

# What is Truth?

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What is Truth? That is a plain question for which there is a plain answer. Truth is knowledge based on facts. So, the germane question is what is a fact? That question too has a plain answer. A fact is knowledge that has been tried, tested, and found to be impervious to change. A fact is armor against deception.

*Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God. (1 Corinthians 3:18-19)*

This admonition is a warning to beware of the swill of talk that inundates the world. In the swirl of nonsense that emanates from chattering mouths, lies are packaged as truth. In the natural world, lying is unknown. Thus, deceit is a perversion of nature and a corrupter of the human spirit. Lies inflict damage on the human psyche that can be and often is catastrophic. The brain erodes, becomes sick, and the person's psyche tumbles to a place of darkness.

*Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad. (Proverbs 12:25)*

Lies can be lethal. This outcome can happen because the mental processes of the human brain, not being a contrivance of man but a creation of a Higher Power through nature, is structured to receive Truth, not lies. For instance, consider this simple example:

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

The above equation is a FACT. One plus one DOES equal two. However, a conniver may for whatever reason, invariably selfish and destructive, insist that one plus one equals three or thirty or one billion, and try to package this lie in such a way as to convince others equally unenlightened and susceptible to lies, of its truthfulness.

People who peddle lies are motivated by evil intentions.

***Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy. (Proverbs 12:20)***

Freemasonry teaches Freemasons to treasure and embrace Truth. When a Freemason takes his obligation on the Volume of Sacred Law, which is the spiritual source that empowers Freemasonry, he makes a solemn pledge to honor Truth and reject deceit. By doing this, the Freemason is brought and symbolically becomes a pillar of moral strength whose actions can benefit the world and make the world a better place in which to live.

***The wicked covet the catch of evil men, but the root of the righteous yield fruit. (Proverbs 12:12)***

**Source: *The Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1990.***