

Towards a Cross-Cultural Spirituality

Rev. 5



by Steve Beckow
Editor-in-Chief
Golden Age of Gaia

Vancouver: Golden Age of Gaia, 2021

Copyright declined. Copy freely.

Table of Contents

Preface	7
⌘ A Cross-Cultural Spirituality ⌘	10
New Age Spiritual Philosophy	11
Giving Voice to a New Age Philosophy	15
What Are We About Here?	18
A Cross-Cultural View of Spirituality	23
What Questions Would a Cross-Cultural Spirituality Answer?	29
The Basis of My Interest in Cross-Cultural Spirituality	32
What Led Me to Cross-Cultural Spirituality?	35
Connecting the Spiritual Dots	38
A Cross-Cultural, Multidimensional Spirituality: An Expansion in the Meaning of Humanness?	44
Spirituality 101	47
Archangel Michael on Basic Truths of Spiritual Evolution	54
An Introduction to the Perennial Philosophy	63
The Perennial Philosophy	72
The Ancient Wisdom or Perennial Philosophy - Part 1	77
Towards a New, Integrated Spirituality	81
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 1/7	85
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 2/7	87
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 3/7	90
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 4/7	94
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 5/7	98
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 6/7	102
An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 7/7	107
⌘ The Purpose of Life ⌘	109
The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue	110
What is the Purpose of Life?	115

Knowing Who I am is the Purpose of Life	118
What is the Purpose of Life for God?	121
Source Knowing Source, Me Knowing Me	125
The Common Enterprise of All Life	131
It All Works Out in the Final Reel	134
From God We Came; To God We Return	137
From God to God	139
That Which Can Never Be Forgotten	142
⌘ The Basic Spiritual Movement ⌘	147
The Basic Spiritual Movement 1	148
The Basic Spiritual Movement 2	152
Back to the Basics: Emergence and Balance	156
We Don't Need More Civics. We Need More Basics	161
Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 1	164
Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 2	168
Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 3	172
Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 4	176
⌘ On the Biblical Code ⌘	181
The Biblical Code	182
Cracking the Code	194
A Divine Syntax	198
A Rosetta Stone of Religion	203
⌘ On the Divine Plan ⌘	208
Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life	209
All of Life Follows a Divine Plan – Part 1/2	218
All of Life Follows a Divine Plan – Part 2/2	224
The Unfoldment of the Divine Mother's Plan – Part 1/3	229
The Unfoldment of the Divine Mother's Plan – Part 2/3	234
The Unfoldment of the Divine Mother's Plan – Part 3/3	241
Evidence of the Divine Plan is All Around Us, 2012	247
Mother/Father God's Plan of Enlightenment	255
What is Our Soul Design?	258

NESARA = The Divine Plan	265
⌘ On the Trinity ⌘	270
Christianity and Hinduism are One	271
A Note to Hindu Readers on "the Christ"	276
God by Any Other Name	281
The Ghost in the Machine	288
The One Became Two and the Two Became Three	292
On the Divine Mother at Navaratri – Part 1/2	297
On the Divine Mother at Navaratri – Part 2/2	302
The Divine Mother is not a God among Gods	306
On Mother/Father One	310
What Differentiates Father from Mother? The Mother Answers	313
The Divine Mother is All We Can Know	318
The Law-Giving Mother and Her Lawful Universe	324
What is the Pattern of the Mother?	337
Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 1/2	343
Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 2/2	347
⌘ On the Company of Heaven ⌘	353
Who are the Seraphim?	354
Who is the Company of Heaven? – Part 1/2	361
Who is the Company of Heaven? – Part 2/2	366
⌘ On the Levels of Enlightenment ⌘	370
Enlightenment in Context	371
The Angels Bestow Enlightenment	374
The Role of the Mother and Celestials in Our Enlightenment	378
The Delight Never Ends	383
The Ridgepole Broken, Bereft of Body Consciousness	387
Which "Transcendental" are We Referring to?	392
Right Back Out Again!	396
Up Jacob's Ladder of Consciousness	401
The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 1/5	403

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 2/5	406
The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 3/5	410
The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 4/5	414
The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 5/5	417
⌘ Cross-Cultural Articles ⌘	422
Was Akhenaten a Worshipper of the Sun? Surely Not	423
Higher Realms have “Rulers” but No Fixed Boundaries	432
Did the Buddha Believe in God?	436
Both Sides of the Veil and All the Dimensions	440
An Ethnography of Ascension	443
⌘ Creating a Global Conversation ⌘	447
Clarity, Purity, and Love: The Basic Spiritual Movement Restated	448
Religious Reunification	453
What is a Global Spirituality?	460
Let Us Have a Global Conversation	462
Having a Global Conversation	465
Creating the Context of a Global Culture, 2018	468
Globally, Universally	471
⌘ Epistemology⌘	474
Points of Awareness in a Sea of Love	475
Defeated, Decisively	478
Exoanthropology is Too Big for a Shoebox	481
Exit Homo Sapiens; Enter Homo Universalis	484
A Tightrope Between Accuracy and Comprehensibility	489
Is the Heart the Seat of the Soul?	494
New Way of Thinking of the Heart	498
Seeing Life as a Learning Experience	500
Spirituality and Growth	503
What Makes Our Work Different from That of the Classical Sages?	505

⌘ Biographical ⌘	511
My Journey	512
I Feel Fully Self-Expressed	518
Getting Out of My Own Way	522
Hands on the Dials of Enlightenment	525
⌘ Appendix ⌘	531
On the Nature of the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit	532

Preface



Shortest publishing run...

This has been a labor of love ... and now it's done.

It's been my most profound wish to demonstrate to the world that there's no basis for the religious wars we've been fighting. All sides are fighting in different names of the same One God.

As the young soldier cried in *Waterloo*: "Why are we killing each other? Why?"

Knowledge is power, they say, and so here is knowledge of the nature of Reality. Here is knowledge of the One God we all kill each other fighting for.

Fighting or not, we all of us are embarked on the same journey - From God to God, from ignorance to Self-Knowledge, from hardship to ecstasy.

The nearer we get to our destination the better we feel. That can't be said for the outcome of war.

Our religions, though they started out sincerely, have fallen under the control of cabals and elites who've used them as means of control.

Some religions claim that they're the only road to salvation. Others claim that those who don't worship their God, or don't get baptized, or don't confess the founder of their faith are damned.

It's said that the same cabal or elite that rule this planet used the strategy of divide and conquer and nowhere did it work better than with religion.

Soon we'll be seeing many religious leaders tried for crimes like pedophilia and satanic sacrifices. Already buildings like the Vatican have been shut down.

Our views of spirituality stand to change mightily in the years ahead. Teachers from higher dimensions will begin to correct some of the fabrications and manipulations that have passed for religious doctrine and practices.

A cross-cultural spirituality may have a short life span before becoming multidimensional and omniversal. This book may have the shortest run in publishing history.

Finding common ground....

These essays are part of building Nova Earth; specifically, Nova Spirituality. As a collection, they set out the situation as things stand. It's like a knowledge baseline from a terrestrial standpoint.

I anticipate then that galactic masters, angelics, and other higher-dimensional beings will give us an overview of which this will form, if I'm lucky, one puzzle piece.

The common ground we found over the ages has often been called the perennial philosophy, the ancient wisdom, theosophy, anthroposophy, and so on.

The essays that follow are an attempt to restate it.

I hope to show how different words are used to point to the same three levels of reality, which levels can be found in most if not all religions. The essays show how knowledge of each of these three levels is the business of life for every person ever born.

Another way of saying that is that these essays look at the purpose of life and the Divine Plan to accomplish it.

There never was a time in our history more promising for world peace and spiritual advance. It's my great pleasure and privilege to have been given the opportunity to participate in it, however little or much I can.

I wish to thank the editorial and management staff of the *Golden Age of Gaia* for working to produce such a wonderful base from which to reach so many people. Thank you to all of you - Suzanne Maresca, Karen Hoffman, Sitara Williamson, Kathleen Mary Willis, and Catherine Viel - as we push the frontiers of knowledge as far forward as we, from our limited perspective, possibly can.

⌘ A Cross-Cultural Spirituality ⌘

New Age Spiritual Philosophy

March 27, 2013

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/03/27/new-age-spiritual-philosophy/>



I much enjoy New Age spiritual philosophy. It's infused with the wisdom of the galactics, ascended masters and celestials. I like the variety of the sources it draws on, the relaxed pace of it, and the manner in which it can embrace at least a few of the really new developments in the world.

How many schools of inquiry have embraced these genuinely new developments today? The existence of angels and extraterrestrials? The existence of other dimensions, other universes? The Divine Plan?

Because the adherents of New Age spiritual philosophy know we're headed away from a dualistic worldview and toward a unitive world that works for everyone, it tends to be a cooperative inquiry.

It may disagree on the credibility of some sources, but there's far more unity and harmony among its practitioners than in many other similar groups.

It recognizes that we're all one and that the new paradigm is the divine qualities. It sees life as a creation and attempts to know the Divine Plan and the design of life revealed in human affairs. It recognizes the sharing and collaboration that occur on all the higher dimensions and seeks to be a part of it.



It's a cross-cultural perspective *par excellence*. It not only draws on and synthesizes all terrestrial spiritual traditions but it draws on the wisdom of off-planet and other-dimensional spiritual philosophies in doing that.



We've entered a New Age. We're looking at Nova Earth on the horizon. We're just an inch inside the door. Things still look mostly the same but we do feel different.

We're being bombarded with uplifting and expanding energies and we're simmering in love and bliss. We're moving out in all directions, pushing a barrier here, dropping a mask there.

New Age spiritual philosophy inquires into knowledge that for the most part has been covered up or unknown. New Age philosophers find themselves always one step into a strange and unknown land, the frontier of which keeps receding in front of them.

The truth is unknown. The way to get to an understanding of it is unknown. And so New Age philosophers find themselves often on the track of the speculative and the incomprehensible. They've learned to let go of the old and embrace the new, without needing to have all the answers.

New Age philosophy is a mixture of the growth movement, Eastern and Western religions, a tolerant and eclectic spirituality, and guidance from celestials and galactics.

It recognizes that life is a process of spiritual evolution and its certain knowledge stops right about there. All else that unfolds in the course of its inquiry is often hard to put into words because of its newness and higher-dimensional character.

I guess if race-car fans love speed, New Age philosophers love newness, novelty, the unknown, the newly-discovered. We're explorers. We want to know what's around the next bend.



This type of philosophy grounds itself in credibility assessment. It weighs and estimates the reliability of its sources. But once assured that a source is credible, it listens to what its sources have to say as intently as any scientific or social-scientific philosopher. It accepts the words of a reliable galactic or celestial source where no other disciplines would.

Its body of evidence lies either largely or importantly outside the boundaries of the old paradigm of empirical materialism (the belief that only what we can see, hear, taste, and touch is real). It's not recognized at universities, which predominantly remain within the old paradigm, and that may well have saved it to this point. Truth has suffered in many universities that have bent the knee to an inadequate materialistic paradigm of truth and to the Illuminati.

It sees Truth as the pinnacle of life and Love as the ultimate Reality. And it seeks certain knowledge of the Truth and intimate knowledge of Love through direct experience.



Who's to say how matters should unfold? Matters will unfold as they do. Folks will do what they want. But there's a drift to things.

Archangel Michael said there was not to be one event that transforms consciousness in the next while, but a series, train or "turn" of events. Well, same here. In all of human affairs, there exists a drift to things. What Jesus called the signs of the times reveal that drift.

The drift of New Age spiritual philosophy is toward the inclusive, the divine consciousness, the light-filled and loving, no matter what public opinion says, no matter what "common sense" says.

New Age thinkers repeatedly ask the question, "What if?" and try on what arises in answer to it. Because we do, we're often the ones who encounter the novel phenomenon first. As a result, we make more mistakes than many. And we're maligned at times as all explorers are.

But New Age spiritual philosophy has a promising future, as do so many endeavors in the Golden Age ahead.

I've heard the term "Big History" applied to the history of the universe. I'd put a hold on that term for a year because I think our idea of "big" is about to explode.

It's going to shoot off in every direction. This is not the time for defining things or pinning them down, but for releasing into them. And New Age philosophy may be our vehicle for releasing the old in spirituality and embracing the new.

Giving Voice to a New Age Philosophy

October 17, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/10/17/giving-voice-to-a-new-age-philosophy/>



Scandals are erupting around us, as St. Germain and the Federation of Light have warned us of. (1)

And here I am, my brain is on lockdown and my stillness is rising.

This has all been affected by my acknowledging that what I want to be doing is to contribute to a cross-cultural, multidimensional New Age philosophy.

To acknowledge that to myself was like putting a key in a lock and opening a door. Yes, that was it. Eureka! I found it. The outside world disappeared for me at that moment.

Everything I've been doing - history, sociology, anthropology, spirituality, travel to India, afterlife research, refugee law - all of it contributes to this work of giving voice to a New Age philosophy.

Taking on this task has been out in front of me since two dissertations were turned down for not staying within the prevailing paradigm.

I have no interest in the prevailing paradigm (empirical materialism). What all paradigms approximate and point to is the truth. I'm only interested in that.

The truth will set me free from the cords of lower dimensionality. But the truth will also reveal to me that which alone is Real, the One. (2) Knowing That is the purpose of life. (3)



The word *philosophy* has a mystical meaning. *Philos Sophia*. The love of Sophia. And who is Sophia? Sophia in Greek = Wisdom in English. In the Bible, Solomon calls the Holy Spirit "Wisdom," whose possession is more precious than rubies. (4)

The Holy Spirit is one of the names of the Divine Mother. Others are Shakti, Kali, Durga, Mary, (5) Maré (the Ocean of Love), the Word, Aum, the Voice of One crying in the wilderness, the Sound of many waters, etc.

New Age *philosophy* is for me the study of the Mother's world (*mater*, matter) and her Plan.

I serve the Divine Mother, the only face of God I'll ever know or talk to. (6) I do it by seeing and describing what I know of her world, a world much more mysterious than is dreamt of in our philosophies. (7)

Footnotes

(1) "MUST READ: Saint Germain ~ The Beginning of the Next Phase," October 14, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/10/14/must-read-saint-germain-the-beginning-of-the-next-phase/> and The Federation of Light via Blossom Goodchild, Oct. 11, 2020, October 11, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/10/11/the-federation-of-light-via-blossom-goodchild-oct-11-2020/>.

For an interesting comparison, see St., Germain's predictions in 2002: "St. Germaine: These are the Signs of Armageddon," October 14, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/10/14/314219/>

(2) I know whether I've spoken the truth or not, based on whether I feel released from the upset of the moment. I imagine the same applies to the senior levels of enlightenment, the truth of which will still set us free.

(3) See "What is the Purpose of Life?" February 24, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/02/24/306794/>

(4) She is more precious than rubies: and all things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. (Proverbs 3:15.)

Her wealth ... is an unfailing treasure for men. ("The Wisdom of Solomon" in APO, 190.)

I wisdom dwell with prudence...

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I have understanding; I have strength. ...

Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. ...

I ... cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. (Proverbs 8:12, 14, 18 +21.)

(5) The Mother incarnated as Mary, Mother of Jesus:

"I am known by many names, and that is appropriate. And I am thought of in many forms — as Mary, as Shakti, as Maré, which is very close because it is the word of ocean in your world and language. It represents the movement and the giver of life, the creator of life, of love, of form, of substance, of essence." ("Universal Mother Mary: You Are Moving Ahead Rapidly with Ascension," September 25, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/09/25/universal-mother-mary-you-are-moving-ahead-rapidly-with-ascension/>.)

(6) To be in the presence of the Unknowable, "I" would disappear.

(7) Hamlet (1.5.167-8)

What Are We About Here?

December 28, 2017

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/12/28/what-are-we-about-here-2/>



A reader says:

“I find what you say about the end of times very intriguing. I am a Christian and I also believe that we should be watchful for things unseen that are coming our way.

“However I guess we would disagree on the nature of the end of ages. While I am naturally open minded, in the course of time I came to believe that there is only one God. This God revealed himself in the Bible as well as in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

“This same God has stated that we will not be able to discern the time when the world will end, but that in the end of days there will be an overflow of persuasive but deceptive teachings that will confuse us and hide the truth from us.

“Anyway, I just want to be real honest with you, I am skeptical of your views. However I would really like to know why it is that you are absolutely convinced of the 2012 scenario. Seems to be based on a patchwork of bits and pieces of different, often contradictory religions.”

