

## **Article 18: Are You Jumping And Flapping, ...Or Judging and Criticizing?**

In Article 17 we discussed creature A who spent most of his life jumping and flapping ...while stranded on a small island in the middle of a lake ...while creature B watched A's strange behavior, judged him, and died laughing, ...though he certainly wasn't very happy.

Although A's efforts enlivened wing-genes, he did not develop wings, ...instead, he passed on his genes ...and his descendants developed wings, which they used to fly off the island. Creature B, on the other hand, developed judging, criticism, and laughing genes ...and passed those on to his descendants, ...and his descendants often wondered why they were being punished.

Several weeks ago, we had a spiritual interview with A ...and we asked him whether he was angry that he did all the jumping and flapping ...and didn't grow wings, while his offspring gained the winged-benefits of his efforts.

"Heck no!" he declared, "Every time I jumped up, I caught one of those food-bugs, ...so I ate real well. Besides, the exercise kept me happy and fit ...and I lived a long life. I flapped my arms because I enjoyed seeing B laugh so much; ...he was a little pessimistic, ...you know. I wanted to cheer him up." Then he looked around furtively, lowered his voice so only I could hear ...and said, "Besides, when I come back to life again, I'll have wings; ...won't that be grand. The only thing, though, ...I'll miss B. How's he doing these days? Have you talked with him lately?"

Actually, I had spoken to B, just the day before, so I told A of our conversation. B was quite angry that A and his offspring got all the benefits, ...that he hadn't gotten anything. "What'd I do that was so wrong! How'd I cause this? What did I do? Maybe I should have been more faithful ...or learned my lessons better!" he wailed. "God not only punished me, ...he punished my whole family, ...and generations of my families. What ever was my original sin? What did my forefathers' do that was so wicked that I was punished? God hates me!"

If you believe in familial and genetic illnesses which are passed on to you, or in evolution as it is taught today, you are probably a judging, suffering type B creature who believes in good and evil, searching for causes, blaming others ...including god, the burdens of life, and learning lessons, ...and most of all in a rewarding/punishing God and world, ...all of which keeps you vulnerable to a "ruthless and indifferent" universe. And you will continue judging ...in a futile attempt to overcome this unfairness and earn God's benevolent rewards. But your judgments will only increase your conflicts, burdens, and unhappiness.

Unfortunately, since you only judge what you believe to be bad or evil, your constant judging keeps you in a continuous struggle with and against the ungoodness you see and sense all around you.

One additional caution: In all of these words, do you see us as futility jumping up and down ...and waving our arms around excitedly? If so, don't laugh at our words or actions, for we and our descendants might just fly off and leave you behind ...all alone with your judgments, but...

### **You can fly too!**

Ohh, by the way, after this interview, we met a descendent of B excitedly jumping and flapping and laughing, ...obviously, he had discovered the wondrous truth of life ...and the joy of creating and living the self and life he desired. Several of his family members were watching with great interest, ...without judging or criticizing.

How'd you do? Did you guess that A knew that everything he did and gave away was given to him? Are you wise about what you do and give away? Are you excited about life? Are you willing to try something new? Or, like creature B, are you still judging and criticizing ..."as usual"? Get excited and start flapping!