>	<b>CHRISTIANITY</b>
<b>“God”</b>	The All – all are one, so in a sense all are God.	We cannot know “Allah” as he is; we only have access to his will.	A vast plurality of gods and goddesses exist as part of the impersonal Brahman.	There is one God, who has revealed himself to us definitively by entering creation as a human being.
<b>Humanity</b>	Humans are individual manifestations of the One, or the All.	Created by Allah as “vice-regents” who fell, but can be restored through obedience.	Humans, as with all living things, are just manifestations of Brahman. We have no individual self, or self-worth.	God created mankind in his image as the pinnacle of all creation and its caretakers. After falling through a breach in trust, lost our status and cannot restore it from our part.
<b>Life’s Journey</b>	The attainment of nirvana by following the eight fold path, and by seeing through reality to the One.	Ensuring more good works than bad; fighting for the cause of Allah.	The world and everything on it are manifestations of Brahman.	The Spirit of the Father and the Son comes to us by the Word of God, making us one with them, and making us truly human again.
<b>Life’s Goal</b>	The annihilation of the self and its ego, and a return to the One - the state of Nirvana.	A majority of good deeds and faith in Allah and his messenger will bring one into a sensuous paradise. Otherwise, eternal hellfire.	If one is good enough, one can free one’s self from the cycle of reincarnation and become one with Brahman	Eternal life in the presence of God in a new creation, or eternal separation from God.
<b>Key Figure</b>	Gautama Buddha (563-483 BC)	Muhammad (570 to 632 AD)	None	Jesus of Nazareth (4 BC – 33 AD)
<b>Adherents</b>	360 million	1.3 billion	900 million	2 billion