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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the 95th edition of the Rainbow Journal. In this issue the articles are mainly about Law and Justice and includes the fourth article in the series on Law, with this one touching the subject of Universal Law which, if studied and followed briefly touching can bring us peace and prosperity. The object of the Journal, as always, is to provide food for thought so that we become more aware of who we are and what our relationship is with the Creative Force of the universe, whatever name we may give It. As always I look forward to your comments and feedback which is always appreciated. - *Brian Alderson* ΩΩΩ

SPIRITUAL LAW

In the last three issues of the Journal we briefly touched on the different types of laws that rule our lives. The three types we described were *religious* law, *human* or *social* law and *physical* or *natural* law. The fourth type, which again because it is such a wide ranging subject we can only very briefly cover, is *universal* or *spiritual* law.

Although these four types of “law” can be seen as quite distinct from each other Edgar Cayce stated: “*There are divine or universal laws, as there are nature's laws - as well as man's laws. For, one is the attempt to understand the other, or one is the searching for the other.*” With the difference being: “*The universal or spiritual or God laws do not change. Man's laws and their application change according to circumstance, or manner of application through understanding.*”

Rather than attempting to give my own interpretation and understanding of Universal Law I can do no better that quote from two beautiful readings in the Cayce files – reading number 262.32 and 262.52 – given to the first Search for God study group. “*O, that all men would know, 'Know, O ye children of men, the Lord thy God is ONE!' Each spirit, each manifestation of LIFE is ONE, and a manifestation either in this, that or the other sphere, or scope, or space of development towards the knowledge, the understanding, the conception of that ONE - HIM - I AM – God - Jehovah - ALL ONE!*”

“*From this premise we would reason, that: In the manifestation of all power, force, motion, vibration, that which impels, that which detracts, is in its essence of one force, one source, in its elemental form. As to what has been done or accomplished by or through the activity of entities that have been delegated powers in activity is another story.*”

“*As to the one source or one force, then, are the questions presented in the present. God, the first cause, the first principle, the first movement, IS! That's the beginning! That is, that was, that ever shall be!*”

“*The following of those sources, forces, activities that are in accord with the Creative Force or first cause - its laws, then - is to be one with the source, or equal with yet separate from that first cause. When, then, may man - as an element, an entity, a separate being manifested in material life and form - be aware or conscious of the moving of that first cause within his own environ?*”

“*Or, taking man in his present position or consciousness, how or when may he be aware of that first cause moving within his realm of consciousness?*”

“*In the beginning there was the force of attraction and the force that repelled. Hence, in man's consciousness he becomes aware of what is known as the atomic or cellular form of movement about which there becomes nebulous activity. And this*”

is the lowest form (as man would designate) that's in active forces in his experience. Yet this very movement that separates the forces in atomic influence is the first cause, or the manifestation of that called God in the material plane!

"Then, as it gathers of positive-negative forces in their activity, whether it be of one element or realm or another, it becomes magnified in its force or sources through the universe. Hence we find worlds, suns, stars, nebulae, and whole solar systems moving from a first cause.

"When this first cause comes into man's experience in the present realm he becomes confused, in that he appears to have an influence upon this force or power in directing same. Certainly! Much, though, in the manner as the reflection of light in a mirror. For, it is only reflected force that man may have upon those forces that show themselves in the activities, in whatever realm into which man may be delving in the moment - whether of the nebulae, the gaseous, or the elements that have gathered together in their activity throughout that man has chosen to call time or space. And becomes, in its very movement, of that of which the first cause takes thought in a finite existence or consciousness.

"Hence, as man applies himself - or uses that of which he becomes conscious in the realm of activity, and gives or places the credit (as would be called) in man's consciousness in the correct sphere or realm he becomes conscious of that union of force with the infinite with the finite force.

"Hence, in the fruits of that - as is given often, as the fruits of the spirit - does man become aware of the infinite penetrating, or inter-penetrating the activities of all forces of matter, or that which is a manifestation of the realm of the infinite into the finite - and the finite becomes conscious of same.

"As to the application of these as truths, then: It may be said that, as the man makes in self - through the ability given for man in his activity in a material plane - the will one with the laws of creative influence, we begin with: 'Like begets like - As he sows, so shall he reap - As the man thinks in the heart, so is he.'