Thank you for writing.

I agree with you. There's only one God. That God exists as everything that is. He, She or It (God has no gender) is manifest and unmanifest, was, is, and always will be the All in all, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent.



Existing beyond the universe, is it hard to conceive that this same God is worshiped by Christians and Hindus and Muslims and Jews, to name but a few of God's worshipers?

I think that when Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life," the "I" that he was referring to was the "Self," not Jesus the historical person or even Jesus the spirit. (1) This Self is a fragment of the All-Self, the Universal Self that God is. Christians call it the "Christ." Hindus call it the "Atman." What difference lies in a name?

This Self, Christ or Atman is the **truth**. And knowing that Self is the **way** to God, Knowing God brings an end to needing to be reborn and so knowing God through knowing the Self brings eternal **life** in the sense of not needing to be reborn and die again.

The Hindus also have a Trinity and it turns out, in my opinion, to be the same Trinity that Christians worship. People on this site have heard me talk about this

before so I'll simply refer you to those articles. (2) It turns out to be the same because the Trinity is real; it exists; it is eternal.



If yours is the apocalyptic vision of the end of time, yes, we disagree. But then we would also disagree that this is the *end* of time. Time will end in a manner of speaking. And this *is* the end of a cycle. But it is also the beginning of another cycle. We won't disappear nor will experience be discontinuous. Life will continue and we along with it.

I belong to a community of spiritual seekers who augment their knowledge of and love for Jesus and other spiritual masters with a consideration of other sources of information. We listen to angels and archangels as well as ascended masters, members of the White Brotherhood. The latter are known to students of mysticism but not to others generally.

We listen to galactic teachers who surround this planet but don't interfere with our free will until a certain period is reached in these end times. Then, we think, they'll help us to complete this cycle successfully and without blowing each other apart.

We listen to contemporary enlightened teachers, intuitives, spiritual scholars, indigenous leaders, all of whom also share a certain body of knowledge about these end times.

That body of knowledge tells us that, at the end of a cosmic cycle such as we're approaching in this period leading up to winter solstice, 2012, a period of human history is drawing to a close and a new cycle beginning. The very events that Jesus

and his disciples described in certain passages of the Bible are indeed occurring for us in this end-of-cycle time while others are not.



From all our sources, we hear commonly that this end of cycle will see a return of the saints and sages, who've summoned the galactics to assist them, and a cleansing of the population through the reception of light from cosmic sources, followed by a planetary transformation, which all of us on this site are working towards and for.

There are no idle people here, no fanciful followers of low spiritual practices, no “dreamers” or simple-minded folk. We have carefully weighed the messages that we follow. We don't hold that revelation ended with the transition of Jesus to the heavenly planes. We follow his further messages from the spirit planes and those of others as well,

I don't see what we study as bits and pieces. I think of it more as cross-cultural spirituality. The various religions and scriptures that we study are not contradictory. Far from it. They reinforce each other.



Some of us have found the common language of religions, sometimes called the Perennial Philosophy or Ancient Wisdom. We're familiar with the code the Bible was written in. We can match the Bible's wisdom to that of other spiritual traditions and we look upon that as a good thing.

So you're welcome to browse our materials. There's no requirement that you accept them. Time will tell and we're content to let events unfold. We'll see whether we're accurate in our point of view or not and we're as eager to see the outcome as you.

Thank you for dropping by. Feel free to come again. Please don't leave thinking we do not respect and love Jesus because we do. And we also think that we're doing his work, just as you are on your site.

Footnotes

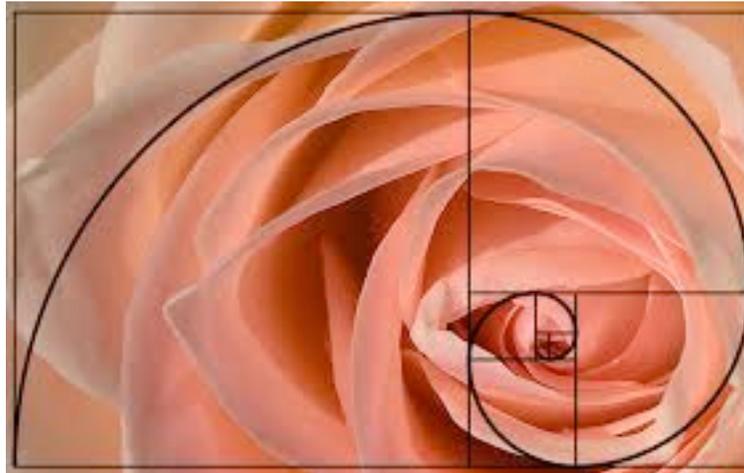
(1) See "What Might Jesus Have Meant by Saying 'I am the Truth, the Way, and the Life?'" at <http://tinyurl.com/38otvqy>.

(2) See "Christianity and Hinduism and are One" at <http://tinyurl.com/39asfh8> ; "The Biblical Code," at <http://tinyurl.com/2vsqmmn> ; and "A Divine Syntax" at <http://tinyurl.com/2e4jcng> . If you're still interested after that, see The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment starting at "Chapter 2. The Divine Plan" at <http://tinyurl.com/28evmkp> .

A Cross-Cultural View of Spirituality

Dec. 23, 2014

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/23/a-cross-cultural-view-of-spirituality/>



Life was designed

Yesterday we looked at beliefs and philosophies that held us captive to lower densities. (1)

Today I'd like to look at another philosophy of life and reality that doesn't arise from the same premises or lead to the same conclusions, doesn't bind us to lower densities and doesn't contain within it the seeds of conflict.

It's another view of life and reality that doesn't lead to death and destruction, but to life and creation. It's a cross-cultural view of spirituality. It's a perennial and eternal view. And it's a basic and essential view.

It sees God as the first and the last, the origin and the destination.

It sees God as One and as many. As every thing and everything beyond every thing. As everything and nothing.

It holds that the one God can do anything and so has, in its imagination, split itself in two and then many. Itself still, it dreamt the existence of a side of itself that was active and could create, preserve and transform. This was the second.

Sages came to call the first the “Father,” though it isn’t male. They came to call the second the “Mother,” though it isn’t female. However God as the Mother is all that can be known. The Father is silent and still. Only the Mother moves and speaks.



It took many “fragments” (all descriptions are metaphorical) of Itself and hid them in vessels designed by the Mother. Those are us and the vessels are our bodies.

We call this fragment the immortal Self. But others have called it the Atman, the Christ, the Buddha nature, our original face, etc.

Still others have called it the prince of peace, the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in a field, the lamp always burning on the altar and the firebrand plucked from the burning. It's the Child of the Mother and Father, the same Self or essence that lives in all.

This Self is “located” in the heart. In 2018 I saw it in the furthest reaches of the heart, in what has been called the seat of the soul.

Once the Father had birthed the Self and encased it in matter, *mater*, Mother, it set the Self a task.

Know thyself, It said, for you are a fragment of Me. I have set you this task so that, in a moment of your enlightenment, I can have an experience of myself as you meet yourself.

For that meeting were you created. For you and I are One and, when we meet, God meets God.



It's an immeasurable experience of joy for both of us. We find there never was two, but what a journey we've had with each other in the process!

There's no separation between me and thee, but I've created it in my imagination for our pleasure.

And off he sent the fragments of himself.

Focus now on modern day, city street, rain falling outside my window. Here we are at work.

And always a part of us is unsatisfied. Always we hunger. Always we thirst. We fill it with the latest drink, or a new dress or a bomber jacket. Or a trip to Madras or to the pyramids.

Yet still we hunger. Still we want. Our physical hunger is just a reflection of our spiritual hunger. No sports car, no exotic trip can fill this void for long. The hunger and thirst for God returns and so we continue journeying on a voyage about which we know nothing, and suspect little, not even the fact that we're journeying.

God planted this longing that cannot be denied inside every one of us. It's a longing for the One, the Beloved. It asserts itself quietly, gradually, below awareness in every lifetime and nothing will stop it making itself felt. It's only the reactions that we have to it that differ.



It'll keep drawing us on until we merge again with God, at which point we've fulfilled the purpose for which we were, and agreed to be, created (because we too are God).

We surrender any trace of individuality and enter the transcendent Sea of Love. ... Or we return for another tour of duty, as Archangel Michael has described on occasion.

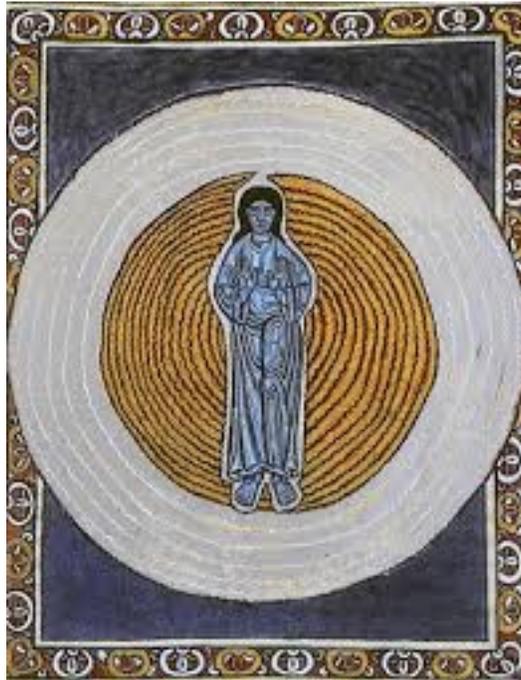


It isn't the case that only Christians reach the finish line. Or only Muslims or Jews or Hindus. Everyone will reach the finish line. Some sooner than others because of the sanctity of free will. That's also part of the original plan or design.

Every blade of grass plays a part in that plan. The plan covers every action everywhere and at any time. Or in no time.

Therefore there's no basis for the followers of one religion to harm the followers of another because the second group will not conform to the views of the first.

Anyone who takes up the sword against another to harm them in such a cause is not following any spiritual path that I'm aware of.



Hildegard of Bingen's representation of the relations between the Father (grey), Son (human figure), and Holy Ghost (yellow)

It cannot be argued that one is following a spiritual path and yet interfering with the free will of another or harming another. The universe is governed by law and that's not behavior that conforms with any laws of the universe that I know of.

None of that course of conduct has anything to do with the spirituality I just described, which is the spirituality of most of Earth's sages.

In this view, every being is a brother or a sister to all others. All are on the same journey from God to God.

Our sources here have been consistently telling us that, on this journey, the way of journeying is indistinguishable from the end.

To journey manifesting the divine qualities is what has us reach the end in the divine. The more we journey, the more we become the divine until that which is illusory progressively falls away, revealing the divine "underneath," which was always there.

As far as I can see, this is the journey that was intended. It being Christmastime, I might say that I think Jesus would agree with me. (Much of it comes from his teachings.)

This perennial philosophy, apparent in the works of dozens of terrestrial sages and scholars including Jesus, promises peace more surely than a religion that draws on separation and exclusion. It deprives the fire of religious animosity of oxygen and restores the world to the balance and harmony that was always intended.

We're one family. We're all traveling together toward one destination, following one set of laws and requirements. It's in our interests to lay down our weapons, which have only ever been an impediment to security and happiness, and build a community based on loving-kindness and support. Take one moment to just acknowledge this in your heart ("Yes") and the work has been done.

Footnotes

(1) "What is the Matrix that Held us in 3D?" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/22/what-is-the-matrix-that-held-us-in-3d/>

What Questions Would a Cross-Cultural Spirituality Answer?

Aug. 29, 2019

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/08/29/what-questions-would-a-cross-cultural-spirituality-answer/>



What questions would a cross-cultural spirituality answer? (1)

It would answer the following:

- (1) Who is asking? What is a human being? Are human beings only to be found on Earth?
- (2) How did human beings originate? How did life originate? And is there an Originator?
- (3) Did the creation of life serve a purpose? If so, what is the purpose of life? (2)
- (4) What is the destination of life? Is the origin the destination? Do we go back to that from which we came?
- (5) What journey did the soul make after its creation and until its reunion?

You and I are in the middle of that journey. We're about to take the step that will banish the need to die and be reborn, ever again. It's as fundamental a step as an amphibian arriving on land and deciding to bunk down.

It releases one into similarly-new territories, opens new vistas.

What you won't find in this spirituality:

- You won't find a fear of death or the many other fears that arise from that overarching one.
- You won't find original sin; the truth is we're originally innocent. And pure. No original sin here.
- You won't find "you only live once." No, you live forever, whether or not this physical body goes along with you.

Oh, there's so much that'll drop by the wayside, in exactly the same way it will in medicine, transportation, communications, etc.

I hope I feel the same way when we meet the galactics as I felt when I entered Disneyland for the very first time. Perpetual wonderment. Like the mesmerized little boy in *Tomorrowland*.

Only that wide-eyed wonder will allow me to drop my egoic demands to know, be right, and be acknowledged. Manifestly we won't know and what are the chances of us being right? Humility will be in great demand.

A cross-cultural spirituality will allow us to hear what the galactics have to say. While it won't have anywhere near the depth of their teachings, it'll at least cover the basics and save folks having to go to that level.

It'll establish our fundamental unity. It'll describe the love and bliss that await us, even if it can't impart the experience. And it'll focus on our common work together, the real business of life – realizing and claiming our true nature as the God who is everything, including us.

Footnotes

(1) What I call "cross-cultural spirituality" Leibniz call the *philosophia perennis* or "perennial philosophy." Annie Besant called it the "ancient wisdom."

(2) I don't want to ask such a large question and leave the reader hanging.

In a vision I had in 1987 I followed a single soul from God to God. It showed me that the purpose of life for us (rather than God) is to know our true identity (i.e., become enlightened).

Why is our enlightenment important? That concerns the purpose of life for God. That purpose is to have the pleasure of knowing itself. God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment. Hindus call life a divine leela or play.

My discussion of a cross-cultural spirituality is an attempt to put what I saw that day into words.

For more on the vision itself, see “The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

For the whole picture, see *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*, at <http://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

The Basis of My Interest in Cross-Cultural Spirituality

November 11, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/11/11/the-basis-of-my-interest-in-cross-cultural-spirituality/>



The little star sees the Father, far off, from within the cloud of the Mother.

I have to tell you that the first love of my life, in the area of learning, is of everything that helps me to understand the vision I had in 1987. (1)

That vision was wordless. It only lasted eight seconds. It showed the entire journey of an individual soul from God to God.

The soul or Self's return to God was accomplished by two enlightenment experiences. Since we're not simply talking about an exit from the Third/Fourth and entry into the Fifth, but an exit from individuality altogether, it'd be impossible for me to say what the two enlightenment experiences were.

It involved three principal characters. Well, OK, four. But I never asked myself who the blackness behind the three characters was.

I knew what I knew because I was deep in bliss. I somehow inwardly knew what each being or event roughly was. The bliss lifted me to state of ongoing realization.



If you were in the tube and looked before or after, this is what you would have seen.

I'll use the terms which the Divine Mother herself uses. Father God was represented by a shining golden Sun, just as in the graphic above. The soul or spark of life - a small golden star - popped out of it and raced off into space. These I knew to be two members of the Trinity.

Now we meet the third member of the Trinity - Mother God. Mother (*mater*, matter) was represented by a hazy cloud in which there were spiralling tubes signifying lifetimes in matter.

Whereas the Self had been a brilliant point of light before, now, as it travelled down the tube, it had lost its brilliance and was just a round circle - until the first enlightenment.

At that point its brilliance flashed back on and it raced back to the Father, never to be seen again.

Well, I've since learned that we do go home to Mother/Father God, but we also return. We are seen again.

I believe that upon their deaths or mahasamadhi, both Jesus and Buddha went back to Mother/Father God.

So there's the plot. There's the Plan. That is the Divine Plan for Life at its most basic, elemental. What did Jesus say?

Lo, I went from the Father, out into the world and now I leave the world and return to the Father. As it turns out that describes the journey that we all make.

I marvelled at what I saw and quietly said to myself, "The purpose of life is enlightenment," and the vision disappeared.

For ten years afterward, I read only the works of enlightened authors. I created a database from that reading and then a book from that database. (2) I was obsessed with finding words for that vision.

Moreover, the vision unfolded itself over time. For instance, I didn't realize right away that God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment so that the purpose of creating life for her/him was to meet itself. That came later.

In working to create a cross-cultural spirituality, I'm simply unfolding what I learned in those eight seconds. What I saw on that occasion is the basis and underpinning of my own view of life. I can't tell you how many things are impacted by knowing what the purpose of life is.

