

Inner Sanctuary Teachings

The Quest for Truth

Part Five

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The best way to achieve results in realising and experiencing the harmony of nature is firstly, to avoid preconceiving or trying to imagine, that is making mental images, to help one's self. Many students waste valuable time in attempting the impossible. By the impossible we mean that the conscious level of mind's function cannot see the correct state of the Universal Wholeness. Human image-making prevents one from knowing the Truth because it is continually viewing and assessing the "effects" end of the process.

Because we really wish to experience the Reality of Life we should be prepared, at any cost to one's own pride or fear of one's little world being shattered, to learn and accept the Truth. This Truth turns out to be entirely different from one's concept of It.

Starting from what the great teachers have told us about the nature of Reality we need to accept this and then slowly erase the barriers to the experience of It. One can help one's self by contemplating the Reality of the All-Presence: that Life which is forever in activity in spite of all that appears outwardly and whatever all people think or suppose exists.

The first Law of the Universe is Harmony and, because the harmony, wholeness and Love is already there to be experienced, we can be absolutely sure of finding It. We can never experience that which does not exist. This statement raises the problem of experiencing pain and suffering. In fact, this happens only in the human phase of mind, which possesses the faculty of CHOICE and, according to one's actions and reactions to life's out-workings, we produce our own experience of what is being played out at the time. For example, you might react to what you thought was somebody's attitude to you – they appeared to be unpleasant to you and you then created your own image of them; you might resent someone else's success or power over you; you could even be thoughtless in dominating others and exploiting others for your own ends; or you may be jealous of your "loved one" and place them in your own mental "straight jacket." All these attitudes are the "seeds" which sprout and grow into unpleasant conditions like, disease, fear and instability: whereas if you encourage harmony between people and help others to be happy without fear or thought for yourself you, see the results (or fruits) as pleasant and joyful. There is nothing mysterious or fantastic about this, it is the way things are. This indicates that the mode of outworking is the same whether we make trouble for ourselves or create happiness for ourselves. In spite of all efforts by some religionists to refute this, it can be proved to be True.

There is a misunderstanding that Gnostics teach that the world is evil. Even some Christians react to us on this point: but this is not what we are saying. St. Paul in the New Testament warns about following "the ways of the world," its philosophies and the traditions of men: one has only to look out into the world, the media, its politics, its money-seeking systems to have some idea of what we are talking about. The "world" is



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NOT evil: it is “evil” which we see and experience by way of what we project into it. Jesus taught that we can have life differently, not in some heaven after “death” but here on earth, by changing our lifestyles and motives. To experience the harmony and peace described by Jesus in this seemingly “evil” world we need to go through a completely new programming and to adapt our thinking and actions to a condition which would appear alien to those following after their “worldly” concepts. It is this lack of self-discipline which is the “ignorance of the Law” and which results in the “evil” we see in the world. This is a basic principle but appears difficult and “advanced” to those who do not dare to approach the change.

Therefore, whatever religion or philosophical system one follows, The Truth, AS IT IS, must remain; and the “Way” or “Path” of understanding, must also remain the same in spite of the myriads of systems set up to follow the Precepts of the Teachers. Some Christians are under the illusion that their religion is the only one teaching the Truth: ‘because Jesus was the Son of God, there can be no other, and therefore since God sent His Son there can be no other religion.’ This implies Supreme Authority, as it were, straight from the horse’s mouth – all others are pagan or heretical. The same attitude persists in Judaism and Islam. It is this dogmatic ignorance that leads to war and mistrust between the nations. Fascism has been borne out of the Christian faith because of the dogmatic interpretation of its own scriptures – not realising that it was only human beings who wrote the books in the first place.

To sweep away all this nonsense is the task of the enlightened beings amongst us. We need to learn that we are all one human family, to trust each other and respect each other’s approach to finding the true light and guidance from within. Life can, and should be a happy and harmonious experience because that is its nature from source. We reap the fruits of our own labours – hence we each have our own experience of the “world.” Jesus taught that “whatever measure you mete it will be measured unto you again” and “whatever you sow, that shall you also reap”: there cannot be any better or more precise description of life’s outworking than this, yet in spite of this many seek to avoid these truths and invent their own reasons for life’s happenings and try to find ways round the situation. However, because all effects out there in the world, appearing good or bad to the senses, are transient, being subject to change, it is only when we root our life in harmony with that which is the Eternal Reality that we can KNOW inwardly what are the truly harmonious and whole principles of Being. Learn to have perfect assurance in the true nature of the Reality, which is Divine Love, and its own intrinsic harmony will infiltrate into one’s world of effects.

Let us share our thoughts with St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8: “Who shall (or even can) separate us from the Love of Christ (Divine Love – Agape). Shall tribulations, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” We can also include our own illusions, own suppositions, false concepts, our own blindness and ignorance; nay all these are overcome by patience and discipline. Even though Love seems far away, it is impossible for It to be so. Let us now be also persuaded that neither the illusion of death or even life – nor angels, archangels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor anything in the past or in the future, nor political powers, health services, magicians, astrologers, hierophants, archons, priests nor anything which



appears in the objective world. Nothing can separate us – for in this substance “we live move and have our being.” “Love cannot fail”, says St. Paul for It is that Source which brought the Universe into being and maintains and governs it in justice, harmony and perfection. Throw in your lot with Divine Love and follow the Discipline of the Secret and your tribulations will vanish away as the darkness at sunrise. Consider the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 11. Meditate often on this talk when doubt appears.

All the seemingly self-active energies of evil which appear in the world are the “devils” and dragons created by wilfully opposing the True Law. These “images of menace” tend to bother and torment us – but only if we feed them with the intentions of our own wilfulness. The law is such that in the Christ/Bodhisattva, we should not destroy anything but rather learn to see the usefulness of the “evil energy” purified and reformed – like a “wild creature” that is tamed and then becomes a friend: Love is the only energy which can bring about a change of this nature and is proved by experience. When fear and mistrust is overcome by Love, then one finds him or her self at one with all created life.