"These are all but trite sayings to most of us, even the thinking man; but should the mind of an individual (the finite mind) turn within his own being for the law pertaining to these trite sayings, until the understanding arises, then there is the consciousness in the finite of the infinite moving upon and in the inner self.

"So does life in all its force begin in the earth. The moving of the infinite upon the negative force of the finite in the material, or to become a manifested force."

As to the situation we find the world in with escalating greed, violence, fear, death and destruction, what better advice could be given to each of us this day in that in the closing words of the reading to this first study group:

"Some among you are fearful; some are weak; some are doubting; some are seeking more and more. What will you do with what you have chosen? Be strong in Him, for His promises are sure - and you may walk with Him if you will choose to be channels of blessings in His name. Let your yes's be 'yes' and your no's be 'no' in His name, for you have chosen the better part - He has chosen you as you have chosen Him. Go, then, into the field that is ripe for the harvest; for His ways are those that lead to eternal life."

An excellent book on the various Universal laws in by the Author Bruce MaArthur and titled "Your Life -Why it is the Way it is and What You Can Do About It" published by the A.R.E Press. The author describes the numerous universal laws

and offers practical advice on how we can use these laws to improve our lives. To quote from the book: “Most persons agree that the difficult happenings in their lives have been periods of great growth for them. However, life does not have to be difficult for us to learn. That is simply one way to live – the hard way. There is a better way. By learning the Universal laws and how to apply them in the highest ways, we can transform our lives before we create the difficult situations. Through the laws we can learn how to avoid the weaknesses of our judgements and how to gain a clearer vision of what is truly for our and others' highest good and how to maintain it.” - ΩΩΩ

JUSTICE

A recent case before our courts involved a homicide of a three year old boy by his mother and step-father. There was plea bargaining involved when the adults pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of manslaughter rather than murder. Even though the sentence imposed on the couple was the longest ever in New Zealand for manslaughter – 17 years – there was a general public outcry because of the severity of the abuse the child received resulting in his death. It was felt that “justice” was not done.

Readers will be aware that calls of “injustice” are not uncommon as there have been numerous cases in recent times in the U.S. and other countries where it was considered that the alleged perpetrator of a crime was either not charged for it or the sentenced imposed after being found guilty in a court of law was not sufficient punishment for the crime committed. So in the minds of many “justice” was not served.

It is tempting to believe that Justice refers to the thing that is supposed to happen in Law Courts. We hope that the laws and the “justice system” will work out in a way which is actually just. However, there is a sense in which the justice system is very different from true Justice, if we define it as *harmonious reciprocal relationships*. Even if the justice system worked perfectly on its own terms, it would be a mistake to think that this is Justice. The fact that crimes are committed and that people sue each other in civil courts means that the harmonious relationships in society have *already* been disrupted. Our Law Courts are, at best, an attempt to correct injustice, and even then they can only do so in limited respects: judges can restore property and lock people up, but they cannot change people's hearts and restore harmony.

So what is this true “Justice” that those who cry out are seeking? Is not the “justice” they refer to just another name for revenge, punishment or retribution? Is it an attempt to even the score for after all, if we believe every word in the Bible, did not God Himself say “... if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe”? (Exodus 21:24-25 KJV) But we must understand that this is a dangerous directive to accept and follow for as Mahatma Gandhi is purported to have said “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

In our last issue of the Journal in the article titled “Laws of Nature” it was pointed out that many laws of nature can be measured and computed in the language of mathematics. A most simple mathematical equation can be stated as $1+1=2$. Yet when we attempt to dispense justice we work on the formula $1+1=0$. In the Ten

Commandments there is a simply stated law: “Thou shalt not kill.” So if someone breaks this commandment and kills someone we kill that person and believe justice has been served. That is the second killing negates the first one, so $1+1=0$, which we know, mathematically at least, is incorrect.

What we must understand is that Justice is not an act after an event but it is the event itself. True Justice, as defined in dictionaries is the quality of *our* being just *our* being righteous in *our* conduct and relationship with others. It is a positive virtue not a negative response to acts of other people. This is sometimes not easy advice to follow if we or someone close to us is a victim of violence or other acts of cruelty. Yet we must realise that seeking vengeance, holding anger, hatred and bitterness towards those that cause us harm only results in *our* suffering. Instead we are to forgive.

