

The Universal Good Within

In speaking of The Parable of the Net John Todd Ferrier, known to members of the Fellowship as Our Friend, says all life is in motion and everywhere men and women are seeking. And he adds:

“The cause of all motion is related to the Mystery of the Being. That which lies behind the motion of the world is of GOD.”

Great Recoveries page 42

So seeking is a natural force for good and in doing so one is as:

“Those who be fishermen upon the waters, let down their nets to catch what may come to them; and when they land their nets, they separate the fish, the good from the bad, taking the good fish into their vessel, but throwing away the bad.”

The Logia page 64

How do we know how to separate the good fish from the bad? In this incarnation, learning is started at an early age when a, probably exasperated, adult says: "If you are good, I'll give you an ice cream"; or, even the negative: "If you don't do what I say, you'll go to the naughty step"!

But is the child who gets the ice cream being good? Or, was it being constrained to do what another wanted in order to get what the child wanted for itself? Such incentives merely change behaviour but, in themselves, they do not lead to lasting good.

We must always be aware that the Law of motion within the Being can be misdirected:

“... all men and women are fishing - fishing within the great Deep, though mostly without a consciousness of what they are really seeking for. [They are] frequently deluded by things that are, in a betraying sense, mere

phosphorescence of the surface, wherein the Soul is oft-times betrayed.” Great Recoveries page 45

In the use of incentives, it is the one offering the incentive who is determining what is good and what is bad. It is a form of manipulation and without the consciousness of what is right one is vulnerable to being spurred on to do the wrong thing.

The feeling of ‘What's in it for me?’ pervades in so much of life in these days. As an example, the bonus has become something to incentivise, a horrible word, whereas originally it was a reward for something over and above what is normally expected. It is

this that has changed banks from being respected and trusted organisations into ones that have been fined billions of pounds for the abuse of their customers.

Our Friend (John Todd Ferrier) is very clear that we must have the freedom to choose:

“In the very constitution of our Being, we have operating the Law that gives perfect freedom within a given area of choice and action. We must have such, or we should be mere machines.”

Herald X page 221

So everyone must have the freedom to choose the path of either 'I want', or self first, succumbing to the temptations that may be offered or of doing the right thing because they know that it is right, not because they will get a material reward for doing it. We are 'being good' only when we do the right, or good, thing because we have made our free choice to do so.

In the world, reference is made to: conscience. Now the Oxford Dictionary states that the word 'science' is a derivation from scire: know. Con-science is then 'with knowing' and in the dictionary: 'internal knowledge or conviction'.

It is pertinent to note that the Dalai Lama points out that at the basis of all the world's major religions is an emphasis on inner

values: love, compassion, patience, tolerance and forgiveness. Even many of those who reject religion would agree about this.

Now the 'I' knows what it wants but does the 'I' know what is right, what is good? No, it does not nobody's 'I' does. But the answer is always there for it if it looks in the right place. For HE knows. And we will find HIM, the Universal Consciousness within all of us, if we seek HIM there.

Only by abandoning self and going within to seek HIM will we find a treasure that is far beyond anything that this world can offer. We see this so clearly in the parable of The woman who found the lost coin. Our Friend explains that:

“The Soul, in its seeking for the recovery of its lost treasure, does search everywhere at first. But nowhere does it find satisfaction until it seeks within itself. It is within the woman's house that the treasure has been lost.”

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So we should always remember:

We serve GOD only when we truly and beautifully serve one another. If we serve one another only for our own ends, we do not worship GOD; but if we serve each other nobly

to the healing, the uplifting, the comforting, the enriching of each other then we are worshipping GOD; we are serving HIM.

“You cannot do good, any good, that is apart from HIM, for HE is Universal Good, Absolute Good.”

Herald XXVII page 103

“If we choose to follow the path of letting HIS Kingdom come within us, surely we will grow to the point where we will do what is good, what is right, because it is the only thing we can do: no other possibility will occur to us. Who is to interpret the FATHER-MOTHER? Not the schools of

the present day, who do not know HIM. They only know the theories about HIM presented in the philosophies and theologies. Who is to manifest HIM? Those who realize HIM. Who are to unfold HIM? Those who are filled, even unto the body, with the power of HIS glorious Love and Light.”

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