

The Divine Law

What is the divine law, and what consequence does it have in one's life?

"God is the one and only self-caused fact in the universe. He is the secret of the order, plan, and purpose of the whole creation of things and beings. The everywhere-changing universe is regulated and stabilized by absolutely unchanging laws, the habits of an unchanging God. The fact of God, the divine law, is changeless; the truth of God, his relation to the universe, is a relative revelation which is ever adaptable to the constantly evolving universe." (TUB 102:7.2)

To be "born again", born under spirit domination from above (see my reflections entitled "Fruits of the Spirit"), is the faith grasp of "the habits of an unchanging God"--the character of the Father. Said Jesus: "Those who first seek to enter the kingdom, thus beginning to strive for a nobility of character like that of my Father, shall presently possess all else that is needful. But I say to you in all sincerity: Unless you seek entrance into the kingdom with the faith and trusting dependence of a little child, you shall in no wise gain admission." (TUB 137:8.8)

To be born again--your faith entrance into the kingdom of God--requires unquestioning loyalty and wholehearted devotion to supreme values (see my reflections entitled "Unquestioning Loyalty"); otherwise, "you shall in no wise gain admission". The divine law is "absolutely unchanging". And once you are born again, once you have spiritualized your loyalty, you must remain securely identified to the divine law; "there is set a severe test" (TUB 140:1.4). Said Jesus: "Make clear in your mind these different attitudes toward the Father and his universe. Never forget these laws of relation to the Father's will:" "Evil is the unconscious or unintended transgression of the divine law, the Father's will. Evil is likewise the measure of the imperfectness of obedience to the Father's will." "Sin is the conscious, knowing, and deliberate transgression of the divine law, the Father's will. Sin is the measure of unwillingness to be divinely led and spiritually directed." "Iniquity is the willful, determined, and persistent transgression of the divine law, the Father's will. Iniquity is the measure of the continued rejection of the Father's loving plan of personality survival and the Sons' merciful ministry of salvation." (TUB 148:4.2-5)

As quoted above, once you are born again, Jesus said that you "shall presently possess all else that is needful" to be grown upward into being "born again, again" (see my reflections entitled thus). However,

you cannot be grown by God the Mother if you do not "supply favorable conditions" (TUB 100:3.7), such as, your wholehearted determination to be loyal, humble, sincere, just (i.e., honest and law-abiding), and patient. "Human likes and dislikes do not determine good and evil; moral values do not grow out of wish fulfillment or emotional frustration." (TUB 100:3.2) And the affection of God the Father is "tough love": "The Creators are the very first to attempt to save man from the disastrous results of his foolish transgression of the divine laws. God's love is by nature a fatherly affection; therefore does he sometimes 'chasten us for our own profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness'. Even during your fiery trials remember that 'in all our afflictions he is afflicted with us'." (TUB 2:5.3) In addition, if you do not eventually spiritualize your loyalty, then you will face the fact of God: "The elevation of a sevenfold bestowal Son to the unquestioned sovereignty of his universe means the beginning of the end of a long uncertainty and relative confusion. Subsequent to this event, that which cannot be sometime spiritualized will eventually be disorganized; that which cannot be sometime co-ordinated with cosmic reality will eventually be destroyed. When the provisions of endless mercy and nameless patience have been exhausted in an effort to win the loyalty and devotion of the will creatures of the realms, justice and righteousness will prevail. That which mercy cannot rehabilitate justice will eventually annihilate." (TUB 21:5.4 [paragraph, not item])

Ergo, what consequence does the divine law have in one's prayer life? "That prayer which is inconsistent with the known and established laws of God is an abomination to the Paradise Deities. If man will not listen to the Gods as they speak to their creation in the laws of spirit, mind, and matter, the very act of such deliberate and conscious disdain by the creature turns the ears of spirit personalities away from hearing the personal petitions of such lawless and disobedient mortals. Jesus quoted to his apostles from the Prophet Zechariah: 'But they refused to hearken and pulled away the shoulder and stopped their ears that they should not hear. Yes, they made their hearts adamant like a stone, lest they should hear my law and the words which I sent by my spirit through the prophets; therefore did the results of their evil thinking come as a great wrath upon their guilty heads. And so it came to pass that they cried for mercy, but there was no ear open to hear.' And then Jesus quoted the proverb of the wise man who said: 'He who turns away his ear from hearing the divine law, even his prayer shall be an abomination.'" (TUB 146:2.3) [see my exhortation entitled "Repent!"]

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