

CHAPTER 25

OVERCOMING OUR PROBLEM WITH AUTHORITY

Overview:

No one likes being told what to do and they often protest at any attempt of external control. The nature of human existence is to take credit for all good that happens in their life as if they were self-made. This supports the ego's belief the separation from God really occurred and "I" successfully defeated my Creator and usurped his power. On top of this is how by choosing the ego we give power to our thoughts as if they are real and true. These "thoughts" are really shadows of our past which act as filters to distort and delete the flow of the present through judgment. All these beliefs seek to deny one's Source and Creator and replace Him on our tiny egoic throne.

Induction

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I wonder, have you ever noticed how people don't like being told what to do? Have you an awareness of the reactions people have in their body language, tone of voice and facial expressions when it appears someone else is trying to control them? One can only wonder what the underlying thoughts are on these occasions and what internal dialogue goes on while an uncomfortable feeling of someone's authority over oneself or another is experienced. Do you think our resistance to outside control is at some deeper level fear or resentment from past mishandlings surfacing or possibly something deeper in regarding some need to feel separate, unique superior or special? Whatever the beliefs are that support these responses I think you would agree the feelings this can create are not peaceful ones that demonstrate trust and loving acceptance?