



THE TRUTH THAT EMBODIES ALL TRUTH

PEOPLE are still going about with their eyes eagerly alight, hunting for the honest man and the honest product.

When that search is rewarded, nothing but betrayal can break or lessen their allegiance.

It has been pathetically true from the beginning of time that men admire honor in others even when they have smirched it in themselves.

Humanity may be a million years old in point of time, but it is as young as this morning's sun in its pursuit of the ideal.

After two thousand years of disappointment and disillusion the eternal verities and the eternal values still prevail.

The elemental truths are still true; the man whose word is good is still the secret hero of our inmost hearts.

We smile, perhaps, at the spectacular triumph of the trickster; but while we smile we hate the trick by which he filched that sham success.

Even in an era of unbridled extravagance, when, on the surface, men appear to have lost all sense of proportion, that which is sound, and good, and true, is more admired, and more desired, than ever.

In such feverish times the mediocre and the meretricious only seem to be admitted to equality with that which is worthy, because they fall heir to the overflow which excellence is unable to supply.

The process of discrimination between the sham and the solid, the superficial and the

substantial, goes on, just as before, without interruption.

That which is unworthy carries its own punishment, and its own penalty—its true character is inevitably disclosed in due time, even though a temporary prosperity comes to it from the caprice of the unthinking.

When "the tumult and the shouting" dies down, the strong man, the strong institution, the true artist, and the true workman, in any and every vocation, is more solidly entrenched than ever.

Even though it be surrounded, and seemingly obscured by sham and pretense, nothing in this world is discovered so surely as solid merit.

Nothing stands out so strikingly, by way of contrast, as genuineness and genius.

No special and painstaking effort of hand or heart, or brain or brawn, that goes to the building of something superior, is ever wasted.

Cheapness and compromise, substitution and surrender—these, in the long run, are the real sources of waste.

The unceasing search of the mass of mankind for that which is good and enduring—this is the only law of supply and demand with which the superior craftsman need concern himself.

Let him dedicate his life to the satisfaction of this restless hunger of the human heart, and he can, if he will, remove himself beyond the reach of rivalry.

This is the truth that embodies all truth; this is the truth that makes men free.

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