**Truth**

**But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;   
for he will not speak from himself, but what he hears he will speak,   
and make known to you the things to come in the future.**

**He will glorify me, because he will take of my own and give it to you.**

***(St. John 16:13-14)***

**Finally, my brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honest,**

**whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,**

**whatever is of good report;**

**if there is any virtue and if there is any praise,**

**think about these things.  *(Philippians 4:8)***

**We must accept truth even if it changes our point of view. *(George Sand)***

**Add one small bit to the truth and you inevitably subtract from it. *(Dell Crossword Puzzles)***

**The ultimate aim of the human mind, in all its efforts, is to become acquainted with Truth. *(Eliza Farnham, American reformer)***

**A good lie finds more believers than a bad truth. *(German proverb)***

**A truth that's told with bad intent / Beats all the lies you can invent. *(William Blake)***

**There exists an obvious fact that seems utterly moral: namely, that a man is always a prey to his truths. Once he has admitted them, he cannot free himself from them. *(Albert Camus)***

**They say that in the end truth will triumph, but it's a lie. *(Anton Chekhov)***

**Men stumble over the truth from time to time, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened. *(Winston Churchill)***

**The truth may be as clear as a bell, but it's not always tolled. *(Phil Barnhart, in Seasonings for Sermons)***

**Truth is not a diet but a condiment. *(Christopher Darlington Morley, American journalist)***

**Those who know the truth are not equal to those who live it. *(Confucius)***

**It is twice as hard to crush a half-truth as a whole lie. *(Austin O'Malley)***

**Truth is the cry of all, but the game of few. (*George Berkeley, Irish philosopher)***

**Sign in front of the Memorial Baptist Church in Tulsa: “Help stop truth decay.” *(Fred Stites)***

**Truth is a demure lady, much too ladylike to knock you on the head and drag you to her cave. She is there, but the people must want her, and seek her out. *(William F. Buckley, Jr., Universal Press Syndicate)***

**The Truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind. *(Emily Dickinson)***

**Truth which is merely told is quick to be forgotten; truth which is discovered lasts a lifetime. *(William Barclay, biblical scholar)***

**Truth always originates in a minority of one, and every custom begins as a broken precedent. *(Will Durant)***

**There are certain truths that are true no matter how much we may deny them. In the economic realm, for instance, you cannot legislate the poor into independence by legislating the wealthy out of it. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it. Government cannot give to people what it does not first take away from people. And that which one man receives without working for, another man must work for without receiving. *(Kenneth W. Sollitt)***

**If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor. *(Albert Einstein)***

**An epigram is a half-truth so stated as to irritate the person who believes the other half. *(Shailer Mathews)***

**Rose: “Miss Harris liked my essay on my summer vacation to Mars. But she was hoping I’d write about true events! So I’ll start putting more fact into my fiction!” Angel: “I’m your biggest truth fan!” *(Pat Brady & Don Wimmer, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

**Nothing is too wonderful to be true, if it be consistent with the laws of nature. *(Michael Faraday)***

**It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions. *(T. H. Huxley)***

**Facts and truth really don't have much to do with each other. *(William Faulkner)***

**I heard a good story today, which I think you will appreciate. A Christian Science child fell down the stairs while carrying her little dog, Fido. Fido fell out of her arms and they bumped together all the way down the stairs. At the bottom, the mother came running, saying, “Oh! darling, are you hurt?” The little one replied, “No, mamma; I’m all right, for every time I hit a step I said, ‘Truth! Truth!’ But I think Fido’s pretty badly hurt, for every time he hit he said, ‘Er-or! Er-or! Er-or!’” *(W. W., in Weekly Unity, March 12, 1913)***

**Fiction reveals truths that reality obscures. *(Jessamyn West)***

**Being right half the time beats being half right all the time. *(Malcolm Forbes)***

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**Truth never damages a cause that is just. *(Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader)***

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**An exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper. *(Kahlil Gibran)***

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**The color of truth is gray. *(Andre Gide)***

**Believe those who are seeking the truth; doubt those who find it. *(Andre Gide, French author)***

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**I didn’t invent the world I write about – it’s all true. *(Graham Greene, British author)***

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**How True:**

**No one needs a vacation as much as the person who just had one. *(Ann Landers, Creators Syndicate)***

**I never thought I'd see the day when TV dinners had more taste than TV. *(Angie Papadakis)***

**The trouble with cash flow is that the tide always seems to be going out. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**Some kids today have a strange view of history -- they think B.C. means “before cable." *(The American Legion Magazine)***

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**Truth isn’t always beauty, but the hunger for it is. *(Nadine Gordimer)***

**People often claim to hunger for truth, but seldom like the taste when it’s served up. *(George R. R. Martin, author)***

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**Truth hurts – not the searching after: the running from. *(John Eyberg)***

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**Proverbs are always platitudes until you have personally experienced the truth of them. *(Aldous Huxley)***

**You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad as hell. *(Aldous Huxley)***

**Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored. *(Aldous Huxley, in Proper Studies)***

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**In his analysis of “truth," a student of “deep" named Sam Keen wrote: “We have to move from the illusion of certainty to the certainty of illusion." *(L. M. Boyd)***

**We have to live today by what truth we can get today and be ready tomorrow to call it falsehood. *(William James)***

**There is no truth existing which I fear, or would wish unknown to the whole world. *(Thomas Jefferson)***

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**In order that all men may be taught to speak truth, it is necessary that all likewise should learn to hear it. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**Fraud and falsehood only dread examination. Truth invites it. *(Samuel Johnson)***

