

Article 230: Changing Your Livingself -part 1

During the 1600's, Sir Francis Bacon of England declared that "knowledge is power"...and with these words, he challenged scientists to bring forth new, more-powerful truths from Nature ...which he declared had a "hidden realm"...and only by entering this domain would man begin understanding the true nature of the universe. He suggested that the world could no longer wait for, or depend upon, individuals to discover truth or divine the nature of the universe ...that this knowledge was too important, expansive, and necessary to be left in the hands of a few geniuses who arrive every century or so. Bacon suggested new, concerted scientific methods for investigating Nature, which involved drawing reasonable conclusions from experimenting and testing beliefs, understandings, and assumptions ...and then retesting to prove those conclusions.

Until independent scientific study began, the Church primarily controlled and dominated life and learning in Europe ...and limited the inflow of Eastern knowledge and understandings, ...most teachings were founded on religious views and doctrines, and over the centuries, new beliefs and understandings were stifled ...or withheld from the public as heresy.

Just as Bacon revealed how carefully guarded, scientific and medical knowledge could be expanded and taught in the universities instead of in seminaries and mystery schools, we believe that understandings about Self and the universe which have been concealed for many centuries beneath the structure of our dichotomy language of thinking and believing which has controlled and dominated our understandings of self and most aspects of life more-tightly and unyieldingly than the Church ever conceived of can not be released and revealed. This is not secret information or esoteric teachings from ancient mystery schools, it is the knowledge lost or denied with man's creation of a *language of things* ...instead of a *language of self*, for man never realized or ever visualized the possibility that the universe existed to unconditionally serve him ...rather than for him to worship and faithfully serve God and His universe ...or a universe of many gods.

Are you pleased with your self and life? ...and the universe in which you live? If so, read no further, for we have nothing to offer you, ...however, if matters in your livingself are other than as you truly desire, then continue reading ...very carefully ...and answer each question before proceeding.

1. Do you understand that what you cannot do is extraordinary ...while what you can do is ordinary? Yes No

If you cannot paint or sculpt like Michelangelo, such a talent seems extraordinary and wondrous ...even divine, yet to Michelangelo~or to you if you applied such talents in your life~these abilities were quite normal and natural. Ohh, certainly, considered in the light of ordinary individuals lives or talents ...and the works of other artists of the time, his abilities were extraordinary ...and today he is considered a genius of his time, but, to Michelangelo, his talents were normal and natural to him~or he could not have created David or the Pieta ...or painted the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican~and the same is true of Leonardo Da Vinci ...who struggled for acceptance and a benefactor. Our question (1) is about how you would feel with such extraordinary talents; for, like Michelangelo and Da Vinci and others, such talents would flow so normally and naturally through you that they would feel ordinary ...not extraordinary. Such talents would be as normal as breathing, yet in trying to discover your Higher or Greater self, your life's purpose, your finest abilities and gifts, or your Divine Mission in life, you search endlessly for something extraordinary and passionate, instead of applying your natural talents in extraordinarily passionate ways. Reconsider your livingself and ways.

2. You have probably been advised, in one form or another, to "control yourself, not others", ...do you understand the meaning of this?

Yes No

A similar question that comes to mind is, "Is it ever fair to ask someone to do something for you which you are not willing to do for yourself?" The answer, of course, is "No ...that wouldn't be fair!" ...yet, if someone, even a friend, partner, spouse, or family member does something that bothers you, you want *them to change* ...and stop annoying you, ...you want them to change to please you, yet you won't even change being bothered to please yourself, ...is that fair? Shouldn't you at least attempt to control yourself rather than trying to control others? Do yourself a favor ...control your annoyances.

3. Do not deal with your outer-world, deal with your inner-world, ...do you basically agree with this statement? Yes No

Much like the previous statement, this one advises you to deal with yourself ...and your own beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, and emotions before speaking or acting ...and not expect others to meet your expectations or to do things to suit you. If you are unhappy, instead of blaming others or expecting them to make things right, people constantly advise you to deal

with your inner-world, ...but there are many matters in your outer-world, such as auto and house repairs, bills and mortgage payments, health issues, public and community matters, children and pets, schooling, business commitments, and many other outer-issues, which must be considered and properly attended to, ...you cannot, in this world today, just look at yourself ...and ignore everything else. And though others would declare that this example is not what they mean, what outer-matters do you deal with...and which do you ignore? What does the statement to look within really mean?

When looking at things around you, there is a real sense of inner and outer, ...and when turning within to see or experience yourself, you will quickly discover that, as the observer of yourself, what is within is still without. Inner and outer are difficult to define, ...aren't they? Maybe there really is no difference between the inner you and your outer world, ...the two are one! ...therefore, despite such sayings, both worlds are you ...and you can deal with yourself as you choose ...and where you choose. Instead of looking within, try looking deeply within everything around you! ...and see yourself smiling there.