Truth came back from a vacation in Hawaii to find the world more of a mess than before, and was particularly concerned that facts had been attacked. People interpreting facts as they wished disturbed Truth, but this was something else.

Vaccines, which had prevented polio, smallpox and other diseases were not only openly questioned for reasons having little to do with Truth. Indeed, some people had stopped taking them, or having their children inoculated, because of fear. Scientific research was now disparaged, research ridiculed as a waste of funds. Truth had always been proud of science, it was a great human achievement.

Truth went to see Denial, who had moved into a much larger home. “You’re doing very well,” Truth said (truthfully.)

“Never been better. I’m everywhere.”

“I know we are contradictory,” Truth said, “but we must work together to solve the problem.”

Denial looked at Truth. “What problem?”

Truth returned to Hawaii for another vacation, in a cave by the ocean, hoping the midterm elections would make a difference. When Truth returned, it found that the Prime Minister, to win over the public, had declared tax breaks and other giveaways (which would evaporate after the elections,) so he still controlled the government, which had grown still bolder.

Electric cars and solar panels were declared illegal. History textbooks were rewritten to show the nation only in a positive light. Internet was free. The new currency was digital. The nation went so far into the ozone it passed through one of the holes and entered space, wandering the universe seeking new life forms to corrupt.

Truth returned to Hawaii.

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