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Definition of "truth" (a noun):

1. the quality or state of being true
2. that which is true; statement, etc. that accords with fact or reality
3. an established or verified fact, principle, etc.
4. a particular belief or teaching regarded by the speaker as the true one

Truth is Supreme:

Truth lacks nothing.

Cannot be improved upon.

It is sound, flawless, excellent, pure,

Strong in its own strength.

Truth is Absolutely Perfect.

Truth Invites Scrutiny:

Truth stands on its own merits,

Doesn't shrink from inquiry,

Doesn't fear test or trials,

For it contains nothing false...

The Truth has nothing to hide.

Truth Is Not Affected By:

Examination or Investigation,

Criticism or Condemnation,

Questions or Doubt,

Feelings or Wishful Thinking,

Approval or Disapproval,

Appreciation or Recognition,

Acceptance, Rejection or Denial.

Truth Cannot Be Altered or Eliminated:

Not by time or chance,

Nor with words or money.

Truth cannot be harmed or killed,

Nor eradicated or annihilated.

For Truth is indestructible,

Will never perish, cannot die,

Truth endures forever.

Truth cannot be erased or modified,

Is established, constant, fixed,

Remains the same and ever will remain...

For Truth is incorruptible.

His Truth endures to ALL generations, Ps. 100:5

Truth Is Not Influenced or Offended By:

The process of discovery,

Nor by the personality, motives

Or emotions of the source

Expressing or exposing it.

So delve into it and prove it.

Question, doubt, test and check;

Investigate, explore, probe and examine,

Research, challenge, verify and confirm,
Analyze, evaluate and judge.

The Truth will come forth as gold.

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding, Prov. 23:23

Truth is the property of no individual, but is the treasure of all men. Author Unknown

Truth Is Feared:

Some go to great lengths...
To conceal, disguise or obscure the Truth.
To squelch, cover up, obstruct or hinder it.
Some attempt to restore or revive it.
Others to remodel, replace or redesign it,
Using deception, dishonesty and omission;
Substituting half-Truths, fabrications,
Fables. Who are they fooling?
Those who change Truth into a lie
Have nothing to fear...
But Time and Truth,
For the Truth will Out.

Truth Is Truth, Regardless Of:

Who perceives it, or fails to recognize it;
Who understands it or misunderstands it;
Who agrees or disagrees with it;
Who believes or disbelieves it;
Who accepts, objects or rejects it;
Who is convinced or unconvinced of it;
Who accuses or excuses it;
Who proves it or seeks to disprove it;
Who opposes, challenges, questions or doubts it;
Who misinterprets, misconstrues, perverts or distorts it.
Whether it is spoken, written or acted out;
Whether it is withheld, omitted, falsified;
Whether it is expressed, suppressed, or unexpressed;
Whether it is disputed, contested or tried;
Whether it is covered up or uncovered;
Whether it is revealed or concealed.

For Truth is Truth...independently of man.

If it is the truth, what does it matter who says it? (Anonymous)

"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." 2 Cor. 13:8

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Gal. 4:16

JEWELS OF TRUTH

Truth does not mind being questioned...a lie does not like being challenged. (author unknown)

Truth is the foundation of all knowledge and the cement of all societies. (John Dryden)

There are just two kinds of people: One to whom Belief...is more precious than Truth,
And the other to whom Truth...is more precious than Belief. (Author Unknown)

This above all: TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE. And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.
(William Shakespeare from Hamlet)

As one may bring himself to believe almost anything he is inclined to believe, it makes all the difference whether we begin or end with the inquiry, 'What is truth?' (Whately)

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.
(Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher 1788 – 1860)

I shall conquer untruth with truth (Mahatma Gandhi)

It is strange but true; for truth is always strange, stranger than fiction. (G. G. N. Byron)

Truth will not break, like a bubble, at a touch; Nay, you may kick it around all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening. (Oliver W. Holmes, Sr.)

Truth is always congruous and agrees with itself; every truth in the universe agrees with all others. (Daniel Webster)

The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice; and her constant companion is humility. (Caleb Colton)

If a thousand old beliefs were ruined in our march to truth we must still march on. (S. A. Brooke)

Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence. (Henri F. Amiel)

Falsehood is in a hurry; it may be at any moment detected and punished; truth is calm, serene; its judgment is on high; its king cometh out of the chambers of eternity. (Joseph Parker)

Every one wishes to have truth on his side, but it is not every one that sincerely wishes to be on the side of truth. (Whately)

Some modern zealots appear to have no better knowledge of truth, nor better manner of judging it, than by counting noses. (Jonathan Swift)

The withholding of truth is sometimes a worse deception than a direct misstatement. (Anonymous)

I have seldom known anyone who deserted the truth in trifles, that could be trusted in matters of importance. (Wm. Paley)

Truth is always consistent with itself, and needs nothing to help it out; it is always near at hand and sits upon our lips, and is ready to drop out before we are aware; whereas a lie is troublesome, and sets a man's invention on the track, and one trick needs a great many more of the same kind to make it good. (John Tillotson)

From the cowardice that shrinks from new truths...

From the laziness that is content with half truths...

From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth...

O God of Truth, deliver us. (Author unknown)

All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered.

The point is to discover them. (Galileo Galilei)

THERE ALWAYS WILL BE GOD!

They cannot shell His temple,
Nor dynamite His throne,
They cannot bomb His city
Nor rob Him of His own;
They cannot take Him captive
Nor strike Him deaf and blind,
Nor starve Him to surrender
Nor make Him change His mind;
They cannot cause Him panic,
Nor cut off His supplies,
They cannot take His kingdom
Nor hurt Him with their lies.
Though all the world be shattered
His truth remains the same,
His righteous law's still potent,
And 'Father' still His name!
Though we face war and struggle
And feel their goad and rod
We know above confusion
There always will be GOD !!!

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