

GOOD IS INHERENT



“The only remedy for the ills of life is Truth: the only way by which life can be transformed is by thinking, speaking and acting Truth, and living and serving in its light and power”. (From ‘Power to Transform The Life, page 30)

Introduction

It has often been said that good can never come out of evil, in phrases such as “two wrongs don’t make a right”. The so-called evil of which we speak manifests in the form of disastrous happenings, painful experiences, loss, disappointment, suffering, adversity, and so on.

Life’s “evil” happenings

All this so-called evil can be transmuted into good. Not, however, by fighting it. It is true that we have to resist temptation, but to resist the disciplinary experiences of life, that is, to fight against them and rebel against them, only creates further disorder.

Never give up

There is a snag here, however. While it is true that we have not to fight and rebel against the discipline of life, we must not give in or give up, allowing life’s billows to roll over us for ever. To do so is to ruin our life in its highest sense, and also to bring upon us ill-health, or poverty, or other unpleasant conditions.

God’s will is good

To bow the head and say “God’s will be done” is admirable. But in doing so we must bear in mind the fact that Good only wants to come to us, and that present trouble is only the gateway to much better and more glorious things.

Life’s demands

Life must be co-operated with and not opposed. Life, while it is always striving to bring good to us if we will only allow it to do so, yet demands of us certain things. While it is true that we have to rise above circumstances, it is equally true that life desires our co-operation. It is following out a glorious plan, concerning us individually and collectively, conceived in the mind of the Infinite, born in the imagination of the Supreme Being. Could anything be more glorious?

Co-operation

With this plan we have to co-operate. Therefore, we must not fight against life and its plan or purpose, for if we do we make our life more discordant. What we have to do then is to lend a ready and willing co-operation. Because the inner plan concerning our life is the best thing that could be conceived, we join forces with it, trying to help if possible.

Impossible to avoid life's experiences

It must not be thought that the experiences of life can be avoided. If we attempt to run away from life's experiences, they pursue us, becoming more acute and painful, until they may culminate in disaster. Life demands our attention, and the sooner we give heed the better it is for our comfort, happiness and peace of mind. Although co-operation instead of resistance is counselled, every experience has still to be mastered.

Mastering life's difficulties

Each experience or difficulty has to be met resolutely and faced boldly, but overcome by spiritual means, by infinite wisdom and Divine power, instead of by finite wisdom and ordinary fighting. The so-called evil of life can be transmuted into good if we refuse to be dominated by it or to recognise it as evil, and, instead, raise our thoughts to the plane of perfection.

Life lived in perfection

On this perfect Spiritual plane, which is actually the Reality, where God's ideas are for ever held, our life is being lived in perfection. On this higher plane our life is being unfolded, perfect, whole, complete, glorious. The secret of transmutation of so-called evil into good is to raise our thoughts and consciousness to this higher realm and keep them there. If we do this, desiring it in our hearts that only the Greater Will and Perfect Plan be manifested in our life, and that the Divine Idea concerning us be expressed in us and through our circumstances, the disorder of life gives place to Divine Order, everything falling into its right place, harmony thus being restored.

Meeting life in the right way

We have, of course, to meet enmity with love, ill-will with good-will, wrongs and injustices done to us with non-resistance. If we do this ungrudgingly, looking to the Spirit to adjust matters, all will be well. But if we meet hate with hate, and injustices with resistance, and in a get-my-own-back spirit, we only increase the disharmony and disorder of our life and make all improvements impossible.

It is a tremendously profound truth that everything works together for good if we come into harmony with GOOD.

Good is inherent

Good is inherent and is always striving to find expression. Divine Order is inherent and is for ever seeking to manifest. As soon as we co-operate and allow Good and Divine Order to appear, things begin to fall into their proper place, although it may take some time for a state of order to appear visibly.

The great secret of overcoming is to go boldly forward and to meet the difficulty or trouble that confronts us, knowing that we can be led only to our highest good; and then to rely upon Infinite Wisdom and Power to carry us through, all the time looking to our Divine Source, keeping our thoughts and consciousness raised to the plane of perfection.

Simple in practice

This may seem difficult, but it is fairly simple in practice, although of course it is only by persistence, patience and perseverance that one becomes proficient.

Both beginners and advanced workers find it helpful to use statements of Truth in order to guide their thoughts in the right channel, to clear the mind of error, and to gain a clearer spiritual vision.

Affirmations

Our path of life at the time may appear to lead down into the depths; but if we go boldly forward, making use of affirmations such as:

- “No harm can come to me; but only good”
- “Good only can come to me”
- “Infinite Good is seeking me”
- “I love all creatures and forgive all who have injured me, therefore everything is working together for good, and all the Divine Forces of Good are working on my behalf”

while looking to our Divine Source and keeping our thoughts and consciousness raised to the higher plane of Spirit and perfection, we find that all things do work together for good and that good only comes to us. In other words, the so-called evil of life becomes transmuted into good.

What is held in the mind, and the idea around which the IMAGINATION plays, manifests in the life. Most people use these tremendous powers wrongly. If, instead of allowing their mind and imagination to become directed to disease, sickness, weakness, fear, poverty, failure, disharmony and disorder, they were to hold in the mind thoughts of glorious health, abundance, true success, harmony, order, beauty and perfection, and allow their IMAGINATION to play around these ideas, then instead of manifesting disorder and disaster in their life they would demonstrate harmony, beauty and a perfect life.

The use of statements of truth helps the mind and imagination to become attuned to the Divine Mind and Imagination, after which only the Good, the Beautiful and the True can manifest.

Becoming conquerors

Instead of being overwhelmed and submerged by the storms of life we come out conquerors. We rise above every difficulty. We become wiser and stronger and greater through experience. Also, we cease creating trouble and suffering for the future, so that harmony, peace, love, joy, beauty, happiness can be brought into manifestation instead. It is wonderful, this new life of cultivated right thought!

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