Excerpt from our Correspondents questions.

We had a person, relatively new to the material, who came from a Muslim background asking some really good questions. Here are a couple of them, and the answers we gave.

Q: What are the advantages in the afterlife (or the next life) for one person to apply the creational laws if there is no promise of heaven or other form of reward in the afterlife for doing good. In other words, what's in it for us, Humans? A: First of all, the afterlife is not a physical existence where we would enjoy the 'mortal' delights of 'reward' be it 72 virgins dancing around or whatever else the human being would like to imagine; the construct of 'reward in an afterlife' is purely a human religious one fabricated to keep us in line/obedient. We create our 'heaven' and our 'hell' in our current life through our actions and their consequences be they good or not. The purpose of life is to evolve our spirit forms and that happens as we grow, learn and evolve in a positive forward-moving direction throughout our lives; and ultimately, through our experiences in 'Earth school' so to speak. Our spiritforms distill the fine essences of what we've learned while being in physical existence, e.g. of truth, love, peace, etc. and build upon them from life to life. The more we grow positively and learn in this life then the further along we'll be in the next. If we do bad things in this life due to not approaching/ understanding/ making sense of circumstances in this life and consequently making bad decisions that further harm ourselves/ others, or stagnate us in our learning and non-gaining of understanding from our experiences and mistakes, then these types of circumstances (learning opportunities) will inevitably come up in our next life (prolong our suffering could be another way of looking at it) in order for us to be able to finally learn those lessons and to grow and move on. So, knowing these things would be enough of an impetus I would think, no?

Q: What are the consequences in the afterlife (or the next life) for one person to ignore or break the creational laws and recommendations? In other words, if there is no Hell or punishment, why would someone refrain (in relation to death, of course) Again, similar to the above answer. The consequences are that we are going to have to repeat the lessons (never in the exact manner of course), that we did not learn from in our previous life. Their 'hell' will be in the current lives they live as consequence of their current life actions.