

COURAGE

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Today there is need to speak about courage.

Courage is not what you think it is.

Courage is "being for" and is often mistaken for standing up being against.

This seeming courage of being against is nothing other than one form of rebellion in which personal will is effective. Courage is not rebellion or being against.

True courage is always being for life with the vision of the spirit being held high. Therefore, look in your life and find a situation where you took "courage" to be against something and try to find out what would have been the "courage for".

You will learn that the energy experienced and therefore also projected in one is very different from the other. Or take a common problem of today's world. A lot of people are against animal testing in research. There is a difference between protesting against this practice or being for the animals right to live a life respected by man. In protesting you give energy to the problem, helping to create more and more man-made laws and rules opposing the practice. But the heart of man will not have changed.

In the "courage for" you simply withdraw the energy from the problem and direct it to newness. No more attack, no more opposing force, yet will and energy are set free for exemplary living. In the "courage for" Love is at work, not rebellion.

"Courage for" should not be mistaken for avoidance or turning your back to a situation.

"Courage for" is an attitude and requires the full facing of reality, your reality and the world's reality, and maintaining the vision of Spirit at the same time.

In "courage for" it is inevitable that you die into the Spirit, for eventually you will become the vision by loyally maintaining it.

It is the end of all compromise and the end of all separate identity.

It is the end of you and it is the end of belonging anywhere other than to the Oneness of all life.

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