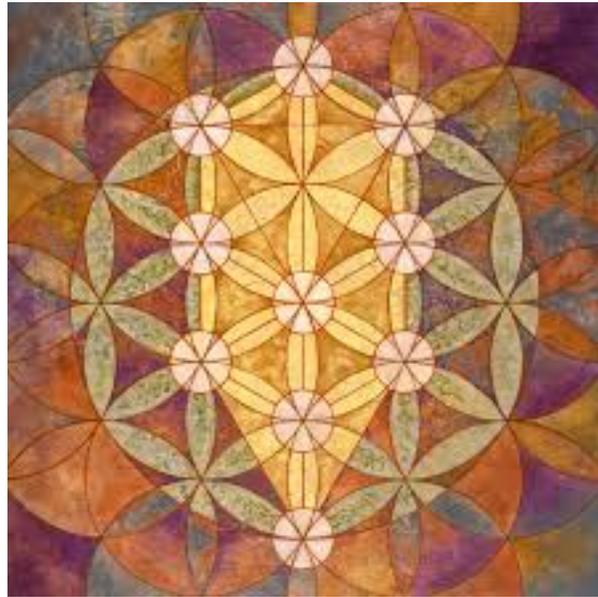
If I were to say what is and was the major motivating and contextualizing event of my life, that would have to be it.

Footnotes

(1) For a description of the vision and its aftermath, see Chapter 13. "Epilogue," in *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(2) *From Darkness unto Light* at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=From_Darkness_to_Light and *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

What Led Me to Cross-Cultural Spirituality?



I made a new e-friend recently who is involved in "interfaith" matters while I'm involved in "cross-cultural" matters. And we both appreciate the value of listening. How often do important interests coincide like that?

We're both observing quarantine and distancing so, even though she's "over there" in Kits and I'm "over here" in the West End, we had coffee together on Skype.

And, contemplative that I am, it got me thinking about what gave birth in me to the desire to help build a cross-cultural spirituality or what my new friend might call an interfaith interpretation?

What it was was the vision I had on Feb. 13, 1987. I won't go into it because you've heard me recount it a few times. (1)

I'd been studying enlightenment for ten years prior to the vision but I couldn't make heads or tails out of what I was studying. The vision straightened out all the difficulties I was having. It was like climbing to the top of a high mountain from which I could survey the entire countryside.

And the bliss I experienced allowed me to access a deeper level of knowledge within myself, such that I knew what I was looking at in the vision.

When I was looking at the large golden Sun from which I came and to which I returned I knew it was the Stillness, Brahman, God the Father, the Divine Male, the One.

When I was looking at the cloud I knew I was looking at Movement, Shakti, God the Mother, the Divine Female, also the One, with a mask on.

When I was looking at the small golden star, which came out from the large Golden Sun and returned to it, I knew it to be the Christ, the Atman, the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field of the heart. (2)

Seeing this led to the formulation of the statement that became for me the foundation piece of my cross-cultural spirituality:

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti

That statement is like a coat hanger. It's neutral, a mere description of fact. You can hang anything you want on it. It'll support a range of items. It'll anchor them so they don't fall.

Way, far behind that paramount statement is another of much less importance:

Creation, Preservation, and Transformation = Rajas, Sattwa, and Thamas =
Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva = Akar, Ukar, and Makar (AUM) (3)

This second equation may prove harder for some people to accept, but I believe it to be accurate.

Those two statements provide a key that (1) allows one to connect up various spiritual literatures and (2) provides the key that explains mysteries in many religions.

So what I learned in that vision that day, in eight seconds out of time, led to my commitment to a cross-cultural view of spirituality, to straightening out some of the blind spots in our philosophies.

Footnotes

(1) See "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is->

[enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/](#) and “What is the Purpose of Life?” February 24, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/02/24/306794/>

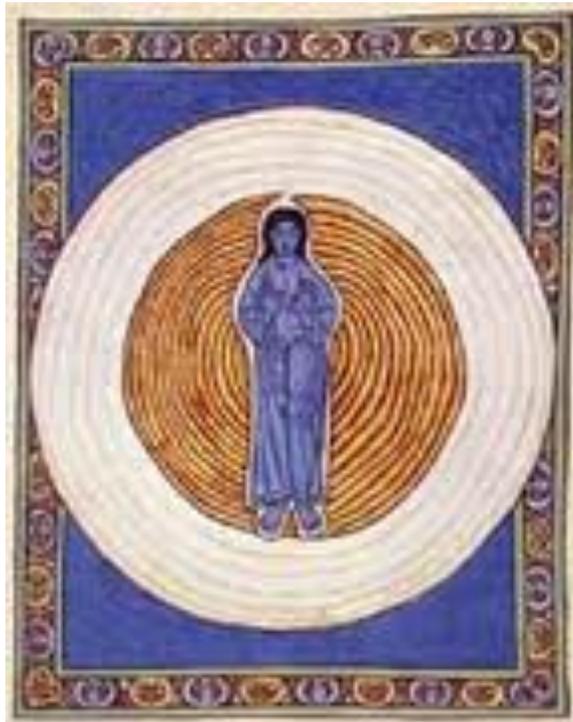
(2) When I saw it at Xenia on Sept. 18, 2018, it was to be found at the extreme end of the tunnel of the heart, in the seat of the soul, so to speak, at the bottom of my heart, or "buried in a field," the field of the heart.

(3) Rajas, Sattwa and Thomas are the three gunas or cosmic forces, which are personalized as Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, and which operate by their influence as part of the universal creative vibration or Aum. The Akar phase of Aum is creative; Ukar, preservative; and Makar, transformative.

Connecting the Spiritual Dots

July 19, 2018

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/07/19/connecting-the-spiritual-dots/>



Hildegard of Bingen's mystical representation of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (See footnote 1)

When we come up with spiritual equivalencies, it allows us to link up different literatures.

And when we can do that, our learning accelerates and multiplies.

Also, having some other body of literature to compare ours to throws our own into relief. We see things about it that we might not have seen otherwise.

For me the most important equivalence in spirituality, taken broadly, is: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

Hindus have created a vast literature on the three Purushas or Divine Persons – Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. Our tendency in the West might be not to use it because ... well, you know. It's not Christian (or Jewish or whatever).

Another approach might be to ... just what I said ... find the equivalencies and then scholarship, instead of going on in two solitudes, can draw from the one to explain the other. It becomes a dance and a symphony.

Hinduism's literature is extensive. It's both deep in some parts and pleasurable in other parts. Its tolerance allows it to hold any number of seemingly incompatible points of view in one broad religion.

It's multivariant, multi-path. It has something for everybody, while at the same time acting out themes in myth and storytelling which reflect deep spiritual truths.

We in the West would benefit by hooking their literature up with the teachings of Jesus on the Father (Brahman), Son (Atman), and Holy Ghost (Shakti) and of his followers such as Pseudo-Dionysius, St. John of the Cross, John Ruusbroec, etc.

AND don't forget Jesus's interpreters in other faiths such as Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Prabhavananda and Paramahansa Yogananda

I personally have found the explanations for most of Jesus "hard sayings" in Hindu literature (save for St. John of the Cross). Jesus says the truth in the pithiest of ways and Hindus then unfold their meaning – for me.



Let's have an explanation of what this "Trinity" actually is and how it relates to the purpose of life.

The following summation of the purpose of life, etc., is based on a vision I had on February 13, 1987. (2) It illustrates what the notion of the Trinity was created for and how it operates.

My understanding from that vision and from all the books on the subject I read thereafter is that God, who fills up everything, wanted to know itself. And so God created a dream world.

When He enters that dream world, He styles himself the Mother.

Neither Father nor Mother has gender. They themselves use the term (as you can see on *An Hour with an Angel*) for educational purposes. (3)

The Mother is the only Being we can know. The Father is unknowable. So really all our dealings are usually with her.

The Mother creates, preserves, and destroys. She's the one who decides to pass us on to the Father at long last or keep us here, learning more about who we are, where we come from.

Who cares what we learn, where we come from, who we are? Let's eat, drink, and be merry!

Well, God wanted to know itself, as we said. And if you think about it, God is silence, stillness, etc., and fills up everything. How is such a Being to know itself?

This is where the "Son" comes in, the Christ, the Atman, the Self, the Soul. That's you and me, Children of God.

God the Father put a spark of itself inside the body created by God the Mother. Our sole task in life everlasting is to fully realize who that spark is.

When we do, God meets God in that moment of our enlightenment. This is how God solves the puzzle of knowing itself.

Let's listen to one sage, Bayazid of Bistun, describe the very moment for which all of this was created:

"I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!'" (4)

"O thou I!" In the end, all that's left is the Universal Subject, "I."

“Only God sees God,” Ibn Arabi reminds us. (5) If we totally understand that and if that meeting for which life was created has occurred, we attain an exalted state of enlightenment called “Sahaja Samadhi,” which is the culminating event of our Ascension.

We will all slowly evolve into that knowledge as the energies rise. Sages in days gone by had to struggle for it. But we don't.

After Sahaja, we're in what Hindus call a state of liberation, mukti, or moksha. (They did not discuss dimensions millennia ago.)

We've left the realm of birth and death and where have we ended up? In what we know as the Fifth Dimension or higher. There's no birth and death in the higher realms.



Now can we relate that to the seven-chakra system connected to the Third Dimension?

Yes. Knowledge of the Son/Atman comes when the kundalini reaches the Fourth Chakra.

Knowledge of the Holy Ghost/Shakti/Mother comes when it reaches the Sixth.

Knowledge of the Father/Brahman comes when it reaches the Seventh.

Sahaja is beyond the Third-Dimensional chakra system. In more ways than one, it's the door or portal to the higher dimensions.

It's a full and permanent heart opening, which leaves us immersed forever in the Ocean of Love. In other words, when the door (hridayam) of the heart opens, we are left in a higher realm.



This business therefore of coming up with equivalencies speeds up our learning and extends it greatly.

It also promotes world by peace by taking away any grounds for dispute. If Allah=God=Brahman=Buddha Essence=Tao, etc., what's there to fight about? We all work for the same Boss.

Oh, oh, one more equivalency? Some of you know what's coming.

Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva = Rajas, Sattwa, and Thamas (the Gunas) = Creation, Preservation, and Transformation = Akar, Ukar, and Makar (AUM) = a subset of the Divine Mother, who is all movement and sound.

This statement of equivalency links up numerous literatures and could keep some scholars busy for a lifetime.

The discipline called cross-cultural spirituality is in the business of connecting the dots.

All of it is carried out in the name of creating a spirituality broad and tolerant enough that it can accommodate everyone, in Nova Gaia, a world at peace, that works for everyone.

Footnotes

(1) In the middle is the Son. The brown circle is the Mother. But the Son is not immersed in the Mother. The Son is immersed in the Father, the light grey circle, if you look closely.

Hildegard has represented the relationships among the Members of the Trinity, the Purusha or Divine Beings.

Behind the Father is a dark purple background which represents what Hildegard would probably have called the Godhead and what we call the One, as in Mother/Father One. The One, the Transendental embraces and contains everything.

(2) For an account of the vision, see “The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(3) For explanations from the Mother, see “The Father and the Father ... by the Mother,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/the-father-and-the-father-by-the-mother/> and “What

Differentiates Father from Mother? The Mother Answers,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/11/what-differentiates-father-from-mother-the-mother-answers/>.

(4) Bayazid of Bistun in Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 12.

(5) Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 48.

A Cross-Cultural, Multidimensional Spirituality: An Expansion in the Meaning of Humanness?

Aug. 29, 2018

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/08/29/a-cross-cultural-multidimensional-spirituality-an-expansion-in-the-meaning-of-humanness/>



May I share a memory? And a dream?

It's about the freedom I had as a child to choose what and how I wanted to worship. And the outcome of that privilege.

In my family, my Mother had to defend my right to worship as I pleased. In the end, it cost her her marriage. I owe her a lot for her sacrifice.

What it meant for me was that I survived childhood without religious indoctrination and lots of room to explore. And I did.

I explored all through university and often left disciplinary boundaries. I particularly felt attracted to religious – or rather spiritual – truth. Whatever religion I studied, I looked at their commonalities, their shared wisdom, whereas most others around me at the time were looking at their differences.

In one discipline after another, my work was rejected. Oh well.

No matter what was happening outside of me, I couldn't stop my incessant collecting and organizing of truths from all spiritual traditions into what later became dictionaries or databases. (1) This was way back in the 60s and 70s.

For the next fifty years I was either collecting quotes or writing dictionaries on 3×5 index cards, punch cards, floppy disks, etc.

I wanted to draw on Truth wherever it was found. I didn't care for disciplinary boundaries or religions. As Gandhi said, truth is truth.

I had to be clear that I wasn't looking to help build a multi-cultural spirituality. I respect the goals of multiculturalism. But my work is about something different.

“Multicultural” emphasizes the differences. “Cross-cultural” emphasizes the similarities.

A cross-cultural spirituality draws the common truths of all religions together and considers them based on their truth value alone, not on their origin.

The vision I had on Feb. 13, 1987 powerfully showed me that we're here to discover the Truth of our real identity. That is our one and only assignment. (2)

I know that Truth is supreme in the final analysis, in the last moment of separate existence. The Truth of who we are sets us free. Self-Realization is the object of existence. The Self we realize is God.

In that moment, God meets God. I saw that occur in my vision with my own “eyes.” (3) The importance of Truth was brought home to me quite undeniably and indelibly.

As it happens, we live in the Internet Age. The Internet makes a cross-cultural spirituality distinctly possible. It encourages and invites it. I hope such a field of endeavor emerges. (I'm now out of touch with the literature so it very well may have already.)

I consider these to be field notes from an Ascension field trip, an ethnography of a human journey.

I hope that, after becoming cross-cultural in our spirituality, perhaps the next thing we'll allow and entertain is the evidence of personal experience. On occasion that has been called ontology, phenomenology, *verstehen*, verifiable-by-me, in-the-moment, and lived experience.

After that, I hope we entertain the evidence born of realization (enlightenment). (4)
That would bring another whole field of study into the cross-cultural mix: the literature of terrestrial masters.

Then...?

My dream is that our spiritual knowledge becomes multidimensional. Our library of knowledge would extend interdimensionally, just as it does now cross-culturally.

Intergalactic? Understood by other civilizations as well.

A spirituality that's commonly understood around the world and the galaxy and helps us to know the other dimensions.

Would that not result in an expansion in the meaning of humanness?

Footnotes

(1) The most important being *From Darkness Unto Light*, located here: http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=From_Darkness_to_Light

(2) For an account of the vision, see “The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(3) At the end of the vision, the little golden star merged with the large Golden Sun. God met God in a final embrace and became One.

(4) Such as what I learned from the fourth-chakra heart opening of March 13, 2015 – what I learned about love, about how I had never loved before that moment, about how I just wanted to share it and share it and share it. And yet almost no one recognized the space or could receive it. About the inner tsunami of love and the Ocean of Love. On and on the learning went.

Spirituality 101

October 22, 2017

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/10/22/spirituality-101/>



Hands up, everyone who's waiting for the Reval?

No, not physically waiting. We all are that.

I mean emotionally, spiritually, waiting for the Reval?

Supposing you went to university for the time from now till the Reval?

The local college is offering Spirituality 101 and you just signed up for it.

What would the curriculum be?

Read well because an assignment will follow.

+

Spirituality 101 – Curriculum

(1) The Purpose of Life

Without this, nothing.

What is the purpose of life?

The purpose of life for us is to know our true nature, our real identity, our essence.

The purpose God had in creating life was to experience its own love in a moment of our enlightenment. When one of us realizes his or her true identity, God meets God. And for that meeting was all of this created.



Life is designed as a sacred arc from God to God, which travels in a spiritual spiral returning to the same karmic lessons until they're learned. If you were looking up and into that arc, this is what it would appear like this

(2) The Trinity

The final goal is a ways down the road. But in our day and age we're going from the Third/Fourth Dimensions to the Fifth-Seventh Dimensions.

What is to be realized to achieve that rise in vibration? This equation provides the key to answer that question and many more: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

We must realize the Son/Atman, the Holy Spirit/Shakti, and the Father/Brahman (and more) to leave this dimension.

Between these two religions – Christianity and Hinduism (and I'm an adherent of neither, by the way) – enough of a Rosetta Stone can be formed that religion, for those who prefer it, can be made much more accessible, understandable, and helpful.

