

FORUM: THE TRUTH UNBRIDLED

# FROM WHICH WISE MEN PROFIT, NOT DESTROY

Nobody dies nowadays of fatal truth; There are too many antidotes to them

The one thing people fear or cherish the most is the truth. I say fear, because as it has been stated over and over again, "the truth hurts." It comes in the form of criticism, complaint, or compliment. True, criticism can be helpful in some respects, but people try to avoid it as much as possible. Complaint is similar to criticism. Paying compliments to someone is the most accepted form of truth today. Everyone likes to hear someone tell him when he is looking good.

Complaint and criticism are considered fatal truth. As I stated before, no one likes criticism (even constructive). There are different methods used to escape the reality of truth. A lot of people try to drink their problems away, while others try to pretend that it was never said or never happened. In some cases, eating is used to drain their sorrows. Another method is drugs and marijuana. Young adults use these methods to escape from strict parental guidance or other such problems.

These antidotes are becoming a chronic problem in our society. We are constantly plagued with alcoholics and dope addicts. It seems rather strange to solve a problem with a problem.

Sharon Washington

The world is beautiful, but has a disease called man

Certainly there is a great deal of validity in the above statement. To get a better look at the situation let us first take a look at the world without man, and then later insert him back into the picture.

First of all, when we think of the world, we think of those things controlled ultimately by God, or the things that have no control over themselves. These things are seen in the form of the elements of nature. The forces of nature function in perfect harmony with one another when interrelated with. Nature supplies its own needs and operates like a well-constructed machine, in carrying out its respective duties. Since man is not around, this harmony, balance, and self-supplication continues infinitely. The operation of nature is beauty at its best.

Now let us put man into the already well-balanced forces of nature and see what happens. Here it comes! The pollution of the water, the burning down of our forests and timberlands, exhaust fumes from automobiles and smog from factories polluting the air and the destruction of the soil due to the casting away of solid waste materials. All of these problems are created by the superior being called man, the being who has the ability to think for himself, and to determine his own destiny. Man was made more in the image of God than any other being, yet he seems to be working in direct discord with that which the master has provided for him. While looking back and viewing the situation without man and taking in view the situation with man, there is only one logical conclusion to be made. Man is the epidemic plaguing the world, and he is out to destroy himself.

Dean Satterfield

Necessity is the argument of tyrants

Necessity is a great need for something. A tyrant is a person who exercises his authority in an oppressive manner.

Tyrannical men and women want something very badly, bad enough to do any-

Do not get angry with me if I tell you the truth

There are people in our society and there are PEOPLE. Some can take the truth, and some simply cannot, those who cannot live a lie day after day until truth no longer has any meaning to them. Such a person is our lowly president, Charles Lyons.

I could say, "Mr. President, do not get angry with me if I tell you the truth." Little good that would do because the truth is that he can not bear the truth. It disgusts him so he turns his back on it, and he is known to take almost any kind of action when it once again confronts him. His most powerful scapegoat so far has been the position and jobs of his faculty members.

There are others for whom truth has become a necessity and a guideline for their lives. Such people make up our student body. We have found out the truth about our half-hearted administration. What was in the dark has come to the light and has definitely made us angry, angry enough to stop and look at ourselves, then take the first steps toward making a right out of a wrong. We don't want "Charles" to be angry with us when he finds that the truth has given him a seat on the opposite side of somebody's desk.

Ruby McEachin

If you wish to know what a man is, place him in authority

Man is a peculiar being. God has made him the supreme being here on earth. As past and present civilizations show, he is always competing with others to be better. This has been done through individual and group efforts.

To demonstrate on the local level how one finds out the real person when he is given authority, I'll give a vivid example. There is a man named Charles A. Lyons, who affects the lives of students here at FSU. After he was placed in the president's position, he actually showed his color. He used his authority to downgrade this school instead of helping it to progress. His personal qualities were being revealed through his actions.

Statewide, there is a prominent figure from the state of Georgia, known by many of us. He is Lester Maddox, a true southerner. His position has given him the opportunity to show others what he really is. It is evident by his actions that he is a firm believer in White supremacy. Now that he has the authority of a governor, he can do what he couldn't do before.

On the national scene, the president of the USA, has shown everyone what he really is. This man has run in countless elections, hoping to gain a position with authority. His position really isn't much because he has a great, many limits. His position is only a status symbol.

thing to get it. In ancient times, the cruel rulers were called tyrants because they wanted only one person to be the ruler in their kingdom. Tyranny was within his staff executives because they wanted to be in the same position as the king. They were the ones who told the soldiers what to do in their own way. To live under one person's rule is not rewarding. The king might like the taxes to be paid one way and the tax payers cannot pay it.

A basketball coach can be used in the same way in that he uses the team the way he wants to, not in the way that the individuals progress. The players cannot talk to the coach man to man because the coach wants everything his way just to suit himself. This whole interpretation says, "If you need something bad enough, you will do nearly anything to get it."

Louis Rodgers

When a person is given authority, he usually thinks it means superiority. His suppressed conscience or subconscious comes to the surface. He does what he "really" wants to do. He does things out of the ordinary. He uses tactic to make believers out of non-believers.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar sums up a person with authority in his poem, "We Wear The Mask."

We wear the mask that grins and lies  
It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes,-  
This debt we pay to human guile;  
With torn and bleeding hearts we smile,  
And mouths with myriad subtleties.

Why should the world be overwise,  
In counting all our tears and sighs?  
Nay, let them only see us, while  
We wear the mask.

We smile, but O great Christ, our cries  
To thee from tortured souls arise.  
We sing, but on, the clay is vile  
Beneath our feet, and long the mile;  
But let the world dream otherwise  
We wear the mask.

Deborah C. Pittman


This quotation means that a person should face the truth, and control his emotions at the same time. Some people may believe a lie so strongly and so long that it becomes a part of them, and when they are told the truth, it makes them angry. People like this must control their feelings, and learn to accept the truth, because the person who tells them the truth does not really mean any harm. Most believers of a lie want everything to go their own way, no matter how the other person may feel; therefore, they turn their backs on any fact that might lead them in believing the truth. Then people have tendency to get angry if a person tries to convince them that they are wrong. The majority of people who get angry in a situation like the one above, know deep down inside that they are the ones who are wrong, and that is the reason they get angry. I will now say to you, "Do not be angry with me if I tell you the truth."

James Gainey

Honesty is the best policy in many situations; however, in giving an honest opinion, you get different reactions from each individual. Some people do not like constructive criticism and find themselves using anger as a general pattern of behavior.

I think a person should use tact in giving an honest opinion about whatever the situation may be, so that the person to whom the advice is given will realize he is being helped in the proper manner and not being belittled.

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