

DUTY

When reason is given to a soul the individual is endowed with the power of free choice in order to learn through experience. To the degree that you view humans as free creative personalities you must interpret duty in light of how it relates to individual will and impulse. From this vital relationship duty derives its moral quality. Your duty depends on your spiritual standing, the conditions to which you have become subjected, your personal ideals and the social standards that influence your thinking and activity.

Duty is largely an individual matter, for what one person regards as a moral obligation another person may not. An act becomes your moral duty according to your standard of right and wrong and in keeping with your personal ideals.

There is much misunderstanding about the topic of duty. You may do many things from a misconceived sense of duty while simultaneously neglecting actual responsibilities. Individuals who always strive for perfectionism are burdened with superficial and imaginary duties and are constantly submerged in a turmoil of nervous activity hoping to fulfill all their obligations in the line of duty. Many people accept their conscience as a guide to conduct and are disastrously conscientious. Enslaved by a misdirected sense of duty they become the victims of worry and remorse over unimportant issues and insignificant details.

Although the nature of duty is decidedly individual still you must live so that you receive sufficient wisdom for guidance. There is a general rule for all. The rule states: It is your duty to cease all mental and spiritual action that interferes with growth of character. Furthermore, you must make your physical conditions or surroundings conform to the best interests of soul progression.

There is provision for the physical plane because many people are so encumbered by conditions and relationships that it is impossible for them to free themselves immediately. Whatever your environment you should do the utmost to govern your mind and purify your soul.

To reach the highest standard you should closely analyze yourself to see that you are not held in detrimental conditions through selfishness or desire. Often it is necessary to choose between two evils. In this case you should choose in favor of the thing that is less indulgent to a selfish nature whether that nature is your own or someone else's.

Sometimes the guise of duty holds you in bondage to others and thereby prevents your progression. Such false duty should not hold you. Sometimes you must use severe methods to free yourself. The mere fact of relationship should not prevent you from arranging your affairs to best conform to your soul development.

You should measure duty by something more profound than earthly ties. One person has no right to be an obstruction in another's path through the sense of ownership accompanying such relationships.

Those who are trying to purge their lives of all that is false and detrimental should disregard the selfish and detrimental demands made by a father, mother, son, daughter, sister or brother who

refuse to live the true life. The people who are blood related to you are those with whom you are united in progression but they can also be the greatest impediment to your soul growth, if you take their actions personally.

Humanity's duties extend to the physical, mental and spiritual planes. It is your duty to utilize your powers to best assist others, to develop your higher self and to meet the challenges of life. It is your duty to seek knowledge and understanding of the Laws governing your being (body, mind, soul) and to obey them, thus becoming an outlet or channel for Divine expression.

Ignorance and transgression of the Laws of Life bring confusion, pain and suffering. A knowledge of and obedience to the Laws shows wisdom and results in the highest possible soul development attainable on this earth plane. When you live in antagonism to the rest of the universe your growth is checked. You must maintain harmony among all the parts of the whole and you must contribute your dutiful share.

You have the capacity to know and utilize the Laws of Life but this power must be consciously developed. People whose consciousness has become fully aware of the Divine within and who project this realization into their lives have the greatest power.

You have an assigned job to do in this world, a mission in life, a duty you must perform to the best of your ability. You may be inclined to believe that one type of work is more commendable than another in the eyes of the Divine, but whether your work is humble or dignified, perfect or imperfect, Divine or secular, depends on the manner in which you perform it. Great souls have faithfully labored at menial jobs and realized that these tasks were just stepping-stones, necessary experiences in their soul evolution.

The merit or fault, success or failure of a work is determined by the spiritual qualities accompanying it. "It matters not to God or the world whether a man is a butcher or a bishop but it matters whether he is a good butcher or a good bishop."

A Power higher than you plans your duties and destinies. You have a calling, a talent, a mission designed to assist you with your progress. This may not be of your choice nor according to your likes or dislikes but your task is a preparation for greater work. Therefore, you must not object when you are assigned a job that is difficult, unpleasant or contrary to your wishes. When you are ready for a better type of work it will be placed before you.

The honest and faithful performance of duty is rewarded by the knowledge of a job well done. Resentment often tempts you in the throes of suffering or punishment but out of your misery good will come. Severe punishment often awakens those who refuse to see the light. You are a soul animating a bodily an instrument of the Divine. When you fail to perform your duties, when you become impatient, negligent and fault finding, you are straying from the path that leads to a higher life.

You are obligated to pursue the course of action that is in harmony with correct reasoning but you must also exercise caution not to overdo duty. Overdoing duty is the more difficult phase of the Law of Duty to thoroughly understand and properly apply. Humanity disregards the source

of its helpfulness and the avenues through which such aid may come are closed causing many people to be defeated by their environment. The pressure is so great that enforced duty carries them far beyond the natural limit.

Never allow yourself to be called upon to sacrifice physical, mental or spiritual welfare in performing duties. You must face each condition as it is and to the best of your ability observe the Laws that create freedom.

In regard to helping others you must learn to estimate accurately any modifying circumstances so you may determine when duty calls and how far it extends. There is always a price to pay for everything you do in this world: The Law of Compensation forever operates. Every act of life costs life forces and your capacity to receive is necessarily limited. Regardless of Nature's abundant supply your expenditure must never exceed your accumulation. If you use or scatter your life forces more rapidly than you gather or appropriate them you become impoverished. You must consider what you can afford. It is a well-known fact that cost is always estimated in terms of expended material wealth but it is necessary to make closer divisions when soul or life elements are in question.

It is your duty to develop your potential (physical, mental, spiritual). As you become aware of the ONENESS of all life you recognize your duty to all God's creation. You then begin to control and eliminate the negative forces that bring discord, suffering and unhappiness into your life and the lives of others. The spark of Divine love begins to flame forth in your soul, growing in intensity and magnitude until it embraces all life. It is your duty to be happy and to provide an atmosphere of peace, joy and devotion toward others.

When love, unselfishness and all the other attributes of the soul permeate the atmosphere in which you work then the crudest and humblest task becomes exalted. In performing your duties, you experience a supreme satisfaction knowing that you are promoting your own advancement and that of others in accordance with the Divine plan.

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