

Truth Needed in More Than One Way

THE TRUST must be out there somewhere, but it's becoming harder to pin down. There are so many misleading statements, claims and counterclaims, misinformation and outright lies it is confusing.

People don't have time or resources to check answers to all of their questions. Sometimes they must believe somebody, so frauds and selfish interests often take advantage by appealing to their emotions and confidence, rather than offering the truth.

Because many charming fakers have official titles or academic degrees added to their names, they impress folks.

No matter how unreasonable or illogical an answer to a pertinent question might be, there always seem to be some who will accept it or follow the person giving it. Here are examples:

Around the world, countries which have embraced socialism have lost freedom or prosperity or both. Why does anyone believe those who claim socialism will solve problems in the United States?

Government officials have become much concerned about compelling truth in advertising by business firms. How come they don't consider doing something about truth in politics, also?

Scientists and industries have proved that nuclear energy could do much to alleviate our fuel problems. Who or what is behind demonstrators blocking construction of nuclear power plants, while other nations, including Communist countries, build right ahead?

Surveys show that the public is convinced that excessive spending by Congress is the primary cause of continuing inflation and high interest rates. Why doesn't Congress slow down inflation by cutting out programs and regulations that most people don't want?

The Federal Reserve Board chairman says if we keep talking about a recession, we'll cause one. Other economists say we are bound to have a recession anyway. A presidential aide forecasts a healthy economy with slower-rising prices

in 1979. Who is right?

Federal courts have stripped away national authority to encourage morality, integrity and decency, but was it necessary or right for them to abolish rights of citizens to protect themselves from pornography, gay activists and vulgarity?

Various bureaus vigilantly ban any chemical that they even suspect of causing cancer or having other harmful effects, while use of marijuana and "fashionable drugs" is tolerated. Is this right?

If politicians are delivering on campaign promises to reduce taxes, why do we find ourselves paying more taxes each year?

These are only samples of a multitude of questions that citizens may be asking. Each seems to have a variety of answers. Not all can be right, and perhaps some of them are not honest.

"Let the buyer beware!" is an old motto that applies today as never before. It has significance in regard to acceptance of ideas, religion, government and leadership, as well as for merchandise. Truth is hard to come by these days!