Some Important Intellectual Standards

Remember that good thinkers decide what to believe using intellectual standards. Here are brief definitions of some of the most important ones:

Clarity:
understandable, nothing is confusing about it

Accuracy:
correct, true, not distorted

Precision:
containing the details needed to solve a problem

Relevance:
relating to the matter at hand, directly connected

Depth:
containing complexities that need to be thought through

Breadth:
involving more than one point of view

Logic:
the parts make sense together, no contradictions

Significance:
focusing on the important, not trivial

Fairness:
considering the thoughts and views of relevant others, not selfish