



What's Going On Here?

The law of the wise is a fountain of life, that he may decline from the ruin of death.

Letter from Rhondell

THE BIG LIE

Lack of communication, or difficult communication, is the most frequently heard complaint by those who work with people having difficulty in relationships. Teenagers with parents, parents with children, employee with fellow-worker, and/or employer; with mates or lovers.

The media have a great number of articles on the subject and frequent talk shows on the subject. Many conclusions are reached as to the cause of this wide-spread difficulty. Most of these conclusions are established by finding who is at fault; and why that person is at fault. Establish blame.

None of these conclusions as to cause deal with the basic fault of the human condition.

In an effort to understand, not place blame, start with the proposition that no one is to blame. Now the problem can be studied, and perhaps something can be done about this universal difficulty. As long as blaming exists nothing can be done about it.

Frequently in the Teaching material the idea of agape/love is encountered. Its meaning being that, "Whatever any person has done, is doing, or ever will do, at the moment of doing, that person, with whatever light (wisdom and understanding) they have, the doing is felt to be either right or proper or justified." In this all men, women and children are equal.

However, the human condition is (and is constantly reinforced) that people, including self, KNOW what is right but go on and act in ways that they KNOW are wrong, improper and unjustifiable. This is the "Big Lie" but it is told frequently enough and never questioned, so is, of course, accepted as absolute truth, and acted on as a matter of principle. This is anti-agape, anti-understanding, anti-wisdom. Is it any wonder that communication is, for all practical purposes, IMPOSSIBLE between persons with this frame of reference?

All that really happens between persons with anti-wisdom is attack, defensiveness, counter-attack, more defensiveness, violence, separation, resentment and blaming. Human misery. This can be observed on a world-wide scope or in the most intimate of human relationships.

THE WAY OUT

First discover and see the Big Lie; just TRY to do something that you feel is wrong or improper or unjustified (realize that justifying is very subtle), then begin to practice agape in every encounter; this is the beginning of wisdom and understanding.

Further, the Big Lie can be exposed wherever it is recognized, which is everywhere - so there is no shortage of opportunity.

If the Big Lie is exposed often enough it will finally die. If wisdom and understanding is demonstrated often enough it can be commonly accepted, just as anti-agape, anti-wisdom and anti-understanding is today. Then can be true communications between individuals, groups and nations. This then leads the way to the ending of strife, conflict, anger, resentment between people (human misery). This is what the Teaching is all about.



WHAT am I?
 WHERE am I?
 WHAT'S going on here?
 WHAT can I do?

Bulletin Board

Guest List

WORKSHOPS

LOS ANGELES - Sunday, July 21, 10:00am
Lawry's California Center, downtown
L.A. We can send you a map if you
like. Call Leland Stevenson (818) 890-
1078 days, Jean Crown (213) 665-1398
evenings, or call the office for infor-
mation. \$50

FLORIDA - Has been postponed until
the fall.

SCHOOL TALKS

Our monthly talks are very popular. Many
come in from out-of-town. Everyone
is welcome. The next talk is scheduled
for Tuesday, August 6 at 2:30. If you're
coming a long distance, be sure to call
to verify the day and time.

