

Dear Writer,

You have asked:

As much as I believe I want peace in my life, how do I know if (the intention is) true or not?

You have indicated an attempt to surrender *trying* to control things in your life. What if you went a step beyond that and surrendered *wanting* to control things in your life? If the *want* is still present, how can the will disobey? See, you may want to stop controlling things, but that is just a new *want*. Surrender means *surrender*.

As far as knowing if your wish for peace is true or false, what does it matter? If it is false, it will be that way until it is true. You can only intend to know Truth at all cost, and if you cannot do that, you can *intend* to intend to know Truth at all cost!

Assume wholeheartedly that your wish is false and be perfectly okay with that. The worst possible scenario would then be that your wish is false and you have truly realized it—at which time it can truly transform to true intention.

Our greatest challenge early on the road is thinking we should be further, wiser and happier than we are. What a barrier to Truth! What can happen under those circumstances? Nothing—only more foolishness, simply of a new kind!

You have also asked:

Does this mean I am not ready because I cannot control that?

No, the reason you are not ready, or awake at any given moment is precisely because you want control, or more accurately the Ego wants control. Find great joy in seeing this. Find joy in knowing anything you currently do not know, particularly about you and Ego. Do not let judgment of what you find deter you from exploring every nook.

You cannot “will” away thought, you can only let go of the wish to stop it or change it, and then you will have a feeling of complete control- a special kind that you are not likely familiar with.

These are good questions—questions for all to ask.