

Looking the Truth in the Eye

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While I will never be perfect (for perfection is an illusion), I will strive towards honesty.

“If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it.” ~Marcus Aurelius

Everything and everyone has potential, though many people don't believe in it. I want to help draw that potential out, and aid in the movement to shape that potential into substance. My torch for this journey shall be honesty. I will speak as truthfully as I can, acknowledging my own short-sightedness and expanding my truths by listening to the truths of others. Every event has as many sides as a jewel; each person sees a different side, and no two are ever quite the same. It is only by seeing as many truths and as many sides as possible, that one can see the whole figure and, therefore, study and know it truthfully.

Historically, we are remembered only by what people know about us. If we are known to be liars, we will be remembered as liars. If we are known as honest people, we will be remembered as honest people. We can be remembered for who and what we are, but only if we let people know who and what we are.

Lies are fiction. I admit to being a lover of fiction and an artistic portrayer of it. However, to live a story is much different than telling one. To tell a story is to let it be known as fiction, but to tell a lie is to try and make what is fake a reality to at least one person. To make it a reality, we must act as if we remember it as such, creating a web of false thoughts, sayings, and pretenses to illustrate the illusions. As Mark Twain once said, **“If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything”**. Being honest can be a stress reliever in that way; you don't have to keep spinning the web.

I don't expect many others to agree with me on many things, especially not on my personal philosophies and opinions. However, I refuse to lie about them, nor lie about my emotions, because in doing so I can express who I am rather than what is convenient at the moment. I want to be remembered for what I was, what I am. So I speak my truths.

Lies may be a jump out of harm's way, but the truth is the ground under your feet; without it, you will fall.