

THINKING,
FAST AND SLOW



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Think Slow So You Know How You Know What you Know

e·pis·te·mol·o·gy

the philosophy of knowledge or knowing

what is knowledge?

is anything really knowable?

what do we know?

how can we know?

met·a·cog·ni·tion



awareness of one's own
thought processes

Think Slow So You Know

How You Know What you Know

- Be metacognitive about your epistemology
 - Avoid heuristics (mental shortcuts) by thinking about how you know what you know
- Identify assumptions and interrogate them
 - WYSIATI–what you see is all there is
- Prove contrarities
 - Accommodate ambiguity, reject false dilemmas
- Interpret intentionally with a hermeneutic of faith, hope, and charity

Can you discern the
difference between a
fact and an assumption?

Facts are true regardless of point of view
Assumptions depend on point of view

Fact or Assumption?

- Joseph Smith testified that two divine beings answered his prayer in 1820
- Joseph must not have seen a vision in 1820 or he would have written about it at the time
- President Nelson announced that Church will last for two hours beginning in 2019
- If Jesus was leading the Church there would not be so many changes
- The scriptures present prophets and apostles as fallible human beings who are called of God
- God doesn't allow prophets to make errors

- Early church records tell of a man and a woman who were engaged to be married
- Then a high ranking authority sent a message to the woman that she was to bear his child
- She became pregnant
- Then the authority told the woman's fiancé to marry the woman anyway and to care for the child as his own