This does not let the perpetrator 'off the hook' but it brings the forgiver peace of mind and frees him or her from corrosive anger. Experts agree that forgiveness at least involves letting go of our deeply held negative feelings. In that way, it empowers us to recognize the pain we suffered without letting that pain define us, enabling us to heal and move on with our lives.

FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

“Justice” is not something you experience *after* you act a certain way, but *because* you act a certain way. Justice is an act, not punishment *for* an act.

EDGAR CAYCE ON JUSTICE

(In the pursuit of world peace) Individually - know that right, justice, mercy, patience – as was represented and presented by Him, the Prince of Peace - is the basis upon which the new world order must eventually be established, before there is peace. - 416-17

Here the law of love, of causation, of mercy, of justice, of all that makes for self becoming in the at-onement Relationship, of filling the purposes for which one is called in materiality, becomes the activity of Him that is free indeed. - 5949-10

Then look to your own self, in the manner and way that you act towards those who would bring to you the better things of life - rather than condemning in them those things that are as truths; for the life is to be lived, and the life is action in the justice to self and mercy to those who would err. - 1410-19 BDA ΩΩΩ

JUSTICE AND RACE

Shortly after the completion of the article in this issue titled “Justice” the news arrived from the U.S. of a the spate of killing of black men by police officers which was followed by retaliatory killings of police officers and mass demonstrations in many parts of the country with participants carry banners reading “Black Lives Matter” and “No Justice, no Peace.”

As is many cases when the emotions of the public get heated some go way beyond demonstrating and decide to take what they consider “Justice” into the own hands. In this instance the reaction was the recent ambush killing of police officers pick off at random. What these killers saw as justice was just another word for revenge, and worse, not aimed at the individuals responsible but “collective punishment” on the whole police force.

In response to the above the following is an edited version of a blog by Neale Donald Walsch:

What is the spiritual response of a person who wishes to live, on-the-ground in everyday life, in the face of what is now happening in America around the issue of race? How can the person on a spiritual path best react to by a black man, and the killing of black men by police officers using deadly force while on duty?

There is little question that racial tensions have rarely been higher in the United States than they are today. Peaceful protests led by Black Lives Matter have filled the streets in cities across the nation. The organization's founders issued statements strongly and unequivocally condemning violence of any kind for any reason. Police and public officials likewise have called for peace.

Many participants in the Black Lives Matter movement have carried signs bearing the slogan: *No justice, no peace*. Others have shouted this phrase as they staged their protests. Sadly, these words have been interpreted by some of BLM's critics as a threat of, if not a direct call for, violence. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. The four-word statement is an abbreviation of the words of one of the greatest pacifists in the civil rights movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was Dr. King who said on December 14, 1967: "There can be no justice without peace, and there can be no peace without justice." His words were not meant to ignite violence, but just the opposite. They were originally uttered as part of a protest of the Vietnam war. The quote has been carried forward to the present day as a simple statement of an obvious truth: Without justice, peace is impossible to fully realize or experience. As Dr. King put it when he went on: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

This is the point that protesters of violence against blacks by police are seeking to make. Is it true that a tiny minority of angry protesters misappropriate Dr. King's words to justify their own breaking of the peace? There's no question of that. While the vast majority of protesters in every city march peacefully, there are those few who throw objects, overturn police cars or start them on fire, smash windows of storefronts, etc. Yet just as those who say it is wrong to condemn all police for the misbehaviours of a tiny few, so, too, is it wrong to condemn everyone in the Black Lives Matter movement for the misbehaviours of a minuscule percentage.

From a spiritual perspective, with regard to the response to both police and those who protest against misuse of force by law enforcement, it seems useful to embrace the following message: *Judge not, and neither condemn. (Luke 6:37)*

It is difficult, for sure, *not* to condemn when we see videos of what looks to all the world like sad and blatant police misconduct. And it is just as difficult to avoid condemning the actions of street protesters who use violence and destruction to make their point - to say nothing of those who would actually ambush and kill police officers.

How do we *not* condemn despicable acts?

How can the average person *not* feel real anger and true indignation arise within the mind, deep hurt and profound grief assail the human heart, and not respond to these feelings?

To the spiritual student, those are two different questions. Feelings are part of every spiritual expression. Condemnation is not. At least, not according to *Conversations with God*. It asserts that there is no condemnation in the mind of God. Not of anything. Not of killing. Not of cruelty. Not of anything. CWG also declares that every human being is an Individuation of Divinity.

