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ThanXgiving
by Rhondell

Most of us think of Thanksgiving as a day to stuff with turkey and lots of other goodies and televised football games. We think thus due to promotional suggestion. There is nothing wrong with this thinking. However, where is the giving of thanks? The giving of thanks is a state of consciousness based on the way we see.

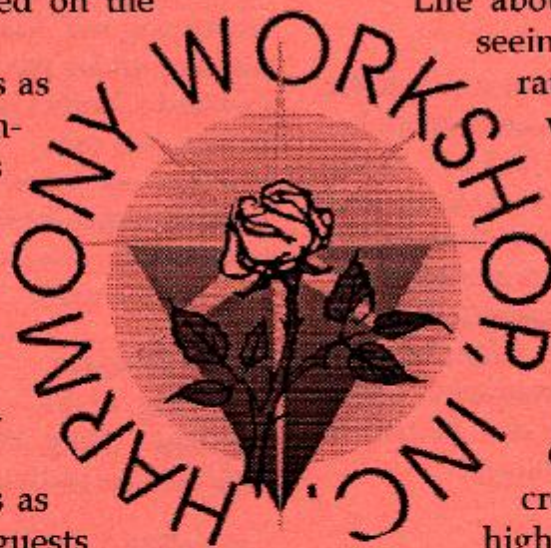
If we see ourselves as victims of circumstances, as inferior, as unfortunate, as having much to feel sorry for self about, and as having much to find fault with, we have little to be thankful for.

If we see ourselves as privileged, invited guests on beautiful planet earth, as one with Life, therefore able to adapt, adjust, meet challenges, as being privileged to learn about self and the world we live in and about Life, we experience an overflowing feeling of being thankful.

Overflowing is what being thankful is all about. Overflowing is giving, is making a contribution to Life and those about us. At the very least we can contribute to a pleasant, harmonious mood.

Overflowing is appreciation expressed as attention and approval for Life about us. Overflowing is seeing what's going on here rather than what's wrong here. Overflowing is seeing what I can do here and now, instead of being in a funk about what should I do to be happy, successful, to get ahead. Overflowing is being creative and is a very high state of consciousness. Folks that are overflowing are called radiant.

Will you be one of the radiant ones? It all depends on the way one sees and the questions one puts to self.



Excerpts from Articles & Talks by Rhondell

Ideals--The Kiss of Death

We have all been conditioned to hold ideals in high regard, thus we all believe that we know "What ought to be" for ourselves and others and all circumstances. When we believe we know "what ought to be"--and all reality is "what IS"--and inasmuch as "what IS" is usually much different than our idea of "what ought to be," we feel frustrated and have the need to struggle and to resist what is.

Why The Ideal is a Fantasy

One can drop the ideal by seeing that it is merely a fantasy because we could not know what ought to be unless we knew the future, knew the outcome of every situation a week from now, a month from now, a year from now, and so on.

How to Be Capable

When we concentrate on the idea of the ideal for a little while, we can drop all belief in the ideal. We then find self in the present and quite capable of dealing with the present moment. We will find we are free to experience what is from moment to moment and to respond instead of react because things are not as we fancied they ought to be. Being free to experience whatever comes our way today is to be free of conflict, struggle and resistance.

The Only Human Problem

Conflict, struggle and resistance is the only human problem.

Ideals or Freedom--Not Both

One cannot believe in their ideals and be free at the same time. One starts with being free to experience whatever arises in one's way today, then one is free of conflict, struggle and resistance. Freedom is real being, now.

One Does Not BECOME Free...

One does not BECOME free. One starts

by BEING FREE TO. To start being free, one recognizes that one is conditioned and thus behaves as a conditioned person, which is to be in conflict. Conflict is experienced as anxiety. So--I am free to experience anxiety. When one is free to experience anxiety, anxiety disappears in a very short time, less than half an hour. The reason: now that you are free to experience the emotion of anxiety, A Not-I can no longer bully you. The same is true for all the emotions--anger, guilt, fear and insecurity. We don't like these emotional states [and know] they are detrimental to our state of well-being.

We struggle against these states, or we resist them, or try to improve self not to have them. All the Not-I's then get in the act. Some bully self to quit having them by improving self. Some justify them by saying that under the circumstances they are justified. Conflict is the state of being, year in and year out.

When one is free to experience these unpleasant states there is no condemnation or justification. Condemnation and justification are the work of Not-I's.

