

Article 149: Immortality

When you think about immortality, what do you mean by immortality? Do you mean endless being? ...possessing a body and actuality which is immune to death? ...possessing eternal life? ...or possessing an eternal soul that does not suffer death as your body and individuality nm deteriorate and die? Or is your soul your individuality? ...your personality ...and does that continue after death? Must your immortality include both being and form, essence and body, spiritual and individual expression? Does a formless being truly have life? Is there significant life without meaning and purpose? ...without uniqueness? Anticipating your answers to these questions, we can say that, for you, a formless or spiritual existence without meaning, purpose, or individual expression is no life at all; ...that life without awareness is meaningless. In other words, existence of immortal oneness is not significant. And though you might consider that "oneness with God" is significant, this is because you visualize that God, as "the creator" has a separate or individual form or expression, ...and you are willing to exchange your "puny, affliction-riddled self and life for being an empowered God". Well, how are we doing?

Would you eagerly seek immortality if that meant being "all things" ...yet being no thing, ...or being merely "a force or emotion in the universe"? That isn't really enough life and individualization for you, ...is it? ...yet you would probably describe God as "all things", "a force in the universe", "unconditional love", or some variation of these descriptions. These may certainly be essential attributes of God, but what image has or expresses these attributes? What is the immortal being "behind" these expressions? What does that look like to you? We ask this question because that vision or image is your vision of immortality. Ohh, certainly, you will probably settle for less ...for now, but your vision or image of God is the immortal self and life you truly desire. Describe God ...and you describe yourself.

According to the concept of personal resurrection as it appears in the Bible, many, but not all, people will be raised from physical death to a new, angelic form and existence, not to another earthly life ...as proclaimed by the reincarnationists of that period. Many ancient people believed that stars were divine beings ...and that, at death, if they have lived appropriately, they too would be rewarded with a divine life as a star. Now, you may not expect to become a star, or even want such a "hot existence" that will eventually nova ...and flame out, but you do have a sense or vision of the "form" of existence or immortality you desire, ...don't you? What is your image of that? Or maybe you don't really care. Maybe you want your immortality assured firstand you will deal with the form of that existence later ...on the basis that, without immortality, the form of that existence is immaterial.

Are you living your self and life today in this same way? For instance, are you reluctant to make decisions without being assured of the consequences? Do you procrastinate ...hoping that the results will become clear while you wait? ...or hoping that if you wait you won't have to decide? ...or do the task? Isn't it probable that your doubts and uncertainties, which seem so real and intense to you, are actually an attempt to conceal that you are waiting for clear and certain outcomes? ...and worrying gives you something to do, ...much like humming an old tune over and over, while you wait ...and wait? Isn't it possible that you judge individuals and events in your life as an attempt to "fix" or end those variables? ...to create some certainty? ...if only temporary ...and truly imaginary? Are you reluctant to accept beliefs, make decisions, and take actions which will ensure the form and individuality of your immortal self and life? Or maybe you are ensuring that!

Before proceeding, we must first dispense with concerns about death and immortality ...so listen carefully. If life after death does not exist, then immortality is a moot issue ...and death doesn't really matter, for death is certain for everyone ...and nothing can be done about that! If, however, there IS life after death, then immortality is a moot issue ...and death truly doesn't matter. Well, assuming you haven't falsified your self and life following the threatening preachings by the uninformed that "those who are wise and righteous will be raised to an angelic existence, ...while the wicked and unrighteous will be raised to shame and everlasting contempt," ...does this sound like an unconditionally loving God and universe to you? It is time for you to live your life today as though it is immortal, ...because it is! ...and the self and life you create and live today is the essential life form you will live in immortality.

Doesn't immortality actually mean that, at death, your eternal soul or self lives on? ...and isn't that the soulself that is living, "learning", "growing and developing", and expressing within you today? ...the soulself you will live in immortality? Or do you believe that, at physical death, your soulself will be immediately enlightened or raised to "all-knowing" ...so you can live as a fully aware individual? If so, it seems that "growing and developing" in your physical life serves no meaningful purpose, ...does it? All physical awarenesses and advancements gained today expand the eternal soulself you will live and experience in immortality, ...which may then continue expanding and expanding as you further-lessen your self-imposed limitations. And though you probably don't believe it, your judgments have created and strengthened your limitations one judgment at a time, just as you might build a brick wall, one brick at a time, all around you, to protect you, unnecessarily so ...we might add, from "outside" threats ...and suddenly find your self completely closed in and trapped. In this

awareness, “growing and developing” is removing the limiting walls you have built within you ...and all around you and revealing your eternal, immortal soulself and life, which has been so long denied, and fully living that soulself today. Stop living your limited, judgment-created, imitation-self. Well, let’s not say imitation-self, for it truly in pictures/out pictures the lifeseif you are living, ...but is that the fully-revealed, unlimited self you truly want to live eternally?

Continuing your judgments continues and renews your personal walls and limitations; ...end your judgments ...and your walls and limitations which keep you isolated from the self and immortal soulself and life you truly desire will surely and quickly crumble. Awaken, enliven, and free your *desired immortal soulself* today by living the self and life of your dreams. You certainly don’t believe that you were “assigned” a fully-developed soulself, ...did you? Of course not! You understand that as an “embryo” it is for you to unlimit and expand ...or forsake, ...don’t you?

What other judgment walls are you building around your self and life? Are you aware of the consequences of your actions today? Are you seeking to do “right”? Won’t this continue your judgments and walls? Are you trying to be loving and forgiving? Are any judgments truly loving or forgiving?

Are you seeking to unite with your “higher-self”? Isn’t that higher-self the immortal soulself you are denying ...and sorely mistreating by living a self and life you don’t really desire? Is that wise? ...for aren’t you, in that, creating the immortal soulself you don’t really desire? ...or do you believe that, no matter what soulself you create today, that will all be brought aright so you won’t have to live your self-creation? How do you suppose this will all come about? There are so many questions about immortality for you to seriously consider and answer, ...aren’t there? Or, of course, you can end your judgments and begin living the self and life you truly desire, ...and not concern yourself about your immortal soulself, for that will surely be as you live today.

When we speak of “you” and your “soulself”, your “spiritual or immortal self”, or your “higher self”, what is the difference? ...or, is there a difference?

If, from this lifetime, you expect to righteously earn or gain an immortal or eternal life, you will be sadly mistaken, for you have that life right now to live everlastingly, the only two questions are ...just what “you” or what soulself will live that everlasting life? ...and what will that life be? And in this life, that is what you alone will determine with every belief, thought, attitude, emotion, word, and action. You didn’t realize that this was your privilege and responsibility, ...did you?

How might these words about immortality raise and change your beliefs and thoughts? ...resolve some doubts and uncertainties? ...give new meaning to your choices and experiences? ...offer more meaningful and fulfilling purposes for you to follow and achieve? ...create greater and finer dreams? ...enable you to see and understand the fruitless limitations created and imposed by every judgment? ...determine your lifeseft today, your soulself, and your everlasting immortal life? What more can we offer to inspire you to enliven the self and life of your dreams.