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"AND THE TRUTH WILL ..."

The following Greek folktale clearly points out that the person of character not only loves truth for its own sake, but is seriously hurt by lying and deceit. Deception and deceit, and their consequences, are far more painful for that person than bearing the hardships that sometimes accompany honesty. Ask Mother Teresa.

Once upon a time Truth and Falsehood met each other on the road. "Good afternoon," said Truth. "Good afternoon," returned Falsehood. "And how are you doing these days?" "Not very well at all, I'm afraid," sighed Truth. "The times are tough for a fellow like me, you know." "Yes, I can see that," said Falsehood, glancing up and down at Truth's ragged clothes. "You look like you haven't had a bite to eat in quite some time."

"To be honest, I haven't," admitted Truth. "No one seems to want to employ me nowadays. Wherever I go, most people ignore me or mock me or tell falsehoods as if they were true. It's getting discouraging, I can tell you. I'm beginning to ask myself why I put up with it." "And why the devil do you? Come with me, and I'll show you how to get along. There's no reason in the world why you can't stuff yourself with as much as you want to eat, like me, and dress in the finest clothes, like me. But you must promise not to say a word against me while we're together."

So Truth promised and agreed to go along with Falsehood for a while, not because he liked his company so much, but because he was so hungry he thought he'd faint soon if he didn't get something into his stomach. They walked down the road until they came to a city, and Falsehood at once led the way to the very best table at the very best restaurant.

"Waiter, bring us your choicest meats, your sweetest sweets, your finest wine!" he called, and they ate and drank all afternoon. At last, when they could hold no more, Falsehood began banging his fist on the table and calling for the manager, who came running at once.

"What the devil kind of place is this?" Falsehood snapped. "I gave that waiter a gold piece nearly an hour ago, and he still hasn't brought our change." The manager summoned the waiter, who said he'd never even seen a penny out of the gentleman.

"What?" Falsehood shouted, so that everyone in the place turned and looked. "I can't believe this place! Innocent, law-abiding citizens come in to eat, and you rob them of their hard-earned money! You're a pack of thieves and liars! You may have fooled me once, but you'll never see me again! Here!" He threw a gold piece at the manager. "Now this time bring me my change!"

The manager, fearing his restaurant's reputation would suffer, refused to take the gold piece, and instead brought Falsehood change for the first gold piece he claimed to have spent. Then he took the waiter aside and called him a scoundrel, and said he had a mind to fire him. And as much as the waiter protested that he'd never collected a cent from the man, the manager refused to believe him.

"Oh Truth, where have you gone? the waiter sighed. "Have you now deserted even us hard-working people?" "No, I'm here," Truth groaned to himself, "but my judgment gave way to my hunger, and now I can't speak up without breaking my promise to Falsehood."

As soon as they were on the street, Falsehood gave a hearty laugh and slapped Truth on the back. "You see how the world works?" he cried. "I managed it all quite well, don't you think?" But Truth slipped from his side. "I'd rather starve than live as you do," he said. And so Truth and Falsehood went their separate ways, and never traveled together again.

"O what a web we weave when at first we practice to deceive."

As the story goes, Greek sculptor Phidias was busy chiseling the strands of hair on the back of the head of his statue of Athena which was to stand in the Acropolis. A passerby posed a question: "That figure is to stand 100 feet high, with its back to a marble wall. Who will ever know what details you are putting behind there?" Phidias replied. "I will."

A DROP OF RAIN

A Baptist Pastor, Jeff Morton of Hillsdale Baptist Church in Dickenson, North Dakota, recently told the following story: A man arrives at Heaven's gates. "Religion?" St. Peter asks. "Methodist", replies the man. "Room 24. But be quiet as you pass room 8," Peter says.

Another man arrives at the gate. "Religion?" St Peter asks. "Pentecostal." "Room 37 but be quiet as you pass room 8." Peter says.

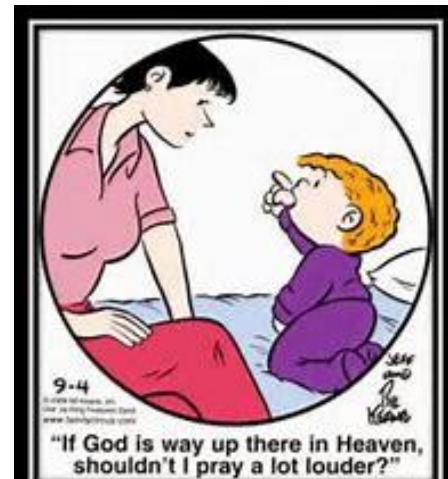
A third man arrives at the gate. "Religion?" Peter asks. "Presbyterian" the man responds. "Room 14 but be quiet as you pass room 8." Peter says.

