



#19 *The 5 Rules of Living*



A traveling rooster claimed he could teach the most important life lessons a new-hatched chick should know. He declared that he could tell them how to make the adjustment from heaven to earth! And he brazenly boasted that he was the owner of THE 5 RULES OF LIVING! "It's quite simple," he would say, "I'll just explain how in heaven everything was together; but here on earth everything appears separate." Here are his rules. See what you think ...

1. Do not touch other chicks' stuff or person. It's not yours. You are separate. (Yet, somehow ... try to act as if you are not separate.)

2. If stuff is not yet claimed, grab it before someone else does. For example, if there's some food on the ground and someone else grabs it, your body will go hungry. You see, the food will go in their body. You are not one with their body. You're separate. So quickly grab it for yourself. (Yet, somehow ... try to learn to leave some for someone else.)

3. *Watch out for mine-not-yours-certificates. They come in round, metal coins and rectangular paper. Grab them, too. If you do not, your body won't be allowed to buy stuff; but the other bodies will. (Yet, somehow ... try to leave some of these, too.)*

4. *You will be told repeatedly to share. This means willingly not keeping stuff for your body so that it goes to some other body. This mostly works while adults are watching. This usually does not work out in the yard, in private, or pretty much anywhere else. (Yet, somehow...try to learn this, anyway.)*

5. *Try to find how to undo physical separateness. It is called oneness. Your chances are slim because most chickens do not even believe it is possible. It happens to approximately 1 in a million chickens, 1 in a million times. Good luck. (Yet, somehow ... if you can achieve oneness against all of these odds and against all of the above difficulties down here on earth, it may be the most important thing you do in your life!)"*

*SEPARATENESS IS A SUBTLE DECEPTION
OF LIFE ON EARTH*