

Article 107: Declare Yourself!

You never know or experience individuals or things as they are, you perceive them **as you are**; ...and that is your greatest problem, difficulty, and frustration in life: since you do not know yourself, everything you believe or think you know is based upon false and misleading assumptions. Are your fundamental beliefs and understandings true? ...or are they as valid as the primitive view of a flat earth resting on the back of a giant turtle?

Years ago, when Einstein was lecturing to a group of physicists about his theory of relativity, he declared that, while Newton's view of a steady universe following constant laws and truths worked well enough for hundreds of years, this concept was, in fact, wrong. And when Einstein advised the scientists to reconsider every one of their beliefs, assumptions, knowings, and certainties based upon all things being relative and in constant motion, they responded that it's impossible to know anything in a universe that is everywhere relative, following different laws for each observer, and constantly changing, because, to know anything, they had to have at least one reliable or fixed point around which, or relative to which, everything could be known. "In your world," they declared of Einstein, "everything is relative and different, and nothing is fixed, ...so nothing can ever be known." In response, Einstein told the scientists to choose **any desirable point** in the universe ...and know everything relative to that point. He said they could then relate to and know each scientist's discoveries and field of expertise merely by understanding the relationship between the various established points of reference.

For you, one thing exists in every belief, thought, attitude, behavior, experience, circumstance, and situation in your life; ...and that one thing is **you**. You are the established point within everything in your inner/outer world, ...but, unfortunately, by not knowing yourself, you cannot really know anything in your life, ...for, remember, you only know things as you are. Ohh, certainly, you'll defend yourself, and your decisions and actions, by pointing to all the things in your life that "work", ...but, that's like Newton's universe that seemed to work well for centuries ...though it was completely wrong. As a result, for many, many lifetimes, you've been following, and in all things struggling with and against, a confusing standard of good/evil and right/wrong ...in the hope of "discovering" the truth of yourself and life, so you can live the happiness and wellbeing you desire. As Einstein advised the physicists to establish a single point around which to know all things, we ask you to **declare yourself** and stop the endlessly futile struggle to discover yourself and be guided by using good and evil, or any other duality as **two** conflicting points of reference. Besides, if you don't know yourself, you cannot know what you are looking for, so how could you possibly discover yourself?

Declare yourself!

It is time for you to choose the self you truly desire ...and live that! Until now, you have looked for the universe to tell you what you may be and do ...or to at least guide you as to what you “should” do. It seems that you want a life that will excite you and make you passionately happy ...and maybe even fulfill a worthy purpose, ...but it also seems that you are reluctant to choose what you desire and live that. Has it never dawned on you that God and the universe have set no plans or purposes for you? ...and have no expectations for you to fulfill? And though you might consider these questions to be foolish, they are not. Declaring yourself and your purpose in life creates a desired personal-pattern in your self and life which reliably guides everything you enliven and manifest from the universe’s infinite-patterning ...such that you never again have any reason to judge whether something is “good and right” for you, ...you will know and live self-evidently, for you will always be guided by your self-declared self and purpose. If you do not declare yourself, you will continue struggling against “good and evil” ...hoping that something or someone ...or God or the universe will properly guide you, ...but you will only struggle against your own judgments, doubts, and confusions.

For instance, if you judge ...or if you believe that good/evil or right/wrong exist, then you also believe that good and right were made part of the universe so you will live in good and right ways, but you don’t really know what this is for you, ...do you? Do you see how, in this, you are expecting the universe to guide you? And you believe that the guidance of good and right involves some purpose or expectations set for you, ...don’t you? But, since you don’t know what that is, you expect the universe to direct you and your life ...maybe in some secret or unusual way, ...don’t you?

Most people do!

Also, if you believe that all things in the universe are “caused”, then you hope or expect to be informed about how to cause the excitement, enrichment, fulfillment, purpose, and happiness you desire. In fact, you are probably confused or bewildered ...and feel at quite a loss about how to cause what you desire.

You believe in hard work ...and creating what you desire, yet you don’t believe in these things ...precisely because you have seen so many individuals devote their life to hard work and not find happiness or fulfillment ...or any real meaning or purpose in their achievements. You probably believe that life is a trial or lesson ...and you hope it’s not! If you are like many others, you are afraid you will be judged for what you do or fail to do in this life ...and feel that’s not fair ...because life didn’t provide

you with any instructions or answers. And if you are fully involved in discovering, doing, and becoming, ...how do you know what is right for you? ...and that you'll be happy with what you discover or do or become?

