

Questions and Answers 25

Mr. Chairman, my good co-workers, and ladies and gentlemen. As our chairman has already stated, this is your opportunity, once a month, to ask your questions of a general nature that we all may benefit. And so if you will be so kind as to raise your hands with your questions, I will reach as many people as time will permit.

Yes, the gentleman on the aisle, please.

Yes. Would you explain what you mean by the principle of music?

Thank you very much. The gentleman is asking what we mean in this, the Living Light philosophy, by the statement “the principle of music.” We understand that what we call in this world “music” is a harmonious balance between lower and higher frequencies; that our ears perceive these frequencies and we understand that to be sound. The principle of music, and what we mean by the principle of music, is that perfect harmony which is a balance between the frequencies that our ear registers.

Now many people have varying tastes of what they call music and that, of course, is dependent upon the frequencies that they are living in, in consciousness, and therefore are in rapport with. If, for example, our mind is filled with imbalanced thoughts, thoughts that are discordant, thoughts that excite the senses, thoughts that are not harmonious, nor bring to us a peaceful and enjoyable life, then it is, of course, understandable that we would be receptive to like-kind frequencies, known as sound or music. I hope that’s helped with your question. Thank you.

The lady here, please.

Can you please speak to us on the nature spirits and how they relate to us and the weather?

Yes, thank you. Surely, all of us, I’m sure, will agree that nature just doesn’t happen out of nothing. For we all realize and, of course, experience that something does not come out of nothing. What comes from nothing is what is nothing, and that’s known as nothing or no thing. So everything comes from something. Because we may be ignorant at the moment of what that something is, does not change that demonstrable law that something has to come out of something.

And so the lady has asked, perhaps a sharing of some understanding of what is termed the nature spirits. That term did not begin with the Serenity Association or the Living Light philosophy, nor will it end there. Civilizations for untold eons of time have been familiar with what man calls the nature spirits: the spirits of fire; the spirits of earth; the spirits of air; the spirits of water; the spirits of all elements that compose what we know to be nature. They are intelligent beings. They are subject to the laws of creation, for it is the dual laws of creation in which they are given birth and, therefore, have form. Differing in that respect of what we call and know as eternal life.

We understand that man, being, being spirit, spirit being formless and free, having a covering known as soul and a conscious awareness of that covering known as soul, experience what he calls individuality. A self-awareness in consciousness dividing him from the whole or in-di-vi-du-al. When man, in his self-awareness, experiences this individuality, this difference, he knows limit, limitation, form and must, as long as he insists on that type of self-awareness or awareness of limit, he must continue to experience limit and form.

Nature spirits animated with life principle, which is formless, free spirit, serve the purpose of which they are composed. Whether it's—whatever element that may be. Their life, their responsibility is dependent upon the work they do and have been designed, by the laws of nature, to do.

Man's thoughts are an inseparable part of the whole. Man's thought, being a dual principle, being creativity, being a part of creation, is in principle the same realm of consciousness in which nature spirits are formed, created, live and die. Our bodies, being a part of nature, have form, life, and so-called death. And so do those nature spirits that keep our body, hopefully, in a fair degree of health and happiness.

Now man—because of the laws of personal responsibility that apply to all form, when man's thoughts are discordant, out of balance, they have a direct effect upon the nature spirits who are responsible for the forms of nature. Some of the American Indian religions were most familiar and worked actively with what we term nature spirits.

Man has been given charge of all creation, that is, all of nature. But man in his ignorance and denial of the demonstrable truth of personal responsibility has disregarded his effect upon nature. And because of his ignorance and disregard, disrespect of that for which he is responsible, including each and every thought in his consciousness, because of that man experiences in nature the so-called catastrophes, disasters, the discordant types of weather conditions. And that is the effect of discord in consciousness. We see it in our own personal lives. And because we deny it by blaming others for the discord, by blaming others for the transgression of the natural laws of abundant flow, by blaming outside for what is caused inside, we

continue to live in the darkness of ignorance and despair. We seem to have no problem in our life in accepting responsibility for what we judge to be the good experiences in our life. We only seem to have difficulties in accepting responsibility for the disasters, the struggles, the pain, and the suffering that we have, at times, in our life.

Man will continue to experience the opposites in creation, the highs, the lows, the seeming goods and bads, the blacks, the whites, and all the other experiences that the laws of creation have to offer. For they are dual laws. They are perfect, balanced, opposing vibrations. As long as man identifies with the thought of I, and not the I—for when man stops identifying with the thought of I, he is freed from the form. And being freed from the form, he is freed from the duality of creation; being freed from the duality of creation, he becomes the I which he truly is. Therefore, knowing the truth is the first step in accepting the truth. For we know many things. And as knowledge knows much and wisdom knows better, man does not tarry in the realms of knowledge, but moves on far beyond knowledge. Because man cannot be free in knowledge, for it has an opposite, known as ignorance. Man can never be free identified with the laws of duality. I hope that's helped with your question.

Thank you.

You're welcome. Yes, the lady in the back, please.

Do we have space brothers on other planets in this solar system?

Thank you. In reference to your question, intelligent life, in the sense of the life principle intelligently expressing through form or creation, intelligent life is not limited to the planet Earth. The planet Earth, if you wish to view the planet in its states—state of evolution or growth—it's half way. And that's all. It's not in its beginning stage. It's not in its ending. But it is halfway. So we can all be of good cheer in the knowledge that we're halfway there. We're not just starting.

Yes, we, through the Law of Responsibility, are directly linked to all intelligent life. Now some people do not consider some of the life forms on this, the planet Earth, as intelligent life. That is unfortunate for them. For that only reveals that they have been so busy in the form in which they are presently expressing, they have yet to consider that intelligent life is everywhere around and about them.

