**Rightness**

**The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:**

**he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

***(Psalm 92:12)***

**In 1933 two young men, Joe Schuster and Jerry Siegel, created a comic strip for a publishing company in New York. Money was hard to come by in those Depression days and the two sold all rights to the company five years later for the sum of $130. The comic strip – The Adventures of Superman – became very popular and made millions for the publishing company that held the copyright on it, and for various movie and television producers who made films from it. The two young men who had started it all, however, never got a dime of those profits. The story does, however, have something of a happy, if belated, ending. A company called Warner Communications eventually acquired all rights to Superman, the man from the planet Krypton. And though it was not legally required to set the matter right, the company felt it had a moral obligation to do so. Accordingly, it agreed to pay each of the men $20,000 a year for the rest of their lives. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**You only have to do a very few things right in your life -- so long as you don’t do too many things wrong. *(Warren Buffett, in The Daily Telegraph)***

**To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes. *(Winston Churchill)***

**Civilization, in a shy way, is a suspicion that the other fellow may be right. *(Charles McCabe, in San Francisco Chronicle)***

**I would rather be right than be president. *(Henry Clay)***

**It can be very confusing when everybody’s trying to do the right thing at the same time. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The doctor isn’t always right: When your doctor prescribes you a drug, said Tracy Weber and Charles Ornstein, how do you know he’s picked the right one? Every doctor can choose from among hundreds of available drugs, and those choices may be dictated by whim, undue Big Pharma influence, or even ignorance of the latest information. Some doctors may prescribe a particular blood pressure drug, for example, because they receive gifts or payments from drug companies, and consistently favor expensive, brand-name medicine over cheaper generics. A staff doctor at a local nursing home may regularly prescribe antipsychotics to sedate patients suffering from dementia, despite a “black box” warning that these drugs “increase the risk of death in such patients.” Yet patients have no way of knowing of such practices. When we recently filed a Freedom of Information Act request with Medicare for doctors’ prescription histories, the results were disturbing: We found some doctors repeatedly violating standard protocols, and prescribing, for example, Alzheimer’s drugs to people with autism. For the public’s safety, the prescribing history of all doctors should be available on a searchable database. What we don’t know can hurt us. *(The Week magazine, August 2, 2013)***

**The right to do something does not mean that doing it is right. *(William Safire, New York Times Special Features)***

**The easiest way to get into trouble is to be right at the wrong time. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Efficiency is doing the thing right; effectiveness is doing the right things. *(Peter Drucker, business guru)***

**Right or wrong, the customer is always right. *(Marshall Field, department store founder)***

**Being right half the time beats being half-right all the time. *(Malcolm Forbes)***

**Whether you think you can, or can’t, you are usually right. *(Henry Ford)***

**Human beings are perhaps never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right. *(Sir Laurens van der Post, South African author)***

**The gal who thinks no man is good enough for her may be right – but she is more often left. *(Baltimore Sun)***

**He who hesitates is probably right. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Initiative is doing the right thing without being told. *(Victor Hugo)***

**When both intuition and logic agree, you are always right. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The time is always right to do what is right. *(Martin Luther King)***

**What is lawful is not always identical to what is right. *(Ian McEwan, novelist)***

**A leading authority is anyone who has guessed right more than once. *(Frank A. Clark)***

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**I do the very best I know how. The very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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**Let us have faith that right makes right, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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**It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong. *(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)***

**Loving what is right is different from hating what is wrong and feeling right about it. *(Roy Masters)***

**Alex asked his father if he could help him with his arithmetic homework. His father said, “I could, but it might not be right, would it?” Alex answered, “No! I don’t suppose so. But you could try.” *(Jeannette Fidell, in Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, p. 102)***

**Wife says to husband: "Stop questioning what I say! Just do it!" Husband quietly thinks to himself: "I knew when I first met her she was 'Miss Right'." I didn't realize her first name was 'Always'!" *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Recently married, my wife and I were doing errands and discussing current events. Soon we got into an argument over the issues. I reiterated my position forcefully, but Christine had the last word. “When I knew I’d found Mr. Right,” she snapped, “I had no idea his first name was Always!” *(Paul Kessler, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong gives it a superficial appearance of being right. *(Thomas Paine)***

**Your parents aren’t always right, but they become less wrong as you get older. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it. *(William Penn, Quaker leader)***

**The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**You can get anywhere from anywhere: don’t wait to be sure you’re starting from the right place. *(Ashleigh Brilliant)***

**If you could see it from my point of view, you’d know immediately that I’m right. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Are your political views always right? The more extreme a person’s views are, “the more they think they are right,” said psychologists Kaitlin Toner and Mark Leary. In a new study, we’ve found that both hard-line conservatives and extreme liberals have a strong sense of “belief superiority,” with disdain for everyone who doesn’t share their views. People with moderate views, on the other hand, didn’t think their opinions were the only ones with any merit. They supported a “middle of the road” approach to solving problems, rather than seeking ideological purity. For example, moderates believe that abortion should be legal in some but not all circumstances, while right-to-lifers and pro-choicers insist on either a total ban or total legality. The phenomenon of “belief superiority” explains why so many of today’s intensely partisan pundits, politicians, and even commenters on online articles sound so snugly confident of their views, and so certain that the other side is 100 percent wrong – and even evil. It also explains why the politicians they elect to Congress are now so deadlocked in partisan rancor. If your views alone are valid, why compromise – or even bother to talk to the idiots on the other side? *(The Week magazine, December 27, 2013)***

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**If you are afraid of being lonely, don't try to be right. (Jules Renard)**

**Knowing what’s right doesn’t mean much unless you do what’s right. *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it. *(Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf)***

***It*’s not working on the other person, it’s working on yourself. It’s not setting them right, it’s seeing them rightly. And this has to do with what goes on in you in your consciousness. *(Dr. Eric Butterworth, Unity minister)***

**If you line up with the crowd that makes the least noise, nine times out of ten you'll be on the right side. *(Nan Waddill, in Hints and Helps for Home and Health)***

**Far too many people are looking for the right person, instead of trying to be the right person. *(Gloria Steinem)***

**Even a stopped clock is right twice every day. After some years it can boast of a long series of successes. *(Ebner-Eschenbach)***

**It's better to be boldly decisive and risk being wrong than to agonize at length and be right too late. *(Marilyn Moats Kennedy, in Across the Board)***

**Genuine tragedies in the world are not conflicts between right and wrong. They are conflicts between two rights. *(G.W.F. Hegel, philosopher)***

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**The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug. *(Mark Twain)***

**There are two kinds of people: those who want to get things done and those who want to be right. *(Archibald MacLeish)***

**You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough. *(Mae West)***

**If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying, “I guess you’re right.” *(Funny Funny World)***

**Whether you say you can, or whether you say you can’t; either way, you’re right. *(Quoted by Loretta Ivory)***

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