

## **Article 24: Are You Going In The Right Direction?**

It is said that once when Socrates was asked by a stranger how to reach Mount Olympus he answered, "Make every step you take go in the right direction." We are constantly told that the pathway of rightness, or right direction, leading to illumination is as narrow and difficult as walking a "razor's edge", ...but your focus upon your Forever Living Purpose makes that pathway a broad accommodating avenue of unlimited choice which always guides you in your desired direction ...with absolute certainty and clarity, ...no matter which way you are headed. There is no straight and narrow pathway filled with obstacles and burdens which must be followed, ...so stop struggling to find and travel a well-marked pathway to illumination which others have tread before you, ...and which is free of hazards and difficulties, for everyone must surely, and will only, travel his/her own way.

One dark night, a policeman discovered a man crawling around under a street light ...obviously searching for something. "Hey, buddy," the policeman asked, "You okay? What'cha doin' down there?"

"I lost my car keys," the man answered ...without even looking up. "I'm lookin' for 'em." he added.

Not seeing his car, this policeman asked, "Where's your car?"

"Down there," the man said, ...pointing to his car half a block away.

"Then, why are you lookin' here?"

"Because the light's better!" the man declared, ...not understanding why the policeman would ask such a foolish question.

In your life, are you searching in relationships, activities, jobs, books, religions, and philosophies, for what you want in life, merely because you think the "light's better"? ...without knowing what you're looking for? ...or why? ...or where you are going? Unlike the man searching under the street light, you can carry your illumination with you at all times ...and be certain that your every step is taking you in the "right" (read desired) direction.

Personal illumination, also known as self-awareness, enables you to look upon what is normally considered evil and, without judgment, behold divine reality in all of its goodness, ...which lifts you above every form of self-imposed limitation ...and enables you to enter and live a broader sense of life, freedom, and wellbeing. There are no sicknesses or diseases to heal, no sins or failures to overcome, no offenses to make amends for, no griefs or sadness to comfort, no wisdoms to attain to, and no burdens to endure or faith to pronounce and live. Personal illumination dissolves misconceptions and the struggles of life based upon those misconceptions, reveals that there are no illusions of life ...only reality and goodness, dispels fear and uncertainty, lightens the seeming shadows of life, demonstrates God and benevolence in all things, offers the ever-

present awareness of your being accompanied and protected, provides reliable guidance, and reveals your personal empowerment and purpose.

In personal illumination, there is no searching for truth, ...only the knowing that all things are true, ...and that which is false does not exist. Personal illumination unveils life, discloses all things to be as you are, and shows that there are no contradictory appearances to struggle with or against. And as you express your personal illumination, you will be sought out, not by those blind to themselves, but, by those awakened to themselves, ...for only those so enlivened will desire you, ...or will see and recognize you. But you will be able to help them only as you have ceased living the struggle of good and evil.

### **Personal illumination is life without judgment.**

Are you carrying and offering your enlightenment to all whom you encounter? ...even in the darkest corners? ...and even to those who cannot see? Or are you hiding in the dark ...judging and fearing what you do not see? Do you feel protected and comforted in your darkness? See next week.

