

Article 316: Alpha and Omega -part 1

To begin this Article, we'd like you to understand that if spirit or spirituality is the essence of you and all life, this is the same as circularity being the essence~the beginning and the whole of circles~therefore, speaking of circularity will teach you a great deal about your "spirit or spiritual self". We've chosen this example because spirit and spirituality is too big to begin with, while circularity is limited to circles ...and should be easy to relate to, ...therefore, before reading on take a moment to think about **circularity** ...and have a short conversation with yourself about **circularity** ...which is, like spirit and spirituality, the essence of circles. Okay, go ahead, ...we'll wait for you.

Circularity

Well, how'd you do? Did you have a good discussion about circularity? You can, of course sort of imagine a universal circle, but you have never seen or experienced, in any way, a universal circle, ...for any circle you experience is an individual circle of a particular size and form. Circles only exist for you in the particular as you believe them to be, ...but, from that, you can begin sensing circularity. Your beliefs and concepts about circles exist as a universal, but you only experience particular circles, as you believe and visualize and create them to be. Universal circles cannot exist physically for you, ...they require your beliefs and particularizing in order for you to experience them.

If you had problems speaking of circularity, maybe because you never were good with geometry, then the next challenge, to speak of spirit or spirituality, should be easy ...because you believe that you are an immortal spirit temporarily living a physical life, ...don't you? Then it will be easy for you to speak of spirit or spirituality, so give it a try.

Spirituality

Well, how did you do? ...did you really speak of spirit or spirituality? Several weeks ago, a man tried to speak of spirit for almost two hours and failed, yet, he still doesn't realize this. He spoke of soul, God, goodness, religion and not religion, life after death, non-material "stuff", breath, ancient beliefs and teachings, the essence of all things, animating force, and many other things ...yet, in all of this, he never spoke of spirit, ...for, his declaring

that soul is spirit said nothing about soul or spirit ...and compounded the problem, because now we had two unknowns.

He spoke of spiritual thoughts, spiritual beliefs, intuition, awareness, voices, spiritual feelings and actions, and “just knowing”, ...but we still don't know anything about spirit, ...do any of these things actually say anything about spirit or spirituality? ...if so what? What is spirit? ...and what is a spiritual self and life? How do you know that ...and live that?

It seems that the only real sense he made was that **spirit is unknown ...and unknowable!** ...is that what you want to bet your self and life and happiness on?

In the same way, no matter how hard you try, you cannot imagine universal love. Ohh, you can imagine that you are imagining universal love, but you cannot imagine it, ...nor can you experience universal love; ...you can only imagine or experience particular love, or the attributes and expressions of love ...as you believe them to be. In the same way, two people can experience a single event; ...one may consider the event to be loving, ...the other may rightfully experience and feel it otherwise.

For all individuals, the experience of love or unlove is determined by, and limited by, their beliefs and particularization's of love, ...therefore, since you can only experience particular love, never universal love, your experiencing love depends solely upon your beliefs about and particularization's of love. Love can be experienced from all sides, in all ways, depending upon the specific beliefs and particularization's involved; but you cannot experience universal or unconditional love ...and this is true of all things.

For instance, though you believe you can imagine or know God or revelations of God, your immortal self, spirit, “higher planes” beyond your limited awareness, or the truth and wholeness of reality, in fact, like circles and love, you can **only** experience and know these things as you believe and particularize them to be. And what we've said about circles, love, self, spirit, higher planes of wisdom, and reality applies to all things ...and to all experiences in life: **for you, your experiences are determined by your beliefs and particularizing actions**, ...or what you put into life.

If you tell us about a headache you are experiencing, we can understand what you are describing because we have had headaches in the past, ...but we cannot experience your headache, or what you are experiencing, we can only understand and experience what our beliefs particularize about previous headaches; ...and what we each experience will be different according to our particularizing.

No effects in your life are ever, nor can they ever be, particularized by outside influences, ...which means that nothing outside of yourself and your own beliefs, independent of you, ever engenders anything in your life.

Life is completely subjective, ...so you are never, nor can you ever be, victimized by anything or any person independent of self. You cannot experience God acting outside of your particularizing beliefs, ...in fact, like all things in life, your beliefs create~paricularize~God.

Your mind and life cannot be conditioned or controlled by universals. Consider circles again, ...you cannot say or describe what circles are. Ohh, certainly, a circle is defined as a continuous line which is, at all points, equidistant from a single point~the center~but this definition, like all definitions, merely describes the form, expressions, or outer limits of what you declare to be a circle. The circle exists within these limits, but the definition does not tell what a circle is. Much like describing circles, any attempt to define, in any way, universal love only establishes the “outer limits” of love as you decide or perceive them to be; but, by setting those limits, you will discover and experience more thoroughly what universal love “is not” than what it is, ...and those beliefs of what universal love is not will limit and control your love ...and your experiencing love.

Your belief in an unknown spirit, God, and unconditional love is the beginning and end~the alpha and omega~of yourself ...and all things in your life, ...does that seem wise?

**Many people sometimes feel confused thinking,
“Everyone must know what’s going on ...except me!”**