

Article 141: What Do You Think? – part 2 of 2

If you haven't read Article 140, begin there ...and take some time to answer ...or at least consider the questions we posed at the end of that Article.

Our conversation In Article 140 ended with the diagnostician declaring, "I don't want to waste my life on something that isn't right or good ...or can't be proved."

"But that's exactly what you're doing right now!" I told him.

"How so?" he asked.

"Well, ...believing that things can't be *proved*, you're wasting much of your life trying to prove what you believe can't be proved, ...does that make any real sense to you? And when you diagnose patients' illnesses, do you only rely upon what can be proved?"

"No, of course not! Many things are obvious ...while other symptoms and interactions remain hidden until I make broader connections between what is known ...and what is concealed. I have to think beyond what is normal and traditional. I have to sort through the confusion of contradictory symptoms, ...I can't just believe in a certain, disease and make that come true ...just because I believe it. That doesn't make any sense."

"It's not a matter of making a disease *come true* ...but making it come clear. Only by starting with a particular belief can you begin seeing what is actually occurring. By doubting everything, you cannot see anything clearly."

"Okay, I'll go along with that! ...so what?"

"Well, you didn't have to have the answer in order to find the answer, ...did you?"

"I suppose not, ...I had to make some reasonable assumptions and proceed from there."

"Exactly! And those *reasonable assumptions* reveal what life is all about."

"How's that?"

"Life always fulfills the assumptions you're willing to live with every belief, thought, attitude, emotion, word, and action."

"In other words, have faith! ...right?"

"No! It's about living, ...for you only live what you have faith in, ...in other words, your words do not reveal your faith, what you live reveals your faith. You're treating faith as something you speak about or add to your life, like salt or spice, to make things work out okay."

"Yeah, ...you're right, ...so now what?"

"Sooo, ...as a starting point, what new assumptions about life are you willing to make?"

"Well, until now, I've always assumed that things could not be proved, ...so I guess you want me to assume that things can be proved, ...right?"

“Not necessarily! Until now, it seems you believed that in order to have the meaningful life you desired ...you had to build on meaningful, proven facts ...yet your being a diagnostician shows otherwise. Your greatest problem in life reveals your finest assets.”

“How so?”

“Well, despite your struggle to *prove* things in life, your ability to clearly diagnose diseases shows you never believed that you had to have “proven facts” ...because you never followed a trail of “proven facts” to see and understand a patients’ illness. Life is the same way.”

“Ohh, really? How so?”

“Do you really believe that diseases are bad?”

“No, they’re just diseases, ...bad has nothing to do with disease.”

“Is healing good?”

“No, even bad people heal, ...sometimes they heal better than good people ...because they seem to have a certain drive or purpose. And even though I don’t agree with that ...or believe it is right, ...it does seem to serve them ...so something’s goin’ on.

“Maybe, in the universe’s eyes, there are no good people and bad people ...or good and bad actions, ...but there are things that you don’t desire, ..isn’t that right?”

“Of course! So, now you’re saying that good and bad don’t exist, but that in my life, I set things as bad ...and then struggle against them...”

“Or struggle to prove that other things are good ...so you can live those things.”

“But, those things can’t be proved good ...any more than I can prove that other things are bad. They’re only desirable or undesirable ...like diseases, ...right?”

“Exactly! ...just like diseases.”

“So, instead of trying to prove what is good ...and live that, ...and instead of living faithfully and hoping that I’m being properly guided, the reasonable thing to do, according to you, is to live as I truly desire. But, wait a minute! If that applies to me, then that applies to everyone; ...and considering how many people there are in the world ...all with different beliefs, ...that means that everything must be desirable or good to someone ...and nothing can be shown to be bad, ...does that make any sense to you?”

“Yes, it does!”

“That’s one of your fancy ideas, ...isn’t it?”

“Yes ...it is.”

“But, ..if that’s true, ...then everything in life is different than I thought, ...and all the beliefs I couldn’t *prove* are different, ...aren’t they? Humm, ...maybe that’s why I couldn’t *prove* them. And I have free will only

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because I can't prove things ...so I must live as I truly desire, ...right? What ya think?

What do you think?