

Life - Giving and Taking

Article Rating: NA

Submitted by: articlediner on 2006-11-02 and viewed 32 times.

Total Word Count: 684

Author Rating:

Sample of Content:

God cannot remove sentient being's suffering with his hands, wash the evil from their minds with water, nor give them his realizations like a present but he can lead them to liberation by revealing the ultimate truth. One has to walk the path himself, nobody can walk for him. To give is to receive.

Content:

If God and Holy Beings have the power directly to take on the suffering of others and bestow happiness upon them, we may ask why beings are still suffering? Miracles are plentiful, certainly God has the right to bestow blessings on all living beings. He can give and he can take away too. However, the best way to achieve permanent liberation from suffering is to obey God and put the teachings into practice, regardless of any religion. Just as a doctor cannot cure a disease unless the sick person actually takes the

medicine that the doctor prescribed. So, God cannot cure our inner disease of delusions unless we actually take the medicine of the truth.

Heaven speaks not and Earth speaks not. In the teachings of the truth, Heaven and Man are one and man acts for God by speaking the truth because man can speak. Contribution in terms of speaking and propagating the truth, is one of the highest merits that a man can do to save the world. One person can save likewise one person can destroy. To save people from this suffering world for eternity is the highest merit in life that a man can give. Saving one person is better than building a 7-storey building, as said in the great Chinese sayings.

In one of the teachings by my master JiGong, this is what he said, "People are born the same way, and they all die in the end. They are born the same way yet they don't die the same way. Are they not all born the same way? Do they not all come bare-handed, naked and crying? People don't die the same way, do they? To die of sickness is 'to die'. To fall from a plane is 'to die' too. To be knocked dead by a car is 'to die'. To die in a fight is 'to die' too. To die in spreading Tao and to save people and the world is 'to die' too. Do they die the same way then? Is the value of dying the same then? Do you know how you would die in the future? Of the above-mentioned, which way to die has the most value? You must know that to die of sickness, or to die of falling from the plane or those other ways of dying are all 'unknowable'. But, as long as you are determined to die for Tao (truth), that is something predictable. How can it be counted as 'to die for Tao'? You work for Tao with all your heart. With the money you earn from your labor and sweat, besides spending some for living expenses, you also spend some for numerous living beings. Meanwhile, your time is for all living beings, your body is for all living beings, your 'blood and sweat' is for all living beings and you exert all your strength in every respect for the joy of all living beings. By then, you belong to all living beings, you belong to Heaven."

In the propagation of Tao, I can see many people fit in the description by JiGong. Be it any religious path, there are always people doing the same. They too belong to Heaven. Give and only give you shall receive in return in abundance. In life, giving without any expectation of return is really giving. The best thing to give to a man dying of thirst is to give him a glass of water. The hand that gives gathers. Practise it in our daily life, God will bless us, if not now, but surely in the unknown future, in space and time.

The happiest thing in the world is to do good deeds, to help others and to have a satisfied mind.

Author: T.A Chew

Website: <http://www.white-sun.com>

T.A Chew, an accountant by profession, about 15 years ago saw a very pitiful beggar and out from his pocket he gave him a few dollars. The joy he saw on the beggar's face gave him much greater joy. Money cannot buy love, home, health and real happiness. But little action from the heart can have it all.

Article Source: <http://www.ArticleDiner.com/>

About the Author:

Teow Aun Chew