

Article 25: Is Your Own Light Too Bright?

Do you seek to know yourself and all things by judgments and darkened contrasts? ...or do you enlighten every corner of your life for others ...and shine brightly for yourself? Are you the light or darkness of your self and life?

Light, having heard of a strange and wondrous phenomenon known as darkness, searched high and low, and in every corner of the world, for what others called the half-brother of light, ...but, after searching everywhere, light could not find darkness. Then, one day, light was told that darkness would most certainly be found in a hidden chamber in the depths of a cave at the bottom of a narrow valley that was concealed in a remote mountain range in a shadow country, ...so light went to that very spot and, entering the cave, called out, "Darkness! It is I ...your brother. Reveal yourself to me"; ...but there was only the echoing silence, ...and darkness was not found anywhere light searched.



Following the echoes and other strange sounds, light descended even further into the cave, hoping to discover a deeper, more mysterious chamber where darkness could be found, ...but, no matter where he searched, light was sadly disappointed, and at times discouraged, because his half-brother, darkness, was nowhere to be found.

Sighing deeply, light stopped his futile search and began sobbing, "Ohh, whatever will I do now? I'm all alone, ...for everywhere I look, I only find myself."

As light continued crying quietly, sadly, a tiny eyeless creature of the cave called out, "Who's there?"

"It is I, light," he responded between pulsing sobs.

"What is light?" asked the creature.

"I'm the half-brother of darkness."

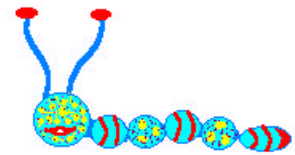
"Oh, darkness! He's quite a friend."

"Have you seen him?" light asked hopefully. "I've searched everywhere."

"Seen him?" the sightless creature exclaimed. "Why, certainly! He's right here! He's all around, ...can't you see him?"

"No, I can't see him. What does he look like?"

"I don't really know," the sightless creature replied, "but he's very comforting and protective, for wherever I go, there he is protecting me from all the strange and mysterious things I hear." Then the sightless



creature added, "Darkness offers me a covering in which to hide until the terrible sounds go away."

After pondering the creature's statement, light declared quietly, "That's odd! You know, ...wherever I go, I bring light, ...and others say that I comfort and protect them because they can see that there is nothing to be afraid of ...or hide from. They say I dispel their fears and judgments."

Like the little creature, do you feel comforted and protected by your own darkness? Are you lost in your own darkness? Are you hiding in the dark corners of your life? ...and judging and fearing what you do not see? Or do you bring your personal light and comfort and protection wherever you go?

Illuminated individuals, who live and offer their own light, have enriching values, greater resources, more opportunities, new and different strengths and abilities, and a unique nature, ...and they follow an unusual and fulfilling purpose. Such individuals have an inner-life of joy and strength and dominion ...which boldly outpicture in their body and life.

Your judgments have closed and shuttered the windows of your self and life ...and left you in the dark. Illuminated individuals have raised the shades, thrown open their windows, and breathed in the goodness of all things ...which they as well had previously closed out and hidden from. Illuminated individuals who had previously searched everywhere for truth and illuminated through judgment have realized that they are the light, ...which lifted them above most forms of personal lack and limitation ...and offered them a self and life of greater freedom, health, achievement, and communion with others, ...and they have re-entered a life of heaven on earth in the Garden of Eden.

**Have you shuttered yourself away from
an enlightened self and life of heaven on earth?**