

Article 342: Open, Honest, Intimate Relationships –part 1

Are you willing to give up ways of thinking and behaving which are disliked by your partner? ...or are harmful to your relationship? Don't say *yes* unless you mean it by following through with immediate actions, not of *giving up* those ways of thinking and behaving, but of pursuing and applying alternatives that are desirable to your partner. If you are not willing to forsake or transform a habit that is damaging or uncomfortable to your partner, ...what does that tell you about your concern for your partner ...and the relationship?

And if you are not willing to change, why are you reading, considering, or discussing this Article? Could it be that you are only thinking about these things so you can declare, maybe a little self-righteously, "I tried! ...I really tried!" ...but, in fact, maybe you are not actually willing to deal with the answers and improve your relationship? Are you even listening to such questions, problems, and answers ...and considering the possibilities being revealed? ...aren't you really listening to your own assumptions and conclusions? Do you really want an open, honest, intimate relationship with your partner? ...or even with yourself?

If you are actually listening to your own assumptions and conclusions, at least ask yourself, "Am I good partnership material? ...would I really want to partner with me?" ...and listen very carefully to these answers. Is your partner an awakened individual? ...awakened to life ...and the supportive empowerment of life? Is your partner, and are you, awakened to reaching into an unknown self and life? ...awakened to life beyond conscious knowing and doing? ...awakened from the sleep of waiting? ...and waiting for answers? ...waiting to be cared for? ...waiting for approval and acknowledgement? ...waiting as victims always wait?

Can you live openly, honestly, and intimately with an unawakened individual? Or maybe you should ask, "Could I ever live with an unawakened partner and self? ...and could such a partner or self ever live with me?"

Well, what was your answer?

...and what are you going to do about it?

You can change at every moment without ever compromising your values, but if you compromise your values in any way, or to any degree, in order to be accepted by friends or to gain a partner, they are not your friends ...especially not intimate-friends, and you have gained nothing, ...but you have forsaken and lost a great deal, ...are you now beginning to find that out? What price have you continually paid? Do you find yourself making other compromises with and for false friends, partners, and relationships? ...is it wise to continue in these ways?

Have you seen your partner and friends compromise to gain an advantage? What might they be compromising? ...or feel they are

compromising in your relationship? Aren't such compromises a problem? ...and won't they continue being a problem? As soon as you compromise, you begin losing, ...and continuing to compromise, even to seemingly repair the damage, continues the loss, ...are you willing to change your life and relationships without compromise?

Believe it or not, most people are fearful of speaking intimately ...and frightened almost to death about living openly, honestly, and intimately. If you cannot live completely for your self and partner without compromising, you are in the wrong relationship. You only correct or criticize yourself and life in mind or words or actions at the expense of openness, honesty, and intimacy ...and the friends and partner and relationships you said you wanted; ...is being "right", in your eyes only, worth such a price? If so, continue, because you don't have to make yourself or others or your partner be either right or wrong, make right•wrong a non-issue.

Empowered magic will enter your "spirit" and body at every moment when you *offer* yourself openly, honestly, and intimately to life. What you *truly* want in an intimate-relationship fully reveals your true desires in life. You are not living a relationship in your life, your relationship IS your life, ...are you willing to perceive and understand your self and life and ohi relationship this intimately? ...and always live and respond to life on that level ...at all times?

Life is not about making mistakes ...or learning to cope with them, life is about knowing they were not mistakes...

Now, deal with that!

Because happy couples argue far-less than unhappy couples, it is believed, by some, that conflict reveals an unhappy relationship and unhappy individuals, while others claim that "quarreling less" obviously indicates that *all* relationships, even intimately satisfying relationships, argue, ...therefore dissension without hostile intent or conflict does not indicate a poor relationship or unhappy individuals ...for there are many unhappy partners who seldom if ever argue, ...sometimes because they are indifferent to each other ...or because individuals, though in the same relationship, are living separate lives.

From an ohi point-of-view however, any arguing or dissension, silence or disinterest, or separated actions reveal that the partners are not open, honest, or intimate. It is incorrect to assume that open partners will openly disagree, for those who are truly open have nothing to disagree about ...and nothing to conceal in silence.

Remember, just as you can enjoy what you are doing ...and not be living as you truly desire, you can be happy in a relationship and not be open, honest, and intimate ...and not living as you truly desire, but you won't be living as you truly desire in a relationship, or in life, and not be ohi and happy. Being

centered in living as you *truly desire*, you have no gain or reason not to be oh, no advantage or purpose for arguing ...and nothing to argue about, and nothing to create unhappiness ...or be unhappy about.

Start your life and intimate-relationship over today
with a new script of savoring every moment.