

Truth

Description

Good will and good intentions aren't enough, unfortunately. Even intelligence, by itself, isn't enough to save us from being propagandized; some fairly intelligent people have fallen for propaganda operations like QAnon and Russiagate. If you want to have a clear perspective on what's really going on in the world, you've got to have an unwavering devotion to knowing what's true that goes right down into your guts.

Most people don't have this. Most people do not have truth as a foremost priority. They probably think they do, but they don't. When it comes right down to it, most people are more invested in finding ways to defend their preexisting biases than in learning what's objectively true. If they've got a special hatred for Democrats, the confirmation biases that this will give them leave them susceptible to the QAnon psyop. If they've got a special hatred for Trump, they're susceptible to believing he's controlled by some kind of Russian government conspiracy. There are any number of other directions such biases can carry someone.

Only by a humble devotion to truth that is willing to sacrifice any worldview or ideology to the uncompromising fire of objective reality can skilfully navigate through a world that is saturated with disinformation and propaganda. Sincerely put truth first in all things, while doing your best to find out what's actually going on in our world, and eventually you're guaranteed to free yourself from any perceptual distortion.

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