

Article 370: Does the Universe Have A Purpose? -part 6

To close this discussion of whether or not the universe has a purpose, or even whether or not you have a purpose in the universe, carefully consider the following comments.

1. If that which is greater than something is not also lesser than that which it is greater than, it is not greater than. From this you can understand that no matter what you believe the universe's purpose may be, if that greater purpose is not also lesser than your purpose, it is not greater than your purpose. For you, you are the standard by which the universe's purpose is known and measured, for the universe and its purpose are to you as you and your purpose are unto them.

2. Unfortunately, you do not live what you truly desire ...or even the purpose you desire, you live to avoid what you do not desire.

3. Self-realized and purposed individuals are those who at every moment offer all they are capable of being, ...but before you can realize who you are, you must become fully conscious of the fact that the person you think you are right now is at best a languaged-imposter ...and a stranger.

4. If you are not busy happening to life, you are busy exhausting yourself, for you work harder to seem happy and purposeful than you have to ...to be happy in purpose.

5. If you believe you are living a meaningful life in what you are doing, it's time for you to realize that within two weeks after you stop, you will be known as "old what's-his-name" ...and you won't be able to influence those matters any more.

6. Those who set a very high value upon themselves have no need to be esteemed by others.

7. Do you talk one way and live another? ...there should be no disagreement between your life and your words.

8. Your outer-world is formed from languaged activities ...and your inner-world is formed from languaged images, since your language is the same, both worlds are essentially the same ...such that there is no inner-relief or release which is not also available in the outer-world, ...therefore, instead of going within to your purpose or to release outer-entanglements, go without to your purpose and release inner-entanglements of thoughts and desires, of fears and doubts, of judgments and emotions.

9. Every meaningful purpose is *a knock upon the door to this reality*; ...knock happily, constantly, and consistently until the door to this reality, and to you, opens widely.

10. Purpose is not a divine power acting through you, you activate purpose independent of any existing conditions or situations ...and purpose creates its own circumstances.

11. Through offering, you will discover that you are a new awakened-individual ...finally able to hear your true-purpose speaking to you as it has done for years ...but which you couldn't hear over the confusing din of your language and daily activities ...and make-believer relationships.

12. When living through purpose~not purposefully~to perceive your self and life more-nearly as they are, you will have to reverse and reassess most of what language has you believing is true, ...and though it may be difficult or even painful to change your languaged beliefs, this is necessary if you are to continue living through purpose ...and not continue bearing "false witness" to others about yourself and the world around you.

13. If the universe has a purpose or goal, forget about the fact that this means you don't have free will, for that is unimportant compared to the realization that in your life today, you cannot "win" ...and your feelings of possibly "winning" in the future are too vague and uncertain to sustain you ...and inspire and impassion you, ...however, understanding that the universe doesn't have a purpose or destination means you don't have to *go along for the ride* in the hope of some future reward, you can create your journey and have rewards as you truly desire right here and right now.

14. Of course, when following a purposeful path in ...life, you will come to a point where you encounter two pathways, such as one that follows along the make-believe truths and demands of language ...and the other advises you to live as you truly desire through offering; be certain to follow the pathway of offering, for the pathway of language, no matter how meaningful and purposeful that seems and presents itself to be, will waste your life in judgments and anger, sadness and grief, and in striving and anxiety ...with very little of living the self and life you truly desire.

15. Are you living what you consider is your purpose in life? If you are sacrificing or forsaking anything for your purpose, do not continue your involvement, for no matter how meaningful your purpose may seem to be ...and how passionately you continue, your life and purpose will for ever be founded on your sacrificing ...and what you are giving up, ...and everything in your purposed life will be reasoned and judged in terms of its personal cost. Benefits and cost! Benefits and cost! Such considerations quickly destroy meaning and purpose ...and most lives, ...however, purpose lived as **meaning in action** piles meaning and benefits on top of meaning and benefits founded on meaning and benefits.

16. Because of an enlivened sense within you, you have occasionally considered living a "special purpose or passion" ...and then dismissed that or let it fade ...to follow your daily affairs, believing that those activities would lead you to the self and life you truly desire, ...however, you are likely to discover that while your daily activities are meaningful and filled with purpose,

they have no real meaning for you; ...on the other hand, instead of purpose being the object toward which you strive or the result intended, as you language it to be, by following the different frame of reference that *purpose is meaning in action*, by living this purpose, you have meaning in every moment and action, ...are you beginning to understand how language is limiting and controlling you and depriving you of meaning and purpose?

17. If your life and purpose is a “growth relationship” what can you really expect? Well, certainly not growth! You can expect trials, lessons, and tests *in which to grow* ...if that’s really what you want, ...but little growth will come your way as you put trials, lessons, and tests back into your purpose, ...therefore, if you expected purposeful growth, fulfillment, and satisfaction ...and received situations in which to grow and be fulfillingly satisfied ...what happened? ...and what do you suppose will happen? It seems that your expectations will be met, yet you won’t be happy, satisfied, or fulfilled, ...you have succeeded! ...yet lost, but don’t worry ...because this meaningful purpose won’t last in your life ...either.

18. If you tend to your present purpose and nurture it wisely, given the seeds of purpose you have constantly planted in the past, what harvest can you expect to reap? Though it seems otherwise, what you have in life is exactly what you have sown and tended, ...and though you can certainly change what you harvest, then, like a farmer, you must turn under your present crop, replot the field of your life, and replant what you truly desire. It’s not too late, but the planting and harvesting seasons of this life are passing quickly.

You are holding wondrous surprises within you!