

ENDING SUFFERING

At our last meeting I described that the stone is used in the language of the parables. You will know that Moses carved the commandments or laws on two stones, and these commandments were supposedly given him by the god Jehovah. But because they were written on stones this reflects that they are laws that were meant for the people at the literal level of understanding and obedience. Then you see that later Moses modified some of the laws and in particular that of adultery, allowing a man to divorce his wife. In order to justify this change, Moses declared that by changing the law and allowing a man to divorce his wife, this would prevent men from breaking other laws, such as murdering their spouse and thus making themselves free to marry another woman.

Jesus said: 'Do not imagine that I came to abolish the Law of the prophets. I came, not to annul them, but to bring them to perfection. For I tell you in all truth, while heaven and the world remain, the Law shall not be docketed of one letter or one comma till its purpose is achieved. Therefore the man who abolishes one of these little rules and teaches people to forget it shall count for little in the Kingdom of Heaven; whereas the man who acts and teaches in accordance with them shall count for much in the Kingdom of Heaven. Believe me, if you do no better than the Doctors and Pharisees in your observance of the Law, you too shall certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.'

To bring these literal laws to perfection means that your understanding must rise above the literal level of thought, to where you reach that level of being wherein you no longer need external laws to know what is right and good, because you live in Light and do the will of the Invisible Self. (What is often written in the literal gospels is that there was the Father who sent the Son, Jesus, into the world. This doesn't reflect, as you have seen earlier in this book, the truth that was originally taught by Jesus. The Light that contains all and is all is the Good, which we know as the 'Invisible Self'. Jesus represents the 'Revealed Self'. Through the teaching of Jesus, who is the Revealer, the Good manifests in the world for all of humanity.)

However, the Doctors and Pharisees have no inner understanding and live solely through their sensual understanding alone. They change the law to suit their needs, while demanding that others be punished when they disregard the written law. So, when you behave like the Doctors and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

As an example, Jesus continues: 'You have been told that our forefathers were given the commandment, you shall not murder, and that all murderers are answerable to the law. I go further and say to you that anyone who is angry with his brother is answerable too; that anyone who reviles his brother is liable to find himself in court; that anyone who calls him fool is liable to find himself condemned to hell.'

Here Jesus begins to perfect the law of the Prophets. But there is a deeper meaning here, and that is how you view murder inwardly. This relates to your feeling, how you murder in our heart through the denial or the existence of your true being, your Light Essence. By breaking this Law inwardly you have condemned your consciousness to suffer by being imprisoned in the ignorance and darkness of the world illusion.

You know the commandment that you shall not steal, which is acquiring something that belongs to another. Inwardly, stealing takes the form of lying, where you do everything from your lower self or Personality, where you have no idea that you do not know who you are or what you think or feel. You believe that you are in charge of what you call life, and take everything for granted.

'You have heard the commandment, you shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that any man who looks at a woman or a woman who looks at a man, with desire, has already in their heart committed adultery with them.'

Nothing in Light is hidden, and what is hidden is revealed. As such, you see that you are condemned by your thoughts as well as your deeds. Your outward actions must first been seen by others before you are brought before the courts, but your inner thoughts and feelings are already judged, because they destroy the Light within.