If these two statements are true, condemnation of violence and killing by either police *or* protesters is out of place as a truly spiritual response. Feelings, on the other hand, are “the language of the Soul,” according to CWG. They signal whether anything in the Physical Realm is aligned or misaligned with the Soul’s essence – which is the Essential Essence of the Universe. Or, if you please, the Pure Energy of God, the “stem cell of the Universe.”

When something in our Exterior Environment is not in alignment with our Essential Essence, human beings will *feel it interiorly*. It is not the arising of a feeling that defines the level of one’s spiritual development, but one’s response *to* it. Our response to feelings is what demonstrates how far we have evolved in realizing Who We Are.

The purpose of feelings is to signal the Soul when there is a “disturbance in The Force” (to re-purpose a marvellous line from the wonderfully percipient script of *Star Wars*).

Be careful here to note that not all feelings signal a disturbance. Some feelings signal an amplification. The Force is the Essential Essence of the Universe. In *Conversations with God* we are told that it can be described, in human terms, as Love. This is what everything is. This is who you are.

Whether any exterior energy pattern is at variance or in harmony with Who You Are, your Soul will signal you in the form of *feelings*. You are then offered an opportunity to respond to the exterior energies in a way that announces and declares, demonstrates and reflects, expresses and fulfils, how you choose, in any given moment, to experience your Self.

CWG magnificently said that the purpose of life itself is to recreate your Self anew, in every golden moment of Now, in the next grandest version of the greatest vision ever you held about Who You Are. In this way, God experience and expresses Divinity as a constant act of continual creation.

What, then, is an appropriate spiritual response to these killings and similar situations around the world? Remembering that there is no such thing as “appropriate,” but only what we *decide, on our own authority*, is apt or apposite in any given moment or circumstance. Should not compassionate understanding be our response, coupled with a renewed promise to do everything in our power to bring peace and love to every thought I entertain, to every word we utter, and to every deed we perform?

I am speaking here of a commitment to follow Gandhi’s extraordinary invitation to “be the change we wish to see.” We may be tempted to think that in the larger world this will make little or no difference at all, but there are those who have proven otherwise. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of them. - BDA ΩΩΩ

THIS IS GOD SPEAKING

According to the Bible Old Testament there were a number of chronicled instances when God supposedly spoke directly to His prophets and followers. In the early books of the Bible it appears that in those times times God was constantly communicating vocally with them. However we are to remember that the Bible spans a period of some 4,000 years so these supposed direct verbal communications, if they did occur, may in fact have been quite rare. In fact, as far as Christian theology is concerned, after the death of Jesus and his disciples God ceased communicating

with us as we wait for the second coming of the Christ.

Perhaps part of the response to this apparent silence from God is in the definition of God and how these communications did in fact take place, and are most likely still happening. If God is like the old man in the picture on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel then He would have vocal chords and therefore be able to speak the same as we do. Because He is omnipotent it would therefore be assumed that he can speak in all human languages. However few of us nowadays limit God in this way. Edgar Cayce many times describes God as 'Universal Consciousness', for example: "*The spirit is the universal consciousness, or God; that which is the First Cause*" 826-11. In 16 readings he also describes God as being love: "*Love one another and thus fulfil the law of God, for God is love.*" 524-1. Furthermore, on at least two occasions he described God as life itself. ". . . *for God is life, light, and immortality*" 254-55.

So we have descriptions of God as Universal Consciousness, Love and Life itself. Consciousness, love and life and all spiritual in nature. As we humans are made up of this same spirit plus mind and physical bodies it can be assumed that communications between God and us would be from one spirit to another and therefore spiritual in nature or form. So this brings us to the question: How do spirits communicate? Us humans communicate with each other through our physical senses, in particular through our speech and body language. A spirit that does not have a physical body cannot communicate in this way so any form of communication would be outside of our five human, physical senses. They would be what we call extra-sensory perception or 'ESP'.

