

The Liar's Paradox in Tit 1:12

Abstract: It may be taken for granted that the quotation Titus 1:12 contains one of the oldest explicit formulations of the Liar's paradox being of ancient fame and highly interesting in the fields of logic and semantics. Nevertheless, the authority to which Titus 1:12 retraces cannot be discovered without confining to actual existing sources. Though a certain Epimenides used to be reputed the original author from who the quotation is allegedly derived, this vague assumption has turned out fairly unsubstantial by temporal, historical, and material reasons concerning the Liar's logical content. Therefore, the Liar's paradox should not bear the Epimenides name all the more since Eubulides has always been well known as the contriver of this paradox, although his formulation did not preserve. With respect to this antinomy's semantics Chrysippus, Ockham, Paul of Venice, Russell, Tarski, and others are mentioned. The solution proved out in terms of the object language-metalanguage distinction alluding connections to the theory of types and relating semantic foundations.