

Abundance and Right Livelihood

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True abundance has nothing to do with anything that I am having, and everything to do with what I am being. And that when I share my abundance of beingness abundantly with all those whose lives I touch, everything I sought to have came to me automatically, without my even trying to have them. So I was seeking what I thought was abundance and it was just stuff. And that which I already *had* a great abundance of, I was virtually ignoring.

The important thing for us to remember when we are searching for right livelihood is to stop looking for something to do, and start looking for something to be. And to get in touch with that part that resides deep inside of you that knows who you really are. And see what it would take to call that forth in a *beingness* way.

So, look inside. What is it that I am being, when I feel totally fulfilled and totally self expressed? What am I being when that happens? Maybe I'm being a healer, I'm being sensual, maybe I'm being creative. ... It's when doingness flows from beingness, rather than us using doingness to *get* beingness.

Beingness is something that everyone has, regardless of their education, their station in life, their ethnic or cultural background, their social status. Everyone can be loving; everyone can be extraordinary; everyone can be generous and giving and compassionate and friendly. Everyone can be all the things that we pay people big money to be, regardless of what they're doing.

If you think that money comes to you because of what you do then ... you will have all those doingness alibis: "I didn't get my college education" or "I was disadvantaged to begin with", or "I haven't had the opportunities you've had" – because you are going to imagine that money flows to you because of something you're doing, rather than something you're being.

Some people are terrified to leave their corporate jobs. They're trapped in a prison of their own devise, because they have this idea that if they leave that corporate setting, or that position that they've worked so hard to attain, then all will be lost. And yet all is lost now, because if it wasn't lost, they wouldn't want to leave. So the key question is not, what will you lose should you remove yourself from that position, but what will you gain?

... I have refused to be unhappy for very long in any kind of occupation or activity that I was undertaking simply because I thought I had to, in order to maintain a standard of living. ... Even if I allowed myself to imagine that the happiness of others was my responsibility, how can I begin to make others happy if I'm desperately unhappy in my attempts to do so?

Money loses its value the moment you try to hang on to it. Money only has value when you are willing to let it go. Because it empowers you to be, do and have something that you choose to be, do, and have. Money's only value is when it leaves your hand.

So how do you become friends with money? First, you have to forget everything you've ever been told about it. And then you have to put in place a new message: There's nothing in the universe that isn't God. And God, and the energy which is God, is found in everything, including money. We need to understand that money is simply another form of the energy of life

There is no part of life whatsoever that is not a part of God. There is no aspect of the life energy whatsoever that is not holy and sacred. Nothing is evil lest thinking make it so. Let us stop making money evil. ...This is what causes people to stay in lives of quiet desperation. Since they think that money is bad, and don't like to take any bad thing for a good deed, they wind up doing a job they hate, that at least they can justify getting money for. So they spend eight hours a day doing a job they hate, and then do something they love as a volunteer.

When you change the Be-Do-Have Paradigm, you start *acting as if*, and your body begins to understand, at a cellular level, who you think you really are. As my body starts moving into a field of gross energy, it starts moving things around – begins to give things away for instance. And your body starts getting the message: "I have that which I would choose to receive. I already have it." Now, once you cross that huge barrier ... everything changes.

All the good that comes from life will come to us in life when we are willing to open our heart and share, from a deep level of beingness, the treasure that resides within us ...

The universe never says no to the thought about yourself. It only grows it. See yourself as the source, rather than the recipient, of what it is that you would choose to experience in life.

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