

## JUDGE NOT

There are people who think and speak of others as being “good” or “evil.” Many commit this error of passing judgment without realizing what they are doing. Humans cannot know the good or evil, right or wrong in others. This wisdom belongs to the domain of God, who alone is able to judge. It is conceit that causes one to assume the right to pass judgment upon others.

Some members condemn and criticize others because they do not have true faith in God. With all seriousness they speak of other members as having wrong spiritual attitudes or of other Johrei Centers needing to be reformed. If there really is any evil among our members, God will judge it so there is no need for human concern. If there are some people who cannot believe this, it means they believe in human power more than in God's. Such individuals are victims of ego and misconception. We must always keep in mind that the Supreme God presides over all, and will provide sterner and sterner warnings to those who have deviated from the right path so they may awaken to their mistakes and change.

One of the wisest things any of us can do is to hold strictly to the injunction, “Judge not lest you be judged,” and to always be watchful of our own thoughts and deeds so that we do not make mistakes. We will have true understanding of God when we can lead God-centered lives in this way.