

# TRUTH AND TRUTHMAKERS

## A REVIEW

*Truth and Truthmakers*

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The relation between a truth and the world  
Is a truthmaker, he holds, – the things that make a  
truth be true.

“A man exists” is true, what makes it so?

Why, a man existing – so Armstrong wrote, a while ago.

He walks us through the different ones  
– The possible, the general, the future truths –  
A clearly written quest for what  
Makes truths like these truths come out true.

A truth, a world, and a relation betwixt.  
But what is the truth thus to the maker related?  
Armstrong asks and quickly answers:  
A proposition, but do not ask for details!

He takes propositions to be  
Intentional objects of the sort that true or false can be.  
Some of them, not part of his ontology: This makes it not  
Easier to see how they – internally, necessarily –  
Coupled to their makers are.

Among the central claims of his is that  
A truthmaker necessitates its truth, and every truth a mak-  
er has.  
Concisely and intelligently on the world-part, yes,  
But to satisfy us that the truth on truth is his  
Much more on truthbearers and the relation needed is.

