

Patrick's Ponderance:

Judge Nothing, Love Everyone

I recently found myself in the presence of a chap who was reciting passages from the Bible to mixed opinions of the folks who were present. Preferring to keep quiet on the subject my mind began to wander on the wisdom of the Bible. Now I don't follow any particular religion. Preferring instead to remain open to any idea that will shed light on my desire to discover the source of consciousness.

Later that evening, my thoughts were brought back to this sacred text as I tried to sum up the meaning of all the teachings of the one called Jesus. To my conclusion came the phrase I thought best to put it all in a nice little package. "Judge nothing, love everyone". The first half brings peace and the second half brings bliss. I smiled, but then I thought to myself, "Self, It seems to me that if we love everyone unconditionally there can't possibly be any way we would even have the capacity to judge!"

Wow! That's good I figured. Judgment and love cannot exist in the presents of one another. They are completely incompatible. Polar opposites if you will. If I'm judging someone that proves that I do not love them unconditionally. I would be saying that there is a part of them that I just can't love and accept.

On the other hand, if I love someone unconditionally that means I can't see anything in them I would feel the need to judge them for. I would see them as a perfectly imperfect divine aspect of the Creator. I would just allow them to be whoever and whatever they like. Having worked this out I could now condense the message of The Good Book as simply, "Love everyone".

Being a bit proud of my cleverness for a moment, the thought came in, "wait a second! Sure I may love everyone but what about all the other stuff I'm judging! Things like mosquitos, traffic, and stinky shoes! Not to mention hurricanes, tidal waves and the Plague! And I certainly don't want to judge sunny skies, the warm sea, and poodle kisses"! The fact is, to my thinking anyhow, that each and every experience is nothing more or less than a divine aspect of the Creator. A creator

that is discovering it's magnificence through us and with us. Folks, we are born of the Creators consciousness and so is everything else in the universe. The Creator is in reality, pure love. If it created everything else from itself then everything else is love. So now I believe The Bible can be summed up by one word, LOVE. Just LOVE.

Now I certainly know I'm human and I'm trying to get to unconditional love the best I can. I've had glimpses of it from time to time and I have to admit it's awesome! But I slip about a million times a day. I sometimes like to hear gossip or wish I could ram someone off the road and hey, who wouldn't want to send a Subaru spinning through a cornfield for not using a turn signal, but I'm working on it. More and more I do indeed find myself smiling at my own foolishness for judging and give people a break as much as I can muster and I hope you will too. So the next time you feel like bumper-butting the dummy in front of you I pray you'll think twice. That dummy may be me!

Love and Peace my friends, Patrick