

Article 295: Your Family Tree

Are you a biologic son or daughter on a family tree? Ohh, certainly, your body owes its beginning and pattern to your parents ...and you were probably raised with certain “family values” and “personal experiences”, both desirable and undesirable, but do any of these *really* constitute you today? ...or have you constituted yourself because of or in spite of these beliefs, events, and situations? Despite all of these happenings and conditions, don't you feel that “I am different! I am not like everyone else in the family. In fact, beyond the fact that we are “family” I don't really belong with these individuals. Ohh, certainly, we have history together, but their history seems different than mine. It's like I am a visitor in this family!”

Well, maybe you are a visitor, ...or you have a different meaning and purpose in life to awaken and pursue. You were not born as a “clean slate” for a new self and life to be written upon ...nor as “putty” to be molded by your parents as they desire, you are the writer and molder of your self and life to suit your meaning and purpose. Though you were obviously affected deeply by your parents and what was communicated by your parents, by childhood events, by television and family members, by religion and education, by encouragement and punishment, and by other early environments and teachings, ...however, your own nature and life today came more from your own nurturing and self-created environment than from your family. As you are not the direct result of your parents faults or failures, your parents are not the cause of your nature and self-neglect, ...and as you no longer believe in Santa Clause, the Easter Bunny, or the Tooth Fairy, it is time to put away your childish beliefs and live your self and life as you truly desire ...as you promised. You cannot live and must not try to fulfill your parents' meaning and purpose for them ...or expect your partner or children to live and fulfill your meaning and purpose for you.

Those of you who sacrifice, neglect, or have forgotten your true meaning and purpose in life for your children frequently do not want them around as reminders of your loss ...or your forsaking yourself, for deeply within you, you know that no matter how you care for those children, they will leave you ...and possibly even forsake you, for they too have a purpose of their own to live and fulfill ...on their terms. By nature, children are at ease in a larger and different world than that of their parents.

It is written in the Bible, in Luke 14;26, that Jesus declared, “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” Whether you consider the word “hate” to mean detest ...or

find the ancient meaning of “to sorrow over or grieve for” the meaning is clear that to continue in their ways, or any other’s way, denies you . In fact, the more you even “think” that your nature was formed by your parents and family and childhood, the less open you are to your own meaning•purpose• promise ...and to understanding that, ...are you willing to continue forsaking yourself and all you truly desire merely to burden your self and life with the belief that your parents led you astray or “caused” you to over-react and neglect the self and life of meaning and purpose and promise you truly desire? Such misbeliefs withhold trust, intimacy, and fulfilling pleasure ...and are deadly to self-realization. And until this misbelieve is resolved or overcome, no compassionate attitudes, loving feelings, kind words, or benevolent actions will satisfy you ...or enrich you, ...are you willing to move out of your childhood into the world? “Honor thy father and mother” ...and move on to knowing your self and life ...or, like mark Twain who declared that the older he got, the more clearly he remembered things that did not happen, are you stuck in the past struggling against things that did not happen?

To be truly alive is to be deeply and profoundly perceived, ...are you concealing yourself from this intimacy with others? ...and from yourself? Are you willing to be perceived for all that you are? ...or are you, out of fear and anxiety, hiding a great portion of yourself? Couldn’t it be that this “great portion of yourself” is the “greatest portion of yourself? ...what do you gain in this? Does it seem that your life is passing all too quickly without leaving any lasting impressions? Are you willing to do anything about that? If you wrote your autobiography ...would anyone care to read it? ...or would you have to make up quite a few things to make it a little interesting? ...or have you been doing interesting things with little meaning•purpose•promise?

Language tends to create questions and provide answers which are normally vague ...and frequently quite meaningless ...which, because you rely on language, gives rise to misunderstandings and disagreements ...and creates misinformation and misleading beliefs and concepts, which leads to personal maladjustments and inner and outer conflicts. See what a mess you make by relying on language? Maybe your problems and difficulties are not, after all, caused by your parents ...and your childhood experience, but result from what you constantly think and say about these things.

Can you distinguish between fantasy and reality? If you blame your parents and their care, miscare, or teachings for your unhappiness and

lack of success, then you don't know the difference between fantasy and reality, ...and this blame can take any subtle or overt form. Does it seem that, despite your greatest efforts, you and your life are on an irreversible one-way journey to destruction? Your character or individuality and your happiness and success are not about what you do, they rest upon the commonality of the way you do everything you do, ...do you really know what you are doing? ...or are you creating a fantasy self and life ...and hoping for the best?

Your "calling" in life is not so much a "doing" as it is "a call to life" to live as you truly desire. Your calling is not to judge and struggle against life as you have languaged it to be, ...therefore, any error or fault in your life is not because of your parents or in the world around you as you have languaged them, it is within you ...as you have languaged yourself.

Don't you sense a growing feeling that what is big and exceptional is dangerous? ...and must be kept under control? ...such as big corporations, big government, Walmart, terrorism, the Internet? If you sense this, even in little ways, you will not reach for an "exceptional you". Your self and life are elevated, enhanced, and rewarded by being passionately inspired; do not excuse your enriching lifeseft to your past, ...are you willing to embody and personify all you truly desire? Your individuality and happiness depend upon the fulfilling uniqueness of your passionate self-calling.

But how can you decide what will nurture you and your soul? ...your meaning and purpose? ...your inspired calling? ...your promise? ...and what will be detrimental or inhibiting? In the past, beliefs and ideals and values were established by parents for their children and passed on as "truths", but this is not easy or wise today, ...therefore, you must awaken and enliven your meaningful purpose and promise on your own ...without the normal number of beliefs and values to guide you. It seems that while you were sleeping, the world grew up ...or certainly grew bigger and more-complex; ...life and living are not as simple as they once were ...and old beliefs and ways and values will not sustain you today.

Your parents' responsibility for you was that of "caretaker" ...not that of inspirer, teacher, or conveyor of ancient "truths", for these roles conflict with that of caretaking, ...besides, your parents have their own life and purpose and promise to live ...which you may or may not be a part of, ...or maybe they are still struggling with having forgotten or neglected a meaningful purpose and promise in life. They were probably doing the best they could.

Are you creating and living a duplicitous pattern of personal disguises and play-acting? ...of invention and suppression? ...under all of these pretenses, do you really know yourself? ...and know what you are doing?

Maybe you shouldn't judge what you believe
your parents did or did not do!