

Article 368: Does the Universe Have A Purpose? -part 4

Have you learned anything about purpose in this series? It seems that if the universe has a purpose, no matter what that purpose maybe, since you are part of the universe, you cannot create or accept or live a personal purpose independent of or different than the universe's purpose ...you must live the universe's purpose; ...and if the universe has no purpose ...can anything in and of the universe, which includes you, have a purpose? ...and if you have no purpose, can you and your life be meaningful?

As the universe offers no possibilities but supports all possibilities you choose and offer so you will refuse to be limited to "known facts and truths" and expand your possibilities and offerings, isn't it probable that the universe reveals no purpose ...but supports all purposes you choose and offer so you will expand your purposes and offerings?

Do not try to transcend or escape from the universe *as it is* into a world of illusion ...or into a self-created world or reality, for by expanding your purposes and possibilities in the universe through offering, you are expanding the universe to what it can be, ...isn't it reasonable that this is and always has been the purpose of the universe? ...for you to expand yourself and give purpose to the universe? ...not to limit or demean yourself to the level of language? Couldn't you expand your awareness, understanding, and life beyond language and the way you use language? ...and live up to that through offering? Maybe moving beyond the languaged-restrictions and limitations of your self and life today in the world as it is languaged is your purpose, ...are you willing to free the universe and the world around you from the shackles of language?

Or maybe *purpose* is the wrong idea, for purpose only seems to exist in language ...not in the universe or in the world around you, ...and since the universe speaks to us through *meaning and promise* maybe we should be asking, "What is the meaning of the universe? ...and what does the universe promise?"

To begin, we must look closely at purpose and meaning. By definition, *purpose* is a result or effect that is intended or desired as a goal or consequence ...and *meaning* is that which serves to identify and betoken something ...or make something known, ...thus, though purpose, as in purpose of the universe, cannot be known without knowing the "goal or consequence" of the universe, ...the meaning of the universe may be identified and known ...along with its significance and functional value, and what the universe represents is active and knowable at all times.

For example, if I ask, "What is the purpose of the universe?" ...you will be hard-pressed to answer this question, yet if I ask, "What to you is the meaning and import of the universe?" ...you can certainly indicate that it gives

you life, that it offers you an environment in which to be alive as you truly desire, that it supports you ...or challenges and teaches you, that it enables you to grow and develop, that it reveals you to you, that it offers particulars ...which are greater and more-intense than vague images and impressions, that it supports free will as you desire, and that it offers and enables you many, many other things; ...this briefly identifies and describes the universe ...and you can easily respond in this way as to the meaning and promise that is the universe, yet you cannot declare that any of this is the purpose of the universe.

In other words, *meaning* is more meaningful than *purpose*; ...and this *meaningful* merely indicates that meaning has more understandable meaning than purpose. Actually, when you understand this, you will realize that everything is meaning ...and nothing is meaningless, ...yet purpose is constantly hidden from view ...and concealed from understanding.

Even if you establish a purpose for your self and life, you cannot rely on that until an ending occurs, and along the way you have to struggle to create consequences to cause outcomes to reveal purposes, ...and then, at the end of your self and life, it is too late, ...however, *meaning* is there for you to live and offer as you truly desire at every moment ...in a state of profound fulfillment and contentment, while *purpose* requires consequences, produces judgments, and withholds meaning and profound contentment ...and fulfilling satisfaction.

Things of the universe *do not have meaning and are not meaningful or meaningless*; all things are meaning as they are. In the same way, though *promise* is defined as "To pledge or give assurance that something will or will not occur or be done", the promise we are referring to in declaring that all things are meaning and promise is that both meaning and promise is the basis for expectation, such as "that idea shows promise" or "the clouds offer the promise of rain". In other words, promise is not to be used, like purpose, as an intention or consequence, and neither is meaning, both reveal the true nature of someone or something.

You can never know if you or the universe have a purpose ...or know what that purpose may be, ...and you cannot know the promises you or the universe may or may not have made, but you can easily see and reveal the meaning and promise of you and the universe as each is ...to you.

Purpose is tied to languaged-truth ...while meaning is freed to believing, ...of course you do understand that I am speaking of the meaning each thing is, not meaning as in meaningful, ...do you not? Both purpose and meaningful came to language ...and to you from the belief that the universe has a purpose, but nothing, it seems, actually reveals this to be true, ...have you ever considered that purpose which is languaged-purposeful, and meaningful,

are both obstacles to happiness? What would it take to have you live the meaning and promise that you are to you instead of struggling to live meaningfully and purposefully? ...or continue living the language-purposes, beliefs, intentions, spoken promises, emotions, and meaningful actions which have, for so long, deprived you of the self and life and happiness you truly desire?

There is an old Chinese saying that *to a worm in soy sauce, the whole world is soy sauce*, ...in the same way, to you in meaning and promise ...the whole world is meaning and promise, ...but to you, trying to live meaningfully and purposefully, everything is, ultimately, meaningless and without purpose, ...and to you trying to make and keep your promises, as in living your languaged purposes, beliefs, intentions, emotions, and meaningful actions, everything is futile.

Do not live purposefully or meaningfully, for then you are doing something *hoping* that will cause the fulfilling happiness you truly desire; do not try to be kind, loving, compassionate, caring, an intimate partner, or helpful as a way to create meaning and purpose ...so you can live meaningfully and purposefully; do not chase meaning and purpose, declare the meaning you are and fully immerse yourself in that ...and be the expressed promise of that through offering.

Are you living a sweet and sour self and life?
...or are you fully immersed in offering?