

Article 359: Offering•Offering part 5

Aristotle felt that searching beneath or beyond revealed appearances or sensual experiences would take you away from absolute truth rather than toward it ...and mire you in a complexity of arbitrary truths, but think about this, “reasoned patterns of the universe must be real” ...or they could not be reasoned or sensed; ...actually you do not sense correctly or incorrectly ...or imperfectly, you only sense your sensing, ...is that right or wrong? ...correct or incorrect? ...or imperfect? ...only if you declare it so ...and in that you are declaring against yourself.

Like Plato before him, the universe that is seen by Aristotle’s teachings is one in which everything and everyone occupies an established place and purpose in a hierarchy of proper things in proper places functioning properly, which of course limits and restricts possibilities. Aristotle’s “good life” for each person was limited to fulfilling his or her proper role in life ...such that a virtuous life was doing the right thing in the right way at the right time. Is it at all possible for you to live, experience, and understand beyond “proper things in proper places functioning properly”?

While Aristotle’s beliefs and teachings were fully grounded in physical experiences and awarenesses, the Christian beliefs that followed were based on the beliefs and teachings that people were to faithfully endure their physical trials, tribulations, and suffering because they were being prepared to occupy an “exalted” position in the Kingdom of God in the next world, ...for Jesus had frequently proclaimed that poverty, humility, and suffering were positive assets of the faithful to put their soul “right with God” so all else could be forgiven and properly followed.

Later, Protestants preached that if you think and act properly, if you are faithful and God fearing (worship God), and if you are generally proper toward others you will be virtuous in the eyes of God, but it does seem more than a little presumptuous and unrealistic to expect all protestants to think with the clarity and wisdom of a sage or master about themselves ...and their life.

Today, religions and many societies ...and most teachers declare that they function according to traditional truths, such as love and compassion, fairness and justice, the brotherhood of all people, and other general beliefs and ideas which are used as the basis and justification of all sorts of laws and policies, because, despite centuries of searching, no “absolute truth” has been found underlying all things.

You probably don’t realize it, but if you look carefully at these major beliefs occurring over the past 4000 years, you will discover all of your beliefs today founded there on “absolute truths” ...and upon the right person or thing in the right place functioning rightly, ...but it seems that in this there is no place for your being and functioning as you truly desire, ...isn’t that sad? Are you willing to stop seeking the absolute truth of yourself in the proper place

functioning properly? ...but you don't believe you are living that, ...do you? Then tell yourself and the next person you meet exactly who you properly are ...and what your proper place and functioning in the universe is all about, ...but you don't know, do you? ...yet each time you offer ...you clearly reveal yourself, ...now are you interested in learning more about offering.

If so, do not seek refuge from the world around you in an inner-world, for that inner-world is the outer world as well, ...therefore, instead of struggling to discover the proper or true you in a proper place in the universe functioning properly, declare your self and promise to the universe and fully engage in life, which is engaging in yourself as you truly desire through offering.

Mind is quiescent! ...and does not flow through you, you flow mind, ...in the same way, divine mind is quiescent ...and does not know truth ...you move divine mind, and though there *may be* only one perfect mind, there are infinite flowings of that mind which will clear a pathway of expansive living through offering without doubt and anxiety ...to a life of wellbeing without struggle and disturbance, to security without any need to control, to knowing beyond learning and growing and developing, to self-realization, and to life eternal, ...of course, to a languaged-mind, all of this seems impossible because it doesn't follow the absolute truth underlying all things, ...therefore, your decision is whether to open your mind and universe to these awarenesses and flow your mind and life through offering as you truly desire ...or continue believing and living your language ...and your endless search for absolute truth underlying every aspect of life as proper things in their proper place functioning properly.

Living your life through offering is not a dream or fantasy which confuses your mind, ...in fact, living through offering clears your mind of the dull confusion and vagueness of language ...and opens you to a far-greater reality that has been concealed and denied by language ...and your endless search for truth.

It would help you to consider, at least now and then, just how deeply you are trapped in language, ...actually, you have sacrificed everything you truly desire for language, ...and though your language and thinking and living language constantly change, the underlying structure of language remains the same as "your truth", just as it was Plato's and Aristotle's fundamental truth ...and the absolute law and truth of every religion and teaching in recorded history ...as a result, though everything over the centuries *seems* to have changed, nothing has really changed, ...therefore, can we really declare that we've chosen wisely? And since you live the same language, have you chosen wisely?

Do not follow the advice to open or discipline your mind ...or pray for inner-peace or wisdom, ...instead, open and discipline the language you mind with ...and peace will follow.

Offering, the meaning and promise of your self and life, is the creative power within you, and in the universe, for you to use ...or, unfortunately to neglect ...or sacrifice to language.

When you have a problem and are in doubt as to what to do, by following the advice to turn within, to pray for an answer, or to go into meditation, you will discover that any solution offered, if followed, only maintains the problem in your life, ...and though this may not seem obvious, possibly because you feel you didn't focus on the problem or take it with you, by turning within ...or turning to prayer or meditation, you take the problem with you, ...however, continuing your normal life of offering much as usual dissolves the situation as a problem.

No message from within ...or from prayer or meditation can ever be completely relied upon ...simply because the message must be interpreted, understood, and then properly converted into action, all of which makes room for terrible errors along this process, ...and, of course, any delay between understanding and application or any changes occurring while the message is being carried out can seriously affect the action to be taken, ...such a process is filled with probable errors and false understandings, while offering is the answer•action•understanding rolled into one ...and which constantly and reliably varies and expands as your offering continues or as conditions change. In other words, "getting an answer or solution" is a terrible interference.

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