

## About Truth

“And the truth will set you free” (John 8:32)

But historically, many people have been punished, imprisoned, and even executed for telling the plain, simple truth.

The world will reject you for telling the truth, just as the world rejected the source of truth, Jesus Christ.

Telling the truth and fighting for justice are ways of giving praise to God.

Telling the truth in the face of corruption and tyranny is what patriots and saints do.

The truth disturbs and upsets cowards, legalists, and tyrants. The truth provokes the tyrant.

Giving immunity to public officials makes every public official a despot.

“If the truth exists, it deserves to be known.” (Sir Francis Bacon)

“A blind faith in authority is the worse enemy of the truth.” (Isaac Einstein)

There is no fear of God in an unholy heart.

Freedom, justice, and liberty are not sustained by a complacent citizenry.

“The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it.” (Flannery O’Conner)

“To be silent in the face of corruption or tyranny, is to be in contempt of both truth and justice. We each have a legal and moral duty to speak.” (United States vs. Prudden, 424 F. 2d. 1021 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir) (1970).

“It takes courage, commitment, and sacrifice to speak out.’ (Pg. IX, “Guardianships and the Elderly”, Dr. Sam Sugar)

A person cannot just ignore corruption or injustice and then still call themselves “civilized”.

A real patriot is always obnoxious to the “status quo”.

“Many people prefer a comfortable lie to an uncomfortable truth ...” (Pg. 97, “Demagoguery and Democracy” by Patricia Roberts-Miller, ISBN 978-1-61519-676-0 (2017)

To search for the truth is a state of mind.

To find the truth, you must follow the clues by asking the right questions.

“There is no truth without evidence.” (pg. 139, “The Six Secrets of Intelligence” by Craig Adams)

“The starting point of truth is reality.” (pg. 142, Ibid)

“Identity is an individually interpreted concept.” (pg. 151, Ibid)

“Sometimes the biggest ideas are the most dangerous.” (pg. 44, Ibid)

Daniel the prophet condemned two corrupt judges, and before the sun set that day, both corrupt judges were in hell. (Daniel 13: 1 – 64)

On the day of the Last Judgment, we will all go up before a real judge, in a real court, with real justice; and that judge has already called legalists “hypocrites” and a “brood of vipers” and then warned them of hell. (Matt 23)

While prophetic messages sometimes bore on the future, their primary concern was with contemporary events in the public sphere of social life and politics, national and international. They focus on public morality, the treatment of the poor and disadvantaged, and **the abuse of power, especially of the judicial system**. They pass judgement in the strongest terms on the moral conduct of rulers and the ruling class, in the belief that a society that does not practice justice and righteousness will not survive.

(pg. 988, "The Catholic Study Bible" second edition, NAB, ISBN 978-0-19-529775-1) (2011)

(My emphasis in **bold**.)

The Greek philosopher Plato said something like: "There will be times when the person who tells the truth will be called insane and a fool."