

The Promised Land

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Remember when you were a small child, living in a world of wonder? Do you ever ask, where it all went? It's a question worthy of an honest answer. The problem is that we don't believe we can. Can what? Can find an answer. Can understand the question, or even if we make it that far, have the ability to succeed with the cure. It sounds like too much work. In that, you are correct. It is a lot of work. But the reward is far greater than you would ever imagine.

What is life though the eyes of a child? You do know. You all were children once upon a time. Can you let go of all you've learned for a few moments and feel, right now, what it is to be alive. There is an entire world within you that you forgot about. Can you find your way back home after so many years? Can you find yourself? ABSOLUTELY. Without any doubt I will tell you it is possible.

Here is the next question you must answer in order to move forward. Do you want to find yourself? What do I mean by that? Well, once you find yourself, do you think you will like you? I remember at the beginning of my journey, I learned very quickly that I did not like me at all. You may find the same thing out as well.

But, there is good news for redemption is at hand. You are perfect. You are of great value. You have a purpose that no one else but you can carry out. That answer will come later, lets get back to the point at hand. How can you find the beauty that is all about you? You must start with you. How are you looking at the world you are a part of? Is it a wonderful place or something else? What are the people like? Are you happy? Are you successful? How do you see your surroundings? Is it peaceful? Is it a life worth living? The answers to these question will give you direct insight into how you feel about you. The world is as it is. How we perceives it gives us the insight into how we view ourselves and how we feel about us.

The world is nothing more than a mirror of our inner self. Our reaction to the outside is how we react to our inside. Judge not, for you will be judged. But there is more good news. If you don't like you or the world you live in then there are a couple possibilities to fix the problem.

- 1) You may be in a place that you don't belong.
- 2) You may not know who you are.

The second is the more likely of the two. When you can see yourself for what you really are then you will find a space where you can see as a child does. Then, and only then, can you see this wonderful world you are a part of. And I do mean a part of literally. All the magnificent creations that surround us are also a part of us, just as we are a part of the whole.

Look not into the rain cloud and curse its shower that rains on your day but reach out and thank it for the nourishment it brings, the cleansing it gives and the promise of new life. We love the

flowers in the spring yet not the rain that brought them to life. Seems silly doesn't it? Do you curse the rain in your life which gives birth to the beauty that grows in your heart after the rain has stopped?

Life is a precious thing that we are all a part of. We are amazing creations. With the power to create as well as destroy. Sounds a lot like a God, doesn't it? Well, what kind of God are you? The choice is up to you. Make a difference. Be who you are. Find you. You aren't so far off. With determination you have the most powerful tool in your hand, your mind. With some discipline and effort to quiet your thoughts, in a few moments of stillness you CAN be a part of this wondrous world we all live in. If you make this investment you will find a wealth greater than any fortune ever earned by any man. And wealth that no man can ever take from you. You will enter into the true kingdom of heaven. The choice is yours. For everyone is welcome.

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