



Truth or Dare?

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“Truth or Dare” is more than a children’s game... it’s a way of life!

As an artist my life evolves around both truth and dare and in this Exhibition I attempt to uncover some of the truths that I see around in my life... within myself or with others as a reflection of myself. It’s also a challenge where I dare myself to go further and explore things unknown to me, because only when I dare going beyond what is known or normal for me, will

I learn something new in the process... and here I might discover a more truer truth!

In the children's game you can choose to either tell the truth... or be presented with a dare. Normally this dare could be pretty nasty things that you need to do... yet we often didn't really want to tell the truth. Alas, this was often only to find out that the dare might be even more awful!

As human beings most of us have at times had difficulties facing the truth. It's normally because of experiences we have had in the past where we found out that sometimes the truth can hurt, it can be painful either for us or others... so next time we might try to avoid going there.

But what is truth really?

Well, it's a central subject in philosophy and it has been a subject for discussion for thousands of years. Yet there are no finite definitions as to what is truth... and there may be many truths. So how can we know that we hit The Truth?

Or could there be different levels of truth?

Could we for instance talk about truth on a personal level, such as in facts about who, what, when etc? Could this be truth in its most simplistic form... a factual kind of truth or fact? But then there's our own truth... the truth of who we truly are as individuals. This is very often a truth we overlook because we have been conditioned by our peers, society, our educational system, politics, religion etc... and ourselves... to believe that we just are and that there's nothing much we can do about the shape and form of society and our lives in the bigger picture. But what if we start searching deeper within ourselves? Would we find that our own truthfulness is much more than surface deep and what we surround ourselves with. Could it be that truth is that which brings a sense of great inner peace when we are completely aligned with ourselves and our purpose in life?

We also have universal truths, which are more difficult to grasp because on one level we have scientists who for millennia understood the truth of the universe in a certain way and we, through our educational system and society, have been led to believe that there are only those truths.

Yet on another level, as our species discovers new technology and advances our understanding through science, we have also been discovering other and new aspects of universal truth including our history and intergalactic knowledge. It seems like truth could be expanding!

And maybe we are getting more attuned to other dimensions of the Universe?

However, far more important than simplistic definitions of truth may be a question that we could ask ourselves:

Do we dare the truth?

And do we dare to search for our own inner truths? The truths that truly rings home as profoundly essential and right to us as individuals as well as a collective?

Maybe we also need to dare to go beyond the known truth to find the deeper truth?

Because really... when do we know we have found the truth?

Or... when can we trust that somebody else has found the truth?

I have to test my limits. I have to dare to being true to myself... and dare to be free of conventions at the same time! I have to dare to see everything in a new light, from new angles... and explore new ways of expressing this. I have to trust that when I dare, I am... true to myself!

My life is about learning and discovering new things... and for me the symbiotic dance between truth or dare as concepts has become a way of life as I evolve myself and my art.

This Exhibition comes from my heart and it shows many different aspects of me and my work. It shows progression in my life and the rebellion dare devil within at the same time. It touches upon my truths, I play with universal truths on many levels, but most importantly, I hope that with this idea of truth or dare I will give you an insight into your own beliefs of truth and dare you to go beyond in a search for your own truth of who you are!

Ready for a round of TRUTH OR DARE?