

Do Intentions Matter?

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As with all things presented by me, this is *my truth* but does not have to be yours. Yes, that is a bit of a shocker to think that our intentions may not matter. Our whole societal way of doing things is based on *intentions*. When one has committed a crime and goes to trial, the judge and jury always consider the *intentions*. We will make allowances for “good intentions” – when the unpleasant and unpredictable happens. We usually become upset when we have done something with *good intentions* and it is not received as intended. The general idea is that we should be tolerant and understanding of others.

It is said that “the road to hell is paved with good intentions.” Actually, I think the use of the word *intentions* is a bit of a misnomer. *Intention* really is something different – at the inception of the co-creative process of consciousness itself. We have an *intention* (a thought propelled by emotion) about what we wish to create – a premise, a desire, an idea, “what we want.” What we are actually discussing here is *motives* – WHY we do what we do.

The ultimate WHY we do what we do is that we have created the scenarios we enact with each other here on Earth in order to *experience*; to discover and define who we are, both individually and collectively. We live in a virtual reality, an illusion, albeit it may seem very real. The ultimate answer to any “why” question is that on some level we chose it. The benefit of asking “why?” is in the process of self-definition it leads us to.

To live in a higher way/flow of energy, one must move beyond the dualistic definitions of right and wrong, good and evil. These definitions are all “in the eye of the beholder.” One person’s *right* will be someone else’s *wrong* always. That is the nature of the duality and karma in which humanity lives. Whatever one judges, by labeling right or wrong, good or bad, one must then experience BOTH sides; the good/right and the evil/wrong. This is also the basis of “what you resist, you will draw in.”

The universe/creation is actually quite precise in its laws. It does not matter what your *motives* are when you, on a personal basis, judge what is right and what is wrong/ good and what is bad. As soon as you judge/label it, you are creating a scenario whereby you will experience both what you have perceived as good/right and what you have perceived as bad/wrong (karma). And so – when you go to considering peoples’ motives/intentions, and “this was ok because he really didn’t mean any harm” or “it was an accident”, you are feeding the patterns of karma.

To operate from a place of love, beyond the energies of karma and duality, it is necessary to practice, cultivate, strive to live life on the premise of “***It does not matter what anyone else is doing, only how I respond, what I choose to be-do-have in this now moment.***” This is a choking point for many spiritually inclined humans, obviously – we have been used to doing it another way. We have been taught in our spiritual teachings, old and new, that we should strive to be loving and compassionate towards our fellow humans. Yes, this is the truth of what we are called to do. People become very confused on this point because they define *love* as something besides “*the absence of fear.*” They also omit *self* from the guidance to act in loving and compassionate ways.

“*Love one another*” does not mean one has to always be nice to one another, to placate one another or to compromise one’s own truth and integrity in favor of another. It is not understood how the “*I*” can be the only thing that matters. That sounds selfish and self-serving unless one looks closer. When you



go off into that area of the right and wrong of *what everyone else is doing* you are still playing the same old game. When there is a right and wrong, there is also guilt, blame, shame, and regret. To ascend into higher frequencies of consciousness, it is necessary to clear oneself of guilt, blame, shame and regret.

I live my life according to what *I feel*, because my higher intuition is fully operational, and according to what *I choose* in each now moment. This is also how our work with Metatron is conducted, as *One Mind*. This is the only way that works. The chaos of our world stems from everyone's unique definition of what is right/ wrong/good/evil. We will never all agree. Unity consciousness is not going to happen by "agreement." It will happen because everyone sees clearly and honors free will. The way of karma/duality is to have judges, lawyers, arbitrators, to examine motives and seek opinions, to try to determine a common standard of right and wrong. There will never be a real "common standard" upon which the majority agrees and which is truly fair and just. The ONLY way for humanity as a whole to evolve is for each of us to take full personal responsibility for self, and no one other than self, to live according to our own highest truth and integrity. We cannot control others; we cannot determine what is right and wrong for them. We can only **choose** for ourselves.

