

Tithing of the Mind

Contributing new and useful information to the Tree of Knowledge. Intellectual Tithing is giving freely to the Tree of Knowledge. Giving back to the public domain. Almost everything we know today came from other people who are either living today or knowledge that was handed down. The reason you can read my words here is because we are using a public domain language that allows us to communicate thoughts and ideas. The Tree of Knowledge is the glue that hold society together and allows us to communicate and share new ideas.

But - as we receive so shall we give back. Because our ideas are based almost entirely on the ideas of others, we give back to the tree so that we can contribute to that for which we draw from. Our very thoughts - our awareness - our soul - is made of the thoughts of others. When we think we are thinking in a language that was invented by other people. The words we hear in our mind and the meaning of those words were invented by other people. And when we give back to the Tree of Knowledge through Intellectual Tithing - then who we are and what we have to contribute is passed back into the collective mind and we achieve a level of immortality. Every time we think of the work "wheel" or drive a car with wheels on it - the person who invented the wheel lives on. If we have something to contribute then we will live on too. People like Einstein, Newton, Tesla, and Darwin are all preserved in part in the Tree of Knowledge and are part of who we are today. If we give back then who we are lives on. We pass on ourselves biologically through having children. but we pass on our soul through Intellectual Tithing.

An example of Intellectual Tithing is putting up a free web site that contains information useful to other people. Writing software that other people can use freely is Intellectual Tithing. The Linux penguin symbolically represents Intellectual Tithing because it is an operating system that is an intellectual contribution freely available to humanity that has significantly enhanced our ability to explore reality.