



The Emperor's New Clothes

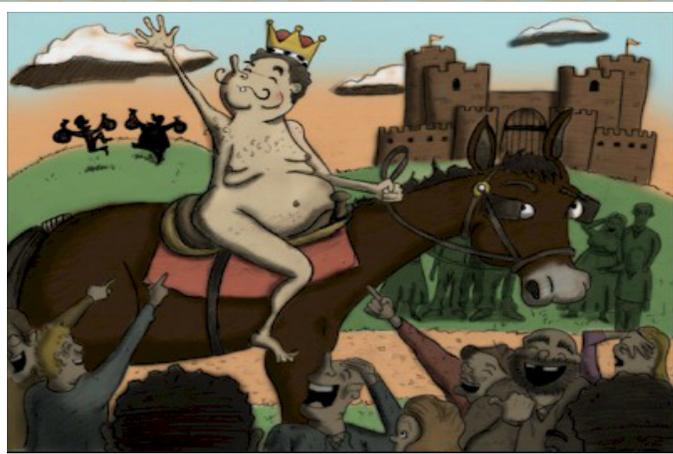
A few hundred years ago, Hans Christian Anderson wrote a child's fable called, "*The Emperor's New Clothes*". Though written for "Children", and a "Fable??", as is often the case, it contains more truth and wisdom than many of today's "Official Proclamations"!!

The story centers on a fabled Emperor -- a very pompous, vain, "Jackass" of an Emperor. Being much into himself, his clothes and the "Elegance of his Countenance", he was to have a new Suite of Clothes made for himself, the Splendor of which had never before been seen by mortal eyes (or so said his tailor). Not only that, but they would be a constant test of those who served under him. It seems (so said the tailor, again), that these clothes were to be made of such an extraordinary cloth, that it could **ONLY** be seen by the wisest and most astute of men (and woman). **Fools, and those unfit for their position, would NOT be able to see anything.**

Now this delighted the Emperor to NO END, for HE considered himself a VERY Wise and Astute man indeed!! Price was to be of NO concern (as is USUALLY the case with Emperors and other political figures)!! Now the tailor (who REALLY WAS quite wise and astute, and quite a con man) labored over this suite for many months. All who saw it, including the Emperor, raved to each other that they had never before in all of their lives seen anything to compare with this Suit. It was a Wonder to Behold, and **so VERY Politically Correct !!**

Finally, the much awaited day arrived!! Encouraged by the massive Press and Media Coverage, ALL in the land, from the Smallest to the Greatest turned out, and a great parade and press conference were held in the Emperor's honor. As he paraded down Main Street in full sight of all of his subjects, everyone -- young and old, man and woman -- screamed, cheered and shouted. **Truly, never before had such a sight been seen!!**

Suddenly, the voice of a **Small, Innocent, Politically INCorrect Little Child** arose above the din of the crowd, "*Mommy, the Emperor doesn't have ANY clothes on !!*" The Emperor turned **VERY Red**, and no doubt MANY Politically Correct Heads were lost that day.



By the way, rumor has it that the tailor was spotted many years later as the Master of a great Villa in Southern California.

*"In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard and the goat will be at peace. Calves and yearlings will be safe among lions, and a little child will lead them all". **** Isaiah 11:6*