The Destructive Nature of Belief

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Belief is perhaps the most destructive thing on our planet. When a belief is invented, it begins to direct the one who holds the belief, blocking the flow of intelligence. The more belief we have, the more blocks to intelligence we have since intelligence only flows in the happening of now. People repeat their actions from belief which means that belief is doing the thinking. Beliefs are a way of reacting which doesn’t require any original thought on the part of the thinker. We have individually and collectively been gathering beliefs for so long that they have stifled any new action that might be presented, and some beliefs are so strong that they are frozen into place as a religion.

What can people filled with belief do since they have no room for something new to enter their minds? Any attempt to introduce new to a closed system is met with resistance, laughter and mockery. We could speak the truth—that we are filled with beliefs and that our world is led by old religions. These old superstitious beliefs keep us stuck in the old consciousness of violence. We cannot see that it takes the ending of the old to free us and allow us to step into the new consciousness. The new consciousness is the first ever evolution of our mind and will bring with it internal peace for each person and peace on earth for all.

It is easy to see if your life and world is being repeated from the past, which is the attachment to memory, by looking to see if the same things happen over and over again. Are there now, and have there always been, fights in your life and relationships? Are there now, and have there always been, wars on this planet? Have you gone from one relationship to another with each one failing? Does our world go from one war to another war never seeing the insanity of killing for freedom, which only causes us to kill for our freedom? Can you see that the insanity starts with the adherence to belief?

If we each ask ourselves who is the one constant in my failed relationships and who is the one who fights inside of each of one of us, we could then ask, “Is this where war begins?” If I didn’t accept this war inside myself, would my country be at war? Hasn’t this country, the United States, been in constant war and yet cannot see the huge insanity of it? This country continues on as though the enemy is them, not us, who is violent. We are the same as them. We react with violence.

We have all the religions of the world divided into about 600 different versions of the same old ancient beliefs that cannot get along with each other. These beliefs are each willing to kill either mentally or physically each other. They each say they are the only way to that illusionary heaven and that the others will be cast into an illusionary hell. All these religions have had thousands of years to bring peace within and peace on earth, and we now are as far from it as we ever were.

It has been said that thousands of years ago we made a fateful turn, a move away from creation, intelligence and a love filled world, to a knowledge, thought and belief-filled one. As long as our collective memory can recall, we have a world which has been killing and warring with those who disagreed with us in one way or another.

To insure our survival on this planet, will we make a turn for the possibility of transformation (death of the old and birth of the new) of self and then to the world, bringing forth a violence free manner of living for all species of the planet?