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"It is not the truth which any one possesses, or thinks he does, but rather the pains he has taken to get to the bottom of the truth, that makes a man's worth. For it is not in having the truth but in searching for it that those powers increase in him in which alone lies his ever growing perfection. The possession makes one placid, lazy, proud.

If God held closed in his right hand all truth, and in his left the single and untiring striving after truth, adding even that I always and forever make mistakes, and said to me : "choose!" I should fall humbly before his left hand and say : Father grant me! the pure truth is for you alone."

- Gotthold Ephraim Lessing