One way of spirits communication is by way of *intuition*. Carl Jung defined intuition as "perception via the unconscious". It is the ability to communicate and acquire knowledge without using any mental processes. The knowledge just comes to us - like a light bulb above one's head in a cartoon. Edgar Cayce had much to say about intuition: "*(Intuition) is so often misunderstood. Psychic forces, psychic development, are so often misunderstood. Psychic should be applied rather to the soul mind or soul body, than merely to - as is the more often deduced - the mental activities of an entity, a soul, a body.*" 255-12

One way God speaks to us is by inspired works. 'Inspire' means 'in spirit', so inspired works are those that have been communicated by God through the Holy Spirit. To a Christian the greatest inspired work is the Bible, and it is from this book that, if we read it seeking the spirit behind the words, we will get answers to many of our questions of a spiritual nature.

Another common form of spirit communication is through *dreams*.

"*For God does speak—now one way, now another—though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds*"— Job 33: 14–15

In the Book 'Conversations With God' when the question was put directly to God His answer was:

"I talk to everyone. All the time. The question is not to whom do I talk, but *who listens?*"

"First, let's exchange the word talk with the word communicate. It's a much better word, a much fuller more accurate one. When we try to speak to each other - Me to you, you to Me, we are immediately constricted by the unbelievable limitation

of words. For this reason, I do not communicate by words alone. In fact, rarely do I do so. My most common form of communication is through feeling.

“Feeling is the language of the soul. If you want to know what’s true for you about something, look to how you’re feeling about it. Feelings are sometimes difficult to discover - and often even more difficult to acknowledge. Yet hidden in your deepest feelings is your highest truth. The trick is to get to those feelings.

“I also communicate with thought. Thought and feelings are not the same, although they can occur at the same time. In communicating with thought, I often use images and pictures. For this reason, thoughts are more effective than mere words as tools of communication. In addition to feelings and thoughts, I also use the vehicle of experience as a grand communicator.

“And finally, when feelings and thoughts and experience all fail, I use words. Words are really the least effective communicator. They are most open to misinterpretation, most often misunderstood. And why is that? It is because of what words are. Words are merely utterances: noises that stand for feelings, thoughts, and experience. They are symbols. Signs. Insignias. They are not Truth. They are not the real thing.

“Words may help you understand something. Experience allows you to know. Yet there are some things you cannot experience. So I have given you other tools of knowing. And these are called feelings. And so too, thoughts. Now the supreme irony here is that you have all placed so much importance on the Word of God, and so little on the experience. In fact, you place so little value on experience that when what you experience of God differs from what you’ve heard of God, you automatically discard the experience and own the words, when it should be just the other way around. Your experience and your feelings about a thing represent what you factually and intuitively know about that thing. Words can only seek to symbolize what you know, and can often confuse what you know.

“These, then, are the tools with which I communicate, yet they are not the methods, for not all feelings, not all thoughts, not all experience, and not all words are from Me. Many words have been uttered by others, in My name. Many thoughts and many feelings have been sponsored by causes not of My direct creation. Many experiences result from these. The challenge is one of discernment. The difficulty is knowing the difference between messages from God and data from other sources. Discrimination is a simple matter with the application of a basic rule: Mine is always your Highest Thought, your Clearest Word, your Grandest Feeling. Anything less is from another source.” - *BDA ΩΩΩ*

USING LABELS

Whatever the man called every living creature that was its name. Man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field... Genesis 2:19-20.

Over the ages, as humans acquired the ability to speak and to communicate with each other, one of our greatest achievements was the classifying and assigning of names to all the things that are in our environment. By the use of these names large amounts of information can be communicated between us with the use of very few words. If we did not have these labels for each of all the different creatures and objects in our world we would need to proceed at length to describe the creature or

object every time we wanted to refer to it.

We can also use these names or labels when describing people. These labels should be restricted to factual information such as the physical description or occupation or status in the family and community, such as a mother, an uncle or the local mayor. We should however be careful that, when we come to describing and putting labels on people, we are not basing these labels on our judgement of that person with the limited amount of information that is available to us. How often have you heard someone being described as a moron, coward, bitch, miser, idiot, etc. A term in judgement of someone is one which I have touched on before in calling someone a 'criminal'. What would we conclude from that description? If we look closely at the dictionary meaning of the word, when used as a noun, we find that there are two variations offered, which at first glance may appear to be synonymous:

- A person who has committed a crime - *Oxford Dictionary*
- A person who has been adjudged guilty (in a court of law) of a crime – *Dictionary.com*

If we are to accept the first definition of criminal as 'a person who has committed a crime' we could accept that *any* person who has *ever* committed a crime is a criminal irrespective of whether or not the person was charged, convicted or whether or not the crime was ever detected. How many of us would fit under that category? Probably the majority of the people in our country - in the world! When Mahatma Gandhi was once asked why, during one of his periods of incarceration, he was so polite to his fellow inmates his reply was that the only difference between them and those outside the jail was that his fellow inmates had been caught!

