

MENDACITY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FALLACY.

TRACTATUS
PSEUDO-LOGICUS

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1:1

It is possible to be mistaken without deceiving and to deceive without saying anything untrue.

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The one who is misguided cannot deceive, only the one who knows the truth can.

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The liar knows the truth. Hence his charm and his auctoritas.

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Mendacity is sexy. Denial and falsehood kindle desire.

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We only desire falsehoods.

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Only the philosopher, who is a eunuch, gets turned on by the truth.

2.

LANGUAGE IS A PROMISE OF VERACITY.

2:01

No one can address somebody else without promising to tell the truth.

2:1

Lying undermines the cornerstones of law and social bonds.

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Society is impossible without mendacity.

3.

ALEXANDRE KOYRÉ (1945):
'NEVER HAS THERE BEEN SO MUCH LYING AS IN OUR DAY. NEVER HAS LYING BEEN SO SHAMELESS, SO SYSTEMATIC, SO UNCEASING.'

3:01

Man has always lied, power has always lied.

3:02

There is a 'modern' lie.

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The lie has a history.

3:2

Mendacity is over. Heads of State quietly declare truths they would never have admitted before. Refusal of State secrets doctrine.

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After Matteotti's murder, Mussolini does not lie, does not dissimulate. 'If Fascism has been a criminal association, then I am the chief of this criminal association!' (vigorous applause).

3:22

DONALD TRUMP 'Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?'

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SILVIO BERLUSCONI 'Mubarak, namely Ruby's uncle!' (laughter).

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EMMA BONINO 'Immigrants are necessary for picking tomatoes and olives in plantations.' Not a Confederate in the American Civil War, a contemporary leading member of the Italian Radicals and a human rights activist.

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4.

IN HIERARCHICAL SOCIETIES
POLITICAL LIES WERE ABOUT
UNDISCLOSED INFORMATION.
IN MASS SOCIETIES THEY
REGARD WHAT WE ALL KNOW.

5.

IT IS POSSIBLE
TO LIE TO ONESELF.

5:1	Democracy is the form of government in which no one can impose a lie by means of authority.	
5:11		Democracy requires self-deception.
5:12		HANNAH ARENDT 'Under fully democratic conditions, deception without self-deception is well-nigh impossible.'
5:13		Authoritarian deception requires submission. Democracy only allows sovereign and free-choice self-deception.

6.

TRUTH REFLECTS
THE WORLD AS IT IS.

6:01	A lie is a performative utterance. It acts, it does not reflect. A lie <i>makes</i> the truth, the liar is a 'man of action.'	
6:1		Ability to act and ability to lie have a common root in imagination.
6:11	Editors: Sofia Pia Belenky, Tobias Hertzner Dausgaard, Hunter O'Brien Doyle Design: anjakaiser.info Print: hatopress.net	HANNAH ARENDT 'There is an undeniable affinity of the lie with action, with changing the world – in short – with politics.'
6:12		The lie leads the truth into its future.
6:2		HANNAH ARENDT 'Our ability to lie – but not necessarily to tell the truth – belongs among the few, obvious, demonstrable data that confirm human freedom.'
6:21	DUE is a publication by the Architectural Association. due.aaschool.ac.uk For submission due@aaschool.ac.uk	The lie claims the right to intimacy, the right to keep public space and the political power out.
6:3		Love, like democracy, requires self-deception.
6:31		CARMELO BENE '[Eros] is a reciprocal brainwash in absolute non-reciprocity.'
6:32		If love for truth exists, love and truth are strangers to each other and nonreciprocal.
6:33		With regard to true love, one would better be silent.
6:4		Slips, denial, dreams and lies are the representatives through which the truth of the unconscious makes its way towards the surface – the surface of language, this promise of truth made of lies.

7.

Our great optimism: that the truth will survive, and lies won't. Our truth (i.e. we) will survive death and lies – truth as the infinite survival of what we really are. We don't know who we are, thus we cannot lie. 'Sooner or later, truth comes to the surface', they say. This drowning truth.