Celebrating the Day of Truth

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Abstract

Truth is the basis of our existence. Therefore, even in our daily lives we should practice telling the truth. Truth leads to consistency, harmony and peace. Even if things go wrong telling the truth will stop further complications and can 'undo' things that went wrong. Telling the truth will even help us to overcome evil practices. If we build a culture of telling the truth people will not do wrong in the first place. However, the reality is that people are more and more lying than telling the truth, at all levels. We are moving towards systems that are based on lies. If we don't follow truth then there will be no mutual trust and it will be very difficult or impossible to do anything at all. Wherever truth is suppressed, there will be considerable inefficiencies and disharmony. Civilization, technological advancement and economic prosperity are only secondary to truth or these will not advance where truth is suppressed. Where truth is suppressed there will not be peace. There is a prophesy that tells us the time will come when it will be impossible to find someone who tells the truth[1] and as we are living in the final days of our world that prophesy seems to start to apply to our time. Celebrating the Day of Truth helps us at least to remind us about truth. It may also help us to build a culture of truth if we understand the problem and practice following truth seriously.

Introduction

The idea of celebrating the Day of Truth happened to me on April Fool's day and since then I understood its significance because truth is the basis for everything good. We have already many days to celebrate worldwide, such as the World's Day of Water, the World's Day of Women etc. We celebrate April Fool's day. So why also not celebrate the Day of Truth (or 'Truth Day')?

What is the significance of telling the truth? How do we celebrate the Day of Truth? What does the Holy Scripture say about truth in the final days of our world?

Discussions

Truth is the base for everything good. Truth is the basis of our existence. We have to tell truth just like we have to eat or drink. Truth brings harmony and peace. Telling lies causes inconsistencies and disharmony. Telling the truth will even help us to overcome evil practices.

Now telling lies seems to be a standard part of our daily life or work, at all levels. Even many people who claim to be spiritual are lying. We are moving towards systems that are based on lies. If there is no truth then there will be no mutual trust and this will lock up everything. How is it possible to do anything if everybody is lying and there is no mutual trust?! Perhaps 'computerize' everything? !

Look at the number of scam websites on the internet! I remember the case when I couldn't find a single web site that I could trust when I was looking for some service on the internet a few months ago! When people cannot be trusted even technology has no use. One can easily find many such examples. It has become much easier to find people and companies operating on the basis of lies than those operating on the basis of truth.

Truth is the basis for everything good, for every system, for every undertaking. We are in the age of information. But truth is not only information. It is different. Let us take a simple example. Suppose we want to help people who are really in need but we have only limited money. How do we know who is really in need of help? It is very difficult if we don't know the truth. If we announce that we will help people in need of help, then many people will gather. This is not a problem because if we truly know the livelihood of each person we can give help only to those who are badly in need. But how do we know each person's economic condition. The only reliable way is if they tell us the truth. But will they tell the truth?!
Truth helps us to achieve much even if we have limited resources.

Absence of conformance to truth in whatever undertakings or systems we build will result in considerable inefficiencies.

Truth has much deeper and wider meaning than presented in the above example. For example, a scientist should be honest to himself and others in searching and presenting scientific findings. People can lie not only to others but also to themselves.

On the Day of Truth we tell other people the truth we know. AND that person who has told the truth on the Day of Truth shall not get any punishment whatsoever for telling the truth. Perhaps those people who were afraid of telling the truth may wait until the Day of Truth because they will not get any punishment. Telling the truth on the Day of Truth shall never be employed to attack other people. On this day we may also confess whatever lies we told before. We should celebrate it in a way that we will have a good memory, perhaps playing, vacations etc.

Celebrating the Day of Truth annually helps us at least to remind us about truth. So that our children celebrating it from childhood become good citizens. To practice only telling the truth. And ultimately we will build a society that has the culture of telling the truth. This will protect truth from being covered up and we can build a culture in which people are not afraid of telling or being confronted with the truth.

 Let us save the Truth before it becomes extinct like the dinosaur or before we have to go to the 'museum' or the 'zoo' to hear or see it.

God is the ultimate truth.

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1. Holy scripture