

## HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL...?

As far back as I can remember my parents saw the glass half empty. This was always the general attitude in our home. I had a wonderful mother and Father who did the best they could with what they had to work with, and incidentally we all fit in there. There is a verse somewhere in the Old Testament that says something about how that in the judgment God will consider where a man was born, and that this will be taken into consideration when he is judged. To me, this is telling me that more or less we are victims of our environment, and that this writer was factoring this in.

When coming here, I chose my parents knowing that coming in with their genes would set me up for the greatest possibility of having the kind of experience that I needed most in order to evolve at the pace I desired. I, at the same time realized that there are no guarantees, because once I'm here, there are many factors that come into play, one of which is the possibility of my ego running wild.

If I've received light concerning these things it destroys my ability to judge others. *Back to my growing up years.* I can hear my mother still today as she focused on that half empty glass. My father was a coal miner all his life, so we never lived on "Easy Street." As a miner our father rarely ever worked a five day week that is just how the mines worked. Two to three days a week. In those days women usually didn't work. My Father was the sole support of a family of four counting my mother.

Once in a while my Father would get an extra days work and so my mother knew that come payday there would be a little more money then usual. I can still hear her saying, "well we will have some extra money this week but just watch, something will happen to take it." And don't you know that she was always right. So in a sense mom was a pretty fair prophet, and perhaps that is just a wee bit of an understatement, because mom never missed. I cannot remember a time when she was wrong.

My father never said much but he pretty much saw the same glass as my mother. My mother was a great mom, always there for us so all my memories of her are sweet. I will say however that her attitude was very contagious to those of the same household. My mother had a dream of someday moving to sunny California. She spoke of how wonderful it would be to someday live there. Our oldest sister and husband had moved there, and often her and mom would share letters back and forth and this added to our mothers desire to go there and live one day

None of us ever thought that dad would ever agree to move out west, but to make a very long story short, he finally agreed. We sold our house and moved to California and bought a house in Chula Vista California two blocks from our older sister's house. I still remember my mother's words as she stood in the living room of the new house. I can quote her exact words. She was standing with a wistful look on her face as she took in the living room and then said... "This will never be mine".

It took only five months for that word to become our reality. No use in sharing the details as to why we lost the house, suffice it to just say we lost it, and some friends of our parents had a small house they rented to us. My parents never owned another home. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” “by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” As a young person beginning in my later teens I took up where my mother left off.

I can hear her as she often said to me, Ron it seems like everything’s always against you, but I just believe that someday your luck will change. She would say these things because she felt bad for me because it really did seem as though the deck was stacked against me. By now, you can guess that I was one very negative prone individual. I’ve come a long way since then, because I’ve seen what happens when I expect the worst.

My daughter who knows better once said concerning a situation she was facing in the future, quote “well I guess I’ll just hope for the best and expect the worst.” This was my own attitude for many years. Whenever a situation was coming up that I wanted to go a certain way this was the attitude I always had. I was rarely ever wrong. When the word of faith movement came through my neck of the woods, I was helped to see where my negative attitude was taking me. That word was what I needed at that time.

When my world really exploded with light was when I discovered the Seth writings. The first Seth book I read was Seth Speaks. Many things that had been coming to me were confirmed by that book. Eventually I read every Seth book I could get a hold of. It was in those books that I learned that I create my own reality. This was a bit of truth that I was ready for. “When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.” The teacher may be person, place, or thing. To really see that you create your own reality is to radically change your life.

If I have seen that I create my own reality, and there are things within it that are not to my liking, if I know that I have created it, then with this revelation comes the knowing that I can change it. Someone has said, “**When I change the way I look at things, the things I look at change.**” The enlightened mind knows that it is an extension of that which we know as the Creator. This means that as souls we are extensions of that which is Source. It knows that the Absolute was first cause, and then came the Ego of the Absolute, then out of the Ego came souls, {more egos} one of which I am.

These are in essence one. They only differ in degrees of knowledge or evolution. God is evolving and no one can possibly keep from evolving. Each individual soul evolves at its own pace, but all do because God is. All are individual parts of the whole which is God. One cannot be negative and know these things. Somewhere in Isaiah it speaks of the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief that mingled his tears with his bread. This was spoken of the man Jesus. I believe he was a man of sorrows mainly because he had a message that burned within him that the world was not ready for. He was looked upon as a rebel rouser who went against the dead traditions and religion of his day.

The religion of his day had been totally degraded. He knew who he was, and this set him apart from the masses. Today that which he no doubt taught a selected few, is being proclaimed from every direction. It's really all about who I am. This is I believe, the knowledge of the truth that Paul spoke of when he wrote, "They shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, always learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth." Today huge numbers of seekers are opening to the wisdom of the ages.

This knowledge sets us free from seeing the glass half empty. If I know from whence I came, then I know that I create my own reality. If I create it, I can also change it. To do this I only need know the truth. That which I know then does the rest. As truth slowly dawns upon my consciousness my attitude changes from negative to positive. This means that now I vibrate at a higher rate than before.

We are a human magnet that will attract in like manner things that vibrate at the same rate. The universal law of attraction works twenty-four seven. It will bring unto my life circumstances and things and people according to my rate of vibration.

If I see the glass half empty because my focus is on the negative, then I will attract more of the same into my life experience. I need a foundation to base my attitude on. That foundation needs to be the same truth that Jesus spoke of when he said we would know the truth and the truth would make us free. Faith must have a foundation for it to operate. There are many wonderful things for faith to rest on, but the ultimate foundation for my faith is the ever progressing revelation concerning who I am. Jesus Christ being the master that he was, no doubt imparted this revelation to a few who were ready to hear it. There is very little of it revealed in scripture because scripture was primarily written by men inspired yet still under law and it was written to and for the masses that are still under law.

Many of us came from a pretty negative influence and it's a challenge to overcome the programming we've taken in, but that's what the truth seekers life is all about. We are here to help each other to always see the glass half full. Very early this morning something happened that drained me. I got out of bed at 4:30 am took a shower, got dressed and drove to a quiet, private area and got serious with the Father. Some times it's almost as if things press us to where we get real with that which created us.

Perhaps that's why these things happen. We tend to drift from our center and in doing this we create the tribulation that brings us back. It shows me that for all that I know, I have not as yet seen enough, but that's ok because my Father is unlimited so that means I am too. So let's love one another and lend a helping hand to a fellow pilgrim whenever the opportunity presents itself, for it is an utter impossibility to help anyone without helping myself.

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