Many "successful" people are terribly unhappy, ...aren't they? And if you do what you really like, how ever will you make enough money to live happily as you desire? ...after all, life today is expensive, ...isn't it? And how do you get medical and retirement benefits? Where can you get the money to live "comfortably"? ...to sail around the world? ...to explore the jungles of Mexico? ...to become a great painter, writer, or musician? ...or to swim with the whales and dolphins? What is it you truly desire? ...and feel you were meant to be and do?

How can you expect to be happy in a personal relationship, when none of your friends are really happy in their relationships? Is the universe trying to tell you something? You are in doubt about being happy by giving your life over to making your partner or children happy, ...aren't you? After all, how is sacrificing what you want supposed to make you happy? It seems that, somehow, God and the universe are controlling your life, doesn't it? ...and keeping what you truly desire just out of reach.

Do you see how you have created a life and universe which dominates and controls you? And do you understand how you are looking to the universe to guide you ...or tell you what to do? ...or at least show you the way? It seems that you are lost in and controlled by your self-constructed universe of good and evil in which all things are caused, ...but you don't really know what is good and right ...and desirable for you, ...or how to cause what is right for you, ...do you?

***Everything is closing in on you, ...isn't it?
...and time is running out!***

Have you ever thought that, just maybe, the universe you have constructed in your mind and life is not the one in which you live? ...that God and the unconditionally loving universe support your every belief, thought, attitude, emotion, word, and action? Previously, in Article 94, we indicated that consciousness, free will, and purpose, instead of being reserved from you, are fully reserved for you. It seems that God and the universe so love you that they have surrendered being any one thing ...so you can fully be and live as you desire, ...therefore, again we say

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The self and life you truly desire.

Though you may not realize it, by believing in good/evil and causation, you are asking God and the universe to tell you what is allowed ...and what you can and cannot do. You are better-served by declaring your self and life ...and fully living your own desires. Of course, if you declare, "I want to be happy and enriched", then you must happily live the enriching beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, emotions, words, and actions you truly desire; ...and you will soon discover that this universe has always and completely supported your desires in this way, nothing has ever been denied you or withheld from you.

As an Architect, my newly-hired designers read the Building Code to determine what was allowed and what they could do, ...as a consequence, they lived by and struggled against what they could not do ...because it wasn't offered in the code. I insisted that they decide upon the design they wanted ...and then see if the Building Code said anything to prevent what they desired. With this change from *seeking what is permitted* to *self-determination*, each sentence of the code took on a new and freeing meaning, ...and their view of life changed as well.

Are you willing to declare yourself and fully live that? ...or are you forsaking yourself ...waiting for and expecting God, angels, your higher self, the universe, or someone or something in life to guide you, grant you permission, or tell you what to do? Don't be too quick to answer, for you, like most people, have sacrificed yourself to tradition, incorrect beliefs, other's desires, improper teachings, social or peer pressure and demands, judgments, mistaken needs and desires, unnecessary struggles, inappropriate attitudes and emotions, and lack of thoughtful consideration, ...for when you declare, "I don't know what to do" or "I don't know what I want," you really mean, "I don't know what to do to cause what I want" or "I don't know what is right". You are not living in a causal or good/evil universe, you are living in an unconditionally loving universe which fully supports whatever you are willing to believe, think, attitude, feel, say, or do ...but you must declare yourself and live that.

***Aren't you glad that the universe you believe in
Is not the universe you live in?***

Each day, you choose and create the self and life you are leading or straining against; and every choice, whether or not you realize it, determines whether you will be happy or sad, healthy, or disabled, ...but since most of these decisions are made "automatically", without apparent

conscious thought, this hides you from –or you hide yourself from– the fact that these are your own decisions. After a while, you become *unaware* of or refuse to acknowledge your own choices, ...or no longer even see them as yours ...and feel that “outer forces” are in charge of and directing or withholding your desires and wellbeing, your enriching self and life, and even your happiness and fulfillment. However, by looking closely and insightfully, without judging, you will see and understand that everything in your body and life has occurred just as you have chosen, ...though, at times, you don’t want to acknowledge what you have chosen ...or your responsibility for choosing that.

Without any serious consideration, you have accepted “sacred words and teachings” as true ...and appropriate guides to life, but most of those words and promises are nothing more than ancient social standards, common laws, tales of historical events, and rules of commercial transactions which have been incorporated into religious writings and codes of conduct, ...which raised ordinary actions and principles to sacred duties and universal laws of God and Nature ...and gave them “the might of right”, ...but are they “right” and true for you? The only way to answer that is to begin by declaring yourself, for without a clear definition of yourself, you cannot know anything ...or make sense of your self and life!

***Stop searching to discover yourself,
...declare yourself and live that completely!***