Eternal Bondage

Trying to be FREE FROM is eternal bondage. Being FREE TO is seeing the TRUTH, the truth that is truly freedom.

Controlling Your Thoughts?

People tell me they are just controlled by their thoughts and these horrible thoughts running through their mind. What difference does it make what thoughts run through there? It's just traffic on the freeway. You know you might as well be concerned as to what kind of trucks go down the road. You really have no control over the thoughts that run through your head. Is that correct or not? You don't have to give them room. And old gent told me one time, you couldn't keep a bird from lighting on your head, but you didn't have to let

the dern thing build a nest there!

Suffering & Misery

Now pain and disappointments and worries and so forth are kind of natural, but misery is unnecessary.

The Greatest Thing Toward Transformation

If everybody here said, "Well I'm content with things like they are"—you know there was a great writer... that said he had learned one thing and only one thing had he learned in all his years of delving into Teaching material. He had learned that whatever state he had found himself in, at that moment to be content there. Now that doesn't look like any great earth-shaking discovery, does it? But it is probably the greatest thing toward transforming an individual into a conscious being that you could come up with.

What to Do with a Dead Horse

At this moment we all have certain feelings. But that's just find for this moment. And if we let it alone, the next moment is going to be another whole new experience and tomorrow will be another one... One time I was working over in New Mexico on the banks of the Rio Grande River and the Rio Grande is dry most of the year and they run water down through it in the spring, usually as the snow melts up in the mountains. We were standing out there and a dead horse came floating down the thing. He died probably in the sandbank during the winter; and when the spring waters came down, why he was floating downstream. Somebody said, "We got to pull that thing out of the water!" because it's terrible to have a dead horse in the Rio Grande river. I said, "You pull the dead horse out and you're stuck with a smelly dead horse—you let it alone and it is gone in a few minutes. It's gone." So you see that's the way we do with all these things. Let it alone and it goes on. You pull a dead horse from the stream and you're stuck with it. You let it alone and it goes on downstream and that's the end of the show. So let's stop this super self-improving. If I can get that across, it was worth my trip down here.

You're all right just like you are.

"All Is Good"

I would say, without saying "good," that it's not good or bad, that "It's all all right for now." I don't know any better way for it to be, it's okay. So we have a great tendency to feel that everything ought to be straightened up, fixed up, all people ought to be straightened out and everything, but it's all right like it is. Really, it's doing okay because all of the resistance.

Resistance

We make every effort to see that there isn't any resistance, you know that's what's called improving and developing The Great Society and so forth, is to have one where there's no resistance. Now resistance is absolutely essential for Life to evolve.

Hard Times

Quoting from *Life's Word*: "I am God. I live in all bodies and am omnipotent. You cannot find any so-called evil place, but I am there. I am only I am there, developing my bodies by devious ways." Some of them seem a little rough sometimes.

Rules

You know, we're the only ones that make rules. Life doesn't make rules. It says, "Well, let's adapt to that."

War

I've had people say, "Well, if God would let wars..." but you know, if you want to play a game of war, I guess that's all right, go play it, maybe it has an effect. Maybe you get stronger or something. But at least maybe we could finally wake up and see that's a senseless way to do things. I don't know, but it seems it has some value in it. I just don't want to get involved in one, that's my business.

What Does God Think?

I saw a big banner across the town I was going through about two years ago over in Arizona and some man was in

town putting on a revival campaign and he had a big sign across there that said "What does God think of Tucson?" I don't think He gave it a second thought, myself—or the first one either. I don't think he knew the damn place existed.

"God's Will"

Quoting from Life's Word: "Or do you say, 'If such is God's will then he's no God to me.'?" A God that will let little children die, let pretty ladies have this and that and so forth. "There's no God, he's cruel." I've heard these good folks say, "We know that if there was any God, he wouldn't let this and that happen." You know they base their frame of reference on that the only way things can be all right is when we're totally non-disturbed. I wouldn't want to live if there wasn't some challenge, would you?

Terrorists & Warmongers

The people who attempt to destroy civilization are the ones which make it the most powerful. If there was no opposition to it, it gradually falls apart. It becomes very decadent, very rapidly. So when we live in a time where there's no opposition to what's called civilization, you see decadence beginning to arise, because there must be a resistance or it doesn't grow well.

Real Knowing

We have mentioned that the higher states of feeling open the door to higher levels of consciousness, wherein there are flashes of intuition or insight—real knowing.

