

Article 333: Some Stuff About Some Stuff -part 1

1. All religions, and most philosophical teachings about life, begin with the concept of “wrongness” in the world ...and in the way you are thinking and living; ...this wrongness is variously referred to as sin or error or ignorance, evil or impunity, unhappiness, pain and lack of wellbeing, or moral sickness. All such religions and teachings promise release from this wrongness provided their declared pathway is properly understood and adhered to; ...these pathways are frequently referred to as transcendence, salvation or grace, truth and freedom, eternal life, enlightenment, or cosmic consciousness. In addition, these prescribed pathways of rightness require that, independent of what you may otherwise desire, specific codes, moral laws, and truths must be followed.

Is this the self and life you desire? Of course not, “But,” you might ask, “what if they are right ...and I will be denied salvation ...and life after death? ...or maybe I’ll go to eternal hell, ...then what?” In the face of such possibilities, what is to be gained by living as you truly desire in this temporary life? You can’t be certain about *living as you truly desire* or *overcoming wrongness*, ...can you?

2. There once was a Samurai who saw a Buddhist walking through his master’s garden every day at about the same time. One day, the Samurai, feeling very suspicious of the Buddhist, asked curtly, “Where are you going, old man? ...and why are you passing through our garden?” ...to which the priest answered nervously, “I’m not really sure.”

“What!?” the Samurai exclaimed, “you pass through this garden every day, certainly you know where you’re going. Do you think I’m a fool?”

When the priest insisted that he did not know where he was going, the Samurai became very suspicious and more than a little angry ...and he dragged the priest to his master’s jail for trespassing ...at which point the priest said quietly, “See? ...I didn’t know.”

Before the Samurai spoke to him the priest knew where he was going ...and why, and why he was passing through the garden, but the Samurai’s interruption created new possibilities the priest hadn’t considered.

Does this story illustrate your life? Do you have a sense of what you are doing? ...and where you are going? ...and why? ...but the moment you stop to consider these questions you lose all real understanding of your self and life?

Though life and the universe follow a perceivable pattern, this does not mean that the universe and life are today ...and are to remain for all times as they were determined by initial conditions and purposes ...and design, yet there is an observable path, consistency, and seeming purpose that life and the universe are transmuting. This is true of your self and life as well, ...are you willing to accept this freedom ...and mind your self and life as you truly desire? Do you know where you are going ...and why? Do you let events and

individuals ...and relationships determine who you are and what you are doing? ...and why? Think carefully about this, for your life and wellbeing depend upon this understanding.

3. It does little good to be peaceful, train your focus and concentration, improve your abilities of observation and perception, strengthen your will and ability to endure, improve your making decisions, lessen your distorted beliefs, and expand your minding in the same universe you have always struggled against; ...change the universe you truly live in.

4. Sow desirable mindings, reap desirable awarenesses and realizations; sow desirable realizations, reap desirable actions; sow those actions, reap a desirable habit; sow those habits, reap a strong character; sow that character, reap an extraordinary promise; sow that promise, reap a majestic life and destiny, ...or not!

5. Consider green turtles of South America who swim thousands of miles from Africa to breed in South America. This wasn't always the situation, for, at one time, South America and Africa were joined, so breeding and feeding occurred in one place, ...then, as these continents drifted apart, breeding and feeding were only a short swim away, but now, because the turtles wouldn't change, their areas for breeding and feeding are thousands of miles apart.

Like the green turtles, are you doing thoughtless things in life, living in absurd relationships, and struggling with undesirable conditions and feelings simply because you won't change old habits that you've languaged into your body and life? ...which have now become dependencies? ...or, as you see them, they are *necessities*, ...right?

6. Nothing in the universe can essentially be known, for no matter how it is investigated and described to be and act in the universe, it can be considered and described just as correctly from a different point of reference, ...even mathematics follows this indeterminate pattern, the number 72 can also be described as 9 times 8, 36 times 2, 18 times 4, 71 plus 1, 73 minus 1, and in many other ways, each of which offers a different perspective and description of 72. Since this is true of all things in the universe, nothing is exactly and absolutely as it is "known" and described, ...thus everything you know or believe is but a small portion of what you actually know or believe ...but your language doesn't let you know this ...or believe it. What aspects of your self and life are you denying yourself? The universe leaves everything up to you, ...do you know and believe all things as you truly desire?

7. You cannot "know" the infinite ...or even the greater aspects of yourself by reason, for the greater aspects of yourself life beyond reason, whose purpose is to define and distinguish one thing from another ...as language does, ...however, you can perceive your extraordinary self through a process that is not limited or hampered by reason; ...this does not mean to

transcend reason or your finite self for a greater mind, awareness, or self, ...it means to end the language-aspects of reason-minding which limit you by confining you to "language-knowing".

Do not free yourself from a "limited mind",
free your mind from your self-imposed language-limitations.