

The Incredible Journey

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The greatest adventure of all is the quest for what is real. It is the quest for Truth, and leads us to the ultimate frontiers... both without... and within.

While most are content to remain with shallow lives of pleasure and entertainment, the road to Truth is like a solitary walk through a darkened wood. It is a walk into the unknown. Only those courageous of mind and spirit would hope to undertake such a journey... and to see the world as it really is.

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- **J. Krishnamurti** - To the man whose words of Truth inspired me to take the "Journey" for myself. His reminder that there must be no authority, not even himself, gave me the "push" to begin.
- To the original Native Americans who kept the land pristine for millennia before the Europeans arrived.
- To the "One Hearteds". To those traditional Native Americans who have stood by the ways of their ancestors in spite of the relentless pressures of modern society.
- To all who respect and value the Earth and the environment.
- To all who value Truth and have joined the "Journey".
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**WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF SOMEONE
TOLD YOU THAT MOST EVERYTHING YOU
HAVE BEEN TOLD, SINCE YOU WERE A
CHILD, IS UNTRUE?!**

**WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF THEY
SUGGESTED THAT ALL OF MANKIND IS
LIVING IN A MASS ILLUSION?!**

**WOULD YOU PURSUE IT? WOULD YOU
WANT TO KNOW IF SUCH AN ASTOUNDING
POSSIBILITY COULD BE TRUE?**

THIS BOOK IS MAKING THAT VERY CLAIM!!

PREFACE

We consider Man to be the highest life form on earth. We proclaim him to be the most intelligent. And, here in the West, we take great pride that our technology makes us the most superior civilization of any other... past or present. We have the most advanced automobiles, jet planes, TV's, computers, and weapons. In the earth's evolution, we see ourselves as its highest achievement.

Yet, there is a dark side of all this. There is war, greed, and corruption at the highest levels of government. Big business seems out of control. And now, there is global warming, world hunger, and nuclear and chemical pollution threatening us from every direction. Our forests, streams, rivers, and air are more at risk every day. People are becoming more obese. Heart disease and cancer are epidemic. Drugs and crime are on the increase. In addition, there is an ominous sense that we are losing our children. And, somewhere in the back of our minds, there is a disturbing feeling that we are responsible for all of this!

How can we reconcile this apparent contradiction? Can the most intelligent of all animals be behaving irrationally? Can it be that Man is deceiving himself?

This book will show that Mankind is living in illusion. Man has convinced himself that he is the paragon of creation when, all the while, his behavior is completely irrational. We only accept this illusion **because it is a flattering fantasy... and has come to be welcomed by all of Mankind! It is the illusion we all want to keep!!**

If this is indeed the case, then how did it happen? What is the source of the illusion? Why do we stay in it? And, most importantly, is it possible to live a truly rational life?

Only the sincerely interested can find out. Most of us are content to remain in our world of illusion. Only the most courageous can face what must be faced... that the world as we see it... as we have been taught it... **is completely false!** Behind the cheering, the backslapping, and the dubious mask of "progress", lies worldwide destruction. Our misplaced euphoria is all part of a generally accepted illusion!!

Then what is genuinely real... and how can we recognize it? Are we prepared to face what is true? Are you prepared to radically change your view of life... and the way you live it? But, be forewarned! Only the most courageous of souls should pass through these gates!!

So, do we go on and leave the rest behind... leave them as contented members of the herd... or do we remain huddled with them... in a world of fantasy... clinging to our familiar and comforting illusion?! What do you say... do we proceed? For the brave at heart... the "Incredible Journey"... will now begin!

All truth is an achievement. If you would have truth at its value, go win it.

- T.T. Munger

Introduction

Truth! Many claim to have it... but no one can agree on what it is.

It is obvious that men disagree. They argue. Everyone has an opinion. Then who is right?! Within our society, this elusive thing called "truth" is handed over to the men of science... or to the men of religion... or other reputed experts. But they don't seem to agree either!! Moreover, most of us just seem to be interested only in that particular "expert" that will justify our existing point of view anyway!

Everyone will argue that they are dealing in "truth". Everyone believes that his or her opinion is "right". In the midst of this confusion, how does one come upon that which is Real? Is there such a thing as truth?

This book is about the search for what is Real amidst the confusion of the many opinions. We are not interested in adding yet another opinion to the heap! Rather we are asking the more fundamental question as to whether there is such a thing as "truth"... and how we would separate it from all the other claims of opinion. We start out by exploring how we would recognize truth if we came upon it, and why, if there is such a thing as truth, that humanity in general cannot agree upon what it is.

This book will present us with some startling revelations. We discover immediately in Chapter 1 that our tools of reasoning... directly within their very nature... have built-in limitations that distort what is real and give rise to our various opinions. We also see how these "flaws" of reasoning are inherent in logic itself and therefore even scientific theories and worldviews are affected!