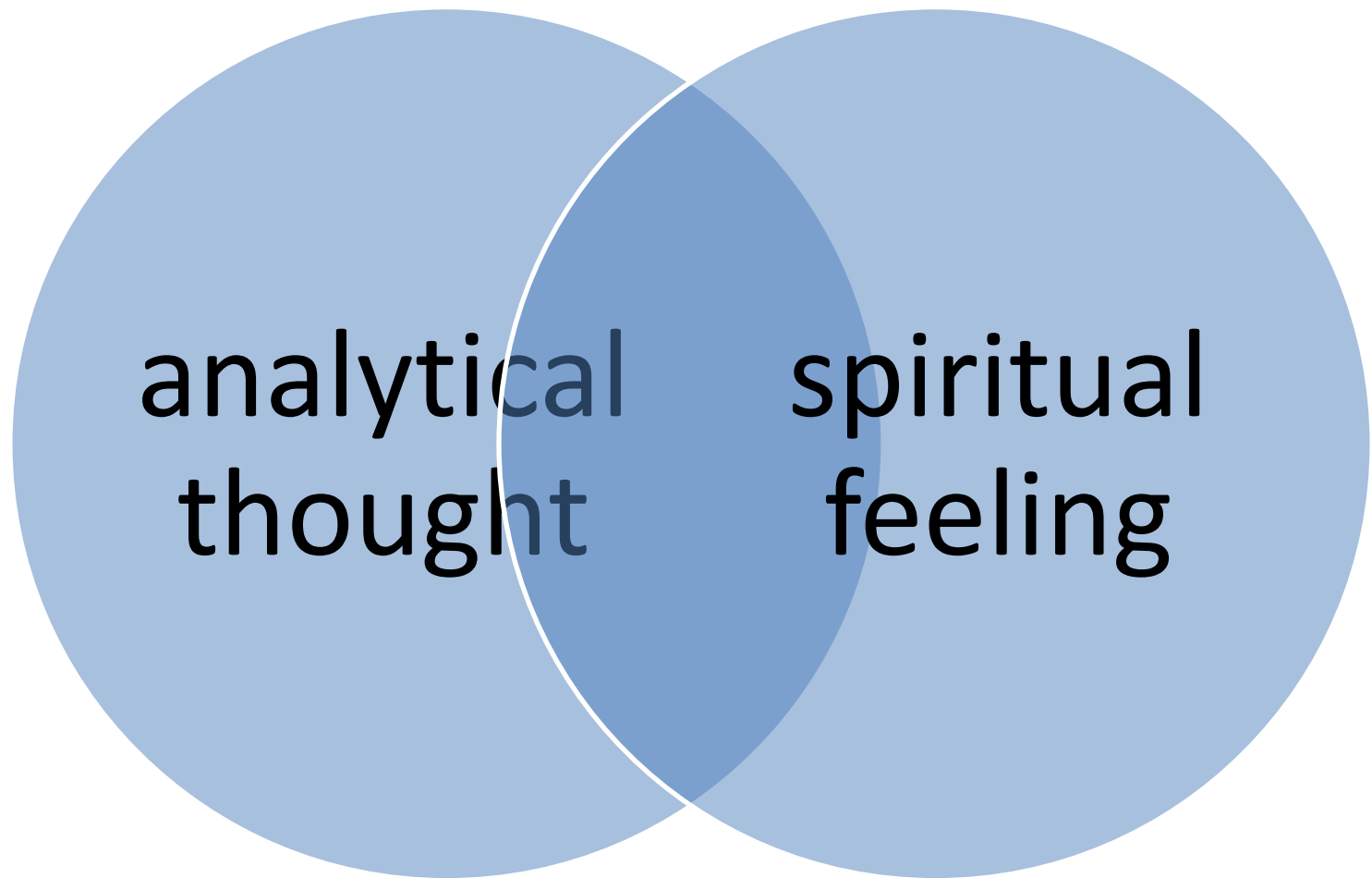




Doctrine & Covenants 88

118 And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith.

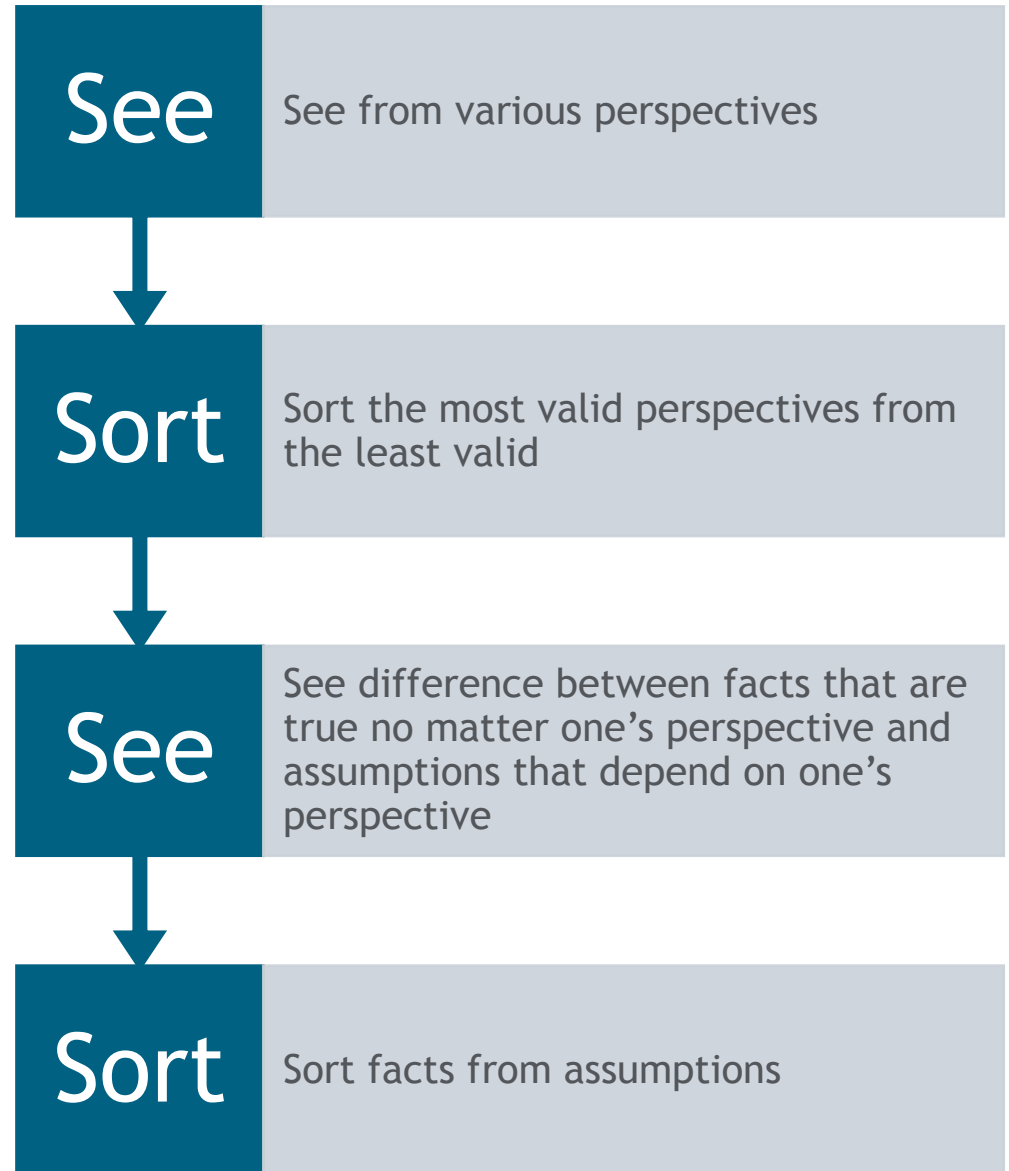
False Dilemma Quiz



If any of you lack wisdom . . .

- A. ask God
- B. ask Google
- C. seek learning by study and by faith

Seeking
=
| Seeing
and
Sorting



Assumers ask declarative questions



Why is there no real revelation any more?



What is revelation and why can't prophets tell the difference?



If there really are good answers to the big problems of the Church, why not share them?

Seekers ask seeking questions



How can I know whether God lives and loves me?



What do I need to do to know whether the Book of Mormon is true?



What should I do to develop mature faith in Jesus Christ?