

# Episode 242 - Cicero's OTNOTG 17 - Is Truth A Matter Of Logic?

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

it is repeated observations that confirm "opinions," which we make from the perceptions, but the perceptions themselves are not "confirming" each other.

I agree, the senses cannot confirm or negate each other.

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Perceptions are NOT equal to opinions, and perceptions are never true or false!

62b **"Everything observed [by the senses] or apprehended through attention to [mental] perception is true"**

(τό γε θεωρούμενον Πᾶν ἢ κατ' ἐπιβολὴν λαμβανόμενον τῆ διανοίᾳ ἀληθές ἐστι)"

Opinions about perceptions can be false, but the perceptions themselves are not false - they must be real because they physically affect us. However, we must think about and judge these "honest" reports of our sensations to figure out the extent that they do, in fact, accurately correspond to external objects and circumstances.

51c **"and regarding this [movement of thought in us], if it <sup>[E]</sup> is not affirmed or <sup>[A]</sup> is contradicted, Falsity is produced – if it <sup>[E]</sup> is confirmed or <sup>[V]</sup> is not contradicted, Truth [is produced]"**

(κατὰ δὲ ταύτην, ἐὰν μὲν <sup>[E]</sup> μὴ ἐπιμαρτυρηθῆ ἢ <sup>[A]</sup> ἀντιμαρτυρηθῆ, τὸ Ψεῦδος γίνεται – ἐὰν δὲ <sup>[E]</sup> ἐπιμαρτυρηθῆ ἢ <sup>[V]</sup> μὴ ἀντιμαρτυρηθῆ, τὸ Ἀληθές)

<p>ΤΟ <b>ΨΕΥΔΟΣ</b></p>	<p>It Is False:</p>	<p><b>ΨΕΥΔΟΣ</b> <i>falsehood / lie</i></p>
<p>ἐὰν μὴ ἐπιμαρτυρηθῇ  τὸ οὐκ ἐπιμαρτυρούμενον</p>	<p><sup>[3]</sup> if it is not affirmed  what is not affirmed</p>	<p><b>ΕΠΙΜΑΡΤΥΡΕΙΝ</b> <i>testifying upon</i></p>
<p>ἐὰν ἀντιμαρτυρηθῇ  τὸ ἀντιμαρτυρούμενον</p>	<p><sup>[A]</sup> if it is refuted  what is refuted</p>	<p><b>ΑΝΤΙΜΑΡΤΥΡΕΙΝ</b> <i>testifying against</i></p>
<p>ΤΟ <b>ΑΛΗΘΕΣ</b></p>	<p>It Is True:</p>	<p><b>ΑΛΗΘΕΣ</b> <i>not concealed</i></p>
<p>ἐὰν ἐπιμαρτυρηθῇ  〈τὸ προσμένον〉 ἐπιμαρτυρηθήσεται</p>	<p><sup>[E]</sup> if it is affirmed  what is expected to be affirmed</p>	
<p>ἐὰν μὴ ἀντιμαρτυρηθῇ  〈τὸ προσμένον〉 μὴ ἀντιμαρτυρηθήσεται</p>	<p><sup>[V]</sup> if it is not refuted  what is expected not to be refuted</p>	

A true opinion is established by the full correspondence of that opinion to external objects and their circumstances. If our opinion is not affirmed or is refuted, it is false; but if our opinion is affirmed or not refuted, it is true.