Furthermore, we come to see that our minds tend to oppose any new viewpoint that does not agree with what we already believe. Since the very direction of this book is to point out these "built-in flaws" in our reasoning, we must take special care not to dismiss, too quickly, what might be a hidden truth and a new way of thinking. After all, to accept a change in the way we see the world, even if it is true, takes a special open-mindedness.

Sit down before a fact like a child, and be prepared to give up every preconceived notion, follow humbly wherever and to whatever abyss Nature leads, or you shall learn nothing.

- T. H. Huxley

If you approach this book with such openness... you will not finish it the same way you started it! If you approach what is said with a mind that is open to the possibility of a new truth, you **must** come to a new awareness... a new consciousness! And the way you see the world will never be the same!!

The author is making a tremendous claim. Moreover, our inquiry into Reality is not based on any type of hocus pocus, metaphysics, religion, or theory. Upon taking the "Journey", much of what the world considers intelligent--will be seen to be distinctly and clearly irrational! In addition, the cause of most of the stupidity in the world will become obvious.

In Chapter 1 we will, at once, be presented with some astonishing Facts that expose defects in our reasoning which affect what we perceive to be true and even how we recognize truth. This critical chapter is brief and hits immediately at the source of the problem. It will contain the seed of a whole new awareness. But beware! The nature of our "old" way of viewing things might at first rebel against what it hears.

Therefore, Chapters 2 and 3 become necessary for the proper understanding of our new "reasoning". They give numerous examples and fill in the many pieces that will make this new awareness real to us. Once we have a complete insight into the nature of truth... all that is false will begin to fall away... and nothing will remain the

same as it was! By the end of Chapter 3, we will be able to view the world through "new eyes". The Truth will be there! And, much of what had been confusing for us will now be clear.

Chapter 4 adds even wider insights as it turns our new way of seeing the world onto the Mystery of Life itself. Again, we will come away with startling new understanding and an even greater awareness. These insights will change our perspective of life forever... and how we live it!

Chapters 5 and 6 turn our attention to the many common beliefs of our society... and even many well-accepted scientific theories... with surprising new results! A new approach... a new awareness... brings a totally new understanding... based on Truth... on FACT... not on theory, conjecture or opinion. This, I promise, will be an exciting adventure!

The arts and religion are considered in Chapter 7, where we find similar problems clouding issues... and overruling truth. Our new way of seeing will affect every segment of our life.

The final three Chapters (8,9,and 10) will address the future of Mankind. These are the most important chapters of all. The problems of the world are now in perspective. The cause of the world's problems... and our own... are related. We see that they are clearly the result of our confused way of thinking!

What is the ultimate solution for a happy life and a harmonious and peaceful world? Are there only opinions? Or, is there a solution? Does truth exist? Why hasn't Humanity been able to agree upon it? These are the questions we hope to address.

If the flaw exists in the very way we reason and recognize truth, then it will not be surprising that, collectively, all men of reason, using the same tools of reason and logic, would miss the solution that is right in front of us... and available to all! In fact, it is the "flaw" that is the cause of the problems in the first place!!

What if all the rulers are crooked?

Phoebe (from "Friends")

Be assured, this book will not be like any other you have ever read. Be ready to explore where you have never been before! We will be taking the "Journey" together... as friends. It will touch every aspect of our life. There is no persuasion toward any point of view. There is only the movement from fact to fact. We will be inquiring into the very nature of truth. We will proceed slowly, but directly, step-by-step.

We must understand that our current Worldview was put together since childhood. By now, all the pieces "sort of" fit together for us. All of the pieces taken together present us with our particular picture of the world. It has become our idea of reality, and has been reinforced by the agreement of others. We must see that any new information... taken as a single piece... may not fit into our old Worldview... no matter how true the new information might be. So, before we make a hasty decision, we must allow enough new "pieces" to enter... **before judgement**... so that they have time to paint their own truth. With the new picture of reality in place, we can then

see for ourselves... with our own common sense... which is more rational. All we ask is the chance to paint our picture... with the promise that it will change our life forever!

It is good to question everything as we proceed. Only then can we see for ourselves whether there is truth behind the words. This book cannot be read hurriedly. Each of its statements must be examined carefully, deeply, and honestly. Everything must be questioned... all that is said... AND... all that we already believe!

Truth does not lie in the words themselves, but in the deeper meanings that lie beyond the words. That is why we must proceed slowly and attentively. We cannot come to these deeper meanings... and therefore to Truth... if we are in a hurry... if we are preoccupied... or if we are not serious about finding the reality behind the words.

The intent of this book is to be as an earnest conversation between two friends. However, since the nature of written material is one-sided, an attempt to anticipate all the questions a serious and truly interested person would ask was made, and these have been laid out as their own topics throughout the course of this book. Therefore, if you have a question that lingers, there is a very good chance it will be discussed later.

So, if you are ready for the Journey of your life, let us embark. All that is required is... a quiet place with no distractions... an unhurried, inquisitive, open mind... and your complete attention! Let us begin!