Looking at the second definition which is 'a person who has been adjudged guilty of a crime' the definition assumes that the courts always delivered the correct verdict in finding the person guilty but we know for a fact that the courts sometimes get it wrong with the consequence that a number of those convicted are in fact innocent of the crime they have been charged with – so are they really criminals?

When we use the word 'criminal' to apply to different people we assume that in one way they are all the same. If we say John is a criminal and Mary is a criminal we assume they are both just as bad and react to them according based to our definition of a criminal. This is despite the fact that John might be a serial killer and Mary's only conviction was for DUI - driving while under the influence.

People can change over time – particularly as we become more mature. Barry was convicted of a minor theft 20 years ago and since then he has led an exemplary life. Is he still a criminal? If not then we may have as our definition of a criminal someone who has *recently* committed a crime.

After considering the above we could come up with numerous possible definitions of a *criminal*:

- Anyone who has ever committed a crime, whether caught or not.
- Anyone who has adjudged guilty of a crime, whether or not the person is actually guilty.
- Anyone who has committed a crime *and* been adjudged guilty of it.
- Anyone who has committed a serious crime (we would need to agree on what is 'serious')
- Anyone who has *recently* committed a crime.
- Anyone who has committed a crime and has not changed since the offence or has

no remorse.

- Anyone who has been found guilty of a number of crimes.

Etc, etc.

So before we use a negative label to describe someone we should ask ourselves when using broad based terms such as word such as a criminal, whore, miser, coward etc. In our casting judging of them give some thought first to the various meanings that can be attached to those words so are they really appropriate? Also we must remember that by giving a person one of these or similar labels with negative cogitations we are judging that person and in doing so, under Universal Laws, will we be judged accordingly.

FROM THE EDGAR CAYCE READINGS:

“Judge not lest you be judged with that same judgement. - 2573-1

“You have the ability to judge things. It is well to judge things - it is bad to judge yourself or your fellow man.” 1554-1

“See only the pure, the good! For until you are able to see within the life and activities of those you have come to hate the most, something you would worship in your Creator, you haven't begun to think straight. Look for good and you will find it. Search for it, for it is as a pearl of great price. For there is so much good in the worst, that you may never judge another by your own short standards.” 1776-1 – BDA ΩΩΩ

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM C.W.G.

REMEMBER THIS

Remember this: You are always a part, because you are never apart. You are always a part OF God, because you are never apart FROM God

LIVING SIMPLY

You must cut down millions of acres of trees each year or you won't be able to have your Sunday paper. You must destroy miles of the protective ozone which covers your planet, or you cannot have your hairspray. You must pollute your rivers and streams beyond repair or you cannot have your industries to give you Bigger, Better, and More. And you must exploit the least among you - the least advantaged, the least educated, the least aware - or you cannot live at the top of the human scale in unheard-of (and unnecessary) luxury. Finally, you must deny that you are doing this, or you cannot live with yourself. You cannot find it in your heart to live simply, so that others may simply live.

INNER STRENGTH

Stop thinking of yourself as separate, and all the true power that comes from the inner strength of unity is yours - as a worldwide society, and as an individual part of that whole - to wield as you wish. Yet remember this: Power comes from inner strength. Inner strength does not come from raw power. In this, most of the world has it backwards. Power without inner strength is an illusion. Inner strength without unity is a lie. A lie that has not served the race, but that has nevertheless deeply embedded itself into your race consciousness. For you think that inner strength comes from *individuality* and from *separateness*, and that is simply not so. Separation from God and from each other is the cause of your dysfunction and suffering. Still, separation continues to masquerade as strength, and your politics, your economics, and even your religions have perpetuated the lie.

This lie is the genesis of wars and the class struggles that lead to war; of animosity between races and genders, and the power struggles that lead to animosity; of personal trials and tribulations, and the internal struggles that lead to tribulations. Still, you cling to the lie tenaciously, no matter where you've seen it lead you - even as it has led you to your own destruction.