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**The great enemy of truth is very often not the lie – deliberate, contrived, and dishonest – but the myth – persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. *(John F. Kennedy)***

**I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. *(Martin Luther King, Jr.)***

**The truth is always eloquent. *(Stephen King)***

**Fiction is Truth’s elder sister. *(Rudyard Kipling)***

**The truth knocks on the door and you say, “Go away, I’m looking for the truth,” and so it goes away. *(Robert M. Pirsig, in Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance)***

**This is not an easy attitude of mind. To really know the Truth means so much more than knowing about the Truth. You may read many books and take many courses of study. You may even acquire a fine intellectual grasp of metaphysical principles. But to know the Truth you must keep on, beyond the end of the book, beyond the conclusion of the course of lessons. You must keep on until you catch on. It is not something you come to, but something that comes to you. It is an inward revelation. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover The Power Within You, p. 59)***

**Truth is like a flame without form. No man can describe it, but by the Light of Truth you must walk. *(Krishnamurti)***

**I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts. *(The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln, edited by Alex Ayres, p. 186)***

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**A man that seeks truth and loves it must be reckoned precious to any human society. *(Epictetus)***

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**The great truths are too important to be new. *(Somerset Maugham)***

**What ails the truth is that it is mainly uncomfortable, and other dull. The human mind seeks something more amusing, more caressing. *(H. L. Mencken)***

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**The truth never becomes clear as long as we assume that each one of us, individually, is the center of the universe. *(Thomas Merton)***

**If I insist on giving you my truth, and never stop to receive your truth in return, there can be no truth between us. (Thomas Merton, Trappist monk)**

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**I speak truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little the more, as I grow older. *(Montaigne)***

**Where’d we get that phrase “naked truth”? From an old fable. Two goddesses, Truth and Falsehood, went swimming. Falsehood got out of the water first and put on Truth’s clothes. Truth chose not to wear Falsehood’s cover, so went home naked. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**In the mountains of truth, you never climb in vain. *(Nietzsche)***

**The truth is not always dressed for the evening. *(Margaret Lewerth, in Stuyvesant Square)***

**First man: “Truth is dead. I’ve written its obituary. Truth, the key building block in human cultural evolution, was pronounced dead today. Friends said truth had been ailing for years, plagued by political and corporate duplicity. The final cause of death was lies.” Second man: “Parachute accident would’ve been cool.” *(Darrin Bell & Theron Heir, in Rudy Park comic strip)***

**The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it. *(George Orwell)***

**Poetry is truth in its Sunday clothes. *(Joseph Roux)***

**An old error is always more popular than a new truth. *(German proverb)***

**I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth – and truth rewarded me. *(Simone de Beauvoir)***

**Eternal truths will be neither true nor eternal unless they have fresh meaning for every new social situation. *(Franklin D. Roosevelt)***

**We have to change truth a little in order to remember it. *(George Santayana)***

**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, philosopher)***

**Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now -- always. *(Albert Schweitzer)***

**Science has promised us truth. It has never promised us either peace or happiness. *(Gustave Le Bon)***

**Every day that you attempt to see things as they are in truth is a supremely successful day. *(Vernon Howard)***

**All great truths begin as blasphemies. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Truth is shorter than fiction. *(Irv Cohen)***

**Every time you try to smother a truth, two others get their breath. *(Bill Copeland, in Sarasota, Florida, Journal)***

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**The truth is always something that is told, not something that is known. If there were no speaking or writing, there would be no truth about anything. *(Susan Sontag)***

**Charles and Myrtle Fillmore never thought of Truth as something to be learned out of books alone or to be absorbed wholly from teachers. They thought of Truth as something that each individual must finally discover for himself in himself. *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity, p. 59)***

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**I can prove anything by statistics – except the truth. *(George Canning)***

**As scarce as truth is, the supply seems greater than the demand. *(Adlai Stevenson)***

**Truth, like surgery, may hurt, but it cures. *(Han Suyin)***

**If you add to the truth, you subtract from it. *(The Talmud)***

**There is more truth in honest doubt than in all the religions of the world. *(Tennyson)***

**Of course, it's the same old story. Truth usually is the same old story. *(Margaret Thatcher)***

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**It takes two to speak truth – one to speak and another to hear. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**The only way to speak the truth is to speak lovingly. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

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**Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold. *(Leo Tolstoy)***

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**If something’s true, you don’t have to believe in it. *(Lily Tomlin)***

**If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in the library? *(Lily Tomlin)***

**The best mind-altering drug is truth. *(Lily Tomlin)***

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**In truth we trust. Can I trust you with the truth? How truthful are you? What’s the truth? Truth is integrity, honesty, beauty and trust. *(Todd Siler, in Truizms)***

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**When in doubt, speak the truth. *(Mark Twain)***

**Mark Twain said that he had never known a real seeker after truth. Sooner or later everyone engaged in that search found what they were looking for and gave up the quest. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth isn't. *(Mark Twain)***

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**Truth is a universal language that we all can see, even if we don't believe it. *(Todd Siler, in Truizms)***

**There is nothing so powerful as truth -- and often nothing so strange. *(Daniel Webster)***

**Prime ministers are wedded to the truth, but like other married couples they sometimes live apart. *(Saki)***

**There are no whole truths; all truths are half-truths. It is trying to treat them as whole truths that plays the devil. *(Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician)***

**The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**Wise are they who have learned these truths: Trouble is temporary. Time is tonic. Tribulation is a test tube. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**We taste and feel and see the truth. We do not reason ourselves into it. *(William Butler Yeats)***

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