

A METAPHYSICAL CONCEIT*

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As the soul thrives on its journey to perfection,
the Spirit drives man through three [different] Stages.
Still, man is content to live reflecting in his senses,
unawakened to the mysteries and the wisdom of ages.
Thus, he reaps a mind that oscillates between its
fleshly and divine tendencies;
Constantly fighting, falling and rising, sinning and
repenting relentlessly.

DedeKiah (the Prophet)

Early morning just before the sun showed its brilliance
I was aroused suddenly. With clear thoughtfulness an answer
was present before I knew the question. I felt like a man
who has realized the true nature of his Being. For that single
moment I intimately knew the mysterious "IS". Such
contemplation, in my condition would only render any question
I can conclude void, without any ability to be relevant. I
have difficulty discerning what is "Real" from what is
"Ideal" (or imagined). Even-more-so, my thoughts often
blind me with the light of existence. Such abstracts as love,
righteousness and truth, relatively speaking of course. So,
pardon me for struggling with words expounding my perplexed
thoughts. But all virtues, whether known or disguised,
have the tendency of becoming inextricably intertwined with
"Being" and that which "IS". And the answer I was
given is as follows:

I know (or have known) men, who more or less, confuse
the "Self" with "Being". These men gradually embrace a

narcissistic consciousness. And, more often than not, these men have defended their narcissism by calling it self-consciousness. I believe that it's this train of thought which creates a delusion when contending with "Being" or "Is" and what the the two mutually exclusive states signify.

Comprehensively, most narcissist impress temporal views and disembark what is intrinsic; yet, not fully becoming an extravert either. Hence, the prejudicially compare themselves to most desirable affairs, circumstances, possessions — things of substance.

Question: Why do people in mental distress feel there is no real solution during undesirable conditions?

Answer: Upon information and belief, those experiencing mental anguish are searching for a supreme Being. They look for a higher and more meaningful purpose for simply being alive. To ascend and envelope the supreme intelligence (or knowledge), awakening the ultimate good in their spirit (mind) at some point in life's journey, this is what troubles their consciousness. And untrained mind can achieve nothing. In many ways those who experience crisis must continue learning to outgrow their thinking of Selflessness. But until they understand the "Being" that "Is," and therefore realize what they are doing "Now," where they are, and how to look upon the world or themselves, nothing can be accomplished.

It is written that Yeshua (Jesus) instructed his followers to "keep on, then seeking first the kingdom and all His righteousness...". See The Gospel According To Matthew, chapter 6, verse 33 (NKJV), "... keep seeking you will find." id., at 7:7;

"... Everyone seeking finds." id. at 7:8; see also The Gospel According To Luke, 11:10. Hence, our inner Being, no matter our physical condition, seeks and finds. Our inner Supreme Being is a hidden god who invites us to travel on a great quest. But our destination "comes not with observation," neither can anyone say look! Here it is! The kingdom of our God is within. See e.g. Luke 17:21.

The awakening of this "Being" (God) is troublesome to the extent that the mind (spiritual self) upsets the diligent seeker because it is forced to question personal views. Once confronted by personal views, after rationalizing conflicting world views, the "Being" is questioned once again by the mind's-eye on which it perceives as reality.

"Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise your name; the righteous shall surround me, for you shall deal bountifully with me." The Book of Psalms, 142:7. The true perceptive reality can only come through suffering. Not the kind of suffering in the sense of physical trauma, but a far more resolute phase of contemplation. It was written that even Yeshua "learned obedience from the things he suffered." The Book of Hebrews, 5:8.

Personally, after having spent half my life (25 years) in the Florida Department of Corruption [sic] I've certainly learned obedience through suffering. And rather than seeing myself as some abstract someone from the world, I believe myself is one with my Being. So, rather than being some spectator to a marvel, I am one with all things within. I understand my purpose. I know that breath and life exist only for my benefit, as it does for all beings.

There are two (maybe three) forms of imprisonment. I find myself captive to a physical and mental (spiritual) bond, and often contemplating the actual significance of those theoretical prisoners exiled to "Plato's cave". See *The Republic* - Plato. Specifically, I sympathize with individuals, such as myself, who are, and have been, chained from reality since adolescence. Being forced to accept the shadows of society from a obvious disadvantage. Reluctantly being dragged into darkness within themselves and from the real world. But I know this as truth: "The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous." Psalms 146:8.

Allegorically, the prisoners in "Plato's cave" depicted the prison-house as the world of sight. It suggest that the journey upwards into the light of the fire of the Sun to be the ascent of the soul into the intellectual world. It was taught by Plato that "in the world of knowledge the idea of good appears last of all, and is seen only with an effort." He instructed his initiates that God is light and the Lord of Light in this visible world, and the immediate source of reason and truth in the intellectual; and that this is the power upon which he who would act rationally either in public or private life must have his eyes fixed. The Gospel of John subsequently recites that "God is a Spirit." at 4:24; The apostle (Yeshua's own brother) says "God is light." at I John 1:5; See also I John. 4:16 ("God is love").

