

## Article 275: Ethics, Morals, Virtue –part 5

All that is unethical, immoral, or lacking in virtue occurs in darkness, under the cover of good and evil ...right and wrong. If you do not live openly, honestly, intimately at all times, the language of good/bad ethics•morals•virtues will surely judge you and punish you. How is this possible? How can you be punished for good behavior? Well, before the action, you will probably create a good/bad turmoil ...and at times even consider the price you will pay for being ethical•moral•virtuous among people who have no such restrictions, ...then, after the action, you are likely to consider what that cost you, ...or, if you feel rewarded, you are likely to punish yourself for times in the past when you made a different choice. It seems that in either situation, in a duality world of good/bad ethics•morals•virtues filled with trials and lessons, you will punish yourself and feel ethical•moral•virtuous for doing so, ...is that the world you want to continue living in? The ethical•moral•virtuous Forever Living world of openness, honesty, intimacy offers self-realization, not punishment.

It is frequently declared, in one form or another, that personal qualities, such as courage and patience, trust, caring and compassion, honesty and intimacy, integrity, respect, clear communication, and self-knowing enable you to engage openly and wisely with every aspect of the real world ...and to fully enhance your own life and intimate relationships, ...and the more of these desirable qualities you develop, the more intimate you can be with yourself and a partner ...and with all of life.

This certainly sounds correct and appropriate and desirable, doesn't it? ...however, in a duality world, you can develop all of these qualities and still not be living as you truly desire with yourself or others in a life you desire, ...and a single oversight will negate all of your finest qualities, ...besides, of what value are these qualities if you are not living them in a world and universe you truly desire?

Since, in a duality world, these qualities do not ensure a desirable self and life, do not spend your energies developing such qualities with the expectation of having a life and partner you truly desire, for in doing this you will probably attract a partner who is also struggling to develop these or similar qualities ...and living these constant struggles without these qualities, ...is that what you want? If not, create and live the self and life you truly desire and let desirable qualities be emergent. For example, if you are actually living as you truly desire, courage and patience are unnecessary, trust is a moot issue ...for distrust does not occur, and self-knowing is already at its peak.

Just as you cannot *simulate* the properties of water and have water appear, you must create water so the properties can appear, ...you cannot create these personal qualities and have the life you truly desire appear, ...you must create this self and life to guide the qualities to be emergent within you. The same is true of ethics, morals, and virtues, you cannot create specific qualities, assets, or character traits to be ethical, moral, and virtuous, but in fully and openly revealing and living your finest self, these distinctive aspects are completely embodied in your self and life.

In a duality world, any belief that life is growth and development spawns the belief that if creative energy is blocked, it transforms into destructive energy, which is the source of evil, illness, and many false healing techniques. Considered personally, these concepts mean that a truly constructive life unlived turns into inner and outer destructiveness ...which is the source of your "sin". To overcome these "sins" and illnesses and wearisome evils of life, religions, following the languaged duality of life, exhort you to be pure and righteous, ...however, nowhere in the history of mankind has it been shown that duality's purity and righteousness relieves, overcomes, or prevents problems or illnesses ...or leads you to the self and life you truly desire.

Despite the long-held, frequently declared belief that life is learning and growing and developing, life is, in this regard, lessening the languaged limitations and restrictions you have imposed upon your otherwise desirable self and life, but you have lived for many lifetimes among people who believe that mankind, you included, is basically evil, destructive, and selfish ...and that you must eliminate, control, and conceal all desires, impulses, and actions which are deemed to be evil and destructive. To get along with such believers, to be loved and accepted, controlling and concealing became your primary beliefs and actions in life ...and remain so today. Do you understand how these beliefs and actions create and maintain the very struggles and problems they were intended to relieve?

Now consider that life is actually about lessening your self-imposed languaged restrictions and limitations ...and living your revealed self, ...then, though failure to reveal yourself results in withholding from yourself and others, these withheld knowings, awarenesses, and energies do not transmute into evil or wrong-doing, or into problems and illnesses, they remain good and benevolent, though you may not realize that ...or understand it, for old habits frequently die hard.

Not revealing your loftiest self and promise ...and living and expressing your greater empowerments does not result in illness or

destructive unhappiness, ...however, in a duality world, struggling to conceal yourself ...or to be and live what you have constantly denied yourself may certainly lead to problems, illnesses, and unhappiness ...and to continued self-destructive beliefs and ways, ...is that what you want to continue?

In all areas of your life, do you not sense that no matter what you do or whatever happens in the world, there is a greater, more-expansively PROMISEYOU? ...and that the universe you sense and seem to experience is but a small part of all that is occurring right under your nose? Isn't it like being too close to your languaged self and life to perceive the big picture? this larger promiseself and life is not something you are growing toward, you are completely involved in that at this moment ...but you're not aware of these happenings. Whether you call this spirit or spiritual, transcendence, a higher-self, or a greater life, in one way or another, most of you have experienced these feelings of a greater, finer you living and relating to a loftier life, ...this is your promiselifeself.

If this loftier self and life does exist, and the sense of it certainly does exist, then it seems that the only unethical•unmoral•unvirtuous beliefs, thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are those that conceal that promiseself and life ...and the ethical•moral•virtuous way is revealing that promiseself and life.

“Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you” is not a fundamental principle of love or ethics ...and neither is “Do unto others as you would have than do unto you”, for languaged-ethics•morals•virtues are founded on good/bad standards ...not upon what you do or do not desire ...and certainly not upon...

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