Thoughts for 2017

To begin the new year, here are some thoughts from one of humanity's greatest thinkers, Albert Einstein, in a 1931 essay, part of the compendium, “Living Philosophies”:

“No one in the 20th century gave more than Einstein. His theory of relativity turned science upside-down, showing that something we previously thought was absolute — time — was actually relative to the observer. Einstein revolutionized physics, helping to usher in the nuclear age. He paved the way for much of the fantastic technology we take for granted. But he was also respected as a philosophical free-thinker.

“In our current political climate, goodness, beauty and truth have taken a terrific beating.
Fake news, suspicion, hostility and fear have been unleashed nationwide, although fortunately we’ve seen very little of it locally (except internet trolls).

“Here in Pottstown, 2017, let’s hope we can fairly and intelligently discuss the issues of the day, and preserve and promote our quality of life and the sustainability of our little part of the planet.”