

MONEY

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What a universal word “money” is! What a means of exchange, trade and what a hold it can have on each of us if we let it. But, you know, it wasn’t meant to be that way, this hold it can have or how we can let money control our lives to the point that without it, we may think we wouldn’t have “worth” or even survive.

God, the Infinite Intelligence, Great Spirit or what name you choose to call the dear, dear Creator of this Universe had the” idea” we call money, before we did. And I don’t suspect that the plan of planting the seed idea for balanced, appropriate exchanges among people included “greed”. Nor do I believe it was the Creator’s plan for us to feel any of the above mentioned in the first paragraph of this article either.

It has been said that “money is the root of all evil”. I don’t think money in and of itself is evil. I believe the idea for it originated with the Creator to help us in an appropriate way. However, I do believe that it is our choice as to how we handle money that makes things good or evil about it. Here is a simple example. A person can choose to take an amount of money and donate it for something good, buy something of necessity, of pleasure in a good way, or help a stranger or loved one. Or, the person can take an amount of money and buy/trade/exchange it for something bad. Was it the money itself doing that? Of course not, it was the person who made the choice.

What about people who don’t have much money, or seem to “barely make it” to survive? I’m sure that many of us at one time or another has had tough times when money was scarce, seemingly almost non-existent. Even now, there is fear that many seem to feel concerning having a lack of money for needs to be taken care of in daily existence. It is at those and these times I wonder if we weren’t and aren’t being given an opportunity to learn.

I believe the biggest lesson in times of lack is to keep learning and practicing to rely on the Creator for all needs and to believe, feel, trust, from the deep center of ourselves that God will come through and take of our needs. Of course, it is important to do our part in the process and recognize when we are taken care of and supplied with what we need.

Here’s an example. Let’s say you were shocked to find out you had no money—oops—nothing in the wallet or purse, and you just finished lunch at a restaurant and have to pay the bill. No cash, no credit card. How did that happen? And oh yes it can happen and did. Now what? You become anxious as you feel yourself start to sweat a bit, yet you’re trying not to show the “warning, warning” going off inside you regarding what would happen if you don’t pay the bill! You’re praying silently too, pretty quickly and pretty hard!

Suddenly someone sits down across from you in the booth. You’re very surprised. It’s an old friend you haven’t seen in a long while who recognized you and saw you wrestling with your wallet, coat pocket or purse. You’re happy to see this person. It has been so long, and you were also a bit shocked because you had been thinking of that same person just a while ago. You’re more happy now. You calm down and for the time you forget the problem. You both have a chat over a cup of coffee and your friend wants to order dessert. You’re a bit embarrassed when getting dessert is mentioned, but you tell this friend what happened. Your friend says “don’t worry”, and picks up your whole lunch tab including dessert! Coincidence? I don’t think so! Weren’t you praying?! And even if you weren’t, at that moment, the Creator saw it anyway! Supernatural help in the form of this experience and person came to you.

You see, we just have to continue to practice realizing and recognizing how the Creator supplies all our needs. For what purpose? So, we can then know and become totally trusting in the Creator’s ability to

supply all our needs. We may not always have everything we want at that moment. However, we can have everything we need .Then with continued practice, we truly can come to realize, recognize and also know we have nothing to fear. The Creator will supply!