Universal Liars Club

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It's really amazing that I have lived so bloody long, in a state I can only call "thrilled and amazed by the truth" and still have to be constantly updated on the ways and means by which the things which people actually say and/or ARTICULATE can deviate from the aforementioned category. Now with the emergence of the term "cognitive dissonance" - to explain (among other things), why people who support President Bush "don't (actually) want to know" what it is that they are giving their tacit support to. (They just want to believe what they believe without being troubled by information or argument.) I have discovered not only a subject for a half dozen essays, BUT I'VE COME UP AGAINST A WALL OF "SUBJECTIVE TRUTH" with regard to the reality contained in the statements, remarks, facial expressions, body language, and alleged factual approximations presented to me, UNIVERSALLY by humankind at large.
After attending the accounts of reality presented in the nets and knots of humane interaction provoked by twenty seasons of beatnik league association, I have seen fallacy overwhelm the truth in every guise- from misconceptual mission statement, to nouveau politesse. YES THATS RIGHT! IVE ACTUALLY HEARD A PRETTY RESPECTABLE, INTELECTUALLY CREDIBLE WOMAN INSIST THAT SHE HAD BEEN LYING TO ME IN ORDER TO BE POLITE!

ok..SO...you really cant argue anymore when you get to that point. or seek out rational alternatives, you simply must surrender. IM JUST GLAD THAT HONESTY WAS STILL, MORE OR LESS, CONSIDERED A SOCIAL GRACE BACK IN THE DAY, WHEN I FIRST TRIED TALKING TO GURLS, much less tilting at the windmills of art theory, or social mechanics, or the proper motion of an artist owned non profit corporation.

20 years of the social connundrums served up from within the administration of AS220 has certainly disabused me of any notion WHAT SO EVER regarding the ubiquitousness of lip service.

I've even learned not to mind. but I do still notice.

But Im confident, after surviving 2004, that I'll get over it

Theres really nothing to it except to somehow either "FORGET" or cease to apply the idea that, according to Socratic theory, dialectical truths, revealed through dialogue, or the interactive overlap of 2 or more humane minds, are possessed of a degree of precision or exactitude beyond the reach of the solitary mind.

Unfortunately, a long sequence of political, social and mass media revolutions have eroded the notion that "virtue" and "veracity" have an implicit relationship. Besides the long winding road leading democracy from Socrates to Ronald Reagan, cell phone solipcsim, cyber jibbering, politically correct lexicons and the multi-tasking mindsets of the "smart-mobs" of the ala mode have turned dialogue into limp bisket lyrics, so now we have nothing but "THE 'HE SAID' 'SHE SAID' BULLSHIT" in the place which would have theoretically been occupied by an integrated and bonding dialogue.

Aint that bloody fob-U-ious!

Thank gawd we still have OTT!

A mode of the truth with which we can commune and negotiate entirely on our own terms. Without a word a thought or a single synaptic impulse shared with anybody else.