

## Article 361: Offering•Offering part 7

The universe is not offering, offering is the universe. Offering is God! Offering is meaning and purpose. Offering is life without any need for acceptance or forgiveness. Love does not offer, offering is love. Do not declare, "First, I will seek the kingdom within me" ...instead, bring the kingdom of heaven forth through offering.

Many people live their lives in meaningful ways filled with purpose, they live their outstanding talents and extraordinary abilities, and they frequently perform many acts of caring and honoring others, ...all of this is well enough for beginners in life, but it is not enough for those who have truly tasted offering.

Striving to do good or to experience your helping others works against offering, ...actually, as fine as such actions may seem to be, they withhold offering ...and the real meaning and happiness you truly desire. Regardless of all you have ever heard, do not seek to be an instrument of goodness; offer as you are and goodness will shine brightly and enlighten others.

Do not bring offering to your daily life to overcome your problems, let offering be your daily life, ...and though difficulties sometimes bring you unknowingly to offering, do not wait for difficulties, be at offering before difficulties arise, ...for though much will be offered, nothing will be given to you, for nothing will be added unto you, but nothing will be refused or denied through your offering.

There is no right or wrong time for offering ...no work time and rest time, there is only the *alltime* of offering, ...you are never off duty or on duty, ...isn't it time for you to accept and fulfill your part? Do not be shy or humble in offering.

You are not an awakening soul, you are an alive soul ...and your resurrection is offering ...which will raise you out of the grave of language, ...are you willing to be alive in offering? ...and dedicate yourself to offering? If so, do not hold yourself ready and open for offering to come through you, be the pride and glory of offering. There is no holiness in holiness ...only in offering, ...actually, only wholeness occurs in offering and that is your holiness. Once this is truly understood, your new birth can take place, ...or would you rather continue struggling for the "holiness" of a languaged-self and life?

It is said that the Master Jesus came *to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth*, ...look around, do you see that or sense it? Two thousand years have passed ...and the earthly kingdom of learning and suffering, of trials and tribulations, and of hurts and illnesses still prevails. If in your beliefs and religion you are lifted by your faith for some ultimate victory over such an earthly kingdom, are you willing to abide in the kingdom of offering right now?

...which ends such discomfort and distress? ...or will you continue your life "as usual" and hope for some "eventual" success or victory? ...or savior?

Many of your problems and the intensity of your difficulties are due to your own inertia and unwillingness to change, ...instead of continuing in these ways, begin living through offering ...and watch your inertia and unwillingness dissolve as the glow of offering burns brightly within you ...and you realize what a present and presence you are in offering ...and what you have within you.

Offering sustains, empowers, and comforts those in darkness and grief, while those who find comfort in *offering* are enslaved to *offering* and will not be long-sustained or strengthened. The secret is that in offering, you are the power and strength and comfort of the universe, ...it is as though, through offering, you are lifted to the level of angels ...as a messenger of the universe, ...which truly you are!

Have you ever really considered just what your daily life is all about as you move thoughtlessly from one action and activity to another? And if you do think about this, do you use the same languaged beliefs and thoughts which brought you to this moment and situation? What philosophy do you feel is necessary to live reasonably intelligently with people in your daily activities?

How do you determine what pleasures you? ...and what is likely to pain you? ...is this a trial-and-error process? If so, what thoughts and feelings do you entertain when hurts and illnesses or difficulties invade your body and life? You are probably more-controlled by passing events and emotions than you believe. Are you really aware of your likes and dislikes? ...your judgments and criticisms? What misinformation are you living as truths? Through all of these things, you have created the self and life you are living with and struggling against today, ...how well have you done? Are you living as you truly desire? ...or do you even desire the self and life you are living?

Are you willing to accept that offering will guide you through and clear of your unpredictable feelings and emotions? ...and beyond accepting and rejecting to living the self and life you truly desire? You started in these ways long ago, ...are these ways now such a habit that you cannot change them? ...or do not want to change them? Are your ways serving you as you truly desire? ...and if not, what are you willing to do to be and live the person and life you truly desire? Are you at all willing to live by the enhancement of offering? ...and no longer use doing and *offering* for personal gain?

The highest wisdom and greatest attainment of life is to "know thyself" ...are you willing to see and believe yourself through offering? ...or would you rather continue concealing yourself and hiding from yourself in language?

While it is frequently declared that a spiritual person must spend a great deal of time in prayer and meditation until spirit becomes real, you as an

offering individual should spend your time and energy in active offering as a way of life; as the way you do everything you do. "Special" or separate times of focus and rejuvenations, periods of concentration and realization, or opportunities for reflection and connection are not required in a full life of offering ...for in offering there is no stress or strain, no toil or work, no doubt or anxiety ...only awareness and confident understanding; ...offering moves you beyond faith and hope to meaning and promise.

Are you observing your life  
rather than fully engaging in it?