

*Where am I going? Is this my philosophy?*

The constant search for the "meaning of life" or "a place in it", oh, what a struggle it is. There are many pitfalls and roadblocks mainly filled with nay sayers eager to derail your efforts in order to make themselves feel superior. The "holier than thou's" are, to me, the absolute worst. They have done practically nothing in their lives, and yet feel they have the right to sit in judgment of others and proclaim "I told you so!" or "You have learned a valuable lesson." They have not got the faintest idea about themselves, let alone others, and their mouths are in control as their brain is shunted to the background. This is how they cope with the lack of knowledge and experience, and how they validate themselves with others. It is more sad than infuriating; all one can do is pity them for if you try to teach, educate, or expand their experience it will all come to naught as they already "know it all" and your voyage may get hung up on the rocks, stalled, as you try to shed enlightenment to them. Hard as it may seem, as you may indeed love them, you must leave them be, accept who they are, and proceed with your own destiny. This can make your trip at times very lonely.

It is difficult to learn about yourself in the company of others. On the other hand, the company of others is necessary in order to judge your thoughts and experiences with other of your thoughts and experiences. Do not judge yourself by what others have done and thought, that is their experience not yours. You can only justifiably judge your own thoughts and experiences against themselves. That is how you can determine if you have learned, experienced - so to speak, and can then move on. There is great danger in comparing yourself to others as that can lead to becoming satisfied with their thoughts and experiences with out ever nearing your own level, or potential.