

***I Possess the Truth vs.  
Truth Possesses Me***

If I possess the truth,  
I act as its master;  
if truth possesses me,  
I am its servant.

When I possess the truth,  
I am imperious and haughty;  
when truth possesses me,  
I am docile and humble.

Should I possess the truth,  
I would be a manipulator;  
should truth possess me,  
I would be a liberator.

Whenever I possess the truth,  
my mind is closed;  
whenever truth possesses me,  
my spirit expands.

Possessing the truth,  
I stop seeking;  
possessing me,  
truth beckons me on.

Were I to possess the truth,  
it would be my possession;  
were truth to possess me,  
I would be its purveyor.

In situations where  
I possess the truth,  
I stir up tensions and hostility;  
in instances when truth  
possesses me,  
I beget calm and tranquility.

If, therefore, your aim  
is security,  
you will try  
to possess the truth.  
If, however, your goal  
is maturity,  
you will allow  
truth to possess you.

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