

RE: Outline of how we prepare the mind for logic

- 1) Logic and Language – We must understand that:
  - a. (1) Logic and language are “joined at the hip”
    - i. We must be sensitive and understand how to use language effectively
  - b. (2) Logic is concerned with reality
    - i. Thinking logically is to have a respect for objective reality
  - c. (3) Logic is about Truth – the relationship between subjective truth and objective truth (objective reality)
    - i. We need to understand how the contents of the mind (subjective reality) relate to the objective world around us
- 2) Steps in preparing the mind:
  - a. (1) Pay attention
  - b. (2) Know what a fact is and what an opinion is
  - c. (3) Understands that ideas can be traced back (in some way) to their objects
    - i. WE spoke about clear ideas in this context
  - d. (4) Know where our ideas come from
    - i. Something is a fact when the idea of it I have in my mind corresponds to the objective world outside of my mind
  - e. (5) Avoid bad ideas
    - i. Ideas that have no relationship to objective reality (even if we *think* they do)
    - ii. We spoke about the difference between simple ideas and complex ideas in this context
  - f. (6) Proper Communication – See notes from lecture on Chapter 5
  - g. (7) Truth – Logic is about truth
    - i. Ontological truth = Truth of being or existence (something has ontological truth when it actually exists in reality)
    - ii. Logical truth = Truth concerning statements