It might then assist us to see what we can do to achieve life's purpose of realizing ourselves and this life's purpose of building Nova Earth, instead of being an excuse for war.



... and this....

(3) The Divine Plan in General and for This Age

Many terrestrial sages saw the Divine Plan in different shapes, perfectly formed and marvellous to behold.

Sometimes they saw an arc, sometimes a staircase, sometimes a mountain.

I saw the Divine Plan in a vision I had in 1987 and I describe it here, on my site.
(1)

Krishnamurti, having seen it, said that knowing it was of paramount importance.

“The really important thing is ... the knowledge of God's plan for men. For God has a plan, and that plan is evolution. When once a man has seen that and really knows it, he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful.” (2)

I agree. Here I am (2017), forty years after having seen it (1987), still working away as a result of what I saw that day.

As I saw it, the trajectory of the soul was an overall circle, from God to God. But the soul spiralled around the circle as it went. I compare it to the Moon circling the Earth while the Earth circles the Sun.

The spiral related to karmic lessons that were unlearned. Incessantly we returned to the same places until the lessons were gotten. Not always returned to immediately, but eventually.

The Divine Plan for this age and this planet is a gradual Ascension, punctuated by bursts of enlightenment such as a heart opening, cosmic consciousness, God-Realization, and Sahaja Samadhi. (3)

This is the first time Ascension has taken place with the human body progressing dimensions. Until now, ascenders had to drop the body.



... *this*....

Also, the space we're going into is a brand new space. We're explorers in consciousness.

(4) Building Nova Earth

Why are we here as lightworkers?

The vast majority of us are angels apparently. We're here to reconstruct, resurrect, or rebuild Planet Earth.

If one limits oneself to the devastation wrought on this planet by World Wars One and Two alone, one can imagine the amount of negativity that clings to it.

We're here to cleanse it – for the most part by cleansing ourselves, which, I'm told, has the effect of eliminating a multiple of itself from the planet.



... and this.

Others of us may participate in what is expected to be a rapid physical clean-up of the Earth's surface.

Others will concentrate on the inhabitants – on the human dimension of reconstruction.

Poverty must end on this planet. The homeless need to be sheltered. The sick and elderly need to be tended to. Children need to be educated. The defenceless need to be protected, for a little while longer.

In the 1970s, we had what we called a “social safety net” in Canada. Services were provided by private, not-for-profit agencies funded by the provincial government. An array of services were available.

It all died in the Recession of the early 1980s. Automation depressed the labor market and robots did not pay taxes.

How do we get that safety net back?

(5) Sacred Partnership

We're all in sacred partnership. We just don't get it. Every time I get it, I'm overwhelmed. It isn't just couples; it's all of us.

To assist us to enter into this context and be at home in it, we need classes in school that teach communication, relationship, sexuality, parenting, and other important subjects.

We need folks practiced in conflict resolution to help us through any friction that arises because of differences and disagreements.

We're in sacred partnership to restore Gaia and her inhabitants to their pristine health. We're in sacred partnership to build together, to cooperate with each other, to work toward this or another common planet-transforming goal.

We're in sacred partnership to generate together the spark of love that will ignite the collective consciousness of this planet and propel us into the Fifth Dimension.

Your assignment in taking this course is to choose one of the five fields (above) and write a thesis on it. A "thesis" can mean whatever you want. You're doing this one for you.

But make it your masterpiece. Research it. Understand the field. Adapt your study to match your favorite impulse – painting perhaps, or poetry, or philosophy. (4) Present your findings in whatever medium you'd like.

Report back in six months or don't – if the Reval happens in between. Let's use this waiting time wisely.

Footnotes

(1) "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(2) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 17.

(3) A heart opening = Fourth-chakra enlightenment; not a permanent state yet.

Cosmic consciousness = Sixth-Chakra enlightenment; samadhi in form; again not permanent.

God-Realization = Seventh-Chakra enlightenment; first samadhi beyond form; still not permanent.

Sahaja Samadhi (Sahaja = Natural) = A complete and permanent heart opening, Fifth-Seventh-Dimensionality, the culmination of Ascension.

(4) Three research libraries are available to you: Here (http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=Main_Page), here (<http://gaog.wpengine.com/library/>) and here (<http://goldenageofgaia.com/download-page/>.)

Archangel Michael on Basic Truths of Spiritual Evolution

November 4, 2015

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/04/archangel-michael-basic-truths-spiritual-evolution/>



Another older channeling from Ronna Herman in which Archangel Michael makes some pretty basic distinctions in as simple a manner as I can conceive of on almost everything important spiritually. Long but worth it.

"Archangel Michael ~ The Spirit and The Soul and a New Pyramid of Light Meditation," through Ronna Herman, Feb. 27, 2013.

Beloved Masters,

Have you ever wondered what is the difference between your “Soul” and your “Spirit”?

What is the Soul? What is it composed of? Where did it originate? What will happen to your Soul when you die or transcend? Where does it reside in your body? Can you become a “lost Soul”? Does your Soul have to be “saved” because of past sins?

All these questions have been asked and pondered upon for all the Ages humanity has been on Earth. Allow us to give you some concise, [simple] answers to add to

your new and fuller understanding of the workings of the universe and your Divine origins.

It will be up to you whether or not you accept these explanations as your truth. As always, we ask you to use your discernment and only accept as your truth those things which resonate deeply within your heart (and Soul).

At a cosmic or Omniversal level, you are “Spirit,” a facet or Ray of Divine Essence sent forth from the heart core of the Supreme Creator.

At that level, you are fully conscious of who you are and of your connection with the Supreme Creator; you are aware of and know your “I AM” identity.

At the universal level, you are a Divine co~creator, once more sent forth on a great refracted Ray of Light to manifest worlds without end in the name of our Father/ Mother God. You are aware of the overall Divine plan for this universe and the part you are to play in it; however, you may or may not remember your origins or identity at a cosmic level.

As Spirit, which we will call your “God Ray,” you are a great Being of Light who also sent forth facets or sub-rays of yourself, leaving “Oversouls” or parts of your “Essence” in different dimensions, galaxies, star systems and worlds throughout this universe. And, in turn, each of these great Oversouls also sent forth “Sparks” or “Soul” fragments of their “Essence.”

The “you” now incarnated in a physical body on planet Earth is one of those “Soul Sparks” who agreed to journey forth into the unknown void, to create diverse worlds, to inhabit them, and then to experience what you helped to create so that your unique experiences can be incorporated into the universal consciousness and ultimately into the Cosmic Mind.

Your physical body is a temporary vessel that you chose to house your Soul for a short span of time in the realms of material expression.

Spirit or Divine Consciousness dwells within your soul. It is the “Essence of life” and you will always have an unbroken lifeline to the Creator (no matter how small or dim that connection may have become in the past).

Your Soul is an immortal facet of your vaster “Spiritual Self” that has traveled far throughout space and time to gain experience and greater awareness of “Itself.”

Within your Soul is a record of all you have experienced throughout the many ages and your many lifetimes. Your Soul contains in the “language of Light” a condensed history of each lifetime, and it also records in a “vibrational soul ledger” all that needs to be balanced and returned to harmony.

There comes a time when the Soul has reached the furthestmost point of Its journey of separation, and is ready to begin the journey of “Reunion and Integration” once more.

The Soul is gradually infused with a Divine discontent which slowly filters into the consciousness of the human mind. And hopefully, that is when the human entity begins to turn inward, to tame the ego and reconnect with the Soul, the Oversoul, and multiple facets of Its greater Self.

In past lives and past Ages, this “reunion of the Soul and Spirit” was a very individualized and personal event, not one experienced by the masses, only by the few.

This is no longer true. It is now a time of “mass awakening,” a time of global, galactic and universal reunion and ascension into a heightened state of Creator/Spirit-infused consciousness.

You now have the potential to connect with the many facets of your Soul family, your Higher Self, your many Oversouls and your God Ray (I AM Presence).

At a cosmic level, the Supreme Creator is now sending down the radiance of Itself via the Great Central Suns, which is being filtered down upon Earth in great bursts of Living Flame of Life via the Sun of your solar system.

The Soul could be described as a Seed Atom of pulsating life force energy which resides in the area of the heart (within the core of this Seed Atom resides your Diamond-shaped multi-faceted God Cell which is now being activated and infused with greater Creator Light).

The Soul may be only a small Spark of Life within the heart area in those who are still ensnared in the illusion of the lower dimensions. However, as it blooms and

blossoms into its full dynamic power, it expands and becomes the “Solar Heart Center,” which encompasses the solar plexus, the heart, and the thymus and throat area. This is often called The Three-Fold Flame, and the heart has been called the “Seat of the Soul.”

The Soul communicates to you via both your emotional and your mental bodies, the emotions through the heart center, and with the mind via the pineal gland and by igniting the packets of Light Wisdom stored within the higher vibrational portions of the brain.

When the connection is complete, the physical vessel begins to reap the rewards via better health and vitality, as well as a deeper connection with the Body Elemental.

We tell you empathetically that you cannot become a “lost Soul,” if by that you mean “lose” your connection with the Creator. You may lose your way, and you may lose, or become diminished, in Creator Light, but your Soul is immortal and can never be lost or destroyed.

You “save” yourself from pain, suffering and the illusion of being disconnected from the Creator through the integration of your Soul, Higher Self (or Christ Self) and your own God Ray.

The Great Beings of Light came to Earth to be examples and to show you the many paths that lead to illumination.

Choose the path that resonates within, but it must include the reintegration of your Soul/Spirit Self with the Creator through the myriad facets of your Being that reside in the multiple dimensions of Creation.

We have recently spoken about what happens to the Soul when it leaves the physical vessel, and what takes place in the higher planes of existence.[\[1\]](#) At this time, we will focus only on those Souls who have attained a certain degree of harmony, and who have begun to reconnect with the multiple facets of their Soul and Oversouls.

During these times of great change, you do not have to leave your physical vessel in the midst of this process, and many of you are moving swiftly along the path of integration at this time.

Some time ago, we gave you the meaning of the Golden Promise, and this promise is that you have the ability to draw forth to you all the Essence of your God Ray (I AM Presence) that you can contain. However, you must integrate and use for the greatest good all that you draw forth.

You have the potential to become a living, breathing, fully functioning, solar-level Ascended Master in the flesh. That is one of the miracles of these times.

We would have you understand that there are many levels on the spiral of ascension. It is never-ending as Creation ebbs, flows and evolves.

We would also have you know that there are a great number of dear souls walking the Earth who are very near to galactic ascension; however, this would entail leaving the physical world and moving into a vibrational level whereby they could not be seen or could not function in a human vessel. They have agreed to forego their own ascension in order to be of service and to assist others on the path of ENLIGHTEN-ment.

It was an agreement they made before they incarnated in this lifetime, and they are dedicated to their task and determined to complete their mission. We know who you are and we honor you for your great dedication and service.

We have told you that “You are the In~breath of the Creator.” These are unprecedented times whereby you have the potential to resolve all past karmic issues, to move into harmony with your vaster Being, and to be an integral part of our Father/Mother God’s plan for the expansion of this universe.

Are you not ready to let go of all the old restrictions, beliefs, and limitations that are keeping you from moving out of the quagmire of pain, lack and suffering?

Will you allow your mind and heart to open to the higher wisdom of your Soul and Spirit?

The ethers, or higher vibrational fields of consciousness, are filled with potential just waiting to be molded into your greatest dreams and desires.

Some time ago, we gave you the gift of learning how to build your Pyramid of Light/Power in the Fifth Dimension.

There is now firmly established in the high Fifth Dimension a magnificent Pyramid of Light that contains a holographic replica of the Earth. There is a crystal chair reserved there for each of you, where you may go in your quiet time to radiate unconditional love to the Earth and all humanity.

We have also taught you how to build your “work” Pyramid, and also your small private sanctuary Pyramid. We have also helped you build many group pyramids at the various seminars our beloved messenger has held around the world.

Make no mistake, these are powerful, dynamic, pulsating energy sources whereby you can tap into the pure, primal cosmic Life Force substance of Creation.

Now, we would like to help you build and give you access to another Pyramid of Light/Power. This will be a multi-function Pyramid of the highest order, one which will attract the greatest level of Creator energy you are capable of accessing and integrating at this time.

After you read these instructions several times and have them firmly in your mind, we suggest that you breathe deeply until you attain an Alpha State of awareness as we take you on this journey — a reunion with your cosmic brothers and sisters and with the multiple facets of your Self.



"Please close your eyes and move into the Temple of the Heart where your God Cell resides. Take a deep breath as you envision a golden door opening, a portal into the Inner Dimensions of awareness.

See yourself in your shimmering garments of Light, the shining Essence of the true You.

However you perceive, sense yourself taking flight as you move higher and higher into the rarified realms of Creation. You will stop somewhere in the Fifth Dimension, the perfect level for you at this time.

See before you a radiating, pulsating Pyramid of Light. You move quickly toward the door and step inside. There are many crystal chairs surrounding the raised platform in the center. More chairs will be added as needed, but for now there is a sufficient number for those who will be coming to join you.

Just off-center on the raised platform there is a fountain which contains a blazing Violet Flame of Transformation.

Standing next to it in the center of the platform is a luminescent white flame that is fed by the great Generator Crystal that hangs from the apex of the Pyramid.

This flame is being fed by the pure Essence of the Supreme Creator and is offered as a gift for anyone who is ready and willing to partake of this Divine gift.

First we ask you to take a moment to bring to the forefront of your mind those things which you most need to release in order to further the process of returning to harmony within your physical vessel.

Focus on one or two, no more than three, things that you would most like to resolve at this time. See them symbolically taking shape in your hands (allow these energies or thought forms to take whatever shape they wish).

Now, see yourself stand and move up the platform to the Violet Fire of Transformation. Say to yourself, 'I bless and release you to be transformed into a higher state of Being. SO BE IT AND SO IT IS!'

Now step into the Creator Flame in the center. Feel yourself being bathed in the pure Love Essence of Creation from the heart of All That Is. Do not be concerned. You will receive the perfect amount of Life Force/Love/Light at this time to help you move forward on your path with ease and grace.

Feel yourself being infused with the sweetest love you have ever known deep into the core of your Being.

State to yourself at this time, 'I AM now ready to receive the greatest amount of Creator Light that I can contain. I affirm that I will use this gift for my highest good and for the greatest good of all. SO BE IT AND SO IT IS!'

Now step out of the Flame of Spirit and be seated in one of the crystal chairs. Slowly breathe in the refined breath of Spirit and slowly breathe out Love/Light from your heart. Do this several times and then sit quietly for a moment as you integrate the gift of the 'New You.'

Know that in this sacred space, I am with you.

Call on me and I will join you. Speak with me as you would with an old friend, and I will answer you.

You do not need an intermediary, for you have a direct connection to any of the Beings of the higher realms. Who would you like to join you in this sacred space? Call, and they will come and sit with you.

You may also put out the call for your soul family to come join you in this "Place of Reunion." Also, ask that your Oversouls and the other facets of your Being come join you here when it is appropriate.

As you learn to release more and more of your imperfections into the Violet Flame, you will make way to incorporate more Creator Light and also more of the facets of Your Self.

Slowly move your consciousness back into your heart center as you integrate this dynamic gift of Spirit. Breathe deeply as you bring yourself back into full awareness."



Come to this place often, Beloveds. The more energy you draw forth, the more will be magnetized to your Pyramid and the more real it will become.

Each and every time you visit this place, you will bring more of this rarefied energy back with you into the realm of the physical world.

You will be building an ascension column where you reside. And through your efforts, the vibrations of Love/Light will radiate outward further and further around you.

Each of you can be instrumental in assisting your neighborhood, your city, and your country. You are much more powerful than you realize.

Stop now and feel your “Soul Song” vibrate and hum throughout your body. You are attuning to the Symphony of the Spheres of Light.

Welcome to our world, Beloveds. Come, let us go forward together.

You are loved beyond measure.

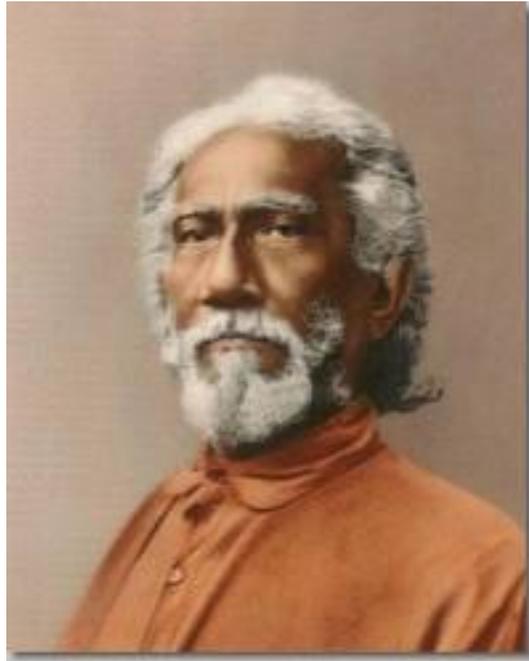
I AM Archangel Michael.

