

## Search for Answers – Part 5

### **The Spiritual Principles that are the foundation for developing a Responsible “Individual Reality”.**

The first step towards developing a responsible individual reality is to have a good understanding of the term “responsible”, as used here.

This word should conjure up three mental images:

- First, ownership, that is, control over the item or action.
- Second, accountability, that is, liability for an act., and
- Third, duty towards others, that is, how it will affect other people.

Based on this understanding of responsibility, an objective person will have to admit that much of the crises faced by the world today is because the antagonists seldom take all three of these elements into consideration. On the contrary, emphasis is given to control, (that is, personal choice and rights), with little, or no consideration for accountability, or, how others could be affected.

The next step, after grasping the meaning and importance of responsibility, is to have a serious desire to discover and learn about the fundamental principles that govern Life. Because, as stated earlier, crises are manifestations of violations of these principles.

So, where can one find these principles?

As mentioned, several times already, many of these principles are described in the sacred books, or the wisdom of the peoples. However, the investigator will also find that here, these principles are stated in absolute and irrefutable terms, not subject to personal acceptance, rejection, or “reality”. In this respect, these principles are similar to classical scientific Laws, to which all scientific developments must be subject if they are to be successful.

The willingness to acknowledge these absolutes in Life would be a difficult challenge for many today. This will demand of the seeker to keep an open and unbiased mind, to actually read, or listen to these principles, then contemplate them calmly before they can eventually grasp them.

It is only after grasping these fundamental principles that one can gradually begin to gain deeper in-sights, which can help them make more responsible assessments of the situation, and to reach decisions, that factor how others could be affected.

It is also only through a strong grounding in these fundamental principles of life that a person can slowly develop an awareness of the cause and effect of their actions on themselves, and on others.

With this, the serious seeker can then look forward to attaining the wisdom, or capacity, to see more facets of any situation, and, with that, begin to discern the Earthly and Spiritual connections and consequences that are not immediately evident to the casual or uninitiated observer.

The acquisition of this ability, naturally leads a Spirit to discern, see and accept the regenerative opportunities inherent in any situation that he or she is facing.

While on this path, the serious and conscientious person (Spirit) can look forward to arriving at the personal recognition that, “indeed, I am my brother’s keeper, and that I am also the custodian of my environment, to safeguard, for the enjoyment of myself and my fellow creatures on earth.”

Needless to say, these recognitions do not come overnight and may not be realized for years.

The road to Spiritual change (regeneration) is slow, and the path to progress is quite long, taking decades and even centuries for some to attain.

Nonetheless, the practice of a heightened sense of responsibility will already get one started in seeing things differently. And the resulting change in attitude should quickly begin to manifest, allowing for the possibility to see a neighbor's situation in a more sympathetic light, and the honest desire to work with them, in genuine fraternity, to design a tenable solution, based on the governing principles of Life.

In the next segment, we shall turn our attention to the governing principles of Creation- knowledge that we must possess to act responsibly.