We will discuss INFORMATION and LEARNING. Information we can gather from many sources. Information is of great value when acted upon. We could say information plus action based on the information equals learning. It would appear that many believe that learning means accumulating information and committing it to memory. Such a belief is false and results in an obstruction to learning. Acting out a bit of information leads to experiencing. Experiencing is learning.

What is written here is INFORMATION. ACTING OUT roles is acting on the information and results in LEARNING. More exercises of roles will result in more learning. The more roles can be acted out and experienced, the more proficient you will be. Then more roles can be taken on as exercises that will lead to higher and higher states of consciousness. This is REAL learning.

However, past unconscious mechanical learning will imply to you that you already know this, and therefore there is no need to practice these exercises, or that this stuff is for kids, or I'll try that sometime when I have the time; how will such stuff do any good now that I'm broke, why try to kid myself. Some way or other most individuals will justify not taking the opportunity to learn. Some will; they are the real students. They are on The Way.

The Silver Lining

So a lot of times we have something that seems to jolt us, but if we look back a little bit, we can see that it sure was good that happened. It opened up gobs of things for us.

It's Not Serious

Now if I see everybody as an expression of Life, and that whatever they're doing is serving some contribution to the whole, it is Life working. Maybe it's just having fun. Oh, I don't think Life has to be so serious all the time, that it never plays jokes or anything. It has a good time, but there is absolutely nothing that you can get all torn up and upset about because everything you see is an expression of God, Life, spirit, whatever word you're comfortable with.

Awareness of X

When one has truth, has a constant awareness of X being with them, and he sees the fallacy of all goals, tell me how he's going to have any problems in any world he may find himself in? Do you see that? Can you see that? Do you see that X is right here, is doing the breathing, the seeing, the hearing, and the responding to the threats?

It does it. It's not away from you off in some foreign planet that you're going to get through in some distant future, if everything goes well. But it's right here right now.

Suggestion

Now if you see that there is constantly a very powerful influence, which is all the means of mass communication, as well as individual communication, radio, television, newspapers, magazines, book publishers, and everybody up and down the street, are suggesters, that tell us what? That there is a norm or normal; in/good and pretty, and it's not what you are. So unless one sees the necessity of staying awake, what are you going to have bought before the week's over? You're going to be back in that routine, struggling away with it, and then you're going to be in a struggle, a conflict and a resistance.

The Power of Suggestion

So this constantly is a suggestion. We are subject to very powerful, conscious, knowing hypnotists, who are constantly laying on the suggestion, and if you don't pay attention to it, you will find yourself involved in it before tomorrow night and I will go a little further and say before six o'clock this evening, even though you saw what we were talking about last night and this morning and said "I see the fallacy in trying to be non-disturbed," this suggestion will be poured at you and unless you hear it, you'll be acting upon it.

How to Handle Suggestion

Now is there any reason why I can't hear this suggestion? It's being made all the time, not all I got to do is see it. Now if I'm not trying to be non-disturbed, I hear it loud and clear and laugh. If I'm trying to be non-disturbed, I jump at it, boy, that's the way to go.

Question: How does intuition work?

Intuition is an internal Teaching. So you suddenly know exactly what to do when you're serene and quiet. Okay? It's an in-

ternal state, not something you've heard or anything else. You can't force it. To force it is to make it important. You let it go. Intuition works when you are NOT anxious. It never works when you're anxious. ... If you can get quiet you will know exactly what to do. You can't get quiet when you're making things important, that's the whole point I'm trying to make. Just keep quiet and it all comes about.

Conclusions

One of the great temptations of each and every one of us is to come to a conclusion. We have observed something. We have made a discovery in a given moment. To be in a state of knowing at a given moment is to be in a state of discovery when everything is new and one is seeing new relationships. One is seeing everything in a new light, which is, of course, the first attribute of the new man, to be seeing differently. But the temptation is that as soon as one has made a discovery, one forms a conclusion. Now, to come to a conclusion is from the word "conclude." So one concludes paying attention, one is delighted with one's new-found discovery, and one goes to sleep. You see, when one has a conclusion, one is asleep at least on that given subject. One dreams that what one has observed or discovered is permanent. But everything in the world is in a state of change. You, I everyone is in a state of change. Everything is in a state of change. So a discovery is valid for this moment. It gives us a new way of seeing. What we really discover is a new way of looking at things, and nothing to come to a conclusion about.

Perpetual change

To observe... is to awaken to see that everything is in a state of change, that there is nothing permanent in the visible world, that all are events that are ever undergoing change...

