

## **Respect and Living by our Teachings**

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Respect is something which seems to be amiss on the Earth Plane. We don't respect our elders. We don't respect authority. We don't respect our fellow human beings. How can we evolve with all these negative thoughts going through the mind? You can't improve unless you have an understanding of the other person's point of view. Have a respect of his possessions. Do not consider that it is your right to steal, to deprive another of what they have worked so hard to do. It is a problem that will be overcome in time.

It is unfortunate that there are misguided youths who have to be brought into line. Put them in the blooming army. Give them a bit of service. That's what they used to do. It was a shame when they stopped that because it gave our young men and women a sense of pride, a sense of community, a respect for those with authority, but it all started with the politically correct society. You cannot chastise your child or you might influence their future development in a negative way. In reality you are doing just the opposite. You are affecting their development. You are developing a nation who has no respect for humanity. No respect for their fellow man. No respect for the laws of the land. How can you expect to live in a society which is run without control? You have to have a form of control. You have to have a form of authority. I am not advocating cruelty in the upbringing of the younger generation, but the younger generation have to understand that there are boundaries and once you have set these boundaries you have to be consistent. There is no point in telling a child if you do xyz this will happen and they do xyz and then nothing happens. The authority that you had has then been totally dismembered. It has disappeared and the infant will continue to push until you get to the point where there is a total disruption to the family and the surrounding group.

It is no different in our teachings. You would consider that the people who should know better, the people who are in the "hierarchy" of your organisations, and like the Christian church there are many organisations within the Spiritualist movement. There should only be one. There is only one higher energy who we refer to as the Great Spirit. You who are enlightened are aware that this Great Spirit is a conglomeration of beings, not one individual, but humanity, the people of the Earth Plane and come to that the people of the Summerland, cannot fully focus on the concept of a multitude of beings being the Great Spirit, the Great Master, the Heavenly Host. They need an object to look up to. They need an object to focus upon and therefore we utilise the concept of a Divine Being because a Divine Being can be easily accepted because you then have a leader. You have somebody to look up to rather than a general awareness of where you have

to be. Once you become part of the Great Spirit you then don't go into one big melting pot and you're just one part of a greater being. You still are an individual. You still have all your individual traits and personality, but that concept if it was made known to the general masses would not be accepted. They could not focus on the way ahead, but if you are and I know you all are intelligent, the concept of an individual Divine Being is totally illogical is it not, or am I treading on sacred ground here?

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But that concept, if you took to the masses would be a very difficult one to sell. That is why through all the great masters who have returned to the Earth Plane to give their teachings, and I'm not when I say great masters I am not meaning the Great Master, I talk about masters who are great. Sometimes you've got to be very careful with your language haven't you? Masters like the Nazarene, masters like Confucius, masters like the Prince Buddha, they were all great people, great masters within their own right. They all gave a pinnacle of achievement of purity for people to look up to, so therefore the people who followed their teachings had a focus which they could turn their minds to. They had something tangible which they could grasp. If you wish to enter my Father's house, if you wish to enter heaven, live as I do. I give you the example. That is what the Nazarene taught. He didn't teach this is how you should live, follow my teachings, but not my life. What he taught was this is the way you should live and I will live that way as an example for you to follow. The same scenario can be said for the other masters who occupied the Earth Plane. They didn't only give the teachings. They lived their lives in accordance with those teachings.

So why can't we do that in our Spiritualist movement? We have the teachings but do we live by them? Do the people who profess to be the leaders of the groups, the leaders of the masses, do they live by the teachings? The answer to that unfortunately is no. A horrible three-lettered word comes in – ego. I am a much better medium than you. I can deliver messages much better than you and therefore I must be a much better person than you. How wrong. Don't these people realise when they come over here, it'll all be out there for all to see. The motives behind what they are doing will be there. That situation of course occurs with all your lives. Everything you do is there. The reasoning behind what you do is there. The reasoning behind what you do is far more important than what you actually do, because if you are unaware that cannibalism, I use that as an example, is an incorrect way of life, if you have been taught from a child that this is normality and you conduct your life in that way how can you be condemned? But conversely if you're taught that cannibalism is wrong and then you perpetuate it, then your sin is ten-fold because you know what you're doing is wrong and that rule is what is utilised in judging how you advanced, not by what you do but the motive, the reason, the thinking, the desire behind the action.

You can sit in the pulpit and proclaim all these wonderful talks, all these wonderful lessons and as you are doing it all the thoughts of negativity are going through your mind. You're in the pulpit and you are perpetuating a lie to your being because what you are saying isn't what you believe. And that's what you need to do in your life. You need to live with the forethought of what you're doing. You know what is right. You know how you should treat your fellow man. So when you carry out an action and you know it to be wrong, stop and think about it. Why am I doing this? Am I doing this for self? Am I doing

this for my own aggrandisement or am I'm doing what I'm doing because I consider it's the right thing?

You can be doing something which is the right thing and you can get the advantage of your own self-aggrandisement but if the motive for doing the right thing is not why you are doing it, then what you're doing is correct, because you cannot do things which are good, which are right, without knowing that you're doing things which are good and right. You'd be a ruddy... excuse my language I was about to make a profanity, my apologies ladies. You would be an idiot if you did not know that you were doing good when you were doing good, but that doesn't mean you do it for the glorification of doing good. You do it because you feel it's the right thing to do.

There are people who take it to the extreme and they do what they consider is the right thing at detriment to their own being. That equally is wrong. The most important thing you have to do in your life is be true to yourself. If being true to yourself you can help another then that is what you should do, but if by helping another you are denigrating your being, then don't do it because it lessens your ability to do good to another. Because there's no point in you putting yourself in a grave helping somebody when by limiting what you do, you can help two, or three, or four. We are all guilty of that at one time or another. We do it, we say we do it because of the love that we have, but we get into a situation at times and into a situation where we persist on a particular avenue of work when we know that we shouldn't. I'm talking generally here not specifically so do not take anything I'm saying personally.

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