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- What are the hear issues underlying this question/statement?

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- **Be on look out for self-refuting arguments!**

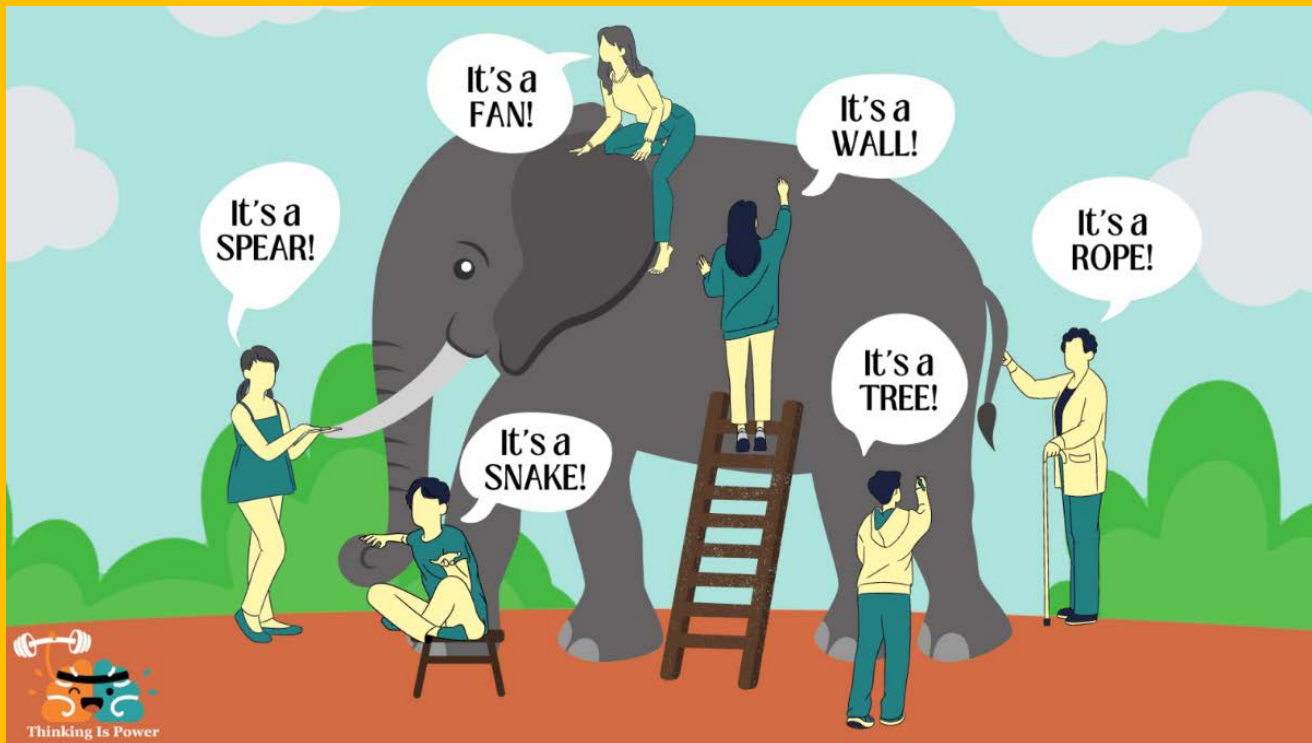
- **Examples-**

- “There’s no such thing as absolute truth.”
- “You should not judge.”
- “The scientific method is the only means of knowing truth.”
- “History is unknowable.”
- “You should be tolerant of views not your own”
- “Language cannot carry meaning,”
- “What’s true for you, isn’t true for me”
- “You shouldn’t force your morals on other people”

- Sean McDowell-<https://seanmcdowell.org/blog/self-refuting-statements-you-must-know>

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- Four Blind Men and The Elephant



What is the problem with this illustration when it is applied to the discussion of truth being found in multiple religions?

Who told the blind men that they were touching an elephant?

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- *There is an appearance of humility in the protestation that truth is much greater than one of us can grasp, but if this is used to invalidate all claims to discern the truth it is in fact an arrogant claim to a kind of knowledge which is superior to [all others] We have to ask: “What is the [absolute] vantage point from which you claim to be able to relativize all the absolute claims these different scriptures make. Leslie Newbigin, “The Gospel in a Pluralist Society” (Eerdmans, 1989), pp. 9-10, 170*

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