Saving the World

One doesn't save the world. One doesn't reform the world. One doesn't change it. One makes a contribution to the inner

world of man that it may be conscious, not that it may be good, because the conscious person will harm no one.

Work on self, not the world

Any time we think we could do it on a mass scale, we are obviously working at solving a problem, because each problem is individual. As long as we think we could stop wars while many, many people are full of conflict, we obviously are trying to solve a problem, and creating more conflict, because every attempt to solve a problem implies some use of force, either force of physical arms, force of coercion, or force of suggestion, and all of these only fall on the conditioned area of man.

Power Policies

[The following is from 1971] So then the next one [of the Four Great Games] that comes along is Power Policies, and they set up a standard for what's "in." For you to accept, believe, like and dislike. A few years ago it was in to like the Russians and hate the Japanese. Almost overnight it changed to hate the Russians and love the Japanese. ... A few years ago we loved the Chinese, and now we can't like them at all, they're dirty communists or something, you know. A few years ago, we couldn't like people because of various religious ideas... now then, of course, you're very "out" if you don't. So, we have a feeling that most of us are "out," because we can't always agree with the sudden changes in direction of what's "in."

Motion

Now one of the attributes of life is that it's always in some kind of motion--if there's no motion, it's not alive anymore. No matter what, you can't be sitting around asleep, but your heart's beating and a whole bunch of other things are going, so there's always motion.

Holding Motion

The part of motion we are mostly concerned with, of course, is motion from other people. So let's say that somebody co-

mes up and gives you a nice compliment--maybe you can return that by giving them a compliment, so you might return the motion. Maybe you just say "Thank you," and you hold it, and keep it for good feelings and remind yourself of what wonderful things that person said about you...

Returning Motion

So we can return motion, which is the most common thing that's done with motion, we return it. Somebody comes up and says "Why don't you go to hell," you know, we tell him where he can go, also, right quick. So that's returning motion. Somebody comes up and says something unkind to you, why you can return that motion by saying something vary unkind and uncomplimentary to them.

So we have returning motion and holding motion. Now this is what the usual human does with motion, either hold it or return it. Now if you were insulted and you hold that motion, it probably could give you a nice ulcer before very long, because you'd keep hacking it over inside, how terrible those people talked to you and resent them and what have you.

Unhealthy

The usual person without any particular instruction would either return motion or hold motion. We think that neither one is very healthy for everyday living or for the well-being of the body or for the peace of mind.

Destroying Motion

Now there is another thing that we could possibly do which we will try to talk about, is destroying motion. So if somebody comes in and says a nasty word to you, why you could destroy that motion. There's many ways of doing it, the most simple one is consider the source and figure that anybody who disapproves of me has poor taste anyway and let it go at that. Or you could possibly do a little imagination technique where you would hit them over the head with a baseball bat, or you could drop them in wells and then you

could pull them out and say now you feel better and drop them back in there again, or if it's really a bad one why you take yourself a good imagination of blowing him into little pieces and putting him back together because one time wouldn't be near enough, so pretty soon you start laughing when you see the ridiculous end of that. So you have destroyed that incoming motion to you.

Originating Motion

Now when you have destroyed those incoming emotions, you can do something... Now once we have destroyed motion that somebody kicked out and I didn't want to either hold it or return it and I destroyed it, now then I'm free to originate. Now to originate a motion is to start because it is of your own free will and agency and this is what I want to do... Maybe each day we could do what to me was being a good guest, or I could contribute to a pleasant harmonious mood, or whatever it may be.

Not in Charge when Holding or Returning

Now if somebody else has sent something to me and I'm either holding it or attempting to return it, they're in charge of my inner state, not me. But if I destroy the motion, now I can originate whatever inner state I want to and put out whatever kind of action I want to. If you have any held motion or you're attempting to return motion, you are not originating, you're only reacting and reaction only causes more chaos.

Real Creativity

So, if we originate motion, it does not have to be any particular kind, it is something where you are generating motion and generating in you an inner feeling that you like.

Cursing

I made a tape that said as long as you curse something you couldn't expect it to get along very well... If you curse your personal state of affairs, what's going on in

your life, you sit and find fault with it, griping about it and so forth, you're putting a curse on it, and things with curses on them don't work well, they just don't.

Blessing

So then if you're praising everything that's going on around you, you're blessing it, is that right? So there's about two things we can do about situations, we can bless it or curse it. So now let's say that my purpose was that I was going to bless everything that I come along to. Now I don't have to tell you that's what I'm doing, nobody needs to know it, but I could be blessing all the time.

