

SUFFERING – ANY FORM OF DIS-EASE IS A MANIFESTATION OF EACH ONE'S RESISTANCE TO WHAT ONE DIVINELY IS

QUESTION: I was just wondering, my baby son has hemophilia which is a bleeding disorder. And he was a very strong spirit that wanted to come through before he was conceived. And I'm wondering is it his spirit that elects to have that affliction to learn certain strengths or lessons in this life, or us as parents to learn the lessons? How do we help on that level of understanding the pain that he suffers with a body that does go through more pain than the average body as he grows? And will he grow out of it as some hemophiliacs do? At the moment, the medical profession is talking about it being the first thing they can cure with genetic engineering in the next two to ten years. Is that possible? And also I would just like to ask, when you listen to your Guides, does the voice seem like a voice other than your own, or does it seem like part of yourself talking to you?

ANSWER: I will answer the last question first. As a general rule, it will sound like your own thinking. That is the best way I could put it into words. Although on occasion, in order to get your attention or to break through your self-doubt, your Guide may speak in a distinctly different voice. But once your attention has been gotten and there is a reasonable sense of comfort with the communication, and I am speaking of perhaps three to four day's time, you will find that the distinctiveness of the quality of the voice will settle down and be less distinct. I will put it that way.

Now let's get one thing clear: When you say did your son's spirit elect this problem for its growth, the only time I use the word "Spirit" is to describe a divine aspect of conscious Individuality. I seldom use the word "spirit" to denote a vigorous and spirited individual. Spirit is divine. That which is divine never selects problems for you to have. And one's Spirit never chooses problems to refine itself because it never stopped being the full Presence of the Spirit that is God.

Who on earth would want to meet their Maker if their Maker actually gives him problems? You do not need problems for your learning or your refinement. You are not some piss-ant mortal getting better and better and better, and improving, and being refined into a state that is worthy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. And this is what all of you must finally

get the point of. Because as long as you think you are, and as long as you think that God has joined you in this process and, indeed, is providing you with really neat problems to promote your growth, you are not going to feel love for your Father and you are not going to want to come Home. You all recognize that injustice and abuse is characteristic of such a set up, even though the ego convinces you that it is for your benefit and, therefore, you should love that which is providing you with these wonderful opportunities to grow.

Suffering, any form of dis-ease is a manifestation of each one's resistance to what one divinely Is. No one outside of you, or any other individual, inflicts any discomfort or disease upon you. God doesn't; your Spirit doesn't; your Soul doesn't. But when, through ignorance, you resist your Good, your Wholeness, you create a dissonance that you feel. And the dissonance, and the energy you bring to create that dissonance, distorts your perception, and you begin to see your body as diseased.

Well, you say, "How can a child do this?" Well, everybody, let's stop being confused. There is no such thing as a little, innocent babe. Every single child you know is and has been an Eternal Being. And there's nothing new about that child whatsoever when he or she comes into your experience. And he or she comes into your experience with his knapsack of beliefs, and most of them are cherished. And until that Individuality arrives at a point where he says, "I'm sick and tired of the weight of that belief and the discomfort of it," and throws it away, it will remain in his knapsack.

Now I will tell you something else. Even if they come up with a means to genetically correct a physical imbalance, the simple fact is that if the belief doesn't change, the imbalance will reappear. If the cherished belief isn't discarded, it won't matter how you re-arrange the furniture, the form--unless the re-arrangement just happens to occur at the same time that the individual has decided to discard the cherished belief. So now what are you faced with? Well, you aren't faced with some poor, little, innocent babe upon whom has been inflicted a serious, perhaps terminal problem. You are faced with an Individuality who is ancient, who like other Individualities around you who may be beginning to look ancient, is faced with the opportunity to let go of beliefs to experience clarification.

So I want you to start seeing this child as a little bit more intelligent than you think, and a little bit more experienced than you think, and actually

quite an expert in authorizing his life, taking control, manipulating people, etc. I'm not saying it as a judgment on the child. I'm just saying, hey, take a look at the facts and don't be naïve. Because the more real you can be with this child, and the less caught up in a sense of injustice and soft compassion for this poor innocent child, the more you will be able to deal with that child in practical terms that can promote healing.

He is not an innocent victim. None of you has ever been an innocent victim. But, boy, lucky you, if you can find somebody who spontaneously jumps to the conclusion that you are; you will milk them for all the sympathy you can get. And children are no different. So now, what are you going to do? Well, you are going to be the presence of Love just as you would with any ancient one, whether they look old or young, because it's your nature to be the presence of Love that promotes and elicits the best from everyone around you. And you will do your best to be that place where this one can feel most free to make a new decision about what he's carrying in his knapsack.

And you will not carry around with you some self-doubt as to whether or not your genes caused his problem. Remember, his problem is of his own construction. And like I said, if they are able to genetically change the physical structure so that there is nothing to support the ongoing manifestation of this problem and the belief hasn't changed, the structure will re-arrange itself and it will be manifest again. Likewise we will say that if some parents don't have perfect genes, but you had perfect genes, and this child comes with this particular belief in his knapsack, the manifestation will reconfigure. And even though it's impossible for a child from parents with perfect genes to have this problem, he will have it.

So you are called upon to be for him the same thing you are called upon to be for your husband, or your neighbor, or the grocery store clerk: that presence who has found or is finding her equilibrium and her connectedness with her knowing and her clearer ability to recognize the Christ in everyone she sees, even this young ancient one, or that old ancient one, or that middle-aged ancient one. And thus make the gift of you that provides the environment in which those around you can make a new decision because they aren't busy defending themselves against your misperception of them.

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