

The Path I Follow



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Leo Tolstoy wrote once of a priest who was criticized by one of his congregants for not living as resolutely as he should, the critic concluding that the principles the erring preacher taught must therefore also be erroneous.

In response to that criticism, the priest says: "Look at my life now and compare it to my former life. You will see that I am trying to live out the truth I proclaim." Unable to live up to the high ideals he taught, the priest admits he has failed.

But he cries:

"Attack me, [if you wish,] I do this myself, but [don't] attack ... the path I follow. ... If I know the way home [but] am walking along it drunkenly, is it any less the right way simply because I am staggering from side to side?"

Lesson: Don't Criticize others Beliefs