A New Purpose

So let's say that I took on as my purpose--what can I do? Well, I can bless things, instead of cursing them, is that right? ... So we're saying you can have a new purpose and you can start it today, or you can put it off as long as you like, it doesn't matter. It's just how much you want to set up a conflict anymore. If you think you've had enough, you can quit today.

Worrying

Once you see what the situation is and how the problem is there, you're through with it, is that right? You know, we've all worried a lot of times throughout life, is that right? And you hear every day or two, "Well you don't need to worry about so-and-so, because that's all been taken care of." That implies you've got to worry about everything else. The implication is that we need to be worrying, every day. But when you find out that you don't need to worry, there's no advantage to it, can't you just quit? I don't see any value to worrying.

What Can I Do?

All the Teaching boils down to two phrases: Keep the mood up and don't make anything important.

Knowing What's Going to Happen

Do you know the outcome of a situation

that exists now, or say, two days, two weeks, two years from now? Would it be necessary to know all the ramifications from the present situation, for at least several years, to determine if it even be desirable or undesirable to you?

Why? or What?

Which seems to have the most survival value... forming a theory as to why the temperature is 20 degrees below zero, or building a fire?

Ideals

Is the ideal a reality or a picture in the mind?

Opposites

When one is thinking in opposites, is one thinking in terms of absolutes? .. absolute good, absolute evil, for instance?

Degrees

Is it possible that there are no opposites, but degrees? ... such as no hot or cold, but degrees of temperature, no health or sickness, but degrees of wellbeing?

What Is > < What Ought to Be

"What is" is interesting and a challenge except when compared to "what ought to be." Then "What is" is a threat and one is anxious, thus incapable of creative action.

Emotions = Dependency

When one is frightened, or he feels guilty, etc., he wants to be psychologically dependent. He then appeals to those who taught him (conditioned him) be be frightened, etc. The conditioned person is predictable and thus desirable to rulers. The Spiritual one is totally unpredictable and thus considered dangerous. The spiritual person is one who is aware of conditioning, thus aware of self. One then sees things, situations, events as they are, without the screen of conditioning. He then responds to the fact. That response is spontaneous and creative... the response of Spirit.

The State of the World

Whatever man's inner state, he brings forth a corresponding state in his outer world. If one's inner state is in conflict, there is conflict in one's outer world.

[This is the end of the Rhondell section.]

Bulletin Board

Several people have asked me how to report on the current world situation. I'm not interested in telling people what they "should" do, I did tell them what I do: I don't go where I'm not invited, and I don't do work for which I am not qualified. What I AM qualified to do is take charge of my own inner state, and know that that's where I live, within the radiation of my inner state, and the stronger it gets, the more it influences others.

I can assure you, there are some who are qualified to take on these huge tasks, and they are doing it, and a sure sign one is not capable of that work is having to ask "how." You can support them immensely by taking care of what's right in front of you—you and your own realm.

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Reference Section

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THE FOUR FORCES

INITIATIVE

First Force

Intelligence, Inspiration, Biological Factor, LIFE

RESISTANCE

Second Force

Always arises to meet Initiative in opposition, as opponents in a game; not "bad" but seen so when the purpose of living is to be non-disturbed because Resistance may be uncomfortable. Resistance is required for anything to develop.

FORM

Third Force

The manifestation of the play of Initiative and Resisting, producing:

RESULT

Fourth Force

How the above are experienced,
What's done with/about it.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

WHAT AM I?

WHERE AM I?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT CAN I DO, IF ANYTHING?

THE FOUR GREAT GAMES

that operate by suggestion:

POWER POLICIES--Decrees what's "in" and "out"

MEDICAL ARTS--Decrees what's "normal" and "abnormal"

THEOLOGY--Decrees what's "good" and "bad"

