

Dear Doug -

I have not yet ^{read} the NY Times piece but I have read your letter of Oct 16. If indeed you have concluded that I lied to you throughout our relationship, then I doubt that anything you might publicly write would be harsh enough. Have at it with no holds barred. If that is your conviction, then everything held back would indeed be misplaced loyalty. I know in my heart what the Truth is, Ben Veniste and others notwithstanding - and so long as I am at peace with myself, which I assure you I am, that in the end is what matters. I can't respond otherwise to your comments on Ben Veniste's opening statement since I haven't read it. From what I know, however, the Tapes do indicate a rather consistent position on many points toward the Watergate: to Tell the Truth & let it all out. I guess in Time we'll all know. My advice to Ed, by the way, was on purely pragmatic grounds so I can claim no halo. Evidently you can look back and feel that everything was justified and vindicated for you. It must be a nice warm feeling. I know that few people in the last 2,000 years have in the Truth of their own hearts been able to do so.

Since you do credit me with sincerity in my religious convictions (I'm hard pressed to fathom how you have arrived at that judgment, however) I would commend to you for reading the first + second verses of Chapter 7 of the Book of Matthew. It's one of the most frequently cited and most often abused verses in the Bible. Read the Phillips version; the language is a bit more eloquent than the King James.

If Your letter was intended to let me know
first what You were including in the Times piece,
I do appreciate it. Believe me, I feel no
rancor or animosity - not even much hurt.
I do understand You better than You have
ever realized and I do sincerely hope that
Your rather remarkable talents will be fruitfully
channeled in the years ahead. My advice would
probably not be worth much to You (I wouldn't
respect it from one who had lied to me
consistently) and so I guess I probably wasted
a lot of words in my last letter to You. I will
not advise You, therefore, but I can tell You
that my feelings about You are unchanged
by Your letter or whatever You wrote for the
Times. I will continue to hope + perhaps even
pray that as You mature and experience new
things in life You will find the balance between
mind and heart that will truly fulfill
You, that Your life and work will be rewarding
to You and to Society. Humility is not weakness,
nor is compassion or tolerance of others - It
was important to me to recognize my own
mistakes first before I could really find the
inner security and strength that I have; it's
a lot easier to love others even for their weaknesses
& faults when one accepts his own fallibility -

all the Best

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