

Greetings

Last month, I suggested that by embracing the animal part of the self would facilitate objective observation. The Taoist philosophy explains that man consists of three parts or three selves, which are the animal, astral, and the soul. In other newsletters, I have briefly discussed that philosophy, and because of the current moral dilemma in our culture, I want to reiterate some important fundamentals.

In our culture, I contend that 'only' the astral part of ourselves is validated. The community of humans in the western world is greatly influenced by what makes us feel good or bad, which is the astral part, and the bombardment at the sense levels from the media, which consists of radio, television, magazines, and etc., contributes to the predominance of this part of the three selves. In this world of commercialism, we have products, lotions, potions, and pills, which are advertised to increase our sexual abilities, enhance our appearance, improve our moods, and generally make us feel better. We are told what is bad and what is good for us, only to have most of the information reversed in the next couple of years... wine was bad, and now it's good... milk was good and now it's bad. What is one to belief or trust?

None of it! The truth is that if we embraced the three selves within us, we would not give all of our power away to external forces. Most of those external forces want to influence your spending by exploiting human weaknesses... self-worth, guilt, shame, greed, etc. 'Almost everything and everybody has more power than you' is the programming that permeates into your everyday life, and it works!

I could give thousands of examples of how we are led like sheep from the cash register to the grave. The programming starts at birth and ends at death if you 'buy into' the system that feeds upon powerlessness. The system has to keep us 'dependent' upon itself for everything, in order to sustain its power. How were our ancestors able to live long enough to procreate our generations without HMO's?

It's difficult for me to not be somewhat facetious about the system in which we live. I believe the system has sinned by leading our fellow humans further away from the truth. When our system treats the chronically depressed for fifteen to twenty years without any substantial success, it has failed morally, but it has succeeded financially. When our system prescribes 25-50 medications per month including unnecessary procedures to our fellow humans because they need it, the system has failed morally, but it has succeeded financially. Need I continue?

Not wanting to leave a stone unturned, I contend that most dogmatic religions contribute greatly to the system. If you have to go through a third party to reach spiritual enlightenment, blessings, healing, prayers, etc., then you have given power to that third party, which validates your powerlessness. Orthodox religion contributes to the system because no techniques are given to create heaven on earth, to develop faith, to discover intuitive knowing, to understand the individual's higher purpose, to become a co-creator, or to find peace in the stillness by traversing

the vertical channel of the soul. All of those techniques must have been given to the clergy, Saints, or someone greater than yourself, right?

The previous verbiage was not meant to imply a total condemnation of the system, but it was intended to demonstrate the importance of embracing the three selves of man. Also, the words were given to encourage each and everyone to do the inner work and take back your power from the system. Our higher purpose has little to do with big houses, fine cars, technology, or money. Destiny is found when we leave fate in the shadow of the soul.

Peace Be With You

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