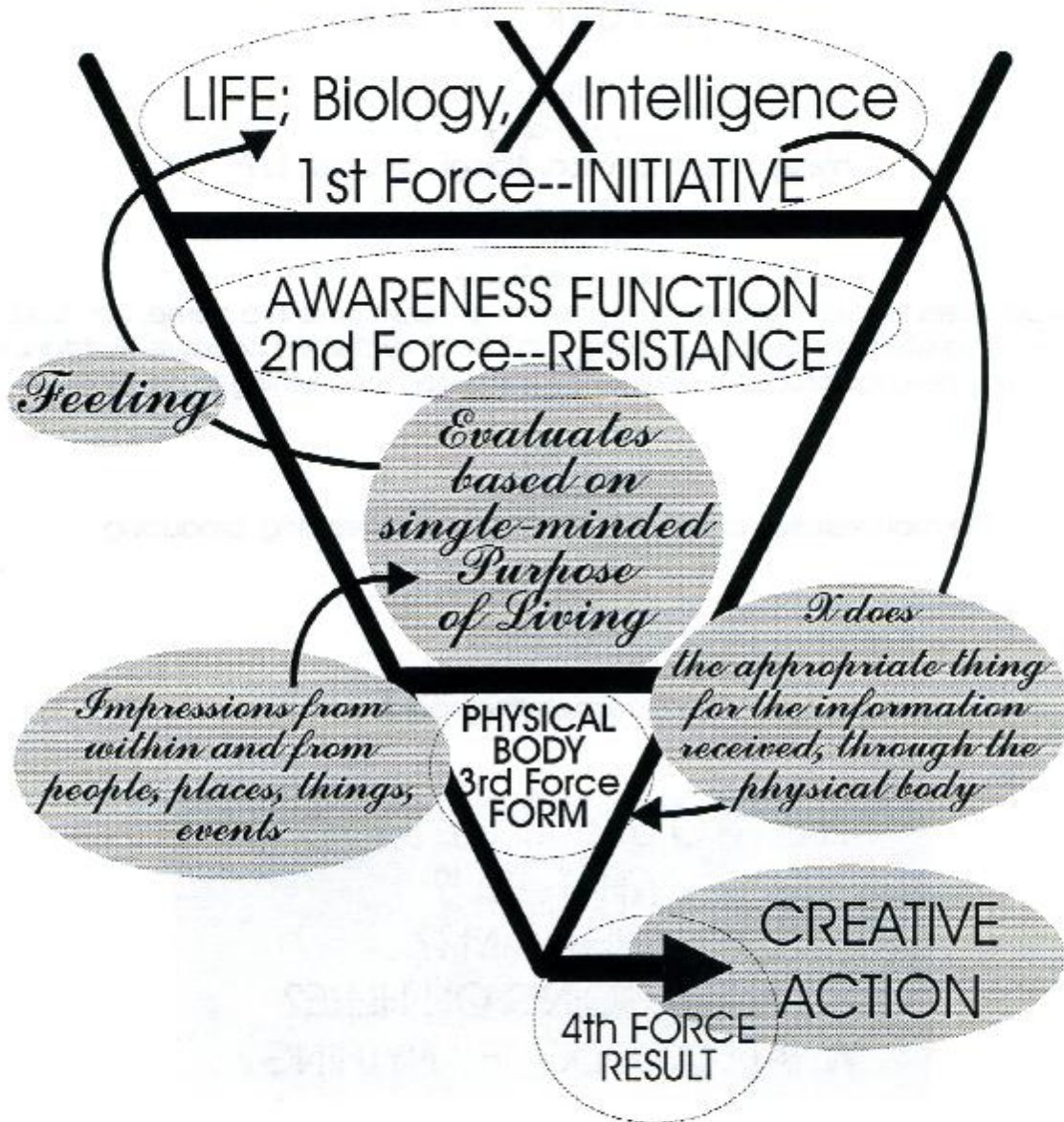
BIG BUSINESS--Decrees what's "pretty" and "ugly"

Definition of SUGGESTION: a threat or promise; anything presented with a threat or promise

A human being is 100% SUBJECT TO suggestion 100% of the time, but is free to ignore it.

