

What is Truth?

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Susan Wilson introduces a discussion between Professor Peter Strawson, of the University of Oxford, and Gareth Evans, Fellow of University College, Oxford, on the nature of truth. They are seeking to define a criterion for truth that shows both what all statements we call true have in common and what the relations are between different kinds of true statements.

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Summary: Strawson and Evans discuss the possibility of arriving at a theory of truth of general validity applying across different statement contents.

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1	1.27	26	Susan Wilson introduces the programme and explains its purpose.	..University College Oxford.
2	7.26	113	Strawson reviews the problems of truth and offers Frank Ramsey's definition as still satisfactory. He considers the recent activities of philosophers in systematic semantics. Evans also considers and in part explains the latter.	... insubstantial Ramseyian formula
3	12.40	182	Evans considers in what way (he calls it a 'thin interpretation'). Ramsey's formula is satisfactory in the quest for a general account of truth. Strawson attempts a validification of the wider or broader interpretation of Ramsey's formula.	..indeed equal four.
4	17.15	238	Strawson proposes a view of truth in the primary sense, permitting a truth in a secondary or extended sense. He uses as an example the formula $7+5=12$ and argues that this primary sense statement is true but that it contains within itself generalities of operation common to other counting operations. Evans proposes objections.	..links are still there.

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5	24.12	317	Evans redefines his position which is that of wanting a notion of truth that applies across different statement contents. The 'thin interpretation' of Ramsey is again quoted. Strawson reiterates his extension notion of truth from primary truth to secondary extensions and presses Evans for him to propose a pattern for an undifferentiated notion of truth.	Well, I agree again ...Time to discuss
	24.24	319	Credits.	