Socrates also reiterated Plato's teachings that those who descend into darkness (or human affairs), their souls are always

striving for the upper world (the kingdom of Heaven?) where they desire to dwell; which desire is very natural for the soul. Compare: Matthew 6:22-23 ("The light of the body is the eye: if therefore your eye be single, your whole body shall be full of light. But if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be in darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!") See e.g. id. at 25-27; Luke 11:33-36. One who passes from divine contemplations to the evil state of man, misbehaving himself in a ridiculous manner; yet, his eyes are adjusting to the surrounding darkness, he is coerced to fight in courts of law, and many other places, about the concept of the shadows and the image of justice, and he endeavors to join the conceit of those who have never seen absolute justice yet. And the idea for such argument evince the power and capacity to learn exists only in the soul. Just as the eye was not able to turn from darkness to light without the entire body, so does the instrument of knowing can only be influenced by the whole soul to turn away from the world as it transmutate into a complete human being. "Our lives are much like a classroom of study, and if we don't learn our lessons then we will not experience the truth that is within us."

There is an absolute truth that can be learned through observation and consciousness; that the human psyche has always been adept at finding. Take the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis, chapter 3), when thoroughly investigated it shows how, from the dawn of mankind (homo sapiens); i.e. thinking man and woman, has always possessed a capacity to be subtly deceived as well. And because the psyche can seemingly use any excuse—invoking God, blaming a devil, childhood trauma,

genes, fate or predestination—to justify erroneous actions and behavior. But, what is the real source of this frantic need to believe oneself so-innocent? In the first place, most people commonly view themselves as egocentric protagonist, finding a need to harbor self-centered ideology, rather than perceiving their true character. Even a little transparency seem onerous for a petty ego swollen by a conscience swarming with selfish memories. But, it is true that the soul cannot discriminate by itself. It is the unreformed soul that is ill-informed and has lost its way, forgotten that it has only to turn toward the light of the presence of God in order to have access to a diverse climate where innocence means wholeness and harmony of actions and words of knowledge of Being, even though our knowledge is always incomplete, and our realization of "Being" is never perfect.

Honestly, sometimes I find myself jealous of special relationships. And maybe that's another cause for the fall of man. But I have said before: "feeling jealousy in personal relationships always reduce others to objects," to things other than human beings. Jealousy excludes the possibility of meeting another person as a free subject with whom I can share myself with. At least without losing any of the intimacy that is unique to the soul. Certainly, the real meaning of a promise of loyalty is not to lead to dependency or alienation, but to affirm that one is capable of a fidelity that both allows and supports the complete fulfillment of another's freedom. Most times even family member don't realize they've become possessive over another person. Strange.

From a prison cell I understand the great law that controls all that I know, even the unknown universe compels me to the requirement of an obedient state of mind. Why was Adam disobedient? It's hard to say. But a mind without guilt can not endure. For me, justice, harmony, and love are supreme methods for redemption in the soul, on the world, and through the universe. Likewise, I know that all adverse and painful conditions are the result of my own disobedience to universal law. Such law is divine and good; it leads to strength and power; and, it is upon such knowledge alone that a true life and enduring success and happiness can be built. So, it is my belief that there is only one actual way to such state: Let Self die! The apostle Paul said, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily." I Corinthians, 15:31. In another place he says, "Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans, 13:10. Plus, love allows me to forgive; and forgiveness leads me away from error and not towards it. I do not look to change the world, but I choose only to change my mind about the world.

The death I speak of is the relinquishing and extinction of lust, desire, opinion, prejudice and conceptions about reality. These things are forms of bondage within themselves. It is when the arrogant can no longer look upon his own religion as superior to all others, and strives humbly to learn the Supreme lesson of love; and no longer shall he cling to the idea that the savior whom he worships is the only savior; and that the savior whom his brother worships with equal sincerity and adour, is an imposter. All men who claims to

he is religious should diligently seek the path of holiness, and then come to realize that every holy man is a savior of mankind. Besides, being without the power to harmonize, all your mind can do is seemingly divide and subdivide and then vainly attempt to glorify the result.

In the same way, Faith and Purpose constitute the motive-power of life, strong faith and unflinching purpose can accomplish all things, so does salvation leads to right mindedness. By the daily exercise of silent faith, the thought-forces are gathered together, and by the daily strengthening of silent determination, those forces are directed toward the goals of accomplishment.

I have also learned patience under all circumstances, and to accept all conditions as necessary factors in my training. I must rise superior to all painful conditions, and overcome them with an overcoming which is sure, and which leaves no fear of a third return to those conditions that I, now, despise. For it was by the power of obedience to the law they were utterly slain. "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Romans 7: 23-24. Show me a man under whose touch everything crumbles in his hands, and who cannot maintain success even when it is placed on a platter before him, and I will show you a man who dwells continually in his dire conditions of the mind which are the very contradiction of power.—I'm just sayin'.

Conclusively, as I succeed in gaining mastery over my impulses and thoughts I believe a new and silent power will grow up inside me, and a settled feeling of composure and strength will remain with me. These hidden powers will begin to unfold themselves, and whereas formerly my attempts were weak and ineffective, I am now able to work with this new power and strength. There is an awakening within that interior illumination known as my intuition that abruptly brought me back from the dream world this morning, and the answer I have revealed guides me no longer in darkness and speculation, but in light and certainty.

As the children of light glory in the light/
So do the children of the night wander blindly in their sight/
And in darkness they wander mindlessly/

Therefore, we must, as children of light, be careful/
To share the lessons of life with those in dark stages/
With no spiritual insight/
We must remain prayerful/