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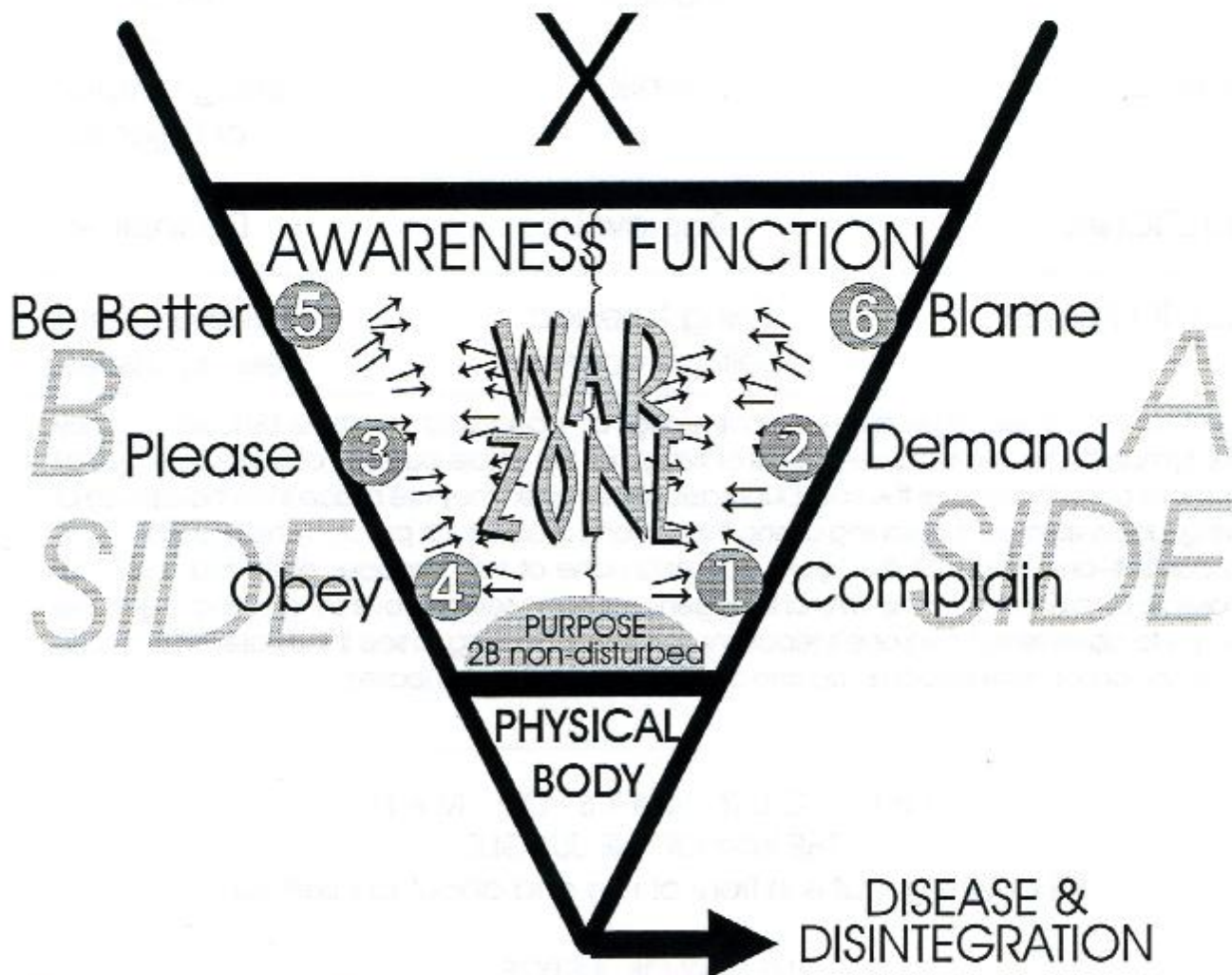
THE PICTURE OF MAN as designed to function



A human being has four aspects, which are not separate but are interdependent. The first is the biological aspect of LIFE FORCE, called X here because it is not really definable--one knows it's there, one knows when it isn't, in any creature. So, as in algebra, an X is used to denote that something is there which cannot yet be precisely defined. Next is the AWARENESS FUNCTION, which is the senses but more than the senses when developed. A developed Awareness Function is more than the "programming" of the brain, it determines feelings. The third aspect is the MOTOR FUNCTION, the PHYSICAL BODY through which life is lived. The fourth aspect is the ACTIVITY of the whole. When a single-minded purpose is the foundation of a person's life, there is no conflict and he or she functions with all aspects in harmony. The person is at ease.. The Awareness Function receives impressions from within and without, from other people, places, things, events. It forms a feeling about those impressions which it does not choose to ignore, and the feeling is in tune with the purpose of living. The feeling of Awareness is a medium of communication with the Life Force, X, which responds appropriately through the Physical Body to the information received, and Action ensues.

