

The King is Perplexed

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A new court jester -- the previous jester was beheaded for failing to amuse the King -- approached the Monarch, "what troubles you sire?" The King, deep in thought, slowly responded, "I am losing the faith of my subjects." Do not trouble yourself sire, all subjects respond according to their bent." "How so," inquired the King? "If your subjects are fickle, entertain and distract them, if they are tame, feed them lies and myths of wonder, if they are uneasy, parade your royal guard in the streets; however, if your subjects possess valour and integrity speak only the Truth and they will support and preserve your Kingdom in all manner of circumstance and tribulation," the jester replied.

"Very wise," responded the King. "I shall feed my subjects lies, distract and entertain them with minstrels, fares and magicians, and daily my royal guard, fully armed, will I order to patrol the streets." "You are perceptive sire, you know your subjects well, but I note you failed to mention Truth." "Indeed jester, my subjects are not worthy of Truth." "Then I should warn you sire, your kingdom is doomed to fail, as only subjects that possess valour, integrity and value Truth above all else preserve the Kingdom against all foes and threats." The King became enraged, how dare the jester speak the Truth. The King immediately ordered his guard to escort the jester to the executioner.

Indeed, the people are deserving of their King.

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