



Deceit implies falsehood, cheating, dishonesty, trickery, corruption, bribery, and crookedness. Deceit is the cause for a dishonest life. The human mind has an uncanny ability to craft devious means and cheat others to satisfy one's low-level desires to procure more money, power, prestige, or many other worldly objects. Cunning individuals hide their malice thoughts behind sweet words, leading to ego and hurting others. Deceitful individuals are fearful, restless, and lack peace of mind.

Deception often involves unethical and immoral means, resulting in social, monetary, and mental consequences. The karmic consequences of deceptive behaviour are horrendous, and it is believed that deceptive thoughts and behaviour can cause one to suffer in this life and be born as an animal in the next.

Honesty helps to realise the truth. Honesty and straight forwardness can prevent occurrences of deceit and manipulation. The opposite of deceit is Saralatä (straightforwardness). A straightforward person acts without hidden agendas, has a lighter karmic burden, and leads a more peaceful life.





- When asked "What does a person achieve from straightforwardness?", Mahavirswami replied "Straightforwardness purifies body, mind, and speech. True religion resides only in the hearts of straightforward people."

CHEROKEE WISDOM: TWO WOLVES

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

ONE IS EVIL.

It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

THE OTHER IS GOOD.

It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, compassion, truth, humility and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather:

"Which wolf wins ?"

The old Cherokee simply replied,

"THE ONE YOU FEED."

