



The Way of the Heart or Emotion - The Way of Beauty

Like the twelve immutable laws of the universe, the value of beauty does not stand on its own. Without Truth and Goodness, Beauty is merely a subjective, physical observation of the mundane. However, Beauty has a place in the Cosmogenetic Principle, or the dynamic of the universe that builds order. (Swimme, Barry, *The Universe Story*, 1992)

Beauty is the fundamental element in our quest for relative perfection, as a whole, not in multiplicity or individualism. Here we are speaking to the perfection of the wholeness of the holarchy that is the Divine Oneness. Although we are individuals, we are part of the collective whole.

On our quest in the ever-forward moving sense of progress, we are seeking to perfect the incomplete. We desire to make the connection between individualism and wholeness. This desire for connection is born out of the perception that we are somehow incomplete on an individual level. When we make the transcendence through heart and emotion, we find ourselves in the midst of beauty.

To further refine our conception of beauty, we seek out others who believe the same as we do. We connect with them on a spiritual level. When we participate in the rites and rituals of our beliefs with others, we draw down the Divine Oneness into our midst and experience the beauty of relative perfection.

Example:

Group Singing/Chanting: When an entire congregation of people sings together, or a circle chants together, there seems to be a shift in the energy that fills the sanctuary/circle. The many individual voices become one harmonious voice, drawing down the highest energy into the midst of the people, and a sense of transcendence occurs. When awash in this highest energy, there is sense of peace and wholeness, because of the relative perfection of the Divine Oneness.

Lao Tzu teaches that beauty is, indeed, in the eye of the beholder. What one views as beauty, another may see as ugly. Without the perception of ugliness there is no beauty.

The perception of beauty is recognized first through the arising emotions in our psyche. Thus, beauty is the way of the heart or emotion. The Way of Beauty requires the acknowledgement of pleasure and satisfaction. In other words, we must acknowledge that relative perfection has presented itself, and there is nothing more to be done to perfect it.



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When we experience this sense of perfection, it amplifies our creativity and sense of wonder. All possibilities have opened up to us, and our curiosity is stimulated. This is the importance of maintaining the connection to the Divine Oneness, where all answers are found. When we find ourselves in the midst of the Beauty of the Divine Oneness, and stillness fills our spiritual dimension of being, energy flows toward us filled with ideas and solutions to that which occupies the forefront of our conscious minds.

The personal experience of beauty ignites within us the ability to transcend to that something greater than ourselves. We connect to and view our material existence in a much different way. We see the perfection in all of creation, in the heavens and on the Earth. Through this perception and connection, we see the perfection within ourselves.

The transcendence to something greater than us, through the perception of beauty, is at the heart of spirituality.