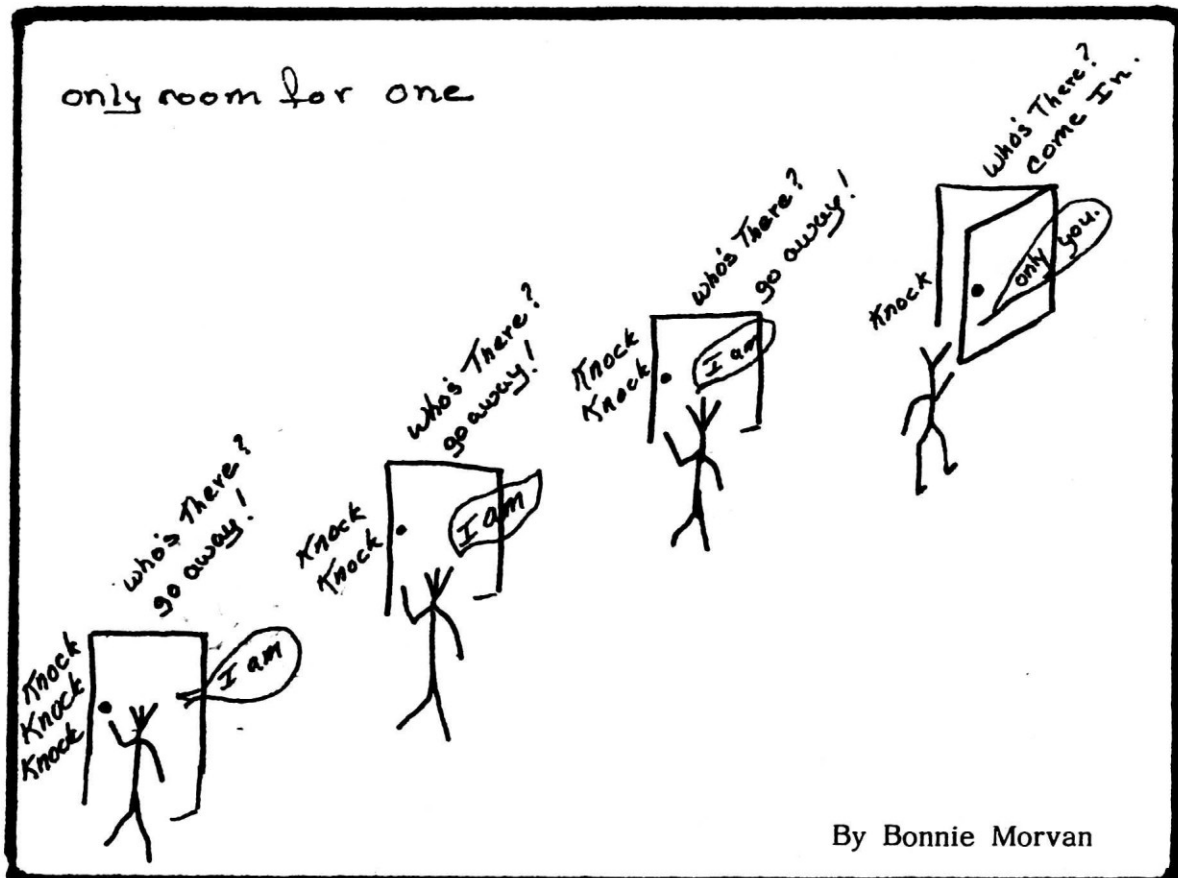
NEWSLETTER

We have applied for and finally received
a bulk mailing permit. This newsletter
should be sent out by July 12. We are
interested to know how long it took
to reach you.

Carolyn Franklin, Howard Hess, Helen
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Esther Nowland & Family, Arlone Plott,
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Gelisse, Gary & Rayann Hassel, Judith
Morris, Jeannine Robertson, Velina Eckles,
Lisa Vanderwater.....and bunches more.



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By Bonnie Morvan

Bits & Pieces from School Work

"And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even (The Bad Guys) love those who love them. But love your enemies, and do good....not hoping for any return..." (Luke 6:32 & :35, slightly paraphrased)

There is an old saying "When the environment is right, the creature appears." Wonder what creates the proper environment for AIDS virus?

Wonder why people keep on taking drugs that produce severe side-effects, which in many cases are diagnosed and treated as a NEW disorder, by another drug that produces more side-effects, etc., etc. Then there is a great outcry over rising medical costs.

It may be a useful exercise to separate wants and needs.

Never try to justify your behavior. Just say you wanted to.

The very first form of property was women. Need it be said old habits die slowly.

Business activity is a constant readjustment, just as is the sailing of a ship, the driving of a car, or a tennis match. While a plan is necessary, it must not be too detailed or rigid. Living Life is the same.

The urge of the many not to be responsible for self makes the ruler possible. They give the ruler power. Power feeds on people to make them feel less responsible for self.

FOUR WAYS OF MAN

1. THE WAY OF THE JUNGLE

Survival of the fittest — killed everything that got in front of him and was about to interfere.

2. THE WAY OF JUSTICE

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth — commit no more violence than necessary.

3. THE WAY OF LOVE or UNDERSTANDING

The other guy is doing the only thing he can do — I understand that he is doing the only thing he can do . . . I understand that he is doing what he feels is right, proper and/or justified, with whatever light that person has.

4. THE WAY OF CONSCIOUSNESS or INTELLIGENCE

One could be aware of what the purpose was & will to do it — knowing WHAT YOU ARE . . . WHERE YOU ARE . . . WHAT IS GOING ON HERE . . . and WHAT YOU CAN DO. I AM IN CHARGE OF MY OWN INNER STATE.
