

# TRUTHFUL MAXIMS

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## PREFACE

Following on from *Maximum Truth* (1993), my first full volume of maxims, *Truthful Maxims* is written on a slightly more straightforward structural, though no less truth-intensive, basis, and extends beyond most of the material contained in its aphoristic forerunner.

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1. Truth is the lightness of air.
2. Air is heavenly.
3. Holy Spirit is consciousness of the lightness of air.
4. Joy is the being (essence) of Holy Spirit.
5. The Holy Spirit of Heaven flies, like the dove, on the wings of its joy.
6. Joyful is the liberation from bodily gravity which enables the spirit, borne aloft on the lightness of air, to soar beyond its physical constraints.
7. The Holy Spirit of Heaven contrasts absolutely with the Clear Light of the Void.
8. The Clear Light is alpha, but the Holy Spirit omega.
9. Light diverges from a vacuum (space), spirit converges upon a plenum (air).
10. Unlike the essence of spirit, which is joy, the essence of light is woe; for it is driven from a vacuum, like Adam from 'the Garden'.
11. The wise man is master of a plenum, whereas the fool is victim of a vacuum.
12. The joyful wisdom is the highest and truest wisdom, transcending pride, love, and pleasure.
13. The wise man is free, whereas the fool is bound.
14. After illusion, beauty is the next worst threat to truth; for beauty is grave, whereas illusion is void.

15. No man approaches Heaven through the World, but only by transcending it.
16. The will experiences pleasure through the gravity of the flesh.
17. The gravity of the flesh, being heavy, contrasts with the lightness of air.
18. Beauty is not opposed to truth (like illusion), but, being heavy, contrasts with it.
19. The worldly plenum is an end-in-itself, not a means to a higher end.
20. To attain to the heavenly plenum, one must reject the World.
21. He who wishes to cultivate lightness must turn his back on heaviness, abandoning beauty for truth.
22. Whatever has a particle bias is negative, whatever has a wavelike bias, by contrast, is positive.
23. Particles can be either subjective or objective, wavelike likewise.
24. Ugliness stands to beauty as the Antiworld to the World, or Republicanism to Catholicism.
25. Pain is the essence of antiwill no less than pleasure the essence of will.
26. If beauty is the gravity of the flesh, then ugliness is the darkness of the earth.
27. Illusion stands to truth as the Antiheaven to Heaven, or Communism to Transcendentalism.
28. Sadness is the essence of antispirit no less than joy the essence of spirit.
29. If truth is the lightness of air, then illusion is the nothingness of space.

30. Weakness stands to strength as the Antihell to Hell, or Fascism to Fundamentalism.
31. Humility is the essence of antisoul no less than pride the essence of soul.
32. If strength is the brightness of the blood, then weakness is the hotness of fire.
33. Evil stands to goodness as the Antipurgatory to Purgatory, or Parliamentarianism to Protestantism.
34. Hatred is the essence of antimind no less than love the essence of mind (intellect).
35. If goodness is the dullness of the brain, then evil is the coldness of water.
36. The quickness (speed) of light contrasts with the slowness (revolutions) of the earth.
37. The absence of light is darkness, but darkness is not characteristic of space (so much as of the absence of light).
38. Ugliness is no-less far removed from illusion ... than beauty from truth.
39. The hotness of fire contrasts with the coldness of water.
40. The dullness of the brain contrasts with the brightness of the blood.