Now I tell you this: Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

LIVE AS A TRINITY

When you live as a single-faceted creature, you become deeply mired in matters of the body: Money. Sex. Power. Possessions. Physical stimulations and satisfactions. Security. Fame. Financial gain.

When you live as a dual-faceted creature, you broaden your concerns to include matters of the mind. Companionship; creativity; stimulation of new thoughts, new ideas; creation of new goals, new challenges; personal growth.

When you live as a three-part being, you come at last into balance with yourself. Your concerns include matters of the soul: spiritual identity; life purpose; relationship to God; path of evolution; spiritual growth; ultimate destiny.

As you evolve into higher and higher states of consciousness, you bring into full realization every aspect of your being.

ON EUTHENASIA

You are saying that I (God) would *condone* your killing someone *against* his will, and that I would *condemn* your killing someone in *accordance* with his will.

This is insane. Still, you not only fail to see the insanity, you actually claim that those who point out the insanity are the ones who are crazy. You are the ones who have your head on straight, and they are just troublemakers. And this is the kind of tortured logic with which you construct entire lives and complete theologies.

I tell you this: The time has come for you to look at things a new way. This is the moment of your rebirth, as an individual and as a society. You must re-create your world now, before you destroy it with your insanities.

DECLARING WHO YOU ARE

When you are preparing to have your abortion, or when you are preparing to smoke that cigarette, or when you are preparing to fry and eat that animal, and when you are preparing to cut that man off in traffic - whether the matter is large or small, whether the choice is major or minor, there is only one question to consider: Is this Who I Really Am? Is this who I now choose to be?

Understand this: *No matter is inconsequential*. There is a consequence to everything. The consequence is who and what you are. You are in the act of defining your Self right now. That is your answer to the abortion question. That is your answer to the war question. That is your answer to the smoking question and the meat-eating question and to every *question about behaviour you've ever had*.

Every act is an act of self-definition. Everything you think, say, and do declares, "This is Who I Am."

THE STEPS TO GOD

Acceptance, proclamation, demonstration. Those are the *three steps* to God. Acceptance of Who and What You Really Are. Proclamation of it for all the world to hear. And demonstration in every way. - ΩΩΩ

FROM HERE AND THERE

BEING MISERABLE

In my readings the other day I came across the phrase “More people than you know are happy being miserable.” An unusual statement at best. It reminds me of what my brother said one day concerning money: “Money may not make you happy, but at least you can be miserable in comfort.” I noted that the word *miserable* was derived from the word *miser* based on the Latin *miserabilis* 'to pity'. Over time it morphed to the Middle English *miser* meaning 'a person who hoards money or possessions.'

HEALTH CARE

We call a hospital part of the “health-care system” not because lying in a hospital bed is Health, but because it is something we use to remedy sickness. The best sort of Health is not needing to go to the hospital in the first place. Our healthcare system should focus on keeping people healthy rather than tending the sick.

FRANCE HAS THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

Paying for sex in France is about to get a lot more expensive. France has joined a growing number of European countries that criminalize clients of prostitutes. The French National Assembly outlawed the hiring of prostitutes while eliminating penalties for sex workers. Paying for sex services now carries a fine of 1,500 euros (\$1,700). Repeat offenders could be fined up to 3,750 euros (\$4,260). Clients will also have to enrol in workshops to learn about the plight of sex workers, according to the National Assembly's website.

Meanwhile, sex workers will no longer be fined or jailed for public soliciting. And foreign sex workers actively trying to get out of prostitution can be given a six-month residential permit and state funding to prevent prostitution.

SHARING

There will always be international strife and misery as long as 1/5th of the world uses 4/5th of its resources.

GOD IS NOT MOCKED.

To mock means to attack or treat with ridicule, contempt, or derision. The statement above does not refer to God as a being that is able to be mocked but more to the law which comes from God. We mock Universal Laws at our peril.



LETTERS

Hi Brian,

Your article in the May issue of the Journal on marijuana was an interesting deviation from the usual journal themes.

People get confused between the hemp and marijuana varieties of the cannabis plant. For thousands of years hemp was used to make dozens of commercial products like paper, rope, canvas, and textiles. In fact, the very name "canvas" comes from the Dutch word meaning cannabis. The great mistake many countries including the U.S. has made was the banning of all varieties of cannabis instead of just the marijuana variety, not realising that hemp has enormous environmental, economic, and commercial potential of hemp. For example there is no tree or plant species on earth capable of producing as much paper per acre as hemp. Paper production from hemp would eliminate the need to chop down billions of trees in millions of acres of forests with huge areas of wildlife habitat being destroyed in the process.

