

## The Verification Principle

“A statement is literally meaningful (it expresses a proposition) if and only if it is either analytically or empirically verifiable.”

(it can be proved logically)

(it can be shown to be true through  
experience e.g. in an experiment)

From this, Ayer claims that:

*Theism is so confused and the sentences in which 'God' appears so incoherent and so incapable of verifiability or falsifiability that to speak of belief or unbelief, faith or unfaith, is logically impossible.*

Language, Truth and Logic (1936)