

Article 357: Offering•Offering part 3

As a reminder, in these Articles, I am using the term languaged-*offering* to mean *offering* (*italicized*) as defined in the dictionary, which is “holding out for acceptance or rejection”, ...while offering (aka true-offering) is without consequence or intent to consequent. Everything in your duality-languaged-life is about “doing” to increase you, to attain what you desire, to overcome or transcend what you do not want. All of these things are consequences of “doing” and *offering*. The difference between offering and languaged-*offering* is that while languaged-*offering* is an attempt to offer to you, offering offers you and does not offer to you.

Acceptance and rejection are consequences of your languaged-*offering* and all doings, ...and all consequences in any form spawn judgments. Do you see in all of this that even if you stop judging completely, you are still consequenting? ...which lures you back into judging. Your greatest struggles in life are not about *judging or not judging ...or about right judging*, your greatest struggles are trying to consequent, ...for even being loving is being loving to consequent.

Though you won't understand this yet, “everything” you truly desire to be in life you already are, ...and that is your privilegedself. Realizing that this is so, you can then understand that *nothing you do* to increase you, to attain what you truly desire, or to overcome or transcend what you do not want will ever add anything to you, ...therefore, all languaged doing in any form only deceives you ...and conceals the privilegedself you already are.

Can you possibly imagine a life of always being and offering your promisedself? ...a life of being the eyes and hands of your privilegedself? Following some religious beliefs, your great spiritual self (privilegedself) is embodied in the raiment (promisedself) that is you, such that you serve as the physical eyes and hands of your spiritual self. Teachers and religions have been speaking about a spiritual self for centuries without knowing what they are talking about ...and have kept you on an endless quest for *becoming* that spiritual self today ...or living a spiritual life after death.

As I've said before ...and will repeat again and again, you are an embodiment of your beliefs ...but unfortunately you have no idea what beliefs you embody, ...and if I mention a few beliefs and you declare, “Oh I don't believe those things ...and I certainly don't embody them!” ...don't be too certain about that, for all beliefs I might mention have been around for years ...and centuries, following the pattern of language in one form or another, such that even the beliefs you don't believe underlie those you do believe, so let's follow a brief trail of basic religious, philosophical, and worldly beliefs as they have been lived for thousands of years.

Ancient Chinese lived the beliefs and age-old traditions of life which had existed for centuries ...and which set out the rules and laws of conduct, ...and since these beliefs and traditions were not god-centered, the authority behind these beliefs and traditions was the continuation of a privileged class of rulers.

Confucius, a Chinese philosopher and teacher of the fifth-century B.C., was influential in Chinese society and popular with the rulers because of his teaching that everyone must maintain his or her proper place in society and function properly ...and be happy with that; ...Confucius was not concerned with a person's soul ...nor with the "next world" in any form, he was only interest in each person's role in society ...and seeing that it was properly fulfilled.

It is recorded that Confucius declared "If names be not correct, language is not in accordance with the truth of things. If language be not in accordance with the truth of things, affairs cannot be carried on to success." I am willing to add that since language is not in accordance with but a very narrow and limited aspect of yourself and life, by following language you cannot carry on your own affairs to any desirable success.

Hinduism was a synthesis of older religions brought into India and which established a rigid caste system to ordain each person's position in life ...and in society, and set the VEDA as the most sacred scriptures of beliefs and conduct ...and the world in general. Later, Hinduism established the doctrine of karma ...in which all individuals live by and reap the results of their good and bad actions through a series of lives until earning liberation from continued physical lives of suffering ...and reaching a state of oneness with God.

Moses, also known as the Hebrew lawgiver, led his people out of bondage in Egypt and created Mosaic law in which it was taught that through obeying the law, your soul would be inspired, set free, and amply rewarded. Mosaic law taught that you must follow particular pathways in life, but no mention was really made as to why or for what reason or for what purpose you were to follow the laws, just that you must live as it is written, ...and though it is said that God gave Moses a view of Heaven, or the Promised Land, Moses died before revealing this image to his people.

Judaism is essentially a modern term for the beliefs and practices of Jewish people, for Judaism is not spoken of in the Bible and only rarely in the literature of the time. Judaism began with polytheism and progressed to the idea of only one god ...or Lord of the Universe. Judaism taught a strict system of God-given laws and instructions which were to be followed unquestioningly to establish God's kingdom on earth, for only then, as each person repented all previous errors and failings ...and fulfilled his or her "correct" role in bringing about God's earthly kingdom would their trials, tribulations, and suffering be ended or relieved.

Buddhism (c. 400-500 B.C.), a religion and philosophy established and taught by the Buddha, accepts the Hindu teaching of repeating cycles of birth and death until released from physical life and suffering to a state of perfection and enlightenment called nirvana. Buddhism also borrowed the practice of meditation, but not as a preparation for death as frequently practiced in Hinduism, but as a way to experience the Buddhist state of perfection and enlightenment, ...later, meditation was taught as a pathway *to enlightenment*.

Jesus claimed he had come to fulfill ancient beliefs and establish God's kingdom on earth, ...of course, he borrowed heavily from Buddhism in teaching release from a physical life of suffering to a heavenly state of perfection and enlightenment which he called "the kingdom of God" ...which had previously been called Nirvana by Buddhists, though Buddha never said what Nirvana was.

I am trying to show you to the beliefs you are embodying, ...and though you might say, "But I don't believe in Confucius, Hinduism, or Mosaic law," this might not be so. In fact, your beliefs today are founded on these beliefs ...and you suffer with them, ...so, before I tell you about other beliefs you struggle with, answer this question, *Do you believe in one God, many Gods, no God, none of the above, or all of the above?* Think about this and answer to yourself before continuing. Is it possible that only one answer sets you free?

Okay, let's continue with Plato (c. 427-347 B.C.), a Greek philosopher who taught mathematics and philosophy in his own Academy in Athens. Plato believed that underlying all things is an "absolute truth" which substituted for God ...and which could be understood through pure reasoning about particular things and events in the universe which revealed these "truths", ...he taught his students that searching for these "truths" would expand their thinking and make Gods of their thinking. Plato taught that these truths could be recognized as that which is proper in its proper place functioning properly, ...which, of course, eliminates all thinking based on preferences ...or judgments of "right" people or things in the "right" place functioning "rightly".

In Plato's teaching, your *absolute truth God*, to be proper, had to be completely individual and true for you ...and also true for every other person, ...which meant that it was both particular and infinite, for, after all, of what value is your absolute truth if another person's truth is different, for then these truths could not *both* be proper in the proper place functioning properly.

You are creating your own beliefs and "truths" !