By choosing for ourselves, we honor ourselves and honor the space and free will of others. Choosing for self means choosing what we will or will not experience in our own space. It means loving and honoring ourselves enough to set boundaries; to say to people "It's ok for you to do that, your right of free will, but I do not choose to experience you doing that in my space". Contemplating peoples' **motives** confuses everything, leads to blame, shame, guilt, regret. It is so much simpler to dump all that and ask self "**what do I choose to be-do-have-experience in this now moment?**"

Children are a clear example. I learned to apply this premise of **I choose** with my daughters and their friends and boyfriends as my teachers. Children are great ones for running all over us, and we often tend to let them get away with it simply because they are our children. We love them.

A simple example: You are talking with some visiting friends in your living room. Junior starts misbehaving, interrupting the conversation, and playing with stuff he's not supposed to, making a mess, maybe spills your drink. Do you **choose** to allow Junior to do this? There could be a lot of "*reasons*" for Junior to be acting this way. Maybe he's tired, didn't have his nap. Maybe he had too much sugar. Maybe he's just feeling neglected because you are talking to the friends instead of paying attention to him. Maybe he watched a show on TV that got him going. Most parents will consider the **why** of this and perhaps change their manner of reacting accordingly.

"Oh, Junior didn't have his nap and that's really my fault so I shouldn't be so hard on him." Maybe you lightly reprimand him, and he keeps on doing what he's doing. The same case could be made for the sugar. Maybe you feel bad because you think you shouldn't be entertaining, but actually spending time with Junior. You placate him, perhaps offer him a bribe. Perhaps you might even ask your friends to leave because you feel guilty about neglecting him. Perhaps you are mentally reviewing your parenting manuals and trying to determine the "best" manner to handle Junior so that you don't end up emotionally scarring him for life. More than likely, Junior will do the same thing and more next time the friends will come over. The parents will look for more motives, more whys, more explanations, and the problem will not be resolved. Junior may end up driving you to the point of near-crazy, as you look for the whys of his behavior and try to determine the remedies.

What "**is**" in our example: you are entertaining friends and Junior is causing a disturbance. First of all, do you **choose** to have him creating a disturbance? Do you have the right of free will to **choose** to entertain friends in your own home with peace and tranquility prevailing? Certainly you do. Junior, also, is a being of free will and has the perfect right to **choose** how he is going to act at any given time. How do you resolve this conflict of wills?



If you are going to be successful at applying this premise, then you **MUST** acknowledge that Junior does have the right to do what he is doing. You must transcend judgment, the desire to make Junior either “wrong” or “right” in this instance and yourself as well. The living room is your space. You have a right and responsibility to set boundaries as to what you will experience in your living room, in your house. Junior is violating those boundaries. Doesn’t matter “why” he is doing this except that you may, in the future, wish to ensure he gets his nap or doesn’t eat so many cookies.

This is about “**what do you choose to do about it?**” How do you choose to enforce your own boundaries? Assuming that Junior has his own room, and that it is a space in which he CAN’T physically hurt himself, my solution would be to simply pick him up, or otherwise usher him into it, lock the door if necessary and leave him to throw a fit or however he wishes to express himself in light of his right of free will. Provided you have not judged him, made him *wrong* for his actions, you are honoring yourself and Junior as well. You have set a personal boundary and enforced it. Junior has learned something about the results of crossing boundaries, as well. Maybe he won’t be so quick to do it next time. No judgment involved, no right-wrong, no motives, no intentions involved – simply what ***is***

Most of us go through life by default, with the operative pre-programming. We don’t set boundaries on our personal space, because we do not love and respect ourselves enough to do so. We don’t get our conditions and agreements up front and out in the open. We have agendas which are not communicated about. We choose whether to enforce our boundaries or not based on peoples’ **motives**. Why did they do that to us? Should we excuse this or should we not? How should we respond, based on the other’s **motives**? If I do this will it be right? If I do that will it be wrong? When you base your own actions on motives, you are giving your power of choice away.

I have been working with this principle of ***I choose*** for quite a few years. I did not grasp and integrate at once, or particularly quickly. It does take persistent practice and application. The human programming and fears run deep. The concept of real **choice** is one that is largely foreign to humanity. Ultimately, it is about self-love/ self-respect which are also largely foreign to humanity. One needs to learn to love self enough to see that **I choose** is a right of free will, not a privilege or occasional treat bestowed from the beyond. **I choose** is our divinity in action. When we exercise the right to **choose** we take back our power. When we exercise the right to **choose** we open up the lines to our own higher guidance.

