

I-17. Contradiction Violates Reality

Most people can spot contradictions, inconsistencies, and lean to discount half-truths. Yet very few realize that omniscience is a contradiction to reality. In the popular belief omniscience transcends reality. For many inconsistency and randomness is the 'will' of omniscience. Such word-play also appeals to irrational fears sustained by 'just in case' it is there. The *Prakrit* term for contradiction is *bhabiachar*, roughly translated as undifferentiated thoughts and actions. In *Sanskrit* *byabhichar* connotes a sense of illicit and bastardized behavior.

Table I-1. Why do we need so many words to express doubt or what we do not know?

Acausal, agony, alibi, alienation, allegory, alter-ego, always, ambiguity, analogy, annihilation, annoyance, anomaly, a priori, apple-pie, approximation, arbitrary, artistic-liberty, assumption, asymmetry, attenuated, attitude, augury, augmented, authority, average, awareness, axiom,

Ballpark, banter, bastard, battle, Bayesian, bedazzled, believable, betwixt, bizarre, boundary condition,

Cart-before-the-horse, causality, certitude, chameleon, chance, chaos, chatter, chew fat, clarity, cliché, clue, cognizant, coherence, coincidence, collision of ideas, conceit, concurrence, consciousness, consistent, constraints, contingent, contradictory, convention, convergence, converse, conviction, correlation, cosmetic, counterpoint, craft, crazy, creation, creative, credible, creditable, criteria, culpability, curiosity, cutting edge, cynicism

Deception, debate, defeatist, defect, deferred, deja vu, derisive, deterministic, devil, devious, diabolical, diatribe, dilemma, disability, discrepancy, disorientation, divine inspiration, dogged, dogma, dormant, dotted-line, doubt, dream, duality, dubious,

dumb-down,

Emotional, end-game, enigma, ephemeral, epithet, error, essence, estimate, extreme, evidence, evoked, exactitude

Fairy tale, faith, falsity, fantastic, fashion, feel-lucky, fib, fluctuations, fractal, frown,

Game, ghost, gnawing, gods and God, grunt, guess, guesstimate

Half-truths, hidden, historical, hit-the-wall, Hmm! Holy-smoke, horn-of-dilemma, hornet's nest, hyperbole

I Ching, ideal, ignorance, image, imaginative sympathy, imperative, implication, impossible, impugn, inability, inaccuracy, incompatible, incomplete, incongruous, indecisions, indefensible, indifference, indiscretion, indiscriminate, imminent, inevitable, inspiration, instincts (reptilian and otherwise), intelligent, intelligent life, interesting, interpretation, intrigue, intrusion, intuition, inverted,

Judgment call, judicious

Kafkaesque, key, Kissingerian, kudos

Labyrinth, latent, latest, latitude, leap, legend, liberator, limbo, limits, loose-cannon, lost, lull, lying (intentional)

Machiavellian, madness, magical, make-believe, market-value, mask-of-theory, maybe (perhaps), maze, meaning, message-control, metaphor, mind, miracle, miscommunication, mistake, model, mystery, mythical

Never-say-never, news, non-certain, normal, notion, not-too-unreasonable,

Objective, Occam's razor, official line, operational, optimism, ornamented, out-of-sight-out-of-mind, outline, oxymoron, Palaver, paradox, parsimony, pandemonium, perplexity, phantom, platitude, Platonic, plausible, poll, possible, potshot, Power-Point presentation, precision, predicament, pre-maturity, probable, problem, promise, prove it, provisional, proverbial, prudence, pseudo-science, puzzle,

Queasy, quick-sand

Reality, reassurance, rectitude, reduction, reservation, restriction, revival, revolution, riddle, romantic, rumor,

Sacrosanct, Santa Claus, scheming, self-evident, senior moments, sensible, serendipidity, shell (as in shell game), show me, simplistic, skepticism, sly, solipsist, sophistry, Spam, spirit, standard, stargazing, statistical, stealth, story, stupor, subjective, subside, subversive, superstition, surreal, surreptitious, suspense, synchronicity,

Tabloid-truth, tangible, Tao, tea leaves, teleology, tentative, test, time tested, time for, transient, trap, trepidation, tried-and-true, trite, trivia, tongue-in-cheek,

UFO, *umm*, uncertainty, un-decidable, un-explained, universal images, unreliable, unscientific,

Validity, variation, veridical, verisimilitude, violation, virtual

Wary, wise, wisdom, wishful, wit, WMD (words of mass deception, weapons of mass deception, weapons of mass destruction. Interestingly they all emerged as one in the US attack on Iraq in 2003).

XYZ, let-there-be-X

Yellow journalism, yoke

Zebra-stripes (leopard-spots, means of camouflage and display),

Zen.

Half-truth is dispensed in products and services, but it is more common in ideas that influence the way of life. It is challenging to identify the half-truths, or to figure out which half is not true. The other half is rarely marketed in a recognizable, because the half-truths are marketed as the other-half. Consider the choices you have available for taking care of your health and survival needs. How often we accept situations for being better of the two evils without considering the possibility that both may be

unacceptable? Have you ever wondered why all tomatoes in the supermarket taste the same? Services, products and ideas advertised with half-truths are meant to create a feeling of confidence. Augmented perceptions take over as soon as you let your guards down. No wonder the young have picked up on aspects of market culture where the common denominator for acceptability is that sounds believable.

Know why of 'let the buyer beware.' Diversions distract from the context and meaning in half-truth. Most people learn it the hard way that even the best of these choices in the market place of ideas are not desirable. You do not have to buy into any of it. For one reason or another we do that for material possessions, yet very few are careful about cluttering their mind. How to spot a truth? Ask if it makes sense. Look consistency with all the relevant criteria at your disposal. If not satisfied stand back. It may require changing the emphasis from faith and belief to reconfigure the augment the universals that keep you from seeing the particulars.

Information and ideas are often intertwined. Large repository of information is now accessible from a suitably wired computer. More than most libraries of the printed books, the search engines on internet have placed vast amount of information at our finger tips at little cost. Most of it is free and easy to get. Having information calls for making judgment calls to evaluate relevance and establish its usefulness if not validity. It is of great interest to many: What do we choose and how do we choose? It appears that such choices are often driven by perceptions that have little to do with objective reality. In this cyber wonderland, are the decisions for the choices available to drones or just made by the queen? Do you have even the choice of not playing? What are the alternatives?

Enduring lessons: Simple and forward-looking ones are:

Avoid contradictions and wishful (miccha)

Acts change to actions through rational consistency

Do not do what you can not undo (*Ahimsa*).

Know what you do not know (*syad*).

When in doubt, do, undo, and redo (*Nay*).

I hear – I forget, I read - I remember, I do – I understand.

Veetrag can not dispense favors, grace, and judgment.

Know-all of any kind is contradiction

The One-of-a-Kind is not viable

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