

HONESTY FOR HEAVEN’S SAKE

By Tom Ball

“Honesty is the best policy.”

Ben Franklin

“Honesty is such a lonely word.”

Billy Joel

“If we are not ashamed to think it, we should not be afraid to say it.”

Cicero

“Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty, truth and compassion against injustice, lying and greed. If people did this, it would change the World.”

William Faulkner

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People can’t stop fucking with the truth. Sex, arguments, fighting, backstabbing, office politics. It’s all fucking.

Many scientists are also fucking up the truth, finding what they want to find and reporting it as fact. You argue that the scientific method is faulty in its execution as we

are only human. But science in general has shed so much light. And who would want to live in the past? But given the human race it is amazing that all this fucking with the truth has had some good results.

Ass kissing and deceit is at its peak with politicians. They used to call people around the King or Queen, “courtiers” they had to please the King. Now people belong to a party and toe the party line from leaders who are mediocrities. They help out at the campaign and hope one day to have power as leader. And lobby groups bribe politicians to become corrupt and it is hard to turn down free money. And sometimes the lobby groups are themselves extremists like pro-guns and pro-coal.

All politicians should be vetted to not be corrupt. And should need to pass an Honesty test, an IQ test and a Kind Q test. They should be held to their promises.

The parties all talk about “fiscal responsibility,” but basically run us into debt. In many countries the interest payments on the debt equal to 50% of spending or more. It cannot be sustained.

And people like to fuck around over the environment. Sure, we don’t know why the Earth’s climate is in constant change, but the levels of pollution are outrageous and perhaps will cause catastrophic weather when they could just as easily use solar and wind power instead.

We live in an enlightened age but some people still vote conservative as if being old-fashioned is something to be proud of.

And you need to kiss your lover’s ass and if you fall apart, she will sue the man for as much as she can so that she can have an easy life and do no work.

People tell themselves that flattery will get you nowhere, but most like to be flattered.
Even old women like to be told they are beautiful.

And speaking of fucking reality up, in many countries the spies fuck over radicals and dissenters in any way they can such as through hypnosis, lie detectors and criticism and telling people to stay away from them.

Brain waves which are just another wave, like a radio wave. I suggest to you that sometime soon they will invent MRT (mind reading technology) and people will everywhere have to tell the truth. If so MRT should be available to all, but one should only read another's mind if they give permission. This will create new honesty in romance and the Arts, Business and the Sciences.

In the meantime, lie detectors should be utilized to stop people from dishonesty like ass kissing and outright lies.

People need to get used to telling/thinking the truth. It would take some time.

But as in the past when everyone in the village knew what everyone else was doing honesty is not totally new. But gossip will turn into facts more or less. No one will be allowed to share lies about others.

If the government spies had MRT they could prevent assholes like Hitler from taking control. They would know their intentions. Some evil people will no doubt kill themselves, but the populace won't be troubled with that.

Spies should all be elected not appointed in secrecy.
And should have checks and balances on their power.

People could be rated according to their honesty quotient.

Honest people in our times are rare, just like that ancient Greek who went about with a lantern in broad daylight seeking an honest man. But we can make everyone honest.

And with MRT crime could be virtually eliminated, that is unless criminals possess an anti-MRT device, but that could be overcome.

Criminals would be required to be hypnotised and subject to MRT to alter their thinking.

And take out the violence in movies and end the glorification of criminals.

And what about fiction? You ask. Fiction will still be with us, but needs to have moral lessons or be closely based on reality. Fiction will all be about learning.

And judges should be elected and not appointed by a ruling party. Indeed, we should get rid of party politics all together.

MRT could also create honest Virtual Reality. And with eternal youth, people will take their time with their lives and do it right.

And we should all have a clear conscience about the poor. We should treat them with kindness and respect and make sure all have a home and food and drugs.

Open marriages may become the norm in the later 21st century.

Soul mates will be found on the Internet and you will tell your lovers everything. Perhaps people will get sick and tired of the truth about one lover and quickly seek other lovers. Some might feel that the mysterious truths about your lover, is part of what makes love great.

Maybe you tell yourself that your lover will never grow sick of you and so on. Life is largely illusion.

Maybe people will prefer android love dolls as the best truth. Yet programmed to please you. In such a case the programming will all be subjective.

And people will be honest what kind of child to have and then look at the computer projection of the way your potential baby will work out. No surprises.

And people will have stable friendships and relationships on long space voyages with MRT.

The need for MRT agents will create hundreds of millions of jobs and help make sure that everyone has some use.

And MRT can make everyone into a skilled artist, they just need some inspiration if only to be a camera person or lighting person on a movie set.

And you say animals don't lie and are therefore noble.

And many people deceive themselves. People can occasionally fool a lie detector test if they sincerely believe a lie to be true. But there's no fooling MRT.

And you say all truth is subjective. But this isn't true. Real facts are facts and should not be disputed. But many of the great controversies of our time are polarizing truths. Like communism and capitalism, like fascism and communism, like anarchy and peace, like love and war. Like capitalism and the environment. Kindness and tough love.

It's a matter of philosophy and kindness. We need kind Philosopher Kings.

Some wise people say the middle road is best like Lao-Tse. But it depends on the situation and the opinion of the intellectuals.

We all want free will, but sometimes the truth is subjective. And democracy has often let us down. Still we go on hoping the spies will allow the best and dissuade the worst from seeking power.

You can laugh or cry as the old saying goes.

If you think it is true, then it is true for you. But you will be judged by your lovers, friends and colleagues.

And white lies need to be discouraged. No bending the facts. Some people say lying is an art and is an integral part of our civilization. But the future will be no place for liars or evildoers.

Wise people can tell you if something is true or likely to be true, but in the future, everyone will need to find their own way to the truth.

And you ask, "What about half-truths?" A lie detector can detect that and MRT will discover the whole truth (as you see it).

Catholic Christians had to go to confession. People then thought it was good to purge yourself of misdeeds and lies and deceitful conduct. Perhaps there was some merit in this. And many ancient civilizations taught the people to be good. And honesty and goodness go hand in hand.

And all wise people know that we need to get rid of nuclear weapons and other dangerous weapons and have free trade and free immigration of people's gradually. The UN should be given more power to legislate World affairs. Be an honest broker and send peacekeeping troops into all conflicts.

Space will be no place for advanced weapons. No Star Wars.

In the end, all one can do is to be true to yourself and hope for the best. Be optimistic for heaven's sake. We'll get through it. And we all need to live for the future.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: *I am concerned about honesty in the modern era. Everyone lies and is almost forced to lie. This short treatise is about being honest in the future, but the near future. And I believe these things I talked about will come to pass. If I was to pick someone that inspired this piece, I'd say Plato.*

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