

## Article 243: Twisted Narratives –part 2

A science teacher challenged his students to stand an egg on end. Taking him at his word ...and believing he had some special knowledge, they tried, unsuccessfully, to do this for many frustrating minutes before the teacher grasped the egg and mashed one end of it on the table ...and set the egg, which had previously been hardboiled, firmly on this base. “Not fair!” the students whined. “No,” the teacher replied, “your mistake was making incorrect assumptions, ...for while assumptions can certainly lead you in new directions, they can, as well, blind you and confuse you ...and severely limit and restrict you.” In what ways, through the structure of your dichotomy language for thinking and believing, are you limiting and deceiving yourself ...and forsaking the self and life you truly desire by assuming too much or too little? ...or by assuming incorrectly and deceptively?

Another word for assumption is *conclusion*, for though a conclusion is defined as the outcome or result of an act or process such as a judgment or decision reached after deliberating, all such conclusions are assumptions, for no amount of deliberating or judging ever leads to, proves, or substantiates a conclusion; ...in all conclusions, though you have earnestly deliberated, you then **JUMP** to your conclusions ...which you then try endlessly and fruitlessly to justify, thus all conclusions are “wild assumptions”. So, what, if anything, will help keep you away from improper assumptions•conclusions?

Well, you can relax your judgments and false perceptions of the meaning of things and what should or should not happen, you can filter out false or deceptive information, you can be aware of seeming contradictions ...and see the truth lying somewhere between the opposing factors or within the “greater whole” that results by combining them, make unrestricted connections to other awarenesses ...and use every understanding as a steppingstone to an even greater understanding [do not be misled by the word “greater”], and above all else, you can avoid being deluded or deceived by the structure of language ...or by any judgments.

You must constantly review and renew your assumptions about yourself and all of life, but be careful that you do not continue victimizing yourself by what your language falsely declares is true. For example, is *how you are living* different than *the things of life you are living*? In this, are “how” and “things” different? It seems so, ...wouldn’t you say? Yet, *how* is defined as “in what manner or way, or by what means”. Since, in

these definitions, *what* is the main focus of *how*, it is reasonable to declare that *how you are living* and *what things of life you are living* are the same ...or so similar that they cannot be distinguished as being different.

Break through established habits of limited thinking.

## INTENTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS.

Many people declare that your life does not depend so much upon your actions, but upon your intentions behind those actions ...and the intentions that drive and continue those actions, ...but can this reasonably be true? If you are genuinely acting, then intentions or intending to act have no purpose, meaning, or influence, ...and if you have intentions or intend to act, then you are not acting, so these intentions are of no concern. In fact, if you intend to act and are not acting, then, despite what you say you intend to do, it is reasonable to understand that you do not intend to act. And if you don't intend to act, you cannot create a sincere intention to do so. Without intentions, you can have no expectations ...and without expectations you can create no intentions.

All intentions are deceptive and untrue.

Let's consider this matter from a point of "knowing", for if you know~for instance, what will happen~you will not set any expectations ...for all such expectations are useless ...and add nothing to your knowing, ...which means that setting expectations denies your knowing, yet without intentions and expectations, you will not arise in the morning, which indicates that setting intentions and expectations is simultaneously rightwrong ...or could it be that this is a wrong right? ...in that it is right to do ...but wrong because it limits and destroys knowing?

What will you do?

Following this understanding, it seems that there is nothing you can successfully do, for by setting intentions and expectations, you destroy the awareness and knowing which would enable you to set wise intentions and expectations, ...and by not setting intentions and expectations, you cannot act upon your knowings. Intentions and expectations simultaneously inspire and withhold.

Imagination is where it all begins

**What self-deceiving intentions and expectations are you offering and following? ...and struggling against? Are you certain you want to live as you truly desire? ...or do you intend to continue living essentially "as usual" and hope for**

**the best? Are such actions and expectations wise ...and enriching? What will you do with all of your expectations? ...or do you even recognize the expectations you have of yourself and life and others in every situation?**

**Having no expectations is for the birds!**

## **TRUE CONCLUSIONS OR TRUE LIES?**

In any decision, if your premise is true and your argument is valid, then, since the conclusion of a valid argument with a true premise must be true ...the conclusion is true, ...in other words, one true premise plus one true argument produces a true conclusion, which means that though you had only a true premise and a true argument, you now have three truths. This can be expressed as  $1 \text{ truth} + 1 \text{ truth} = 3 \text{ truths}$ .

Yes, but that doesn't count.

Why not? It certainly indicates that  $2 = 3$ , ...therefore, in this light, can you ever again trust your oh-so-true-conclusions? ...especially about what you believe is true? Haven't you always believed that "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts?" Now, when faced with a "proof" of your own words, ...are you backing down? ...and does it bother you that the language of mathematics might be incorrect? Is it possible that something else is mysteriously occurring? ...and if so, what might that mysterious occurrence possibly be? Consider what happens if your premise is false and your argument is false.

Then the conclusion is false!

So, once again,  $2=3$ , ...but, sometimes, even with an untrue premise and an untrue argument you may still arrive at a true conclusion, ...this means that  $2=3$  and sometimes  $2=1$ , ...indicating that the whole can be less than the sum of the parts, ... is this the way you calculate your taxes? It seems that the mathematics of  $1+1=2$  is only sometimes correct, and at other times the answer is 3 or 1, ...can mathematics ever be trusted again?

Understanding is sometimes difficult.

**Are you having difficulty refuting someone's conclusions? Does it seem that there are no reliable answers in life? Does it seem that truth is eluding you? Did you realize that your conclusions are more-important than your beliefs? What conclusions are you struggling against? Is your life real? ...or make-believe?**

**Your body and life outpictures your choices and conclusions!**

## SELF-AWARENESS.

If not being aware that *all things are good* is bad, then, if you are aware of your badness, ...is that good? ...even if you do nothing about that? If, regardless, it is good, then you are not bad, ...and if it is bad, you are not good. This means that being aware that you are not good is not good, yet it is not bad either. Does this mean that not being aware that you are not good is not good? ...or not being aware that you are good is good?

You're not telling the truth, ...are you?

If we say that, in this we are lying, ...are we telling the truth? ...for if we are, we are not lying, thus we are telling the truth; but if we are not telling the truth, we are lying, ...therefore, our original statements are both true and false, and it is both true and false that not being aware is both bad and good.

What will you do now?

Maybe this will help. Following causal laws~which may or may not be true~untruths cannot exist, for the first thing that results from the beginning must be true ...and all succeeding events and actions must also be true, for, since there is no way for an untruth to begin in a causal pattern of truths, these events and actions must be the initial true pattern, ...thus, all untruths are in fact true. Obviously, in this, your choice is to accept that either untruths exist or causal laws exist, ...which will you accept?

Before deciding, consider the following awarenesses.

Though truths cannot be known ...untruths seem obvious ...and many things appear to be caused, ...which really means that if this is true, then, following causal laws, untruths cannot exist.

Is there more than one correct answer?

**Are you struggling to determine the truth of a situation or relationship? ...confused about the right thing to do? Are you aware of yourself and the life and activities you are creating and living? Do your beliefs and awarenesses really serve you? How do you know? What other false truths are you living and conflicting with? How can you become more self-aware?**

**Mental and spiritual laws cannot be different from physical laws!**