The principle of **I choose** is applicable to any area of life or any situation. We all, every human, has the right of free will. The person who commits the most despicable acts has the perfect right to do so, because this is a plane of free will. Those guys out there wearing the Dark T-Shirts have every right to do what they do, as well. This is a plane of free will – that means that anyone embodied or not, can do anything they want. The color of the T-Shirt does not matter. We have one thing that no one can ever take away from us as long as we are breathing and conscious. That thing is our “viewpoint.” We can choose to change our viewpoint about anything at any given time, in full free will.

Within our Earth societies we have certain common agreements about things. These are mostly called “laws” in which certain actions deemed to be “wrong” by the majority, are punishable in certain ways. Every person, as well, has the free will to either keep within, or to break those laws. There are consequences, also established for breaking those laws. These are common agreements that we have all entered into, as a part of the societies in which we live, rather than true dictates of what is right and what is wrong.

Suppose a burglar breaks into my house. It is late at night, he thinks I am asleep, but I am not. It is his free will to do so, although most of our cities have laws about that. Given that the burglar has free will, so do me. The burglar has crossed the boundaries of my physical space, my locked door. I must **choose** what I wish to do about it. The **motive** that the fellow has for breaking into my house does not matter.



It does not matter if he is trying to feed his starving family or whether he is a junkie looking for drug money. Now I have choices about what I will do about this fellow breaking into my house.

I may choose to hide in the closet, hope he doesn't find me, until he leaves, then call the police. I may choose to climb out the window and run to the neighbor's for help. I may choose to try and dial the police immediately and hope he doesn't catch me. I may take my shotgun out from under the bed and shoot him. If I don't have a shotgun, I may try to find something else to be used as a weapon and knock him over the head. I may choose to simply walk out and confront him, saying „What are you doing in my house? Get out right now!!!!”

There are various choices one could make in this situation, ranging from very fearful to very bold, all equally valid. It is very important in this situation for me to **choose** rather than blindly react in fear. My life may depend upon it, actually. There will be *one* choice among the many available that will be optimum for me, that will be in line with my soul path and what I have chosen to experience in this lifetime. It could be any one of them. That will be for me to decide. If I make the less than optimum choice, I will take a side trail on the path, have more to deal with than I might have otherwise, but I will eventually come back to my chosen path.

Commonly it is considered a *wrong* thing to break into someone's house, but there are those who can make it *right* within their own minds. I have known a few burglars and criminals who feel totally justified in doing what they do. Racial and religious prejudices are often used as justifications to commit crimes. The economic disparity of our world is justification for some to commit crimes as well – the Robin Hood motif. If that burglar breaks into your house, though, are you really going to stop and ask him why he did it? Is his explanation going to determine whether you invite him to sit down and have milk and cookies or not? He crossed your boundaries, violated your space. The immediate thing is to **choose** how you will respond.

In my world, it's possible that I would invite that burglar to sit down to milk and cookies. It wouldn't be for his explanation, his motives, though. I might do it because I do not fear/resist burglars. If I found one in my house, I would know that he was there for some specific reason. I would do it because ****I felt like choosing to do that.*** I trust my higher intuition that much. Most of you do not; therefore I would not suggest that you try that if someone breaks into your house.

Placing so much value on words, on motives, on explanations does not serve. Sometimes the words are beautiful, heart-rending, but the energy is as foul as a rotten fish. Sometimes the words are crude, not particularly expressive, but the energy behind them is beautiful. Only the ***feeling*** will tell the truth. The ***feeling*** never lies.

Loving self and honoring self requires setting boundaries and enforcing them. If one does not, one is effectively locked out of states of higher consciousness. One **MUST** love and honor self in order to love and honor others. One *cannot* love others unless one loves self enough to honor one's own truth and set boundaries. Once you love self, the “being loving and compassionate toward others” happens of its own accord. You are living in a higher flow. Simply, you do not have to think about what is right or wrong, responsible or not, appropriate or not. You can simply **BE** who you are live in love, based on ***I choose***. You know that what serves you will also serve the All, and that what serves the All will also serve you. There is no conflict of wills.

