

Thoughts On Believing

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Don't believe everything you hear, read or see!!

*“ Believe maybe a **quarter** of what you hear,
about **half** of what you read, and possibly
only **three quarters** of what you actually see! ”*

Phip Stewart (1976)

Why?

Because much of what you *hear* is rumour, and often mischievous;
because *reporting*, although more accurate, is still regularly biased;
because *observations* are usually incomplete and altered by perceptions;
because information on the *Internet* and *Social Media* platforms is mainly
unregulated and can be specious;
and finally, because ...

*“There are three sides to every story: yours, theirs and the truth
which is always somewhere in-between.”*

Phip Stewart (1973)

So what should one do, before believing?

*“Check the veracity of what you hear and read.
Question the reality of what you think you see.
Research topics well using a variety of reputable sources.
Develop relatively unbiased and informed opinions,
and even then, Maintain an open mind. ”*

Phip Stewart (1983)