

*Beyond strife, poverty, or pestilence.. ..rejecting Truth and its atoning virtue is -by far- the greatest tragedy in life
...and the absolute surest way to jeopardize the abiding Time & Conscience of one's Soul.*

"There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death."

Proverbs 14:12 / 16:25

--that bible text has haunted me my entire life!

"If it feels right.. DO IT!" ..rings true in society today. It's the mantra of America's dominant social norm, and may very well be the grand philosophy of all mankind. i.e.: **..the impulse of desire unchecked.**

So how do you know you lead a sanctified life in lieu of this lethal irony??? ..while considering that one's chosen directive in life might -unwittingly- be the substance of one's own inherent demise.

What *are* the true and never changing guide posts in life? Are there any at all? Does everything boil down to just a few savory sayings? i.e.: *"..throw your cards into the air and see where they land!"* -OR- *"..live and let live!!"* -OR- (proverbial) *"..do unto others as you would have them do unto you.."*

For me, as for most people, a well-versed adage is not enough. --Drugs certainly never helped!

Sex, music and sports can take you so far, but they cannot override life's *nagging* mortal legacy.

Money helps. But "good as gold" is only a slogan. --Man's love for 'stuff' is an *artificial* endowment.

Freedom, security and lasting integrity are hard to come by ..and even harder to maintain.

Politics?? ..is never worth it, unless you're **both** a statesman and a role model! (cultural distinctives)

Religion.. well.. **"..it seems the more religion prescribes, the less it remedies."** Is it only a placebo? i.e.: a pill of choice to evoke an aura of peace? ..a more serious opiate to numb the lingering vagueness of inevitability? -OR- an ethereal caste system of do's & don'ts?? *..such is the role of religiosity.*

And finally.. there's atheism: *the 'absence' theory:* **"..we come from nothing - we go to nothing.."**

i.e.: **"..there is no 'absolute' anything."** --No Ultimate Truth --No Extant Meaning --No Grand Purpose, Cause or Theme --No Enduring Hope --No Idyllic Peace --No Inherent Virtue --No Symbolic Composition --No Supernatural "Flavor" --No Soul --No Clear Moral Compass --No Spirit --No enhanced direction in life whatsoever --essentially-- "No Clue" --just temporary occupancy = apathy **..then.. It's lights out!**

What persists for atheism under an air of cynical empiricism?? ..indifference ? ? ? --not interested!!

I know all too well.. **"The will of man is a beast"**. We want what we want as our subjective will dictates. Our conscience somehow decides for itself, as if sensibly enough, it wars against falsehood. --**It doesn't!**

Duly stated: *The human conscience is (also) a gated receptacle of self-deception and vain sentiment.*

Conscience ordains **only** what one **believes to be** justifiable!! It -of itself- offers **no distinct** ..nor succinct.. universal code of conduct. **Human conscience does not maintain a common standard** ..or.. quite frankly, we would **all** be on the same page.. ..morally, mindfully and collectively --all the time!!

Of course.. True Love is the triumph of the ages! But shouldn't **LOVE** uphold a gracious guideline for Truth and its Perpetual Cause?? ..Yes.. Love can be labeled as a "Truth" in itself. But when all is said and done both human and/or divine love are **still** subject to the mind's committed use of imagery, self-projection and manipulation. ..But again.. What's more substantive than **Love** ?

Could **LOVE'S CORE BENEVOLENCE** be indicative of something *more* than what's consistently heartfelt?

Also.. **What indelible Resource authenticates TIME?** *..the human spirit?? ..Mother Nature? ..culture's communal "Deity" of choice?* ..or.. that which shows a greater, more enduring propensity for **Hope**?

Indeed, there **is** a bottom line to the best of what only man can provide. Still.. In all due respect to that contentious fact, I believe I have found **Hope's Fortress!** It stands strong! **..It Endures Time!!**

Essentially.. there has to be more to life & liberty than the *prickly* weave of love & money!

What **PROTOCOL** holds the key for accessing a harmonious future?? *Is it political correctness?*

..Good Will? ..or.. something more conducive to Life-Everlasting ? ?

Back to where we started.. *If "things"* of substance and hidden virtue are based solely upon one's conscience; on faith & family loyalty; on philanthropy or philosophy; on culture or political ideology; --or-- forged in self-indoctrination.. **..what will we cling to? ..when facing inconsolable hardship??**

Can **One Thing** endure through every mortal crisis and still maintain a lasting connection? **..YES!!**

Only the **AUTHORITY** of **"YHA-WHA"** (the breath of life) **provides a Beacon of Light in the night,**
--revealing The Shining Path of Hope Itself!