Trees must grow for 20 to 50 years after planting before they can be harvested for commercial use. Within 4 months after it is planted, hemp grows 10 to 20 feet tall and it is ready for harvesting! Hemp can be grown on most arable land where forests require large tracts of land available in few locations. Substituting hemp for trees would save forests and wildlife habitats and would eliminate erosion of topsoil due to logging - which we are now witnessing at ever increasing rates in many countries. Reduction of this topsoil erosion would also reduce pollution of our lakes and rivers.

Fewer caustic and toxic chemicals are used to make paper from hemp than are used to make paper from trees – again less pollution! In fact there is much evidence to suggest that hemp was banned because it was a competitive threat to the wood products industry and newly developed synthetic fibres that were patentable, and therefore more profitable than hemp.

As is often said when we wish to find the cause of dubious legislation – follow the money trail!

Keep up the good work.

John Carlos

Hello John,

There has been some debate recently on the use of hemp for paper and some claim that the economic benefits of using hemp as a substitute for wood fibre for paper manufacturing are marginal. It appears that there should be more research in this area particularly as deforestation is seen as a major contributor to global warming.

Brian

Editor - ΩΩΩ



CHRIST IN YOU

PART III

SECOND LESSON

“Thou In Me”

Keep in mind the previous chapter and you will be led back to it and find that all your life is going to teach you that the God-Man Christ is all in all. This truth has to be made one with the outermost limits of creation, just as a leaf learns by drawing from its source its oneness – more than unity – with the tree. There is a condition of consciousness in everything that lives. The real you knows everything about itself, but the leaf or seeming unit can only learn slowly, by its life of dependence and unfoldment, its own place and meaning. Every atom contains the whole. The whole of God is in the blade of grass. Try to banish the thought of distance or space, and know that what you see contains within it its true life; the thought is within every expression.

Your first and lowest consciousness of life was movement. Your highest is love. The seed thought is always hidden within every phase of life through which you merge; it moves, quickens, and brings forth seed (thought). This is true of all creation. Your first movement was in secret, yea, in the lowest parts of the earth. This is symbolised in every physical birth; the whole of creation is manifest to the seer. The truths of life are simple and open. I do not wish to cause you vain speculation, but we desire to be of real practical use to you at the stage of unfoldment where you now are. However low in the scale of evolution – that is, spiritual evolution – a soul is, it can be perfect of its kind, and should be free from sin, sickness, and death. This is our glorious message for you. We would have you know yourselves. Get back to the cause.

Why are people suffering and sinful? Because they willingly choose to dwell in a divided consciousness of good and evil. Whoever for a second has seen that there is no evil, has passed from death to life. He has entered the Heaven of Heavens, he has seen God. The Fall is a thing of the present. It is a false understanding.

Why have we tolerated this consciousness, seeing that God cannot fail? The real you has never tolerated it. There is only one consciousness really; it is deep within yourself all the time; it always has been, and now is around you; and because of it and its livingness you are shaking off the shadow of ignorance – a condition of growth –and rising into pure being. In the great process you will know that sin and ignorance are less than the morning mist now being dispelled by the morning sun, the fire of the love-life. To become aware, while in the shadow, of the reality of this one true life is the solution of everything, for with this true understanding you must know that all is well forever. That you are one with this movement means that you are emerging into fullness and freedom. See how it is lifting the whole race! We see its potent power everywhere; we rejoice with you. You are entering into the kingdom of life and light. Death and sin are conquered now and forever.

In the next lesson we will discuss the way of ascent from your present condition. Peace and joy and the sweet fellowship of the heavenly host be yours, as you consider these truths.

Nothing is impossible to him that believes. ΩΩΩ

LOVE



OUR CLOSING THOUGHT

“What is it all about then? ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, your body, and your neighbour as yourself.’ The rest of all the theories that may be concocted by man are nothing, if these are just lived. Love your neighbour as yourself in the associations day by day, preferring as did the Christ who died on the cross rather than preferring the world be His without a struggle. Know, then, that as He had His cross, so have you. May you take it with a smile. You can, if you will let Him bear it with you. Do it!” 3976-29 ΩΩΩ

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