

# The Spiritual Poverty of Conditional Existence

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In a surface-level, hollow, parasitic, narcissistic society, everything becomes conditional.

Connection is no longer rooted in presence, sovereign authenticity, or truth, but in usefulness, leverage, extraction, speculation, exploitation, and hollow, greedy profit.

Individuals are conditioned to accumulate status, wealth, influence, and power, while the inner landscape becomes a barren hollow, unwavering desert storm where authentic communion with self and others quietly and undeniably erodes, dissolving our inherent interconnectedness.

Relationships at all levels mirror this inner disconnection. They become transactional, strategic, hollow. Institutions, corporations, and business models are constructed not from integrity or service, but from unexamined, unresolved inner wounds, spiritual illiteracy, and an absence of self-honesty, and self-accountability for one's inner world. When self-regulation, self-awareness, and ethical and conscious self-responsibility are abandoned, exploitation is normalized and disguised as the pentacle of success in a deceptive and delusional society consumed by external projection of self-victimization, and obsession with polarization.

What we create and project into the world does not vanish into thin air; it remains within us, shaping our perception, character, humanness, intentions, choices, emotions, and decisions throughout our journeys.

What undermines, harms, manipulates, or diminishes others carries consequences beyond the physical and psychological; it echoes in the spiritual world. Thought, intention, emotion, and action are not separate domains; they are unified expressions of one's inner state.

Ignorance does not absolve self-accountability.

To remain unconscious of one's motives, to celebrate another's downfall, to benefit from harm while claiming innocence, this is not neutrality. It is spiritual ignorance. It is spiritual impoverishment chosen and maintained through avoidance, denial, and refusal to self-reflect and take self-accountability for one's choices in each moment.

In the cycles of our human experience, we are not responsible for the inner worlds of others.

We are responsible for our own.

A Map for the Remembering Soul. If you wish to turn inward, begin here:

Observe where your sense of worth depends on comparison, validation, dominance, or control. These are not truths; they are signals. Each attachment point to a place where the self was abandoned in exchange for survival, approval, acceptance, or belonging.

Next, trace your reactions rather than your narratives.

Where there is compulsion, addiction, obsession, or defensiveness, there is unintegrated energy asking for presence, not judgment. The ego does not dissolve through force, but through sustained honesty, integrity, and the courage to stay with discomfort without outsourcing responsibility.

Finally, ask yourself this without seeking an answer:

**Who am I when I am not proving, protecting, acquiring, performing, or resisting?**

Do not rush to respond. Sit in the silence beneath the question. What remains there, quiet, unadorned, and unmoving, is not broken. It has simply been waiting to be remembered.