Channeled through Ronna Herman www.ronnastar.com and taken from <https://archangelsanddevas.wordpress.com/2013/02/27/archangel-michael-the-spirit-and-the-soul-and-a-new-pyramid-of-light-meditation-through-ronna-herman/>

An Introduction to the Perennial Philosophy

November 13, 2016

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/11/13/introduction-perennial-philosophy-2/>



Sri Yukteswar Giri

Reposted from 2010.

In his Sept. 11, 2010 message, Matthew said:

“The truth is [that] religions were devised to keep you from knowing who you truly are, to keep you ignorant of the universal laws, and to create divisiveness within the populace.” (1)

So bad did the situation of religious division become that, SaLuSa tells us, “throughout your history, religious battles have been at the root of many wars.” (2) As I understand it, in many of these wars, the controllers funded both sides.

The division and manipulation that Matthew and SaLuSa are referring to are not born of the Truth itself but of a desire to control. Paramahansa Yogananda explained that religions may argue with each other but “men of realization who have the common knowledge of the same truth do not contradict one another.” It is

not they who create dissension. “Their disciples of limited understanding create differences and establish different cults with varying beliefs.” (3)

Having seen the Truth of life, the masters searched for words to describe it to the people of their time. The Truth that lay beyond words and beyond religions has been called the “perennial philosophy” or “ageless wisdom.” One group called it the “divine wisdom” or *theosophia*. Another called it the “eternal law” or *sanathana dharma*.



Aldous Huxley

Paramahansa Yogananda’s guru, Sri Yukteswar Giri explained it this way:

“There is an essential unity in all religions; ... there is no difference in the truths inculcated by the various faiths; ... there is but one method by which the world, external and internal, has evolved; and ... there is but one Goal admitted by all scriptures.” (4)

“Only a few specially gifted persons can rise superior to the influence of their professed creeds and find absolute unanimity in the truths propagated by all great faiths.” (5)

Aldous Huxley devoted his life to an explication of it. In one of his statements of it, he developed the notion:

“Philosophia perennis — the phrase was coined by Leibniz; but the thing — the metaphysic that recognizes a divine Reality substantial to the world of things and lives and minds; the psychology that finds in the soul something similar to, even identical with, divine Reality; the ethic that places man’s final end in the knowledge of the immanent and transcendent Ground of all being — the thing is immemorial and universal.”

It was to be found wherever humans pondered the meaning and purpose of life.

“Rudiments of the Perennial Philosophy may be found among the traditionary lore of primitive peoples in every region of the world, and in its fully developed forms it has a place in every one of the higher religions. A version of this Highest Common Factor in all preceding and subsequent theologies was first committed to writing more than twenty-five centuries ago, and since that time the inexhaustible theme has been treated again and again, from the standpoint of every religious tradition and in all the principle languages of Asia and Europe.” (6)

He never tired of taking up the theme.

“In Vedanta and Hebrew prophecy, in the Tao Teh King and the Platonic dialogues, in the Gospel according to St. John and Mahayana theology, in Plotinus and the Areopagite, among the Persian Sufis and the Christian mystics of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance — the Perennial Philosophy has spoken almost all the languages of Asia and Europe and has made use of the terminology and traditions of every one of the higher religions. ...

“The records left by those who have known [the pure state described by the Perennial Philosophy] make it abundantly clear that all of them, whether Hindu, Buddhist, Hebrew, Taoist, Christian or Mohammedan, were attempting to describe the same essentially indescribable Fact.” (7)

This one great Fact of life is known in a moment of enlightenment. Enlightenment itself became known by many names in diverse religions, as John White explains.

“Enlightenment has been given many names. ... St. Paul called it ‘the peace of God that passeth understanding’ and Richard Maurice Bucke named it ‘cosmic consciousness.’ In Zen it is satori, in yoga it is samadhi or moksha, in Sufism it is fana, in Taoism it is wu or The Ultimate Tao. Gurdjieff labelled it ‘objective consciousness,’ Sri Aurobindo spoke of the

Supermind, mystery schools and occult paths speak of ‘illumination,’ ‘liberation,’ and ‘self-realization.’

“Likewise, enlightenment has been symbolized by many images: the thousand-petalled lotus of Hinduism, the Holy Grail of Christianity, the clear mirror of Buddhism, Judaism’s Star of David, the yin-yang circle of Taoism, the mountaintop, the swan, the still lake, the mystic rose, the eternal flame.” (8)



Hazrat Inayat Khan

But the Truth discovered in enlightenment was not different for the people who found it. Said White:

“The perennial wisdom is unchanging; truth is one. That is agreed on by the sages of all major religions and sacred traditions, all hermetic philosophies, genuine mystery schools and higher occult paths. Enlightenment is the core truth of them all.

“Even more broadly, it is the essence of life — the goal of all growth, development, evolution. It is the discovery of what we ultimately are, the answer to the questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? What is life all about?” (9)

While masters are many, Sufi sage Hazrat Inayat Khan said, the One who incarnates as all masters remains always the same.

“The Masters have been numberless since the creation of man; they have appeared with different names and forms; but He alone was disguised in them who is the only Master of eternity.” (10)

“If the Masters were not the same in mortal garb, yet in spirit they were one; if it were not so, how could one and the same truth be disclosed in all?” (11)

Each new era and country needed the truth restated, says Hazrat.

“Their messages differ from one another in their outer appearances, each message being given in accordance with the age of man’s evolution, and also in order to add a particular part in the course of divine wisdom. Certain laws and principles were prescribed by them to suit the country where the message was given, the climate, the period, customs, manners and requirements.” (12)

In the nineteenth century, the ascended master Hilarion offered that generation this eloquent summary of the truths at the base of the Perennial Philosophy:

“The soul of a man is immortal, and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendor have no limit.

“The principle which gives life dwells in us and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, is not heard or seen or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perception.

“Each man is his own absolute lawgiver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment.” (13)

A few years later, Annie Besant, President of the Theosophical Society, offered her own summary of it:

“The main spiritual verities of religion may be summarized thus:

“i. [There is] one eternal infinite cognizable real Existence.

“ii. From That, the manifested God [unfolds] from unity to duality, (14) from duality to trinity. (15)

“iii. From the manifested Trinity many spiritual Intelligences [guide] the cosmic order



Annie Besant

“iv. Man [is] a reflection of the manifested God and therefore a trinity fundamentally, his inner real self being eternal, one with the Self of the universe.

“v. His evolution [proceeds] by repeated incarnations, into which he is drawn by desire, and from which he is set free by knowledge and sacrifice, becoming divine in potency as he had ever been divine in latency.” (16)

And Aldous Huxley offered his version of its fundamental tenets.

“At the core of the Perennial Philosophy we find four fundamental doctrines.

“First: the phenomenal world of matter and of individualized consciousness — the world of things and animals and men and even gods — is the manifestation of a Divine Ground within which all partial realities have their being, and apart from which they would be nonexistent.

“Second: human beings are capable not merely of knowing about the Divine Ground by inference; they can also realize its existence by a direct intuition, superior to discursive reasoning. This immediate knowledge unites the knower with that which is known.

“Third: man possesses a double nature, a phenomenal ego and an eternal Self, which is the inner man, the spirit, the spark of divinity within the soul. It is possible for a man, if he so desires, to identify himself with the spirit and therefore with the Divine Ground, which is of the same or like nature with the spirit.

“Fourth: man’s life on earth has only one end and purpose: to identify himself with his eternal Self and so to come to intuitive knowledge of the Divine Ground.” (17)

Now the galactics and spiritual hierarchy say they will assist humanity to shed the shackles of religious belief and recover the truth of spirituality. Diane of Sirius for instance informs us:

“In recent times more of you have broken out of the rigid disciplines of a religious nature. The truth will be brought into the open in due course and it will be left to you as to whether you accept it.”(18)

Kryon also foresaw the fall of the manipulators and the release of the truth.

“There are so many asking this. *‘Is it possible that God is bigger than I was told?’* Thousands on the planet are awakening to this truth all by themselves. There is no place on Earth where this is not happening... and it’s profound. It’s not limited to the esoteric belief systems, either, for many organized religion campaigns are seeing it as well. Humans are hungry for Spirit, and are looking for answers that feel good in this new energy. They will look for love, and a personal God.

“The old-energy organized religion will suffer greatly, with membership and interest falling to an all-time low. In the next years, there will be a new Pope who will attempt to revitalize his church by finally creating something that fits into what humanity is feeling. He has to, or he will lose a 2,000-year-old dynasty.” (19)

Matthew reassured us that “individuals are holding onto the godly aspects and discarding the dogmatic rules of their respective faiths as hearts and minds are transitioning from religion to spirituality.” (20)

SaLuSa describes how a spiritual flowering will lead us on to Ascension:

“When you are given the full truth of your spiritual heritage there will be an appraisal of your beliefs. Much that is false will fall away and thus

allow for a coming together as there is but the One Creator, and not the many Gods you have envisaged.

“You will recognize the Light within all souls, and that will lead you towards Ascension as the one great civilization that you are. Seek to know the common ground between each other’s beliefs, and you will begin the process of re-integration and comradeship. You have been separated for far too long and it is time to bring everyone back into the fold.” (21)

I personally look forward to this spiritual flowering with unmixed delight. I welcome the day when our spirituality is truly cross-cultural and the truth is known free of dogma and doctrine.

For me, it’s of primary importance that the people we listen to at the moment appear to fully understand the truth behind religions and assure us that its restatement and reintroduction into our society are among the highest priorities.

Footnotes

(1) Matthew’s Message, Sept. 11, 2010, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>

(2) SaLuSa, Feb. 15, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(3) Paramahansa Yogananda, *The Second Coming of Christ*. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979-86, II, 10.

(4) Sri Yukteswar Giri, *The Holy Science*. Los Angeles: Self-Realization Fellowship, 1984, 3.

(5) *Ibid.*, 4.

(6) Aldous Huxley in *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, vii.

(7) Aldous Huxley, “Introduction” to Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 11-2.

(8) John White, “Introduction” to his *What is Enlightenment?* Los Angeles: Tarcher, 1984 xvi-xvii.

(9) Ibid., xi.

(10) Hazrat Inayat Khan, *Way of Illumination*. Delhi, etc.: Motilal Banarsidass, 1988, 31.

(11) Loc. cit.

(12) Ibid., 33.

(13) Ascended Master Hilarion, channelling through Mabel Collins, medium, *The Idyll of the White Lotus*. Wheaton, IL: Re Quest, 1974; c1952, 114.

(14) Various religions will interpret the expansion from one to two differently. Some will say that it means the evolution from the Transcendental Formless only to the Transcendental Formless plus God in form. Some will say it means the creation by the Holy Father (Allah, Brahman, Buddha Nature) of the Divine Mother (Shakti, the Holy Spirit, Dharma). Others will say it refers to the creation by the Father of the Christ (Child, Atman, Original Face).

Since God with form and the Mother are in the last analysis the same, the models can be reduced to just two: Father and Mother or Father and Child.

(15) The trinity refers to Father, Mother and Child (Father, Holy Spirit and Christ or Brahman, Shakti, and Atman).

(16) Annie Besant, Besant, Annie, *The Ancient Wisdom*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1972; c1897, 5-6.

(17) Huxley in "Introduction" to BG, 13.

(18) Diane of Sirius, Oct. 24, 2008, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(19) Kryon, "The Shift is Here," Oct. 20, 2008, at http://www.kryon.com/k_channel08_Chile.html

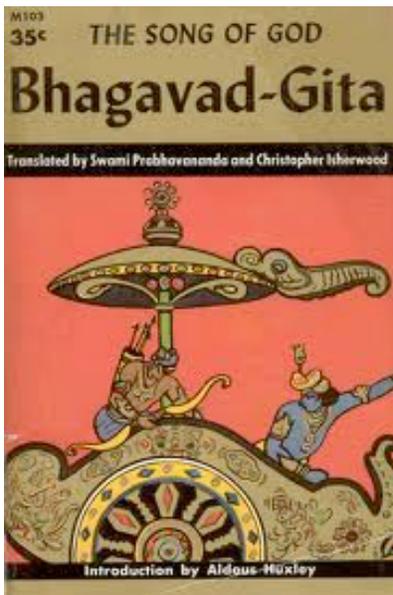
(20) Matthew's Message, May 19, 2010.

(21) SaLuSa, Feb. 15, 2010.

The Perennial Philosophy

November 16, 2012

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/16/the-perennial-philosophy/>



I can think of no better statement of the perennial philosophy than the Bhagavad Gita or Song of God

A friend has just mentioned that he's doing a film on the perennial philosophy, which invites comment. I don't think there's any topic I find more interesting than that.

The phrase can be traced back to Agostino Steuco (1497–1548) who used it as the title of his treatise, *De perenni philosophia libri X*, published in 1540. It's more generally associated with Gottfried Leibniz and Aldous Huxley. (1)

Synonyms for it are the ageless wisdom, ancient wisdom, and theosophy. Hinduism is actually formally called *sanathana dharma* or (loosely translated) eternal law. That too points to the same substratum of religions.

If I were to summarize the notion in a single word, I'd say the “perennial philosophy” means the Truth. The Truth at all levels, shorn of religious doctrine, dogma and orthodoxy - the Truth of reality.

One could say that the Truth is synonymous with God. God is all there is. There is no second, no other besides God. God being all there is, God must be the Truth of reality. He/She/It is the Dreamer as well as the dream.

God created the divine drama called “Life” and the phrase “perennial philosophy” takes in all the ins and outs of that drama – what could be called its design features and divine processes.

When most of these are little known, we consider statements of them to be the “mysteries” of life.

Our great spiritual teachers have gotten glimpses of these mysteries and attempted to put the wordless into words. Their teachings become the basis of religions, often misinterpreted, but originally attempts to describe the Truth underlying reality.

An example of a teaching that forms a part of the perennial philosophy is the Christian teaching of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. It dovetails with the Hindu teaching of Brahman, Atman and Shakti. So far we might consider that we simply have teachings of Christianity and Hinduism.

But when we say that what is being talked about here is the Transcendental (the Father, Brahman), the Phenomenal (the Holy Ghost, Shakti), and the Transcendental within the Phenomenal (the Son, the Atman), we've translated the particular into the general, religious teachings into the perennial philosophy that underlies them, if even only in a most tenuous way

I don't wish to develop that teaching here. I have in other places (2) I'd like more to simply point to it to demonstrate how a specific religious teaching relates to the more general perennial philosophy. (3)

The perennial philosophy reduces the particular to the general. It takes common elements or common denominators of the Truth contained in each religion and shows how they're common to each other.

Examples of design features of life are the various bodies we inhabit, the various dimensions we exist on, the longing for liberation, the organs of our bodies that sense, breathe, support locomotion, digestion, excretion, etc.

Examples of divine processes are birth, death, reincarnation, reproduction, breathing, thinking, feeling, digestion, excretion, etc.

All of these are divinely planned, administered, and altered by divine command, just as we see Ascension being altered now, according to what is often called the Mother's Plan. (4)

Previously one had to shed the body to ascend, but not this time around. The plan of reality is being changed before our eyes. Now we can ascend with the physical body intact. The changes in the plan of Ascension reflect the dynamic aspect of life at the hands of the creative forces.

The existence of a Creator and Its creation and the relations between the two are elements of the perennial philosophy. We can see that, at the level of the perennial philosophy, we can discuss these matters. At the level of religions, many discussions are looked upon as being heresy and may not be possible.

What are design features on one dimension may not be design features on another. In the Third Dimension we give birth live but my understanding is that that isn't a feature of some higher dimensions. New residents of the Astral Plane are often surprised to find that they have no organs of reproduction, digestion or excretion. The astral body is different than the physical body.

In the lower dimensions, all is multiplicity but as we go higher and higher in dimensionality on our road back to God, many multiple things simplify and many unsuspected areas of life, such as manifestation, bilocation, telepathic communication, etc., expand.

