The Courage Of Truth (Michel Foucault, Lectures At The Collège De France)
The Courage of the Truth is the last course that Michel Foucault delivered at the Collège de France. Here, he continues the theme of the previous year’s lectures in exploring the notion of "truth-telling" in politics to establish a number of ethically irreducible conditions based on courage and conviction. His death, on June 25th, 1984, tempts us to detect the philosophical testament in these lectures, especially in view of the prominence they give to the themes of life and death.

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Foucault last course is an erudite and well-balanced one in the study of the structure for Antic and Modern question of courage in the world of increasing human (mind) politicization (universities, political parties), especially in the early 80 of the last century in both BLOCKS (USA, Western world versus CCCP and the Communist world). A ,,sovereign life,, - said Foucault quoting and commenting Seneca- is ,,a life of assistance and help to others,,; and a life of providing personal and concrete exemples of courage and freedom (of speech). I view this course as a rare piece of important and original comments and problem-oriented methods in the study of Ancient Greek history and philosophy. Of course, Foucault problem-ized and experimented new ways of analyzing/inquiring the Ancient and Modern subject of truth.Dr. Lucian Popescu, historian

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