The Way of Ignorance

THE PICTURE OF MAN
with purpose of living to be non-disturbed



Few people function as the human being was designed as in the previous diagram. When an infant is born, the trauma of leaving the non-disturbed uterine world is reacted to with a feeling that the whole purpose of living is to regain the non-disturbed state. That decision becomes the attitude and action from then on. As he grows, the child makes more decisions as to how to gain his purpose of non-disturbance. He complains, which works for an infant. When one day this fails to work, he sticks up for his "rights", or demands non-disturbance. (These begin the A-side of the Picture of Man.) Eventually he finds that pleasing people sometimes gets him his way. (This begins the B-side.) At this point conflict sets in. He wants to cry "but" feels he "should" please. Then he sees parents, teachers, others as authorities. This is understandable for a child and helps keep him safe. It is not adult behavior, however. The continual conflict between what he wants to do and what he "should" do (conflict between A-side and B-side) intensifies and he feels if he would improve, things would be better. This doesn't work, either, and he blames everyone and everything for his disturbances, living in conflict, except when distracted. Conflict is felt by the Awareness Function to be an emergency. This false emergency is communicated to the Life Force, X, which always does the appropriate thing FOR THE INFORMATION RECEIVED, in this case supplying energy to fight or run. If this mobilized energy is not used in violent activity, it disintegrates the body; using emergency energy in a non-emergency is unusual behavior; neither is harmonious living. Eventually disintegration ensues.

THE FOUR DUAL BASIC URGES

LEVEL	GAIN	ESCAPE
PHYSICAL	Comfort, Pleasure	Pain, Discomfort
MENTAL	Attention	Being Ignored or Rejected
EMOTIONAL	Approval	Disapproval
WILL TO POWER	Being Needed Feeling Important	Feeling Inferior Feeling Useless

The Four Dual Basic Urges are not "right/wrong" or "good/bad" or "should/shouldn't". They are simply byproducts or side-effects of living, not the whole purpose of living. Because all humans are subject to all the Four Dual Basic Urges, when they are made the whole purpose of living (unconsciously, beginning during the uncomfortable birth process) they have to result in conflict--one wants all the "gain" side and none of the "escape" side, and this is not possible on planet Earth. THE WAY of Intelligence is not to self-improve by rejecting them; The Way is to observe self and one's reactions to them, checking to see if they are the purpose of living--or not. They will come up and can be ignored if one chooses.

THE FOUR WAYS OF MAN THE WAY OF THE JUNGLE

Kill anything that is in front of me and about to interfere.

THE WAY OF JUSTICE

"An eye for an eye"--not your life for an eye.

THE WAY OF UNDERSTANDING

Understanding that whatever any person including myself has done, is doing, will do, is felt at the time of doing to be right or proper or justified with the light he has at the moment.

THE WAY OF INTELLIGENCE

Aware of the Purpose of Living, the will to do it--knowing what I am, where one am, what's going on, and what I can do. In charge of my inner state.

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Primer on Love

It's that time of year when big business reminds us of the "need" to fill their coffers in order to prove we're loving/loveable... so let's do an issue on Love.

Because the word "love" means different things to different people, THE WAY of Intelligence uses a specific, old vocabulary of four words to define love. Each of these "categories" of love has many levels.

PHILO is used for the feeling of liking things, things to your taste, things of beauty, anything. It can be on any level from the pure sensation ("I love chocolate") to affability, to say, suicide, because "I 'love' non-disturbance more than life itself."

PIA is the feeling of nurturing. Hormones jump-start it for new mothers, no doubt to help the newborn survive. It can range from "warm fuzzies" over a picture of a kitten to the certainty that you would give your life for your child, or further, for any other.

EROS is the attraction between the sexes. Most adults are aware of the various levels, from base to ecstatic.

The variations of the above are what usually passes for "love" in human society. However, philo, pia and eros are common to all mammals (and some birds) and are nothing, really, exceptional. They can be raised to a new dimension when

completed by the fourth "type" of love, which THE WAY of Intelligence calls AGAPE.

The definition is this: Agape is the *understanding* that whatever I or another did, does, or will do, is thought at the time of doing to be right or proper or justifiable.

Agape, too, has levels. The lowest is the mental acceptance, after observing self and others, that this is the case, and therefore if I felt right or proper or justified, then everyone else does, too. It doesn't *make* anyone right, necessarily, but it shows that no one can act without *feeling* right at the time of the action.

This is the lowest level because it is mental--one must put the feeling with it to experience real love. The feeling comes with the action (the physiology of it, not just an idea), and that could be called compassion. When first three are completed with the fourth, one knows love--one doesn't "love" as a choice, one simply lives in love. That's the way it is (and THE WAY It Is).



Following is a transcript of a Rhondell talk Rhondell on eros; then various ancient and modern passages that may sound quite different if understood from the Intelligent point of view.



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