

Article 142: Advancement to Where? ...to What?

Many people speak of life as a lesson, evolution, as advancement. If you are one of those individuals, our questions to you include evolving to what? Advancing to where? Lessons about what? We are not asking, *what is the meaning of life?* ...however, if you believe life is about advancement, and you are part of that advancement, what are you involved in? Where do you believe this advancement is leading? Whether or not you realize it, these questions ...or what you believe are the answers to these questions control and expand or limit you ...and everything in your life, ...so let's consider a little about advancement.

Advancement to where? ...to what? If you seek advancement, you certainly must have some idea or vision of what you want to achieve ...or what your life is about. If not, maybe it is not advancement that you seek, but something in your present lifeseff that you seek to avoid or transcend, ...what are you attempting to move beyond or above? Do you feel that physical life is a trial or test? ...a lesson you must learn before being allowed to advance or move on? Do you feel that you are actually regressing or being held back in your present self and life? What does it mean to progress? How can you tell whether or not you are progressing? Advance means to bring forth, ...what are you willing to bring forth and offer to yourself and others? Working hard, struggling, being faithful and trusting, bearing burdens, and being loving actually have nothing to do with advancement, for true advancement in this life means to lessen or end your self-imposed limitations and restrictions. However, not believing this is true, you will continue looking for more and greater and finer opportunities, try desperately to express and live more, and try to expand your knowing and creations, all in an attempt to advance beyond your present situation ...or to "cause" the advancement you say you truly desire. But, the one vital thing it seems you will not do to lessen your limitations and restrictions is **you will not end your judgments**, which, unfortunately, you believe lead you to understanding and advancement. This is not true, judgments further blind you to the truth of life and yourself ...and strengthen and increase your restrictions and limitations. All such actions blind you to, and thus withhold, the advancement you desire. You cannot advance beyond your all-knowing and...

***You will never advance
Beyond your judgments!***

Stop your judging ...and struggling to advance long enough to realize that if you "can advance", you do not have free will ...and without free will you cannot advance, ...but, of course, with free will, advancement has nothing to offer you. Advancement refers to "further" something already

under way. Both advance and advancement stresses useful, intentional, and decisive actions to “cause” your self to be furthered, ...furthered to what? Free will reveals that you cannot be furthered, ...you are already furthered, now open your eyes and mind, end your judgments, and in that see your advancement ...right where you are. What, to you, does advancement of your self and life actually mean? While advancement is normally considered “positive and good”, such as advancing your health and wellbeing, your knowledge, or your opportunities, ...it also may be “negative”, as in advancing the progress of a disease, a forest fire, your unhappiness, ...so how will you determine whether the advancement you desire is actually “positive or negative”? It seems that, instead of trying to cause or create an unknown advancement, you would be better-served to live your free will self-evidently as you truly desire.

We are interested in your opinion about advancement ...even if you disagree or want to discuss a different view, ...write: forever1@ilhawaii.net .