

144,000: 11 – Let God Wag Your Tail

As we follow our yearly 12-power approach, at times we move backward or forward from the primary power we are focusing upon for the month. Thus, in March, as we concentrate on love, we may be guided to return to our emphasis on strength.

On February 12, 2009, I dreamt that I was with my wise spiritual teacher. He picked up the end of a piece of rope and gently flicked his wrist to produce a wave that traveled to the other end of the rope. Then the rope morphed into the spine and tail of a dog. My teacher said that the Democrats, who now are the majority power in all three branches of USA government, are like the first two-thirds of the tail where its movement starts. The Republicans, now the minority power, are like the last one-third of the tail. My teacher showed me the alternatives that the Republicans face in dealing with the Democrats. Republicans can turn their portion of the tail to the right or left, or keep it pointing straight back, but all this would do is to partially disrupt the wagging of the whole tail, of which they are a part. Rather than compete against or oppose the Democrats, the Republicans would be wiser to go with the flow and to complement and supplement the wagging of the tail. If Republicans do this, when they return to majority power in the future, they will have earned the right to be treated in the same peaceful, loving, cooperative and coordinated way by the Democrats. What goes around, comes around.

As part of my interpretation, I realized that my teacher was not just talking about politics, but also about the way that we govern ourselves and others. As mortals, we are tempted to focus on conflict and competition in dealing with what we perceive to be a dog-eat-dog kind of world. Often, without being fully aware of it, we prefer one side of a coin and then in self-destructive fashion we fight against the other side of the coin (Cain killed his brother Abel), which only ends up harming the whole coin that we are.

Note, too, that politicians were compared to the tail of a dog. How appropriate is that! Throughout USA history, many political leaders have seen themselves as "the tail that wags the dog." Rather than serve in a government of the people, by the people and for the people (represented by the whole body of the dog), elected officials have promoted their own party or ideology or selfish interests. They have had things backwards.

The truth is that God-the-Good is the One Power that wags the whole dog or body politic. This God or I Am power anchors in and through the cerebrum, flows down the spine, and activates the muscles that move the tail. The tail serves as a balancing device to keep the dog steady when it walks, jumps and runs. (By the way, we humans have a rudimentary tail that is called the coccyx.) Watch a dog enthusiastically wag its tail and you can see that the wave starts at the head, moves down the body and sets the tail to wagging joyously.

For this week, how about we ask God to wag our tail rather than think and act as if we are the tail that is wagging God? How about we be God's best friend and companion, and act as the God-dog (spiritual-physical) being that we are, who loves our fellow man-party-other side of the coin? Therein lies the strength, stability, and steadfastness of the Middle Way, not to mention our balance and harmony. Let's wag out our message to all politicians around the world: Peace, love, cooperation and coordination. So be it.