

Article 136: More About Enlightenment - part 2

It seems that in their struggles with burdens, afflictions, and suffering, many people are so naive and gullible that they will believe almost any teacher or healer who claims to have a way or medication to relieve pains and problems ...especially if that “that curative process” seems to be or to include a spiritual solution, ...for, in one form or another, most people believe that life is a test they can pass only by walking a narrow spiritual pathway. They believe, it seems that eternal life, or meaningful immortality is reserved only for those who have no “sins or faults”, ...which certainly justifies and continues judgments, ...doesn't it?

It is presumed that an enlightenment teacher will always act “lovingly” and have no faults ...and will not have a backtrail of doubt, confusion, pain or conflict, ...but that is simply not true, for an enlightened teacher who clearly reveals the falseness of longheld beliefs will certainly leave doubt, conflict, burdens, grief, and afflictions within those who choose to continue their judgmental beliefs and ways, ...so look very carefully ...and do not jump to hasty conclusions. And while a “confrontive” teacher~one who truly reveals the lifeself you are living ..and probably struggling against~may seem stern and not loving, do not assume you can determine a teacher's love ...or the purity of his/her intentions and purposes by any of these appearances or actions.

It is frequently declared that the occurrence known as enlightenment, awareness, freedom, awakening, or by other names can only occur when the time and place and situation is appropriate, ...which of course means that, if this is true, walking a righteous path, meditating deeply, studying intensely, seeking realization, following “right effort” with no volition or determination, losing your self or ego, surrendering your identification with your physical form, or preparing yourself for traditional enlightenment has absolutely no value ...and is, in fact, counterproductive ...because all such preparations maintain the self that is preparing and seeking.

The belief that everything comes in its own time, that when the student is ready ...the teacher will appear, or that there is a proper time or wrong time for enlightened teachings are not true, for this is your life ...and all things come in your time; ...if you do not have true enlightened teachings in your life, you haven't chosen them, ...probably because you are filled with, satisfied to have, and deluded by traditional, unenlightened beliefs and teachings.

Teachers who declare that to reach enlightenment you must walk a righteous path also claim that “you cannot know pleasure without first knowing pain”, ...but pain is identified as pain only because there is a memory of pleasure. Following this reasoning you must conclude that enlightenment cannot be attained without first knowing unenlightenment, but unenlightenment is identified as unenlightenment only because there is

a memory of enlightenment, ...which means that enlightenment is already within you ...and there is no “right pathway” you must travel to enlightenment. That pathway to enlightenment is not unchanging, it is ever-changing to accommodate the infinite number of seekers, so do not be concerned about or fearful of traveling the pathway of self-evidencing enlightenment ...believing it is too difficult, for it is as easy and comfortable as living the self and life you desire.

On the path of self-evidencing enlightenment, when encountering someone or something you do not like, do not hold your feelings in and suffer ...or look for a “positive” solution ...or cry out, “that’s bad!”, ...but it is quite all right to exclaim “I’m not right!” and then see what that situation reveals about the self and life you are living ...and the pathway you are traveling, ...for though you can fake traditional enlightenment by not participating in life, you cannot, in this way fake self-evidencing enlightenment, because you must fully participate in the lifeseff you truly desire ...with those around you. To those who say that “the ego is the judging self ...so get rid of your ego” are fools, ...you are the judging self, so get rid of your judgments and preserve yourself intact in every way. To rid yourself of imperfection, rid yourself of judgments.

You cannot move forward or advance while holding onto the past or supporting traditional beliefs and teachings, ...therefore, stop accepting ideas presented as ancient enlightened teachings merely because they sound reasonable, are traditional, and have been around for centuries, ...after all, horses and cart transportation, writing with chalk on slateboards, and communicating by yelling are traditional, but you probably won’t give up your automobile, computer, or cellphone, ...will you? ...yet traditional enlightenment teaching and ways are just that archaic.

A spiritual life is not oneness, while a physical life is duality, ...all of life is an individual oneness of discrimination ...which you are judging to be a duality ...then suffering with and struggling against your own creations. The oneness of life allows you this personal creation as you desire. To become one with the universe and enlightenment is like trying to become one with who you are, ...that is done, now get on with self-evidencing as you desire, ...for that alone is your enlightenment, ...seemingly a rare state of life in the world today. You were born to enlightenment!

Self-evidencing enlightenment has nothing to do with “unbinding yourself” or avoiding certain actions or situations, ...it has a great deal to do with living fully and desirably without binding yourself in any situation, belief, or teaching. You must face your misbeliefs about yourself and the universe, by living the truth and reality of yourself and the universe as you truly desire, for that alone is the awakened, free, enlightened state of being and living your enlightened immortality; ...everything else is a meaningless game!

Desires and attachments are not dangerous unless they blind you to seeing yourself clearly and acting desirably ...as you truly desire. Attachments to physical life do not impede enlightened understandings, for all such attachments, as formed reflective expressions of yourself and all of life, guide you along the enlightened, self-evidencing path of "being and doing". Desires and attachments do not hamper a spiritual self and life, for such a lifeseif does not have to be freed from anything.

Giving up the self that lives in order the have the self and life you truly desire is absolutely foolish.