

Article 274: Ethics, Morals, Virtue –part 4

You have betrayed, and been betrayed by, good•evil and right•wrong beliefs long enough, and though they may have been intended to assist you, either directly or indirectly, you and your life have been disadvantaged for too long, ...and now that you know this, any continued faithfulness to these beliefs is treacherous to yourself and others, which will continue and expand the dangers of these beliefs. And though you might mislead others about any aspect of yourself, your behaviors, or the world around you, without any direct or indirect intent to harm or lead others into error, all such actions do harm yourself and others.

The beliefs about good and evil are beguiling, ...and though this seems benign enough, actually, those who live and teach and preach such beliefs are deceiving, misleading, and lessening you through allurements ...and are themselves deceived, misled, and lessened. Beguiling words and actions do not mitigate the dangers, intensity, or consequences of such beliefs, ...be careful of what you present ...and how false, depreciating beliefs are presented to you. Be careful that you do not deceive or mislead others, and are not deceived or misled by yourself or by others, to the point that you and others are unable to detect falsehoods and live promise as you truly desire.

Have you, directly or inadvertently, duped yourself or others into believing in good•evil by playing upon your own or their naiveté? ...upon susceptibilities of desirable•undesirable? ...or through mental blending, through mental or emotional trickery, or through dazzling or distracting words or actions? Or maybe you have hoaxed and befuddled yourself and others about good•evil by artful persuasion. In any case, all such words or actions, not fully and clearly revealing the goodness, excellence, promise, and benevolence of yourself and all things are not ethical•moral•virtuous.

When you outwit individuals, or frustrate another person, whether by ingenuity and cunning ...or even inadvertently, you outwit and frustrate yourself ...and continue these actions in every area of yourself and life, ...is it any wonder then that you constantly feel frustrated and outwitted by the world around you?

In double crossing others in any way, with any intent or lack of intent, you double cross yourself and the promise of life you truly desire, betrays a confidence, and willfully breaks the pledge and agreement and promise you made in coming to life to clearly live and reveal the goodness and excellence of yourself and all things ...and not in any way lower or lessen the character or value of anything or anyone ...including yourself. Are you

beginning to understand the reality and expansiveness and promise of Forever Living's ethics, morals, and virtues ...which are intended to reveal the goodness, excellence, promise, and benevolence of all things without weakening or lessening anything in the false duality and struggle of good and evil?

Forever Living's ethics•morals•virtues are not standards or principles to live up to in a good•evil world, they clearly reveal you unlessened by false, opposing dualities. This is not a matter of "learning" to be ethical, moral, and virtuous, it reveals how you have turned away from and denied the self and promise life and world you truly desire ...and live in.

It seems that the only unethical•immoral•unvirtuous behaviors are those that are not always open, honest, and intimate ...and fully promise-revealing. This is not goodness against evil, or overcoming what is inferior or sinful ...or even disagreeable or unpleasant, it is being genuine ...and truly your promise self. Do not consider that Forever Living's ethics, morals, or virtues have anything to do with conquering evil or vanquishing undesirable aspects of yourself, for this is not so. Forever Living's ethics•morals•virtues have a great deal to do with living your promise self openly, honestly, and intimately.

If you believe that problems are lessons and difficult people are teachers so you can learn to live a moral and virtuous life, whether or not you believe our next comment, you will create more problems and difficult people in your life to learn from ...and to stand self-righteously above the fray. There is no virtue in this! The first thing you would be wise to understand is that while problems always reveal exactly the life you are living and apparently struggling against, they are not trials, tests, or lessons ...and difficult people are certainly not your teachers from whom you learn about ethics, morals, or virtues ...and certainly not about promise.

If problems or difficult people present you with situations you wish were different, is that a lesson or a way to learn? ...for isn't learning about going *toward* what you do desire, not about taking you away from what you do not desire? Have you made your personal beliefs and behaviors ...and life in general a problem or lesson? What more do you want to learn? If you could have the promise life you truly desire, and you can, ...would you fill that life self with problems and difficulties to learn from? Haven't you constantly done enough of that with a "guilty conscience"? After all, if you can live the self and life you truly desire ...or one filled with problems and difficult people, which will you choose and live? Are you making a "big deal" out of learning from life? ...and in that denying yourself? Obviously,

denying and hiding has brought you to this situation, ...are you willing to live openly at all times and conceal nothing? Wouldn't that alone change your life and behavior? ...and relieve your after-the-fact-guilty-conscience? Openness itself does far more to motivate desirable actions than guilt or conscience, fear of consequences, and all of the ethical•moral•virtuous standards combined, ...and aren't "desirable behaviors" the aim of ethics, morals, and virtues? However, existing ethics•morals•virtues focus on consequences, judgments, and punishment, ...is this the promise of life that you want to continue? ...or feel you should continue? If so, your problems and difficulties will continue, expand, and intensify.

If you don't want a life filled with lessons, with trials and tests, with problems and difficult individuals begin living every belief•thought•attitude•word•action openly, ...conceal nothing. Do you realize how many beliefs you deny each day just to "go along"? ...how many thoughts you try desperately to control? ...how many attitudes and emotions you resist or inflate ...or refuse to acknowledge? ...how many words are selectively chosen and dishonestly offered? ...how many actions are exaggerated or restrained? Is there any wonder that, daily, your body and life are filled with undesirable problems and difficulties ...and unenhancing trials and tests? ...all in the name of teaching you about ethical•moral•virtuous good/bad behaviors? What does continuing in these way truly have to offer you?

Problems and difficulties certainly outpicture the self and life you are living, but why make matters worse by justifying them in the name of ethical•moral•virtuous learnings? Promise living honestly and intimately ...and openly at all times takes you out of good/bad trials and lessons ...and bring you to a loftiness of self-realization, understanding, and life without trials and lessons; ...living your good/bad ethics•morals•virtues continues your life of problems and difficulties.

Are you willing to live
the ethic•moral•virtue of openness? ...of promise?