



Truth
v
Lie?

Why do
we do
it?

What is a Lie?

An intentionally false statement to a person or group made by another person or group who knows it is not the truth



Why Lie?

- Have you ever lied before?
- Is it OK to lie?
- Why do we do it?



Why we Lie...

- Lying can
 - Get us out of awkward situations
 - Spare the feelings of others
 - Preserve or strengthen friendships/alliances
 - Enhance social standing - look better in others' eyes
 - Keep us out of trouble
 - Save our lives?

It happens in nature and
early childhood

- Killdeer
 - Pretends to have broken wing to protect its babies
- 6 month old baby pretend crying



So is it right then?

- You know if you are lying for the right/wrong reason
 - Inspect your own conscience and ask whether the lie is justified
 - Ask friends or colleagues, or people with special ethical knowledge what they think about the particular case
 - Consult some independent persons about it

So, Truth v Lie?

- Truth usually comes out
- You know whether you are doing it for good or bad

"O what a tangled web we weave
when first we practice to deceive"
Sir Walter Scott

"A liar should have a good
memory"
Quintilian

One way or another

- Lies do affect others
- Friendships / trust / upset

“ I'M NOT upset THAT YOU LIED TO ME, I'M UPSET THAT FROM NOW ON I CAN'T *believe* YOU. ”

Friedrich Nietzsche

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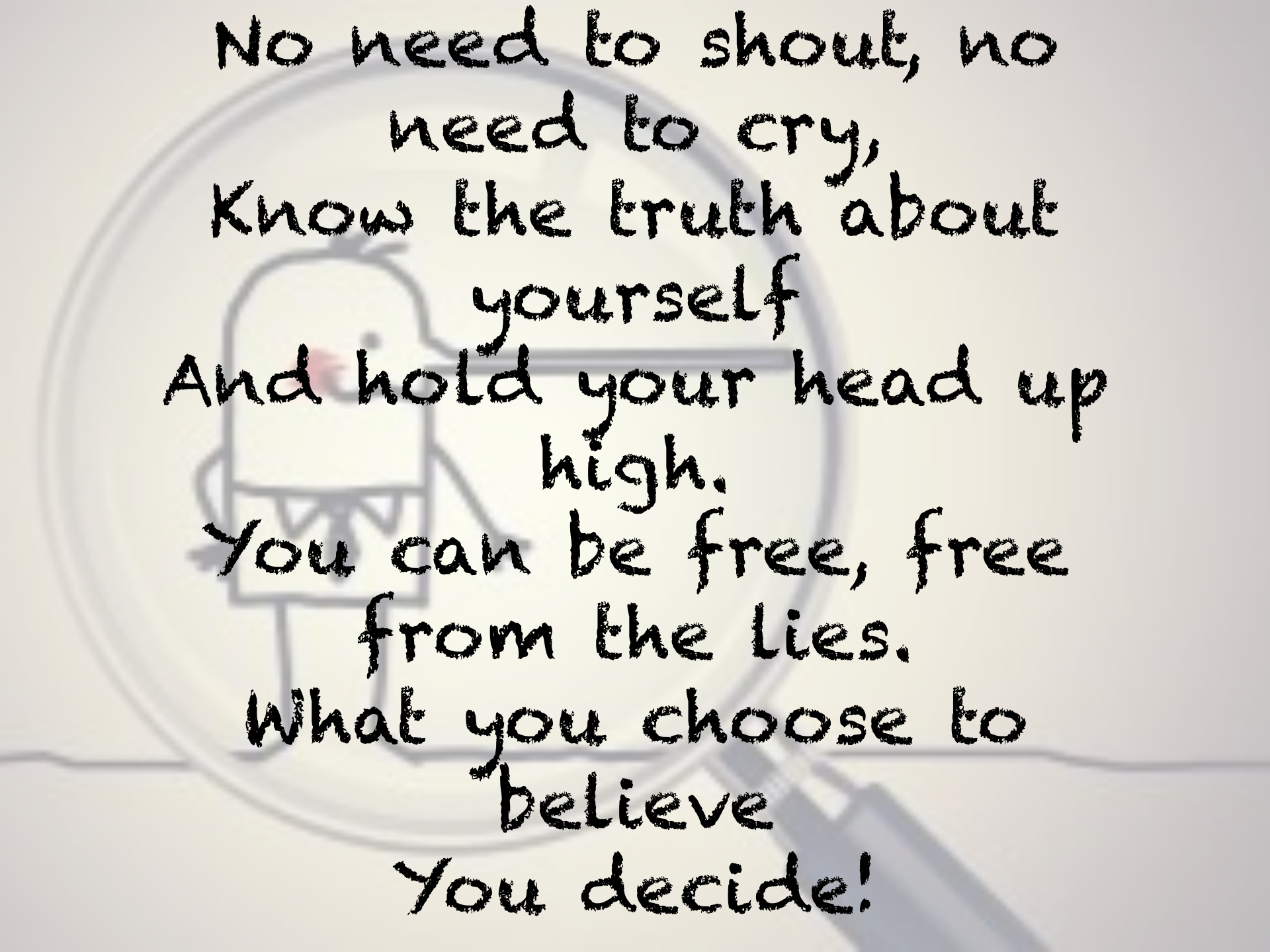
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'Cause once they get
inside

They'll shape the things
you feel and do.

Words that people may
have said

Get stuck inside your
head

Unless you learn to think
them through.



No need to shout, no
need to cry,
Know the truth about
yourself
And hold your head up
high.

You can be free, free
from the lies.

What you choose to
believe

You decide!

Don't go chewing over
words

That only make you hurt
Whenever you give
thought to them.

It's not easy, but you'll
find

That you can train your
mind

To think of healthy
things instead.

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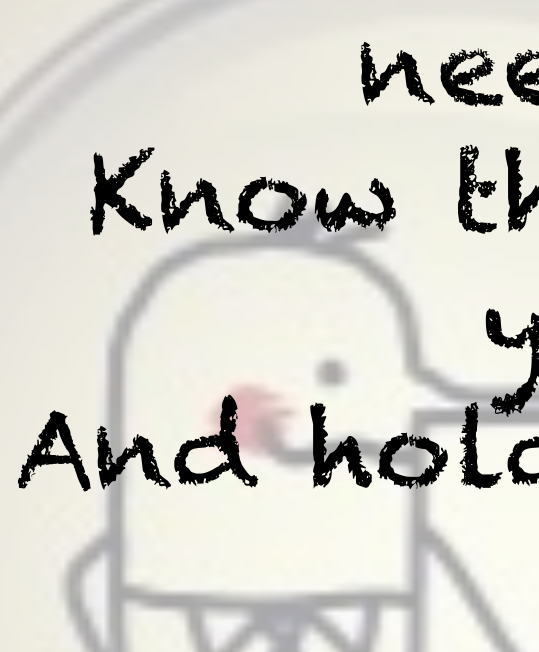
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I'll leave you with this...

“
One lie is enough
to question all
truths”

Anonymous

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