

Article 28: You Are In Control Of Your Self and Life. How Are You Doing?

After getting upset at the astrologer-turned-astronomer who insisted that comets are ice balls in the sky, the indignant matron was furious when he said that the earth is in orbit around the sun, for, as she insisted rather loudly, "Everyone knows that the sun travels through the sky AROUND US. Just open your eyes and look up, young man. Can't you see what is so obvious? Wake up to what's happening around you. Open your eyes!" Then, turning to instruct the entire audience, she declared even more self-righteously, "Everyone knows that only our constant, unwavering faith in the Lord brings the sun back to us each morning, ...and without that faith ...and our constant prayers, the sun would move on ...and leave us in the dark."

Are your beliefs sinking into darkness? Does it seem that your dreams have moved on without you? Will being faithful to your precious beliefs make them work as you desire? Do prayers offer light and comfort? And will all of this bring back your dreams? ...and the life and relationships you desire? The indignant lady believed the astronomer was from the devil ...trying to control her, ...but she wouldn't give him a chance. Are you, like the elderly lady, afraid to give the universe an opportunity to support you? Are you afraid that most things in your life are from the devil? Don't be too quick to deny this ...because your beliefs and judgments reveal the truth.

Well, that's okay, for, in your life, you are omniscient: you have complete jurisdiction to act in all matters. The universe never refuses or denies your beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, emotions, words, or actions, ...your choices are emergently fulfilled without judgment or resistance, for the universe never interferes, but you believe otherwise. You believe that many of your choices have not been fulfilled, but the error in this only lies in your not knowing exactly what you are and have been choosing.

And though you believe that others, events, circumstances, or things limit and control you, or have dominion over you, this is not true, for everything in your life reveals the self and life you are living, ...and as such, you created everything in your lifeseff. *It has been said that only a stone is always honest and true, simply because it has no real choice to be otherwise, while you have the ability to choose, maybe good or evil, or devious ad dishonest;* ...but even this is untrue, because you can neither be nor act other than you are, ...and those who judge you do not know you. You are always true, ...but is that what you truly desire?

And as no one has or can have authority over you, no one has *given* you jurisdiction in your life, ...that power and jurisdiction IS life.

Omnipotence has another, more familiar name called free will. And though many individuals declare that you only have the free will to choose right from wrong or good from evil, this is completely untrue, for like pregnancy in which you are or are not pregnant, you either have or you do not have free will. As you cannot be "a little bit pregnant", you cannot have a little bit of free will. Any limitation destroys your free will, ...well, let's more-accurately declare that any limitation you accept upon your free will disguises, but does not destroy, your free will. You cannot forsake your free will, for even in doing that, you are exercising your free will.

Some people might declare that if I put you in prison, I have dominion over you and have curtailed your free will, but this is not so. The event, indicates what you have freely chosen, ...and how you live that choice is fully yours as well. Physical limitations and confinements, mental and emotional restrictions, and spiritual dictates do not destroy your free will, ...for this is your life to live as you desire and choose. Looking backward from your being imprisoned, reveals a pathway of your free will choices and events leading directly to your prison door. And this is true of every event in your life.

Many people are not willing to exercise the jurisdiction they have in their life, ...are you one of those? Do you feel victimized and controlled by others and events? Do you even realize how victimized and controlled you feel? And how desperately you struggle? It is up to you to put your beliefs, ideas, and desires actively into your lifeseff, ...no one can or will do that for you. You have the divine purpose to be fully engaged in life ...to freely and openly express yourself as you truly desire. You have complete authority to change the focus of your self and life away from grief and resentment. Are you willing to take your lifeseff in a new, more desirable direction? If you have a fundamental understanding of and trust in the goodness and benevolence of all things and in life's emergent processes, you do not have to make *the right* choices, *cause* things to occur, correct matters or make amends, or consciously understand all things, for your life is fully as you desire.

Being omnipotent in your life does not give you the authority and jurisdiction to "bring" goodness, happiness, wellbeing, or riches into your life, to gain love ...or a loving relationship, or to acquire your desires, ...but you certainly have the power and authority to be and live all of these things in your own life, for you are omnipotently living your free will at every moment. Have you chosen wisely? Are you living responsibly?

Are you refusing to accept responsibility for your self and life? ...for your beliefs and thoughts? ...for your attitudes and emotions? ...for your

words and actions? If not you, ...who is? Does your own free will concern you? Is it easier to go along with others and believe in their negativity, burdens, problems, and suffering than to live the self and life you desire? If so, isn't it your free will and authority to choose and live as you desire? Does anyone or anything prevent you from believing and thinking independently? ...prevent you from having and living a particular attitude or emotion? ...prevent you from expressing your self and mind? You freely choose the images you want to embody, ...can anything limit or restrain your imagination? You cannot escape your authority and free will. Or do you feel that you are a random and meaningless creation? Is your life aimless? A rich life begins with you.

Are you worthy of being the person you dream of being ...and worthy of giving yourself that life? Your authority is timeless and universal, ...it is not in any way limited. In what ways does your authority and jurisdiction make you feel alone and isolated? Does that scare you? You are never alone. Are you hoping to discover a particular place, position, or destiny for yourself in life? If so, your beliefs and actions are confining you, for no one can decide your life or live it for you.

Your self-jurisdiction is threatened only by your own fears and comforts, ...and your beliefs. What concerns you about being fully engaged in living every moment to the fullest? ...for living your complete and satisfying enrichment? Are you willing to support your desires and choices? If not you, ...who will? Your authority/jurisdiction needs constant nourishment and exercise.