The Poetry of Truth Quotes

“A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.”
— Mark Twain

“In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act.”
— George Orwell

“Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth.”
— Oscar Wilde

“Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth.”
— William Faulkner

“The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it.”
— Flannery O'Connor

“Art is the lie that enables us to realize the truth.”
— Pablo Picasso

“Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.”
— Henry David Thoreau

“If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they’ll kill you.”
— George Bernard Shaw

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“If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.”
— Virginia Woolf

“A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.”
— William Blake

“Better a cruel truth than a comfortable delusion.”
— Edward Abbey

“The truth isn't always beauty, but the hunger for it is.”
— Nadine Gordimer

“The truth is not always beautiful, nor beautiful words the truth.”
— Lao Tzu

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.”
— Soren Kierkegaard

“Whatever satisfies the soul is truth.”
— Walt Whitman

“Perhaps the truth depends on a walk around the lake.”
— Wallace Stevens

“There’s a world of difference between truth and facts. Facts can obscure truth.”
— Maya Angelou

“Truth never damages a cause that is just.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

“Three things can not hide for long: the Moon, the Sun and the Truth.”
— Gautama Buddha

“Being in a minority, even in a minority of one, did not make you mad. There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.”
— George Orwell

“There’s more beauty in truth, even if it is dreadful beauty.”
— John Steinbeck