



Four kinds of proofs by which we judge truth

1. Sense perception – what I see, hear, etc. must be real
2. Reasoning – reason or intellect as the standard of human judgment
3. Scripture and tradition – what it says in the Books of God must be true
4. Inspiration – the promptings of the inspired heart

'Abdu'l-Baha says of these four, "All of them are liable to mistake and error in conclusions. But a statement presented to the mind accompanied by [all four proofs] can be ... relied on ... When we apply but one test, there are possibilities of mistake." (Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 255)