

## Article 271: Ethics, Morals, Virtue –part 1

For centuries, it has been believed, and is frequently declared today in one form or another, that an All Originating Spirit of life (God), in order to experience and contemplate itself, created a cosmos of peace and harmony and all righteousness out of itself, ...and to fulfill this plan of self-awareness, perception, and meditation, the All Originating Spirit created human beings as companioning spirits ...and endowed them with volition, which is frequently called free will.

By definition, volition is the act of willing, choosing, or deciding. This is not free will! ...in fact, willing•choosing•deciding reveals a complete lack of free will, for *living as you truly desire* is far different than willing•choosing •deciding to live as you truly desire, ...which is why those who believe in “volition, free choice, or free will to live correctly” also believe that life on earth is a *school for learning* the proper use of volition, which souls willingly accept with all of its trials, conflicts, and disheartening struggles as an opportunity for spiritual growth and understanding ...and proper or moral use of volition, which will advance those souls toward fulfilling God’s original Plan. Considering the importance that this and similar false beliefs have had on mankind for centuries, it is worth careful reconsideration.

[There is always something new to discover.](#)

In contrast to the idea that life is a “school for learning”, many people~embodied souls~seem to believe that while becoming an architect or writer, an artist or musician, or a skilled worker requires considerable training, the art of even “good living” is so simple that no special training or experience is required. However, it seems to us, that just because you are alive does not mean that you are qualified for, entitled to, and able to create a life of genuine living ...or even desirable living, simply because, for centuries, you have lived your dichotomy language and the misbeliefs and conflicts that has engendered ...and sacrificed yourself. And yet, you, like most people, feel you are an expert in living your life! ...but even that, in most cases, seems to be far less than desirable, ...why is this? Do your beliefs•thoughts•attitudes•emotions•words•actions actually benefit your living as you truly desire? Are you thinking and acting against yourself? ...and the life you truly desire? Are you still living your language and sacrificing the self and life you truly desire?

Medical science is working night and day to extend your life, ...do you want life without true living? The universe, seemingly indifferent to your desires and ultimate fate of death from this life, actually supports life as

you desire in all ways, but only you can escape the false beliefs of your dichotomy language and give meaning to your self and life.

Language is the tool and limitation of the mind.

It is said that the world around you mirrors the world within you ...and that you are as you do, ...therefore, if the world around you or your actions are not desirable, then neither are you. Is this belief reasonable? ...or is it a misuse of language?

In childhood, *good actions* were those for which you were praised or desirably acknowledged ...or which made you feel safe and secure, while *bad actions* were those for which you were punished or actions that were not considered acceptable. Of course, attention seems to play a big part in these good/bad actions, for like many children, you probably did what was “bad” merely to get the attention you desired ...and that was “good”, yet, at the same time, getting attention in this way was not so “good”, ...was it?

It seems that, regardless of any moral or ethical standard set, good•bad is determined by “rewards” received or expected. For example, a good and obedient child may actually be fearfully avoiding unwanted actions or reactions ...and may not be “good for good’s sake”, ...and a bad child may have interests that merely differ from that of his parents. It seems that there is no reliable standard for either good or bad, and all such beliefs are only present in the language ...not in the universe or world around you. Is that at all possible?

Right now is the starting point of  
a new freedom and a new beginning.

Bible scholars frequently declare that Adam’s and Eve’s eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was not, in and of itself, evil, for the ability to know good from evil was considered a god-like virtue, their “sin”, they solemnly pronounce was disobedience, ...but this whole story and the many beliefs it has spawned are all based on the presumption that good and evil actually exist. In your mind and world, is it possible for a virtuous God to declare some things to be evil? ...and is that being good? Is that reasonable? If nothing in the universe is in and of itself evil, and this is obviously correct, then imposing a false evil on the world around you cannot be good and virtuous.

Is creating a standard of “right actions” virtuous? ...or even appropriate or desirable? ...or even possible? Have such standards ever been successful in the past? Has the standard of “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” ever changed a “bad” person or prevented

a “bad” act? Are ethical or moral standards followed because of this standard? ...or because of the fear of consequences? Is fear of consequences good and virtuous? Isn't this “goodness by fear”? Is that good? Instead of declaring that “virtue is its own reward” and doing nothing, is it possible to reward virtue and make it more-desirable instead of merely punishing transgressions? Or maybe the basis of ethics, morals, and virtue should be completely reconsidered, ...after all, Aristotle used the term virtue to mean “excellence”, ...are you creating and living the excellence you truly desire?

In a world of all-goodness, eithics•morals•virtues based on good and evil make no sense, especially since...

[There is no showing that evil even exists!](#)