

Article 158: Purpose and Atonement part 2

If your life is filled with “spiritual growth”, you can be absolutely certain that you are *not* actually living your spiritual self and life. If your life and purpose is, in any way, focused on reorganizing, subduing, or eliminating ordinary beliefs, thoughts, inclinations, or actions ..then you are *not* living a meaningful free will purpose or life, for all of life is expansion, not overcoming, ...and purpose is known and lived by what you are for ...not what you are against.

You probably believe there is a vast difference between a universal or God-like purpose and your personal free will purpose; you also probably believe there is a difference between “pure consciousness” and ordinary states of awareness, ...and between rational and intuitive thinking, ...don't you? And you probably feel that your selfimage or self-identity~your ego or personality~is different than your spiritself ...and confines and limits your spirit. Do you feel that attachment to physical desires and pleasurable experiences is inappropriate? ...and that you must walk a spiritual pathway and nurture your faith? Well, ...just as a faith that must be nurtured is not true faith, a spirit that must be nurtured is not genuine ...nor is the purpose it engenders, regardless of how worthy, meaningful, and appropriate that may seem.

Do you feel that your feelings and actions toward others, or particular individuals, are genuinely supportive and life-enhancing? How do you know? How can you know whether your thoughts and motives are pure? ...whether your meaningful purposes and behaviors are appropriate and sustaining? It seems that to know this, you must judge these things, but in judging, your thoughts, motives, purposes, and behaviors are not pure ...and your judgments are false; ...certainly you can see this and understand it, ...can't you?

Are you sincerely content in your self and life? Contentment is not passive acceptance ...it is active patient-anticipation. Are you disturbed by painful memories? ...and anxious about the future? Are you carrying guilts and regrets? Do you feel that, somehow, these things block your energy and life today? ...block your living a truly meaningful purpose? ...and that they should be released from your body, life, and mind? Are there things within you which must be cleansed or discarded? Is there anything you must surrender or forsake? ...or unite with your higherself or superconscious mind to discover a meaningful purpose and life?

Do you find it difficult to concentrate? Are you constantly annoyed by little things? Is it difficult for you to relax or sleep? ...to motivate yourself? Are you easily distracted? Is it necessary for you to “get away” from work? ...to take weekends or vacations to renew and strengthen your self and life?

Are you feeling unprepared ...and only mildly receptive to all of life? Do you believe that you have fine talents and great potential hidden away? Do you feel limited and restricted in your present self and life? ...and in your present activities and circumstances? Does it seem that your “subconscious mind” certainly works against you? ...against your desires and meaningful purpose ...as you presume that to be? Do you feel there is a significant difference between self-awareness and self-understanding or ego-understanding? Are you hopeful that a meaningful-purpose or spiritual-purpose will broaden your life, expand your joy and happiness, or increase your understanding? Do you feel that life is a constant quest for enlightenment and spiritual awareness? ...or soul-connections?

If these things are in any way true for you, you are not fully living your self-chosen meaningful purpose ...or maybe not even the self and life you truly desire, ...you are probably enduring life, struggling to properly judge and avoid, satisfying indulgences, and hoping for the best ...or at least for a reward. If so, such a life is neither meaningful or purposeful ...and certainly not fulfilling or enriching, for it only creates conflicts within you ...and all around you. This is no self and life to continue ...in these ways!

A meaningful purposeful self and life Can be yours ...right now!

...or do you believe that some atonement must be endured, carried out, suffered through, created, or offered before you can possibly have the meaningfully purposeful self and life you desire?

Atonement is making amends or reparations for injuries or wrongs inflicted upon others; in scripture, it is man’s way to gain reconciliation with God after having transgressed his covenant with God; it is the means by which the chain of action-judgment-guilt-punishment is broken and a state of at-onement is achieved with God. Is this the “meaningful” self and life of constant struggle you desire?

In ancient times, when the concept of atonement began, though many offerings, services, and holy rites~considered as atonement~ were carried out by the high priest through established ceremonies and sacrifices in the temple, or assigned to individuals as services outside of the temple, very few changed occurred, for God did not, and does not today, require appeasement; ...those were the priests rules and rituals, not God’s. Does it make any sense then to continue these ancient, false beliefs and requirements today merely from custom and habit?

If Jesus’ death was, as it is claimed to be, atonement for sins, then no additional atonement, in any form, is necessary ...and if his death was not sufficient, nothing more today can add one iota to that ...or make any real

difference. Whether Jesus was the atonement ...or stands as your substitute, the atonement is complete. And it belittles Jesus to declare that his suffering and death was merely a "showing" that all who gave proper penitence could receive forgiveness of their sins and obtain peace ...or life without suffering judgments.

Since there cannot possibly be a sin that is not a judgment, all sins are judgments, ...and if you believe that God is unconditionally loving, then a sinless God does not judge or punish, only man, trapped in his false creation of and belief in "good and evil", judges and punishes. You are bound by your own mistaken belief in good and evil, ...and ending your judgments will reveal the truth of this and reconcile you with the unconditionally loving all-goodness of God and the universe. Of course, you can deny this reconciliation with oneness and continue your judgmental lifeseif "as usual", ...but recognize that, in this, it is your choice. No atonement or reparations are required, ...for you cannot possibly make amends for every judgment you have made, ...besides, trying to make amends only continues your judgments and separation from oneness/God/unconditional love. Do not live to atone for past sins~judgments~stop judging, ...for judging-acts of atonement, no matter how well-meant or sincerely offered, continue your judgments and seeming separation from oneness and unconditional love.

A pleasant experience or emotion ...or "good" thought does not change an unpleasant experience or emotion ...or "bad" thought, ...and a healthy action does not resolve your many unhealthy actions ...unless, of course, you continue those healthy choices, ...which will return your health and wellbeing. You cannot atone for unhealthy actions and have wellbeing, you must continue living your wellbeing, ...nothing else will do. In the same way, you cannot atone for previous judgments~sins~you must live and continue living your non-judgmental oneness, ...nothing less will do ...and nothing more is required.