

The Universe

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“Binary is Divine” ~ Gottfried Leibniz

What is the truth? What is the nature of reality? How can we decide what is truly worth our time? Life is full of those questions we have asked and gone unanswered. When we embark on a quest through nous we run into paradoxes. Is life made for pleasure? or pain? The ancient Chinese philosophers developed yin and yang for both dualism and unity [2]. A representation of how polar yet contradictory two sides can be. This can be seen nearly everywhere in our daily lives. Should one be educated or learned? As the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche describes it “Our educated people of today, our ‘good people’, do not tell lies—that is true; but that is *not* to their credit. ... [That] would demand of them what one *may* not demand that they should know how to distinguish true and false in themselves” [3]. Knowing ourselves is difficult. Moreover, when one applies this to everyday decisions, the choices become limited. Humans are social creatures full of curiosity and life - “*cogito ergo sum*” [1]. These experiences contribute to our “truths”, but what is truth made of?

[1] Descartes, René, 1596-1650. *Discourse on method*.

[2] Georges Ohsawa (1976). *The Unique Principle*.

[3] Anderson, R. Lanier, "Friedrich Nietzsche", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2022 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), forthcoming URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2022/entries/nietzsche/>.