

Preconceived Ideas

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What are we going to do? That's the question that I was asked. What are we going to do?

Are you referring to tonight or generally?

I'm talking about generally with the Spiritualist movement. Ego. People's feelings of self-importance. All of these are a problem which we have to take into account. It would be lovely if everybody was truly spiritual in their outlook as well as in their ego.

Maybe if they were less conceited?

It's unfortunate that the number of people who we can utilise, who are genuinely humble – I could say I could count on one hand – that's probably being a little bit cruel.

Perception is something which is given out or received. We all have a problem with this perception don't we? What we perceive things to be and that colours the way we think and the way we react. We've had many talks about preconception, about judging people because of colour, creed, religion and the requirement to dispel all preconceived ideas about them and judge the people for what they are, not what you preconceived them or pre-perceived them to be.

I mean let's face it. You go to Ireland, you have the Catholics, you have the Protestants, who are both meant to be Christians and yet they behave in the most unchristian-like manner towards one another.

Like enemies.

Exactly. It is the same with so many of the other religions. There is a fear, a mistrust between one and the other which really is totally incorrect because if you follow Spiritualistic teachings, and all religions have the basis of their spiritualistic teachings, you are meant to spread love aren't you?

Yes.

That seems to be something which is forgotten so often, the spreading of love. It is far easier to spread fear, mistrust and hate, is it not? And that's what people do. They deliberately go out to hurt the other individual, to cut them off at the pass, so to speak.

Maybe they feel threatened.

Which is totally wrong, isn't. Why should you feel threatened by another? Because of your own insecurities, or because your ego is such that you will not allow anybody else to enter it. After all we have a closed circle and therefore we don't allow anybody else to enter do we?

Only because they might be disruptive.

Exactly, but we are guilty to a certain degree are we not?

Yes we are.

I'm not suggesting or advocating that we open the doors, because if we open the doors you open the possibility of negative influences and we've had a few of them haven't we?

(All) Yes.

And what happens? They come. They listen, and if they do not fit in we suggest that they might leave. We don't let that suggestion come from you. We give it into their subconscious and make them feel uncomfortable or say something which they find abhorrent to their nature and therefore they find it easier to move elsewhere. Because everybody is looking but the big problem is they are looking as an adjunct to what they are doing. They are not looking for teaching. They are looking for us to be an annex to their party, rather than the other way round and I'm sorry but we are not going to dilute the atmosphere which we have developed here by bringing in people who are incorrect.

We all have to realise that life on the Earth Plane is not meant to be a bed of roses. Life on the Earth Plane is strewn with problems and negativity and that is a fact of life. A fact of life on the Earth Plane and you all have to overcome the problems which are peculiar to your being. There is not one of you here who suffer or are benefited in the same way as the other and that's not surprising because you all have had different paths and different lessons to learn, but that doesn't mean to say that because you've had different lessons to learn you can't all unite for the teachings and the learning to progress forward and none of you are expected to progress in the same manner as the other because we all take the teachings in differently.

According to our need?

And according to our knowledge. Because if your knowledge is such that you are ready to receive the teachings in their purest sense then you will move forward, but if you're in a position where you can't fully accept them then you will still move forward, but at a slightly slower pace. And that's something that a lot of people out there have a difficulty in grasping.

I think it's the fast life today. Everybody wants everything pretty quick.

They want it now!

If it doesn't happen in the first night they're here, it doesn't work for them.

Yes, instant gratification.

People have to have gratification in different ways at different times and life can be symbolised like your holiday. You're going to have different experiences all the way through your lives but they all grow to a whole. The experience when you come back from a holiday is that you will relive as a whole and then you will take individual essences as you went through as your key memory points, and that's the same with life isn't it? We progress and we remember the key points in our life which bring us to where we are and so often people want to live in the past.

Some people have a tendency to live in the past and persecute themselves for things that they have no control over any more. And they will continue to flog themselves for things that they have done and it doesn't matter how much you try and change their thinking. Until they have a desire to change it themselves they will never overcome the problem.

And that's a problem with people. Some people just like being miserable.

Some people just don't know how to get out of it. There are people who like to live in the past. We could all get into the doldrums about the things that we've done in the past that didn't go right, but what good does it do? Yes we can look at it if the situation arises again and say yes I've been through this before. I made an incorrect judgement and we can look at it and say well we didn't do the right thing, so let's learn from that and this time we'll do the right thing. That's using history in a positive way, but so often we don't do that do we? We look at our history and we wallow in it.

Or repeat it.

And repeat it. But we feel sorry for ourselves and you start dragging yourself down don't you? And can you change it?

Well that's the key. You can't change it.

Exactly so don't ever let it drag you down.

I mean I could feel sorry about what happened to us a few years ago but it's history. It's gone and therefore we have to move forward. We have the protection in hand. We have a problem at the moment because Roy doesn't want to move forward but that's his problem and his problem is not going to be sitting on my shoulders. If I wish to move forward with the rest well then that's what's going to happen and he will just have to come along for the ride. I mean after all it's only his physical body.

We will just tell him to go to sleep and we will just move on without him shall we Judith? I don't think that would really work would it?

I don't think it would work very well, no.

No, no but it's a concept that we have to cope with. You see we could look at history, we could look at things that go wrong with the Spiritualistic movement and believe me if we did we would dig ourselves such a big hole of sorrow.

We would never move forward.

Exactly because there are so many negatives in our movement but as a whole it's moving in the right direction. There is a greater universal awareness and acceptance.

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