But all explanations of these design features and divine processes can be considered to be, not parts of one religion's teachings only, but also parts of the perennial philosophy generally, the truth underlying all religions.

Finally, the perennial philosophy is looked to for statements of important general matters like the purpose and meaning of life. Why was life created? What are we to do in life? The answer to questions like these we've discussed here many times. (5)

The purpose of God's creating life was to offer the Unknowable an opportunity to know Itself. Each time one of us realizes our true identity as God in a moment of enlightenment, God meets God.

We don't find that purpose much discussed in church doctrine or religious dogma, but we find it front and center in discussions of the perennial philosophy, whether those discussions are to be found in the writings of Earth's ascended masters or the galactics or the celestials, and so on.

An example of a statement of the perennial philosophy might be “Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life,” (6) written after I finished the book *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*.

Thus in general the perennial philosophy refers to the body of generic truths underlying the specific teachings of the world's religions and spiritual paths. As we face the need to create a common, cross-cultural body of statements of spiritual truth, we'll find ourselves more and more turning to the tenets of the perennial philosophy.

Footnotes

(1) Huxley's statements on the perennial philosophy are excellent and exemplified by two works: (1) Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944 and his introduction to Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944.

(2) However it is developed here: “Christianity and Hinduism are One,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/> and “The One Became Two and the Two Became Three,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/the-one-became-two-and-the-two-became-three/>

(3) For another take on the situation, see "An Introduction to the Perennial Philosophy" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/back-to-the-basics-2/an-introduction-to-the-perennial-philosophy/>

(4) See for instance "Transcript of Archangel Michael from An Hour with an Angel, Dec. 26, 2011," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/the-2012-scenario/what-role-are-the-angels-playing/transcript-of-archangel-michael-from-an-hour-with-an-angel-dec-26-2011/> and "Archangel Michael: Transcript of 'An Hour with an Angel'" Dec. 12, 2011, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/12/archangel-michael-transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel/>

(5) On these matters, see the papers in the section "The Purpose of Life," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/>

(6) At <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/divine1.html> Reproduced in this book as "The Ancient Wisdom or Perennial Philosophy - Part 2."

The Ancient Wisdom or Perennial Philosophy - Part 1

June 24, 2013

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/24/the-ancient-wisdom-or-perennial-philosophy-part-1/>



Given that we'll be speaking to Sri Shankara today (June 24, 2013) on *An Hour with an Angel*, one of the most profound analysts and synthesizers of spiritual truth that ever walked the Earth, in honor of him, I'd like to spend some time looking at what is often called the "ancient wisdom" or "perennial philosophy," the common ground or substratum of truth that underlies all religion and spirituality.

If we're to create a spiritual fund of knowledge that is truly cross-cultural and universal, then we need to explore what the truth is below all religious and spiritual thoughts and beliefs.

I'll be giving several statements of the perennial philosophy over the next few days, some from my own speculations and some from those of others.

The Common Ground of Spirituality

The Primacy of the Soul

The first place to start is to note that all living beings are souls that temporarily inhabit bodies or other forms. The different religions use different terms to indicate the soul: Jesus called it the Christ, the savior, the prince of peace, the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, and the mustard seed that grew into a great tree.

Hindus call it the Atman or Self. Buddhists call it the Buddha nature, our original face, our essence, or Big Mind.

The Purpose of Life is to Know Our True Identity

Another matter that all the enlightened sages of all religions might be found to agree on is that the soul lives through countless lives developing the discrimination to know its true nature.

Knowing our true nature is the purpose for which all life was created. When we know it, we've accomplished the business of life and return to the Source from which we came.

The purpose of life is the same for a human life form as for a non-human, for an inhabitant of Earth or for an inhabitant of another planet. All are engaged in a journey that spans countless lifetimes and takes us from God to God.

God is a Formless, Transcendent Being, which Christians Call the Father and Hindus Parabrahman

God in its original formlessness is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. God is eternal and unchanging. God is a transcendent being characterized by silence and stillness, consciousness and love. Christians call the One Source and Destination of life the Father and Hindus, Parabrahman.

When God Descends into Matter, It is Known as the Mother and Shakti by Hindus and the Holy Spirit by Christians

When God enters the dream and builds the world of illusion, it is characterized by sound and movement. The whole of the world of matter, *mater*, Mother is created by God with form.

This is as true for the realm of the angels and elohim as it is for the realm of humans, animals, plants and minerals. Christians call God with form the Holy Spirit and Hindus call it the Divine Mother and Shakti.

All of Life Progresses Toward Self-Knowledge by a Process of Spiritual Evolution

All of life assumes form, lives temporary lives, and learns through the assistance of other spirits and the universal laws the truth of its own being.

As it does, it progresses from one dimension to another, from one planet to another, and from one realm to another, until it realizes itself by a process of expanding enlightenments and finally returns home to God.

The world is a school of experience in which lessons are taught that expand the individual's knowledge of itself, moving it from dualistic consciousness to unitive consciousness, and expanding that sense of unity until it encompasses everything that is and everything that's not.

Ultimately There are No Objects, Only One Subject

At the highest level or dimension of existence, there are no objects, only one subjective consciousness that is All there is. It is that one subjective consciousness that has individuated itself and lives in manifold forms for the purpose of self-knowledge.

The individual develops from an expansion in the sense of Self or "I," dropping each limited "I" in turn to embrace a more expansive "I" and finally ending up in a consciousness of Self that includes everything.

Enlightenment proceeds by leapfrogging from knowledge of a self to a no-self (or Self), from a Self to a No-Self, etc. The Self is nothing material and hence is not an object but a word that denotes the subject of all experience.

Everything is Constructed of and from Love

Love is the substratum from which everything is made. Love is the attractive force that holds everything together and the dissolutive agent that releases it again into the general ocean of consciousness. This is not discernible as long as separative or

dualistic consciousness reigns but, when it yields to unitive consciousness, the truth of this statement becomes known.

Love is not the emotion we feel, but an unbrageous and immaterial force that fills, moves in, and is co-existent with the formless God.

Towards a New, Integrated Spirituality

March 22, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/22/towards-new-integrated-spirituality/>



We live in a unique spiritual era as readers of the Golden Age of Gaia and listeners to Inlight Universal must be well aware of. Perhaps you'd allow me to share one reason why.

In previous eras - let's take the example of Hinduism - some spiritual seekers would study Advaita Vedanta, a non-dualistic path, and others would study Bhakti or devotion, a dualistic path.

A bhakta, a follower of the path of devotion, was a bhakta and a jnani, a follower of the wisdom path, was a jnani and never the twain shall meet.

But today we in the lightworker community don't maintain distinctions like that. We talk freely about the Divine Mother with love and as love, which is devotional talk.

But we also speak a straight non-dualistic version that includes unitive consciousness, sahaja samadhi (a stage of enlightenment that follows Ascension), and the Triflame (the Company of Heaven's version of the Trinity: in Hinduism, Brahman, Atman and Shakti; in Christianity, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost).

What we're taught by the Council of Love through Linda Dillon, Saul and Jesus through John Smallman, or the Galactic Federation through Mike Quinsey would pass muster with any terrestrial non-dualist - or dualist, for that matter.

So many distinctions are no longer being made or maintained by our guides. The approach that emphasizes the differences doesn't stick any more, according to Archangel Michael. Without the elements of control and conformity, it just falls away.

It's as if we're all doing a job here and there's no time or space to get doctrinal any more or to form camps like "Bhaktas" and "Vedantists."

What's that job? We lightworkers are assisting the unawakened to awaken and the newly-awakened to prepare for Ascension. To do that is an inspirational and integrative form of work.

Sri Ramakrishna came to Earth to create one spirituality from many streams. He realized God by many paths.

There's a story concerning his non-dualistic guru, Totapuri, that illustrates the divisions he found in religion. It tells how Totapuri would spurn dualistic forms of practice, such as worship or ritual. He laughed at Sri Ramakrishna for believing in the Divine Mother.

One day, having decided his work was complete and that he'd shed the body, he waded into the Ganges, but he couldn't find a spot deep enough to drown himself.

He walked all the way across to the other side of the Ganges in amazement. Then the Divine Mother announced herself to this disbeliever:

"Suddenly, in one dazzling moment, he sees on all sides the presence of the Divine Mother. She is in everything; She *is* everything. She is in the water; She is on land. She is the body; She is the mind. She is pain; She is comfort. She is knowledge. She is ignorance. She is death. She is everything one sees, hears, or imagines.

"She turns 'yea' into 'nay' and 'nay' into 'yea.' Without her grace no embodied being can go beyond Her realm. ... Yet again, beyond the body and mind She resides in Her Transcendental, Absolute aspect. She is the Brahman [God, the Father] that Totapuri had been worshiping all his life."

(1)

Just as Totapuri saw the walls of his compartmentalized spirituality fall away with this realization, (2) so we ourselves need to let go of any remaining tendencies to compartmentalize and just see love and knowledge and realization as they are. They are the property of no religious authority, no spiritual teacher.

I'm probably aware of this because I, a student of jnana yoga, the wisdom path, (3) have now had my introduction to love, normally considered a concern of bhakti yoga, the devotional path.

The heart opening I experienced on March 13, 2015 is not the end of the story for me. My heart may be somewhat open but love doesn't automatically flow if it's neglected. It needs tending and attending to.

Consequently I felt drawn to the tools and rituals of Bhakti, which is something I'd never respond to in the past, thinking it a different path than mine. I've had to go through feelings of disloyalty to Jnana because I'm tinkering with Bhakti.

But those feelings need to go and I need to draw on whatever tools work for me at whatever place I am on the path. All tools are needed.

I no longer recognize doctrinal authorities or authoritative pronouncements. I can take hints from them but they no longer set the agenda or decide the issue for me.

Seeing things this way leads me and others to want a new spirituality. I used to talk in terms of cross-cultural spirituality but where we're headed is bigger than that.

It isn't simply Earth's cultures that have to be integrated. It's Earth's spirituality as well.

Recognizing this need, we discussed on our weekly InLight Universal call last Thursday how we lightworkers need to spearhead not just a cross-cultural spirituality, but an integrated, direct and unitive spirituality.

We need to do so to help awaken the large numbers of people whom we intend to travel along with us in this larger Ascension effort. We need to create a more viable, flexible and simple spirituality suitable for the newly awakened.

I'll be talking more about that in the days ahead because having an all-inclusive spirituality is vital to having a world that loves and hence a world that works. That makes having a globe-spanning, non-doctrinal spirituality an idea whose time has come.

Footnotes

(1) Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 31.

(2) Keep in mind that Totapuri was already a Brahmajnani: that is, he had already experienced enlightenment at the level of the seventh chakra. So he got that far without taking the Divine Mother into account in any way.

(3) The western version of it is, for me anyways, the awareness path.

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 1/7

March 23, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/23/an-integrated-direct-and-unitive-spirituality-part-17/>



The notion of an integrated, direct, and unitive spirituality arose in a conversation among members of InLight Universal, a lightworker radio team. It was a collaborative effort and represented one future direction we were considering taking.

Perhaps I can help that undertaking by offering some initial thoughts on that subject.

If we're to have an integrated, direct, and unified spirituality, we have to answer the question why? Why would we want such a thing? What need is there for it? What benefits does it offer us?

These questions cannot be answered without knowing and understanding that there's a purpose to life, that life is not a random process but an intelligently-designed one.

We talk about life being empty and meaningless. Nasty brutish and short and then you die ... so live it up. Etc. etc.

The thrust of these statements is not true. Life is rich and full of love, endless, and worth traversing intelligently for the bliss that that can bring us.

To agree that life has a purpose, you'd also have to agree that there's a God.

If you agree to that, then the purpose of life for all of us created beings is to know our true identity, our true essence, and in the knowing eventually merge with, the God that we all are.

Everything is God. There isn't a blade of grass that isn't. But only some beings actually know that they're God. It's this knowing that's missing for the rest of us.

The purpose of life is to know ourselves as God and ultimately to merge back into the Transcendental Void that God is.

That isn't the end. We emerge again, according to Archangel Michael, as and when we're needed.

If God could be said to have any purpose in anything, God's purpose in creating this whole dream-world that God then goes and lives in would be "delight." He/She (God has no gender) created it to see and experience Him/Herself in a moment of our enlightenment.

At that very moment, God meets God and for that meeting was all of this created.

Worlds upon worlds, universes upon universes were created by God wearing another mask (not to get ahead of myself) so that God could meet God for His/Her own delight.

Tomorrow we'll discuss the "why" of spirituality.

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 2/7

March 24, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/24/an-integrated-direct-and-unitive-spirituality-part-27/>



What we've done so far is to suggest that life has a purpose. That's one "why" of spirituality. Why study and practice spirituality? Because you'll thereby fulfill the purpose of life.

And, if and as you do fulfill that purpose, along the way you experience love, bliss and all the truly good things in life. Having them is another "why" of spirituality. Even for an archangel.

Here's Archangel Michael acknowledging that even the archangels profoundly enjoy the bliss:

"The bliss and the oneness, even for what you would think of as a millisecond, can keep us going for millennia."(1)

Now if you accept what I've said so far, then you may find yourself accepting ... well, everything spiritual.

Because if you accept that this world - and all other worlds - was created by a God for a purpose, then all we need to do is to unroll that purpose, the plan that goes with it, the main actors, the supporting cast, and what it is we need to do to realize that purpose.

But, if I were to do that, this would remain an unfinished book because only a spiritual teacher can tell you "what it is we need to do to realize that purpose." That is where I hand off the baton to others because I'm not an enlightened being, not even in the slightest, and only enlightened beings can and should answer that question.

But there's still much ground to cover. We now have our purpose and, seeing that life has a purpose, we immediately pass beyond the reach of empirical-materialist philosophy (the philosophy that holds that only what we can see and touch is real) and into the pondering and the knowing of the unseen, the inter-dimensional, the mystical ... oh, the cat is definitely out of the bag now. No going back, I'm afraid.

Instant transformation from the purely materially-minded to the spiritually-minded.

Now our karma begins to straighten out. We're not so erratic in life. We come upon concepts like "spiritual laws" and our curiosity becomes piqued. We hear about ascended masters and even read some messages from them.

We become aware of a whole different stream of life that's been passing by us, invisibly, since forever. Finally we hit upon a few names for it - the Perennial Philosophy, the Ancient and Ageless Wisdom, the Dharma. Life. Truth. Love. God.

We start to have mini-satoris, Aha! moments, realizations. What previously in general sat with us as just an idea now starts to come alive for us. We start to ache and itch for more.

We feel other strange, new feelings. Gosh, I feel good. I feel so elevated. I really soared when I saw that last point. What about you?

Finally we have a name for that too. We call it "bliss."

By now we're restless, but never think of it that way. The stirrings of love for what we're doing are traceable to a device that God implanted in us, the best device we'll ever get, bar none.

Some call it the longing for liberation; others the urge to awaken. It's a homing device that God implanted in us to call us, lead us, and bring us home. (2) Speak of pre-destined and pre-determined.

Tomorrow we'll introduce the three main characters in the drama of life.

Footnotes

(1) "Archangel Michael: Back to the One with the Speed of Love," July 16, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/07/16/archangel-michael-back-to-the-one-with-the-speed-of-love/>.

(2) "The Longing for Liberation at http://goldengaiadb.com/L#Longing_for_Liberation and http://goldengaiadb.com/The_Nature_of_Life_1#The_Longing_for_Liberation

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 3/7

March 25, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/25/an-integrated-direct-and-unitive-spirituality-part-37/>



Hildegard of Bingen's representation of the Trinity: The Father is the outer ring; the Mother is the inner ring; and the Child of God is suspended in the Mother though part of the Father

To go further, we must introduce the three main characters. If you notice, almost any book on non-dualistic philosophy you pick up starts by introducing the three.

Well, One really. ... No, Three-in-One.

It's a bit confusing.

Let me put it this way. There is the Source of everything, the One. That Source existed in nothingness and wanted to be known and to know itself. As Ibn Arabi put it: "I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be known, and I created the creation so that I be known." (1)

So it determined to create a very long dream for itself. It dreamed it was a Creator of worlds (and immediately it was).

And, as that Creator of worlds, it created and created and never stopped creating. And it made a delightful game of it.

It determined that the One who was all and filled up the whole room, so to speak, would task all the playmates it had created with the job of realizing who they really, really are. Not name. Not job. Not accomplishments, but really are.

Of course who everyone and everything really, really is is God.

