



Tour Guide Notes: Veritology

Lesson 1 – Veritology: What is Truth?

Those of you who are very astute will recognize that “*veritology*” does not exist in the dictionary. The reason for that is simple: I made this word up.

I was in need of a word for “the study of truth” or “the truth about truth”.

Obviously, the suffix “*ology*” was a prime candidate, which means “the study of”. It is derived from the Greek word “*logos*”, which means “word”. When combined with other words, such as “*bio*”, meaning “life”, we get the word “*biology*” which means the “study of living things”. When it is combined with “*theos*”, the Greek word for “god”, we get “*theology*”, or the “study of God”. You are familiar with a bunch of them: psychology, geology, sociology, anthropology...on and on it goes.

So, I decided I would do some combining as well. I took the Latin term for truth, “*veritas*” and combined it with the derivation of the Greek suffix, “*logos*” and the merger resulted in “*Veritology*”, the “study of truth”.

This is a great word. If there is anything our culture needs, it’s a good dose of sound veritology. Feel free to use it in your everyday conversations!