We are our brother's keeper is certainly a teaching of many ancient philosophies. And we can only keep what we are responsible for. Therefore, being our brother's keeper, we are indeed brothers. And yes, indeed, we are responsible for the intelligent life forms, not limited to other planets, not limited to other solar systems, not limited to any form, but responsible for all form. Because, in truth, when we face not what we think we are, when we

face who we are and why we are, we will then realize beyond a shadow of any doubt that we are an inseparable part of a great whole, therefore, are responsible to the whole. Whether we deny our inseparable part or not, in no way frees us from our responsibilities, for ignorance of the law is no escape from the law.

Many things in life we do not wish to view. We do not wish to view them for we have judged what they offer. And we have judged what they offer in keeping with what we have already experienced. How unfortunate that we live in the shadows of yesterday for the mind cannot judge without past experience. And so the Bible teaches us to judge not that we be not judged, for he who judges lives in that which has been, and living in consciousness in that which has passed does not see the light which frees him, for he lives in the twilight zones of yesterday. I do hope that's helped with your question. Thank you.

The lady over here, please.

Is it possible for an evil influence to come to you from the outside or does it only generate from within?

Thank you very much. In reference to your question on evil experience, we understand the law is constantly demonstrable: like attracts like and becomes the Law of Attachment. If you wish to call it evil, then let it be in consciousness for you. But we must remember, it can only enter our universe by like kind, for that that is in one, is in all, in its potential. So whatever our experiences in life, whether we like them or we dislike them, let us not deny the Law of Personal Responsibility, the effect of which is called freedom. Let us look where the cause is. It is ever within. It is never without. It is supported by experiences that come in keeping with the Law of Attraction. But it is within. And if we will be honest with ourselves and accept that demonstrable truth, we have stepped on the path that will free us. For we are in truth a part of the whole. What any part is capable of experiencing, we are all capable of experiencing. What any part has in potential or expression, we all have in potential or expression.

Remember that we cannot tolerate in others what we refuse to educate within ourselves. So let us not be concerned with evil, for placing one's attention upon that that is not harmonious or balanced or good sends the divine, infinite, neutral, intelligent energy through our choice in consciousness to that within us. Let us place our attention upon what we want to become. Let us remove our attention from what we want to overcome. Because by removing our attention from what we want to overcome, we understand the divine, neutral, intelligent energy flows through our conscious choice in the direction we wish to send it. And because we and we alone direct that divine power, we and we alone are responsible for it. But as we place our attention on what we want to overcome, we live in the shadows

of the past, for what we want to overcome is what we judge *is*. And because we judge it *is*, we place ourselves in consciousness of what has been. But when we place ourselves in being, on what we want to become, we free ourselves from what we think we have been. I hope that's helped with your question.

Yes, the gentleman here, please.

Would you talk some more on selfless service and give some examples of the application of selfless service?

Thank you. That is a subject very dear to me, very close to my heart. It's called selfless service. So many of us think that we are doing selfless service. We think that and because we think it, we see that we are only doing self service. Selfless service is service minus, or less, the thought of self. So if we think we're doing selfless service, it's one of the first indications that we are doing self service. Because it takes the self to think that we are serving, and that is contrary to the demonstrable truth of selfless service. When we go to do what we understand to be service minus the self, we have no thought, no dictate, no judgment of what the job is we are called to do, how long it will take, how much it will cost, what we will get out of it or what we won't get out of it, how tired we are, where we have to be or what we have to do. Being freed from all bondage of self, we are now in the experience of selfless service.

You see, the law that we set into motion to serve selflessly will attract unto us, in keeping with that law, opportunity. And opportunity is like the hands of the clock: it meets every so often. And if we are freed from the thought of I when the hands of the clock meet, day in and day out, we will see opportunity. Opportunity to do what we truly desire to do. But if we are blinded by the constant thought of I, then opportunity will knock at our door and we will not recognize it for we cannot hear it, let alone see it, for we are so busy, so active with the thought of I.

What does it behoove man—who is an inseparable part of a whole, knowing the demonstrable truth that what one experiences, all can experience, for it is the Divine Intelligent Power that is being used by others that is available to us; that we use it through our error and abuse it. The power intelligence is everywhere present; it's never absent or away. It's waiting for us to use, not to abuse.

It is sad that we abuse the goodness that is constantly flowing through our universe. For, you see, lack of use is abuse. We all have talent. It is available to us and we alone are the obstruction to it.

I have for many years of my life taught to many souls and revealed unto them their soul talent. Unfortunately so few, so few accept that which is. They know deep inside of them, they have a natural feeling for it. But the

limited experiences of the earth realm block their use of that which is natural to them.

A soul talent is not something that some giving, gift-giving god, some Santa Claus god, that I do not believe in, for it is contrary to demonstrable law, has given to someone and not to another. How far from the truth that is. Whatever the talent is, and they are varied, of course, as man himself, whatever the soul talent is, that soul has spent centuries in evolution, in evolutionary incarnation upon incarnation perfecting that particular service to the universe.

To enter earth with all of that effort that has already been into a limited form of this planet and to abuse that which has taken centuries to acquire, to blatantly abuse it by the lack of using it, surely is the error of all errors. And because the law is not only just, kind, and compassionate, but the law of the universe is infallible and clearly states that lack of use is abuse. And that that we abuse shall be taken from us, not by some gift-giving god, but by the lack of use.

When we permit our minds from their limited earthly experiences to judge that we can't do this and we can't do that with the talent we know that we have, then we are placing before us one page of a gigantic book. And that's the only page we will read. That, surely, is a great sadness. For every servant is worthy of their hire. And when we let the shadows of the past go, we live in that that we have earned in this great eternity. For not only do the workers win, but the wise workers live the best of all.

Thank you.

April 4, 1982