

Thoughts

Truth

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Saul Alinsky () said: "I have never been sure I am right, but I'm also sure nobody else has this thing called love."

Roger Bacon (1214-1292) said: "There are four principal stumbling blocks to comprehending truth, which hinder well-nigh every scholar: the example of frail and unworthy authority, long-established custom, the sense of the ignorant crowd, and the hiding of one's ignorance under the shadow of wisdom."

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) said: "Whatever is only almost true is quite false, and among the most dangerous of errors, because being so near truth, it is the more likely to lead astray."

Niels Bohr () said: "The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth."

Viscount Henry St. John Bolingbroke (1678-1751) said: "Truth lies within a little and certain compass, but error is immense."

Viscount Henry St. John Bolingbroke (1678-1751) said: "Plain truth will influence half a score of men at most in a nation, or an age, while mystery will lead millions by the nose."

P. W. Bridgman () said: "For of course the true meaning of a term is to be found by observing what a man does with it, not by what he says about it."

Eddie Cantor () said: "Truth or Tact? You have to choose. Most times they are not compatible."

Confucius (c. 551-479 B.C.) said: "It is not truth that makes man great, but man who makes truth great."

Thomas Cooper (1759-1839) said: "Fraud and falsehood only dread examination. Truth invites it."

John Cournos () said: "An intimate truth is also a universal truth."

Charles Darwin (1809-1882) said: "False views... do very little harm, for everyone takes a salutary pleasure in proving their falseness; and when this is done, one path towards error is closed, and the road to truth is often at the same time opened."

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) said: "Tell the truth/But tell it slant."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930) said: "...when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) said: "No man thoroughly understands a truth until he has contended against it."

Dag Hammarskjold () said: "The truth is so simple that it is regarded as pretentious banality."

Campbell M Gold (1951-) said: "Truth? ...What truth?"

Adolf Hitler () said: "The victor will never be asked if he told the truth."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr () said: "The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market."

Herman Melville (1819-1891) said: "What plays the mischief with the truth is that men will insist upon the universal application of a temporary feeling or opinion."

John Stuart Mill (1806-1873) said: "The dictum that truth always triumphs over persecution is one of those pleasant falsehoods which men repeat after one another till they pass into commonplace, but which all experience refutes."

Laurence J. Peter () said: "The credibility gap is so wide that our suspicions are confirmed by any official denial."

Luigi Pirandello () said: "Truth - what we think it is at any given moment of time."

Hans Reichenbach () said: "I have come to the conclusion that a person should never accept any statement or even fact as being the absolute truth... No statement should be believed merely because it has been made by an authority."

Hans Reichenbach () said: "If error is corrected whenever it is recognized as such, the path of error is the path of truth."

Vilhjalmur Stefansson () said: "The most striking contradiction of our civilization is the fundamental reverence for truth which we profess, and the thorough-going disregard for it which we practice."

Frank Lloyd Wright () said: "The truth is more important than the facts."

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