LESSON 4: Personal Sovereignty

Prime Directive #1: Pre-eminence of the individual

Pre-eminence of the individual is rooted in sovereignty, the God given right to **spiritual** independence and self-governance. Personal sovereignty is not merely a static fact. It must also be able to interact with other levels and areas of sovereignty that life provides.

As was presented in the INTRODUCTION to these lessons, we know that there are three primary soul processors — the mind, the heart, and the Thought Adjuster (TA) — that affect the growth of the soul. All three are sovereign and work together in accordance with the free will prerogatives established by God the Father. This means that these three soul processors must function collectively according to the rules of split, or shared jurisdiction, which can be summarized as:

- Being subservient to the universal law of merit *,
- *w*ith every right comes a responsibility,
- and our individual rights end where another's rights begin.

> * The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines merit as: *spiritual credit held to be earned by performance of righteous acts and to ensure future benefits.*

The collective approach to sovereignty can be complex, and is in many ways beyond the scope of this lesson. For an in depth study of sovereignty we refer you to our Planetary Jurisdictions Curriculum. Of special interest is LESSON 4: Sovereignty & Delegation.

In order to keep this complex topic of sovereignty within the scope of this lesson, we will endeavor to explain it with a simple analogy that most people can relate to, and that will help illustrate the issues of a split jurisdiction, which is a situation that all moral people find themselves in, and must learn to navigate through experience, and wise decisions.

Analogy

The mind, the heart, and the TA can be thought of like the three branches of democratic government:

- the legislative branch (mind),
- the executive branch (heart) and,

- the judicial branch (the TA).

To build a healthy and weighty soul, all three must function together harmoniously, and communicate laterally, sending feedback for wisdom gathering. Yet for many, the executive branch (the heart) can often bypass the judicial branch (the TA) by executive order and make decisions that are not necessarily of survival value, and therefore not in harmony with the TA. The ability of a government to serve the highest good for its constituency is determined by the quality of the members of the legislative (the mind) and executive (heart) branches; the judicial branch only contains one member (the TA) and retains sovereign authority and is the gatekeeper for what passes through to the soul.

There is a two party system at work in the first two branches (the mind and heart) — those legislative members (human thoughts) that are more aligned with fear and those that are more aligned with human love (conditional love from the heart) and they constitute one side of this split jurisdiction | the TA operates exclusively on Divine Love (unconditional love) and constitutes the other side. There is constant debate among these partisan members which does not always serve the greater good of the soul, yet the debate is essential to the functioning of free will. The judicial branch (TA) has no authority over what the other two branches do, or what experiences they will entertain (free will prevents it), yet the TA will express its opinion in certain matters, which the executive (heart) and legislative (mind) branches can take under consideration or ignore completely.

The legislative branch (mind) searches out and brings life experiences through the senses and presents them to the executive branch (the heart) for a decision on whether it will pursue the current course of action or will choose another based on the wisdom of past events. If the majority of its members belong to the Fear Party, then it is more likely the decisions of the executive branch (heart) will be subservient to the ego and the experiences will be discordant and not likely to pass through the judiciary (TA). If it is more dominated by the Love Party, the decisions of the heart are more likely to fall in favor of love, mercy, and compassion and the experiences are more likely to pass through the judicial branch and on into the soul. The judiciary (TA) holds the experiences up to the Divine Light and compares them to the precedence set by the Father in accordance with the criteria of Truth, Beauty and Goodness (the constitution).

The operations of the three soul processors are more complex than this parity suggests, yet this simple analogy is meant to stimulate your own thoughts about how experiences are processed to provide soul growth.

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