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Honesty in the light of truth

Abstract

Honesty allows man to live in the truth, that is, to know the true values and implement them in man’s life. Honesty is therefore the spiritual force in man, which allows him to properly refer to values and their hierarchy in the spirit of the constantly acquired truth. The aim of the analyses presented in the article is an attempt to show honesty in a varied splendor of truth, i.e., to show honesty as a moral condition sine qua non of learning and living the truth and at the same time revealing the truth as the foundation of being honest. We try to justify the thesis that only through inner integrity and honesty man can discover the truth about man’s human dignity and the dignity of another man and, according to this truth, shape his conscience and be guided by it.

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