

Political Incorrectness Skits #2

Truth and Error

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Performers x 2

Marcus/Narrator

Derrick

(Marcus and Derrick approach from opposite directions.)

Mar. "Derrick!"

Der. "You again...I thought we'd got rid of you?"

Mar. "I did too...Nearly got expelled on my first day here!...But I'm still not sure what I did wrong?...Unless it was opening my mouth?"

Der. "What you did was offend everyone whom you spoke to."

Mar. "That's what I said...I opened my mouth."

Der. "And you wouldn't allow Professor Mann the right to exist."

Mar. "That's nonsense!"

Der. "If you do not accept and embrace the gender the Professor has chosen...You are not allowing the Professor to exist."

Mar. "You should get a degree for spouting all that too...But it's nonsense."

Der. "The Professor is whom he/she chooses to be...Not who someone else makes him/her."

Mar. "So him/her could choose to be a member of your alien race...And I would have to go along with it?"

Der. "And embrace it."

Mar. "I thought we came here to learn...Not to make up fairy tales?"

Der. "Things don't have to be real to be relevant."

Mar. "Yes,...I've heard that before."

Der. "You offended me too...By telling me my whole Civilization whom I love and cherish, doesn't exist."

Mar. "I had the mistaken idea that learning was based on truth and facts...With a lot of evidence thrown in?"

Der. "I'm pleased you realised your mistake."

Mar. "Things are true because they're 'Truth'...Not because I decide fantasy is reality."

Der. "Yesterday's truth is today's fable, and today's truth is tomorrow's fable, so nothing can be based on 'Truth.'"

Mar. "In some worlds."

Der. "Truth changes overnight."

Mar. "Like Professor Mann's gender?"

Der. "That is offensive!"

Mar. "No...It's a fact...And it's true...With him/her yesterday's truth is today's fable...But there are unchanging Eternal Truths, even the Communist Manifesto mentions that fact."

Der. "There are no Eternal Truths any longer, we've abolished them, everything is relative now."

Mar. "That's funny?...That's what the Communist Manifesto says too."

Der. "I haven't got time for this...I have to go."

Mar. "Time for what?...An honest exchange of ideas?"

Der. "I feel threatened by your lack of sensitivity, and dogmatic adherence to ideas that are out of date, and not relative to myself, or anyone else in this Institution."

Mar. "I haven't got time for your Social Justice pussyfooting around the truth either...There *is* right and wrong."

Der. "This is no longer a safe space for me....I have to leave....And I'll report you to Professor Mann."

Mar. "For what?...Opening my mouth?"

Der. "Being insensitive and threatening me physically with your language."

Mar. "Threatening you?...I never threatened you?"

Der. "You're in it up to your eyeballs now...So just shut up and don't make it any worse for yourself." (Turns and walks away.)

Mar. "And goodbye to you too....Threatening you?...What did I say?...I only said everything must be based on truth, facts, and evidence....Not on what we decide is truth...Or facts...Or evidence...Isn't that the truth?...This is a very strange place." (Turns and walks off.)

End

Narrator. "Pilate asked Jesus, "what is truth?"...I'm glad he didn't ask that question here, because he would have got a thousand different answers.....And all contradicting each other..What is Truth?... According to the dictionary, it is, 'That which is in accordance with fact or reality.'...Fact and reality are two things our friend Derrick has lost sight of, so he has replaced them with fiction and fantasy...What is truth Derrick?...Truth is relative, he would tell us...So my truth, and your truth can be opposing views, but they're both 'true' because, on this level playing field where everyone gets awarded first prize, there are no losers. All our 'truths' are 'true' even if they aren't in accordance wit fact or reality.....This is indeed a very strange place." (Turns and walks off.)

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