The man asks " Why do I have to be quiet when I pass room 8?" "That's where the Baptists are and they think they are the only one's here."

There is a Persian myth that says when you die and go to heaven you will be judged in the following manner. God has a balance scale. On one side of the balance God places a feather and on the other side your heart. If your heart is as light as a feather you are welcomed into heaven. The moral of the story is - **Lighten Up!**

Some real life church announcements in the church bulletin.

1. The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 P.M. The congregation is invited to this tragedy.
2. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
3. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
4. A song fest was hell at the Methodist church on Wednesday.
5. The pastor will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy".
6. Ushers will eat latecomers.
7. Don't let worry kill you off. Let the church help!
8. Today's sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? - with hymns from a full choir.
9. For those who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
10. The Ladies Bible Study will meet in the Hall. All are invited to lunch after the B. S. is done.
11. The Low Self-Esteem group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.
12. Weight Watcher's will meet at 7:30 PM. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
13. The pastor would appreciate if the ladies would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast.



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VISION AND REALITY

"It's not so much that things we know that hurt us as the things we *"know"* that ain't so." Will Rogers

PLANNED PARENTHOOD was founded in 1916 by Margaret Sanger. She was a strong advocate of controlling the birth of "undesirables" (the poor, minorities, disabled, mentally deficient etc.) Witness her words: ***"Birth control must ultimately lead to a cleaner race." "The government should give certain dysgenic groups (those with bad genes) in our population their choice of segregation or sterilization."*** - 'A Plan for Peace' Margaret Sanger in the Birth Control Review April 1932 pages 1007-08.

"The most merciful thing a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it." 'The Woman Rebel' Vol.1 No.1 Reprinted in "Women and the New Race, N.Y. Brentanos Publ. 1922

"I admire Margaret Sanger enormously; her courage, her tenacity, her vision." - Guess who???

Is Planned Parenthood a part of the greatest human rights violation of our time? Ask Mother Teresa.

Charges to businesses for tissue procurement.

BABY PARTS FOR SALE!

Payments From Researcher/Customer to Procurement Business	
FETAL BRAINS - EACH	▶ \$3,340
HUMAN FETAL TISSUE, 10 AT \$595 EACH	▶ \$5,950
UPPER AND LOWER LIMBS WITH HANDS AND FEET	▶ \$890
BABY SKULL MATCHED TO UPPER AND LOWER LIMBS	▶ \$595
SOURCE: U.S. HOUSE SELECT INVESTIGATIVE PANEL	

Your tax dollars at work!

"We must not become comfortable with evil that has grown respectable with age." - Thoreau

"Don't be so open-minded that your brains fall out."

"Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. Then for the second time in the history of the world man will have discovered fire." Teilhard de Chardin, S.J

LENT- My wife's video "AN EASTER SONG" is a good-look for Lent. -on the TV screen, if possible. Go to Youtube, CINDYJOPFEIFFER. -and videos, "A Retreat with Mary" and "Abba Father" will also touch your heart.

Each night, join with millions of your fellow Americans, at 9 PM EST for one minute and pray that God will come back into our country's life IN ALL WAYS. Things are happening. It is working. **Things done in darkness are coming to light!** Prayer is power!! Cindy and I have our Echo Dot ring each night at 9 O'clock. -and for one minute we pray.

SPEAKING SOFTLY

THE BLACK BALLOON

A little African American boy was watching the balloon man at the Country Fair. The man was evidently a good salesman, because he allowed a red balloon to break loose and soar high up in the air, thereby attracting a crowd of prospective young customers.

Next he released a blue balloon, then a yellow one, and a white one. They all went soaring up into the sky until they disappeared. The little black boy stood looking at the black balloon for a long time, then asked, "Sir, if you sent the black one up, would it go as high as the others?"

The balloon man gave the kid an understanding smile. He snapped the string that held the black balloon in place and, as it soared upward, said, "It isn't the color, son. It's what's inside that makes it rise."

In some places in India this is how they catch a monkey.

The hunters build a box and put a hole in box just large enough that the monkey can put his hand into the box. Inside the box they place a large nut that the monkeys love to eat. The monkey inserts his hand into the box, grabs the nut and his hand increases in size by the size of the nut. Now, the monkey can no longer pull his hand out of the box unless he releases the nut.

About 40% of the monkeys refuse to give up the nut and are easily captured. FREEDOM OR THE NUT?

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