So now, with these playmates, there are three. There is Source and Creator and the Created, a third class of beings tasked with realizing they are God.

And as sentient beings become enlightened, more and more are very much aware of these three beings. And so they begin to name them.

The Source

Hindus name the Source Brahman, Parabrahman, Paramatman, and many other names. Christians call the Source our Father which art in Heaven. Buddhists call it the Buddha essence. (2) Taoists call it the Tao, the Way. Others call it Ahuramazda, the Inner Sun, Father/Mother God, the Void, Nothingness, the One.

I've always called the Source the Father.

The Source cannot be "known." It is beyond the reach of our minds or any other way we have of knowing. Of it nothing positive or negative can be said because no one has seen it or touched it, etc.

That's why we turn to the second character in this movie to know everything that's happening - the action, our missions, progress, and everything else.

The Creator

When the Source dreams, it dreams itself as a creator, preserver, and transformer of worlds. The Source Itself is still and silent. The Creator that the Source dreams into

existence is active and soundful. (3) The Creator is as close to the Unknowable as we can get. We know what we know of the Source because the Creator has told us.

Hindus call the Creator the Divine Mother, Shakti or Energy. They also know her as Aum, the universal, creative vibration that she is, Prakriti (Latin: Procreatrix), Maya, Kali, Durga, etc.

Christians call her (4) the Holy Spirit. Others have called her Wisdom (Sophia), the Word, the Sound-Brahman, the Womb of God, the voice in the wilderness, the noise of many waters, etc.

I've always called the Creator the Mother.

The Created

Every sentient being is essentially like an ice-cream bar. Ice cream dipped in chocolate roughly describes the divine spark of the Father that we all are, dipped in the Mother's material coating.

The human pro-creative act mimics the divine creative act, I imagine the better to remind us of our origins. The purpose of our lives begins to be fulfilled when we see the light of the divine spark of the Self as the kundalini energy reaches the fourth or heart chakra. This is called by Hindus "spiritual awakening" and by Buddhists "stream-entering."

It continues to be fulfilled when the kundalini reaches the sixth or brow chakra and we realize the Divine Mother. This is called cosmic consciousness and by Hindus savikalpa samadi (samadhi with form persisting).

It continues when the kundalini reaches the crown or seventh chakra and we realize the Father. This is called by Hindus Brahamajnana or God Consciousness or nirvikalpa samadhi (samadhi without form).

This is part of the journey of Ascension.

Once the kundalini reaches the spiritual heart - the end of its journey - we're liberated from the need to be born back into the Third and Fourth Dimensions of gross materiality.

But there's much, much more.

This divine spark is known to the religions by many names: as the Self, the Christ, the Atman, our original face. Other names for it are the lamp always burning on the altar (of our hearts), a firebrand plucked from the burning, and Fire the Son of the Lord. It is the messiah, the Prince of peace, the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in a field, etc.

I have sometimes called it the Child of God but more often I call it the Self.

These then are the chief actors in this drama. Two of them exist in a film within a film, a dream that Source is having. Let's now look at the script for the movie, known as the Divine Plan.

Footnotes

(1) Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 3.

(2) "There is but one common essence." (The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 283.)

(3) I created the word to fill a gap.

(4) She is not a "she"; he is not a "he." God is beyond gender. The use of gender is for educational purposes.

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 4/7

March 26, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/26/an-integrated-direct-and-unitive-spirituality-part-47/>



Krishnamurti once said:

"The really important thing is ... the knowledge of God's plan for men. For God has a plan, and that plan is evolution.

"When once a man has seen that and really knows it, he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful." (1)

The Divine Plan is the overall script for life.

I was given a glimpse of it in 1987, a wordless tableau that showed the progress of an individual soul from its birth from God to its return to and merger in God. (2) It lasted eight seconds in etheric time, but not a second passed in the world's time.

It left me bathed in bliss and knowing the end of the film! Did that spoil it for me? Not at all. In fact, as Krishnamurti said, it enthralled me and launched me on twenty years of study before I found words for the wordless event I had seen that day.

And guess what? It all works out in the final reel. Just like the critics say.

The very best description of it that I've seen was just a remark by Jesus:

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (3)

Exactly. That was precisely what I saw in my vision in its most general form. His remark serves as bookends to my experience. It began with the Self leaving the Father and it ended with the Self's return.

I've never seen a detailed description of the Plan. That doesn't mean there isn't one out there. Perhaps something like the Rosicrucian Cosmoconception is such a document and I didn't appreciate it at the time I read it many years ago.

Perhaps we couldn't understand any amount of detail about the Divine Plan anyways. Maybe that has to await higher-dimensional understanding.

We can know its most general outlines. Speaking generally, the Plan calls for created life forms to enter into and incarnate in worlds of greater density, which offer them situations designed to give rise to Self-Knowledge. The world that the Divine Mother created is a school of experience. Always what we're learning about is: Who am I, really?

The answer to that is God. But an intellectual answer is not enough. We must realize it.

The natural laws are a part of God's Plan. They're God's commandments setting down the way the exercise called "life" is designed to be played out. What we do unto others is done unto us in turn. What we desire, we attract. What we fear, we also attract. Be equanimous and attract nothing ... but love.

Knowledge of these laws speeds us on our way. Just as when we discovered spirituality, our karma began to straighten out, so when we discover and observe the natural laws, our forward momentum is accelerated.

The Divine Mother, directly and through her laws, tends her children and raises them up before presenting them to the Father, so to speak. She raises them up by successive experiences of enlightenment. The Child of God is gradually brought to the knowledge of its true nature, ready to leave the Creator and the created realm and meet and re-unite with the Source.

We also have our own plan within the Mother's Plan. At the end of every lifetime we hold that plan in one hand, in a manner of speaking, and match it to the akashic film of what we did in a full-life review. In the past, our progress was often unencouraging. Now we're making rapid progress, again all according to Plan.

God's Plan has been depicted as angels descending and mounting a ladder of consciousness (Jacob's ladder).

"And [Jacob] dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

"And behold, the Lord stood above it." (4)

If you see angels as standing in for consciousness, perfect. You're looking at a representation of the journey the Plan calls forth: From God to God.

This same ladder of life, in its entirety, the Persian poet, Hafiz, called "the stairway of existence":

"Through the stairway of existence
"have you now come,
"have we all now come,
"to the Beloved's door." (5)

Hafiz was probably experiencing a vision in which he saw that all of us completed the journey - or were slated to do so.

My vision showed that same journey in a different way. I followed the journey of a single soul from God into the Mother's domain of matter (*mater*, Mother), through lifetimes in matter, and then, after enlightenment, back to the Father again.

The purpose of my life is therefore enlightenment so that I may reunite with the One.

Jacob's ladder, the stairway to heaven, my vision - all three describe the process of spiritual evolution that the Plan brings into play. The Plan depicts a being rising through gradations of consciousness from unconscious awareness to conscious awareness and from self-consciousness to Self-Consciousness and beyond.

Now let's look at how this account - or perhaps the philosophy it leads to - is "integrated, direct and unitive."

Footnotes

(1) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 17.

(2) See "Ch. 13. Epilogue" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-13-epilogue/>

(3) Jesus in Matthew 16:28.

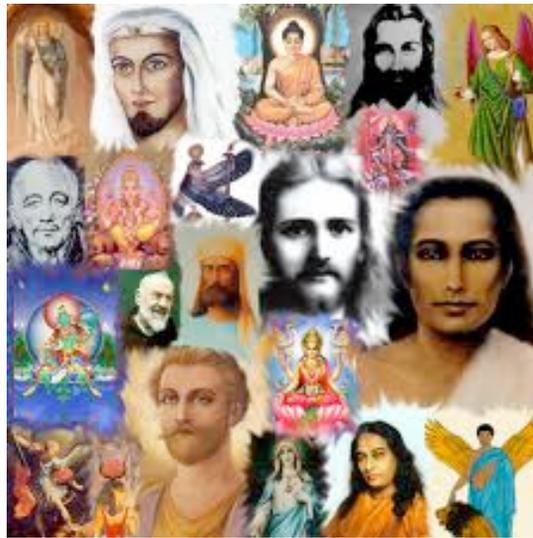
(4) Genesis 28:12-14.

(5) Hafiz cited at <http://hometown.aol.com/MassoudBeliever/Six.html>.

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 5/7

March 27, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/27/integrated-direct-unitive-spirituality-part-57/>



Now that we've introduced the three leading characters in life's drama and the Divine Plan for life, I need to step back and address what it is about this account, and the philosophy it gives rise to, that makes it "integrated, direct and unitive."

As much fun as we may be having in probing the mysteries, this account is intended to span the religions and retrieve from them their truths, while leaving the rest behind.

Integrated

What we want to know is the truth behind all accounts. I'm speaking now at the level of knowledge because we're producing knowledge here with the written word. I'm not talking about the ultimate truth perceived in spiritual practice. That truth cannot be conveyed in words or known by the mind.

Each of the accounts of the great masters was written for a particular era and, just as with mediums, had to draw on words in usage then, embodied in concepts that would make sense to that generation, and so on.

We're faced with taking these accounts and integrating them into one, using a new vocabulary known to this generation.

Usually anyone who tries to integrate many accounts wants to simplify the story. The adherents of any one faith can take that simplified version back into their own religions and apply it for understanding in the way they prefer to understand.

Buddhist meditation master S.N. Goenka used to say that he would make Christians better Christians. The truth below all accounts can only make the religious better members of their own religion. Or it isn't the truth.

So we're drawing together accounts and substituting a standard set of words for words that differ at the present time. We're doing this to increase understanding and tolerance.

Direct

Religions today and back through recorded history have given birth to bureaucracies that sometimes end up telling the faithful what they must believe, what they must do, etc.

Some bureaucracies have burned people at the stake for failing to follow the correct tenets. The faithful paid the heavy price of conformity.

All the time, a push went on to personalize religion, to demonstrate that no one needs an intermediary, an intercessionary, etc. Scriptures were translated into the vulgate language. They were disseminated by printing press.

New teachings said that no one needed an intermediary between them and God. In recent times, Westerners especially fell in love with Zen, which was a transmission outside the scriptures and aimed at direct experience of reality. This love affair was also part of not wishing to have a religious or spiritual intermediary.

Spirituality, as opposed to religion, has had its bureaucracies; witness Theosophy. But in the main, it usually allowed the practitioner complete freedom to choose path, object of devotion, and so on.

There's no need to have anyone between our heart and God's. No one needs to carry our message to the angels. All messages get through and are acted on in our best interests. We here at the Golden Age of Gaia are now seeking to have a direct approach to God widely accepted and that's what I mean by using the term "direct."

Unitive

How much more unitive could things get than for us to realize that we're all divine sparks coated in materiality? And then we put on bodily shapes, colored one this way and one that, belonging to different countries, deriving wildly-differing views. And then we make each other bad and wrong for the differences.

We're saying that we need to see the divine spark in each of us and ignore the differences. Ignore them insofar as they create conflict, but not ignore them insofar as they're differently-colored flowers in a very large garden.

I know love and universality are the same thing. Anyone who has experienced higher-dimensional love will know that it "must" flow to everyone, everything, everywhere. There's no corralling it, bottling it, preventing it. Try and it disappears. So "universal love" is repetition. Love by its very nature is always already universal.

Love and unitive consciousness are probably one and the same thing. The experience of love dissolves barriers - any kind of barriers. In the space that's left, it leaves only love and love unites rather than divides.

Unity and love must be synonymous. They feel synonymous. We're one people. We're tasked with the same mission - to realize ourselves as God. We inhabit the same world, that's rapidly becoming a very large house rather than an increasingly-shrinking planet. And taking care of each other is coming to be recognized for the common, divine obligation it is.

We can only build Nova Earth, a world that works for everyone in loving unity. Nothing else will stand in the higher vibrations. It has to be universal and our efforts have to be united.

So this new spirituality is integrated, direct, and unitive. It intends to draw together teachings from Earth and elsewhere, now and the past, and explain them in an

integrated fashion to assist people to a direct and knowing relationship with their Source and Creator.

Tomorrow we'll look at the event at the heart of the spiritual evolution that life invites: enlightenment.

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 6/7

March 28, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/28/integrated-direct-unitive-spirituality-part-67/>



What many religions usually offer the faithful is a passage to Heaven, Valhalla, Paradise. They promise the winning of salvation, redemption, the reward of the just.

Usually the faithful will go to Heaven if they follow the ways of a particular religion. Implicit in that is that others who don't follow them won't go to Heaven, be with the elect, etc.

That is a caricature of the truth. What is the truth? What piece of that story is accurate?

Well, we *are* on a spiritual journey so that part is accurate. It's a journey from God to God.

But it isn't just the followers of a certain religion that will complete the journey and realize God. Everyone will. Sri Ramakrishna taught that:

"All will surely realize God. All will be liberated. It may be that some get their meal in the morning, some at noon, and some in the evening; but none will go without food. All, without any exception, will certainly know the real Self." (1)

Krishnamurti agreed: "One day you will have all knowledge," he said. (2) And Mata Amritanandamayi concurs: "Whoever it may be, he who has sincere interest can know and see God." (3)

Thus there's no foundation in truth for the statement that only the true believers of one religion will attain heaven or be ushered into the presence of God, etc.

To us, all that's knowable and noticeable from our ground-level view is that we progress from one dimension of consciousness to another. This is the microcosmic view. The macrocosmic view is that we're returning to God, whence we came.

To be totally accurate, what the early Christian masters meant by "Heaven" was the Fifth Dimension that we're headed to. What others meant by Valhalla and Paradise is not as clear.

What's being vaguely and obliquely referred to is the experience we call "enlightenment." Enlightenment is what carries us from one dimension to another.

If we're to get to Heaven, Valhalla or Paradise, it'll be because we became enlightened. And enlightened to a certain stage because there are stages to enlightenment.

Enlightenment itself is virtually (that is, to all intents and purposes) endless. It goes on so far down the road that it's pointless to talk about its end. Can you imagine life just getting better and better to an unbelievable extent? And yet that's what awaits us.

I haven't been enlightened in this lifetime. (4) It's implicit in what I know about myself that I have been in others (as have you). But that knowledge is not available to me at this time.

Therefore my intellectual understanding of enlightenment combined with perhaps two dozen spiritual experiences of a lesser nature than illumination is all I have to go on in defining enlightenment.

For me, enlightenment is a radical discontinuity in knowledge and experience, initiated and accompanied by bliss, that lifts a person, temporarily or permanently, to a higher plane of life. It may involve the seeing of a light or a cherished form of God or an expansion of consciousness.

When temporary, it leaves traces like increased confidence, increased ability to love and experience bliss, certainty that one is immortal, etc. The first experience we'll have that's permanent is sahaja samadhi, or Ascension itself.

Enlightenment, Krishna has said, is the reward of all action. (5) Very few desire it and, of the few who do, very few again have the discipline or perseverance to carry that wish through to the end. (6)

"Ascension" refers to a reattunement of sentient beings from one plane of vibration to another. In Jesus's case, it was an individual phenomenon. In our case, it will be a mass or collective phenomenon.

The Divine Mother has confirmed that sahaja samadhi is the culminating event in our Ascension on the radio show *An Hour with an Angel*:

Steve Beckow: I'm trying to understand what level of enlightenment Ascension corresponds to. And I think it's beyond the normal seventh-chakra enlightenment. I think it is what is called — and I'll make this clear to readers — *sahaja samadhi*. Am I correct?

Divine Mother: Yes, it is beyond what you think of with your seven chakras. ... We have emerged from the Third-Dimensional realm, which is that reference point for the chakra system, into the new. So yes, you are correct, in this question and in this statement. (7)

However, the celestials remind us that the journey goes on well past Ascension to the Fifth.

Archangel Michael says that he speaks to us from the Transcendental. Swami Vivekananda also came from the Transcendental and was an Elohim. So here we have the phenomenon of two exalted beings living in the domain of the Father and yet retaining their individuality and showing their up-to-the-moment knowledge of Earth's ways.

It does explain however how Archangel Michael could say that we can return to the Father and then emerge again when needed, much as Swami Vivekananda did in coming to Earth.

While I look forward to enlightenment, I also know that everything about me - my desire to serve, my love of writing, my relaxing into composition - has increased with a simple heart opening.

It allows me a kind of measuring device: if this experience I had was this sweet, can I imagine what Ascension must be like? I admit I cannot.

Footnotes

(1) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 818. [Hereafter GSR.]

(2) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 27.

