

"Is The Universe Friendly?"

(attributed to Albert Einstein)

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The Pathwork Lectures invite us to embrace the benign nature of the Cosmos. In the face of so much apparent tragedy, can the Cosmos truly be benign – that is, intending our joy and happiness? The Plan of Salvation is presented in the Pathwork Lectures as a key example of the benign nature of the Cosmos in that the Plan brings all of creation who participated in the Fall, including us, since we are here on planet Earth, back to Union with God where we experience bliss supreme. But the avenue can be painful and long lasting due to our free will by which we are free to, and often do, make choices not in our own best interest. From realizing the pain our bad choices bring to our life and the lives of others, over time we learn principles of cause and effect and, of our own free will, with help, if we ask for help, see that we can make positive choices rather than negative choices and thereby bring joy and fulfillment to our lives. In this sense, the Universe is truly friendly beyond our imagination!

The passage below is an interesting comment on this matter.

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According to legend, Albert Einstein pondered the relationship between mankind and the universe. He allegedly said something like this: *"I think the most important question facing humanity is, 'Is this universe a friendly place?' 'For if we believe that the universe is an unfriendly place, then we will use our technology, our scientific discoveries and our natural resources to create bigger walls to keep out the unfriendliness and bigger weapons to destroy all that which is unfriendly' 'But if we decide that the universe is a friendly place, then we will use our technology, our scientific discoveries and our natural resources to create tools and models for understanding the universe. Power and safety will come through understanding its workings and its motives."* We do not know the exact words that Einstein used, or even if he actually said these things. There is wisdom in the words. And it is comforting to think that a man with Einstein's insight might have been the originator of the idea.