(3) Mata Amritanandamayi, *Awaken, Children!* Vallicakavu, India: Mata Amritanandamayi Mission Trust, I, 49.

(4) 2021: Not quite true any longer. These three events are fourth-chakra enlightenment or "stream entering" - the heart opening in March 2015, the Ocean of Love in May 2015, and the sight of the Self at Xenia in Sept. 2018. But these are only appetizers, not the main course.

(5) "The reward of all action is to found in enlightenment." (Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 54. [Hereafter BG.]

"The glory of the Lord shall be thy reward." (Isaiah 58:8.)

"By contacting God in the world and in meditation you will find all your heart's desires fulfilled. Then you will be a true man of renunciation, for you will find that nothing is more worth-while, more pleasant or attractive than the all-beautiful, all-satisfying, all-thirst quenching, ever-new, joyous God." (Paramahansa Yogananda, *The Second Coming of Christ*. Three vols. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979-86, 1, 17.)

(6) "Who cares to seek For that perfect freedom? One man, perhaps, In many thousands." (Sri Krishna in BG, 70.)

"Only one in a million sincerely longs for God, and few sustain that longing." (Swami Brahmananda in Swami Prabhavananda, *The Eternal Companion. Brahmananda*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1970; c1944, 194.)

"Then tell me how many
Of those who seek freedom
Shall know the total Truth of my being?
Perhaps one only." (Sri Krishna in BG, 70.)

"The Divine Mother ... gives freedom to one out of a hundred thousand." (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 136.)

(7) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.

An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 7/7

March 29, 2015

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/29/integrated-direct-unitive-spirituality-part-77/>



What have we done here? We at the Golden Age of Gaia have called for an integrated, direct and unitive spirituality. We've made the case for it in brief.

We've looked at the fact that life has been designed. We looked at the Plan for fulfilling that design.

We haven't looked at the natural laws that assist in the achievement of life's purpose or at many of the supporting characters in the leela or divine play that life is. There's so much to look at that I can't imagine how many articles it would take.

We looked at the purpose behind the design - the purpose for us (enlightenment) and for God (for God to "meet" God in a moment of our enlightenment).

We looked at how an acceptance of the fact that enlightenment was the purpose of life and that it resulted in all good things leads to an acceptance of everything else spiritual. It provides the rationale for spirituality. It points to the outcome.

We looked at the three main characters in the drama of life - Source, Creator, and Created - or Father, Mother, and Child (or Self).

We must realize the three in successive stages of enlightenment to fulfill this part of the Plan. There are many more stages of enlightenment past knowledge of the Trinity but this is our starting point.

We looked at what it meant to say that we want and are at work on an "integrated, direct, and unitive spirituality." We're taking what we can identify as the truest teachings of all religions and integrating them, to produce a spirituality that requires no intermediary, and results in the kind of love, peace, and wisdom that sees and embraces all beings as One.

And finally we looked at the phenomenon known as "enlightenment," a radical discontinuity in knowledge and experience that lifts a person, temporarily or permanently, to a higher plane of life.

Rather than a picture, we've reproduced a puzzle actually. This is a 5D puzzle because the pieces not only need to be rightly arranged but each piece then needs to be gone into deeper and deeper.

It's a story I never tire of writing about.

Thank you for hearing our call for an integrated, direct, and unitive spirituality. May we reach our goal in the near future as peace returns to our world.

⌘ The Purpose of Life ⌘

The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue

August 13, 2011

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>



The little golden star sees the Father, far off, from the perspective of the edge of the cloud of the Mother

(Continued from [Part 12.](#))

Last revised: April 10, 2019.

When time stood still

What inspired this book? What motivates me as its author?

The energy I have for the subject arises from an event that happened on 13 February 1987, a vision. Rather improbably, it happened while I was driving my car. I'll try to describe it in as much detail as I can for interest's sake. You may recognize it as a variation on the spiritual parabola or Jacob's ladder of consciousness. (1)

The previous weekend I had been at a rebirthing workshop and had had a full breath release, an event which left me feeling incredibly clean and clear.

Moreover, I was at the time studying for my doctorate in sociology and had been counselling people on a volunteer basis. This experience as a counsellor contributed directly to what happened next.

At first, like so many counsellors, I used “problem-solving therapy,” but soon became weary of trying to “sell” solutions to people who weren't inclined to buy. They seemed to want to tell their stories no matter what and rebuffed any attempt I made to offer a solution so I started listening.

I found that people presented me with a puzzle and, when I listened and they talked about it long and deeply enough, they suddenly had an “Aha!” The puzzle turned into a picture which caused their upset to disappear. (Of course I'm simplifying a more complicated process.)

In all sincerity that day, I said to the universe in general, “If our early lives are a puzzle which turns into a picture, is it possible that life itself is a puzzle? And, if so, what might the picture be that life is?”

I'd turned the corner in my car and was travelling through a part of the city I knew well. Having asked my question, everything suddenly turned black. I forgot about my car and found myself staring at a wordless tableaux, a spiritual movie, if you will. All of it was relational, a cause-and-effect story in pictures. I was watching God's wordless way of speaking to me.

At the same time as I watched this spiritual tableau — and this is very important — I was filled with bliss. The experience of bliss resulted in greatly-increased comprehension. It somehow made it easier for me to take things in. What I could not wrap my thoughts around in everyday consciousness I now knew and understood quite simply, intuitively, and directly.

I knew intuitively the identity of the actors in the film and the nature of the drama that was unfolding before my eyes. Words just arose in my mind to explain what I saw.

There was before me a large Golden Sun, which I knew intuitively to be “God the Father” (Brahman, the irreducible Essence, the Tao). (1) From it emerged a small golden star, which I thought of as “God the Child” (the Atman, the Buddha-nature, the Christ, the Pearl of great price).

This small golden star streaked out into the blackness of space and disappeared.

I noticed that I had the capacity to follow the golden star wherever it went. I simply wondered where it had gone and, poof, I was there, looking at that corner of “space.”

In the corner where the golden star had gone, there was a kind of hazy cloud. I knew that cloud to be God the Holy Spirit, which I would now call “God the Mother” (Shakti, the Word, Aum/Amen, the creative universal vibration).

Within the haze, I saw a spiraling tube and recognized the Star-Child, moving through it. It had now lost its brilliance and I could only see its perfectly-circular outline, as it wended its way through what I knew intuitively to be “lifetimes in matter.”

I watched for a time and then, suddenly, the Star-Child flashed back into brilliance and I knew that to be an experience of enlightenment. As soon as its luminescence returned, it left the tube and raced back to the Golden Sun in which it submerged itself. I knew this to be another, more senior experience of enlightenment.

The Star-Child having disappeared, I pondered what I had seen and the words formed in my mind: “Enlightenment is the purpose of life.” God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment. "O thou I!" (2) This understanding summarized my experience.

As soon as I had reached this conclusion, the vision disappeared and I was back behind the wheel of a car.

The experience was not enlightenment. It was a teaching *about* enlightenment. I had been given a glimpse of God’s great Plan for life, a representation of the total journey of an individual soul. It went out from God, on a spiritual parabola, all the while spiraling forward through the action of karma, through the universe of matter, and back again to God where it achieved the supreme level of mergence or enlightenment.

“It all works out in the final reel!”

Knowing that part of the city well, I looked to the right and the left of me to see how far I had moved in the roughly eight seconds I had been somewhere else. I had

not moved an inch. I concluded that the whole event had taken place outside of time.

I came to a red light and looked over at the worried expression on the face of the driver in the next car. I wanted to roll down my window and shout: "It all works out in the final reel!"

For the next three days, I remained in bliss. I saw that all of nature praises God and reveals His Plan. Trees raise their leafy branches to the sky as if in adoration. Their leaves drop off, as our bodies do, but the trees don't die.

The birds flying through the air leave no trace; nor do souls journeying through life. The way the sand and sea mix and yet return to their basic natures reminded me of the relationship between the soul and the body. Everything natural was a metaphor of the Divine or one of Its created processes.

Thereafter my doctoral studies seemed insipid. I tried to enrol my professors in allowing me to study enlightenment for my dissertation but no one at the university, including the Religious Studies Department, would hear of it. Religious Studies said that the university's constitution forbade them studying such a subject. I was amazed.

Empirical materialism was the dominant paradigm at my university in those days. Only what could be known through the senses was considered real. None of what I'd seen was known through the senses; hence none of what I'd seen, to the university, was real.

I felt confined by the academic paradigm and left university.

I remained entranced by the vision. For the next ten years, I read nothing but the works of enlightened authors. I had to find words to express the vision's wordless message.

One by one, as I read the classics, statements appeared that explained what I had seen. Jesus saying that he came out from the Father out into the world and now returns to the Father was an exact description. Jacob's Ladder was a depiction of it. Here it was discussed in Ibn Arabi; there in Krishnamurti.

The next ten years were spent writing this book, trying to put that eight-second movie into words. And now it's done and I'm satisfied.

May your efforts to achieve the purpose of life and consummate God's Plan be blessed with success. May you be filled with divine joy and bliss. May all divine children be enlightened, fulfilled and reunited with God.

Namaste,

Steve Beckow

Footnotes

(1) The spiritual parabola refers to the circular arc a being follows From God to God.

(2) I did not notice the blackness of space. If I had, what would I have known then?

(3) "I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!'" (Bayazid of Bistun in Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 12.)

What is the Purpose of Life?

May 18, 2018

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/05/18/what-is-the-purpose-of-life/>



Is there a purpose to life? As Time Magazine in 1996 put it:

"Why does life exist at all? Is it simply that, if enough cosmic elements slop together for enough eons, eventually a molecule will form somewhere, or many somewheres, that can replicate itself over and over until it evolves into a creature that can scratch its head? Or did an all-powerful God set in motion an unfathomable process in order to give warmth and meaning to a universe that would otherwise be cold and meaningless?" (1)

No, it actually turns out that life does indeed have a purpose. And it does, whether considered from God's perspective or from ours.

I can speak to this because of a vision experience I had in 1987 that showed me the purpose of life. I don't plan to go into the vision itself. I've described it here. (2)

But what the vision showed me conclusively was that the purpose of our lives - of life itself - is enlightenment - the purpose is to know who we are and who we are turns out to be God.

But we cannot know the answer simply as intellectual knowledge nor simply as experiential knowledge. We have to know it as realized knowledge. Not an easy task - ordinarily, as I'll discuss below.

The purpose of life for God - the reason God created life - was to raise up individual consciousnesses to himself which, in a moment of enlightenment, would realize who they are. At that moment, God realizes God. God tastes God's own Bliss. For that meeting was all of this created.

Goldenlight put the matter well:

“You are Source knowing Source.... You are Me knowing Me. Yes, it is I, your loving Source from which you came and to which you shall eventually return.” (3)

Knowing that, is it any surprise that so many of us go around talking about getting to know ourselves, wondering who we are, "working on" ourselves, etc.? We're simply doing unconsciously what life wants us to do consciously - discover our true identity.

From this sacred purpose that life has, everything else flows. All the accoutrements of the material plane are simply fixtures in a school for gods and goddesses in training, so to speak.

We graduate when we answer with loving conviction that extends to every cell of our bodies the one and only question in life: Who am I?

No amount of crimping, no amount of image management, no amount of fakery can get us past the sphinx who guards the inner temple. We either know without doubt who we are or we remain in school.

Or so it went for the last 26,000 years. Fortunately for us, school is about to end and we're about to graduate. A special once-in-26-millennia event. (4)

When we do, all of us will know the answer to that question. And the realization of it will leave us bathed in love and bliss.

All of us, everyone - tall, short, black, white, Jew, Muslim - is God incarnate.

That too has consequences. But that's another story.

Footnotes

(1) Time, August 19, 1996, 40.

(2) "Ch. 13 Epilogue," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-13-epilogue/>.

For the full story, see The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment, at <https://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(3)) “12-12-12 Message from The Council of Angels and Source via Goldenlight: I Am Always with You, Ever Near, Ever Loving,” as channeled by The Golden Light Channel, Dec. 12, 2012, at <https://tinyurl.com/dxpwlgz>

(4) An index of articles on the gradual-and-sudden event known as Ascension can be found here:

"On Ascension to the Fifth" at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-to-the-fifth/>

Knowing Who I am is the Purpose of Life

August 22, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/08/22/knowning-who-i-am-is-the-purpose-of-life/>



The process I'm going through never stops...

This process that I'm going through never stops - for any of us, not just me.

This is a time of gradual Ascension, gradual acclimatizing to a higher dimension, with its onerous demands on our bodies and minds. (1)

During it, I believe that many other people will go through a "divestiture" process - divesting ourselves of our dark, unfortunate, regrettable sides. We can't take them with us. All of it has to go. And before it can go, it must be raised to awareness.

Many others may not know what's happening.

I'm able to follow the process in myself thanks to the workshops, intensives, and seminars of the 1970s growth movement. (2)

The thread that runs through them and the eastern schools I subsequently followed is "awareness." Yes, love, always, but the tool that we took away for our own special use - our microscope - was awareness.

Awareness, like love, is always, already universal. No one has a monopoly or patent on awareness. And the yoke of the awareness path is light: Simply maintain awareness of yourself at all times.

Sounds easy? Actually not quite.

The self-serving bias creeps in. We start calculating what's to our benefit. And we begin to bend the truth and lie.

The upshot? A drop in awareness. We become more dense and drop dimensionally in consciousness.

My favorite ruse, when I'm self-serving, is to stand on principle. I even fool myself, though not at the deepest levels.

I'm usually not standing on principle. I've been triggered and I'm giving you my standard vasana-induced spiel.

It's my protective coloration, my camouflage. I'm trying to squeeze through a narrow space called truth. It's taking a lot of gyrations.

All of us are going to go through this process. And it'll never stop. All of our lives are a return to purity, a shedding of dissimulation and subterfuge, until we reach ... or should I say, reveal - the One.

As far as I know, we've agreed that we'd all stick together until Ascension, but the path doesn't stop with Fifth or Seventh Dimensional Ascension. It goes on and on.
(3)

The reason I chose awareness as my path, rather than bhakti (devotion) or karma (service - the exception is this current service contract), etc., is because I know what the purpose of life is.

As a result of an experience in 1987, (4) I know that the purpose of life is that God should meet God in a moment of our enlightenment. Can I shorten that up? Yes. The purpose of life is enlightenment.

And enlightenment means knowledge of our true nature. Knowledge. Discernment. Discrimination. Ever-sharpened awareness. The prime tool is knowledge.

I want to keep the skills of knowing who I am sharp because I'm aware that knowing who I am is the purpose of life.

During the short interval of this present service contract, I agree to follow the path of karma yoga or service but my first love remains awareness. Of every moment. Every breath.

Footnotes

(1) How many people are suffering from fatigue right now? Memory loss? Feelings of anxiety? Can you imagine if they doubled the rate of our Ascension?

(2) I think of it as the western version of experiencing being, awareness, and bliss absolute (the eastern Sat-Chit-Ananda).

(3) Moreover I'm led to believe that we're a team, like the Halion engineers, who go from Ascension to Ascension. Not everyone continues on but the team does.

Here are the only details I have:

AAM: ... When you complete this mission, (jokingly) you are allowed to have 200 years off. But what you do with that is up to you, dear one! You will certainly have full access to your inter-dimensionality. (AAM, Dec. 18, 2012.)

S: The next assignment is in the Seventh Dimension?

AAM: You will have a choice of planetary systems. This [Ascension] is just the warm-up for [that] Ascension. It is to bring a further rising of vibrations to those throughout the Universe. (AAM, Sept. 13, 2011.)

(4) See "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

What is the Purpose of Life for God?

May 23, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/05/23/what-is-the-purpose-of-life-for-god/>



How does one gather evidence on the purpose of life for God?

I forgot to ask the Divine Mother on *An Hour with an Angel*. But I didn't forget to ask Sanat Kumara, our Universal Logos.

Other channels have also contributed answers, but not that many, I'm afraid. These answers are taken from the *First Contact* database. (1)

Elsewhere (2) I've stated what terrestrial sages regarded as the purpose of life for God. Today we look at our galactic and celestial sources regard it as.

After the vision in 1987, I read for ten years before starting to write on the matter of the purpose of life.

As a result of that experience and at the end of that research, I found that my most mature opinion was that the purpose of life for God is that God should meet God in

a moment of our enlightenment and taste its own bliss. For that meeting was all of life created.

God is all there is. If the All There Is wants to be known and experienced, how does it go about it?

Let's use this as a handy comparison point and see, as we leave terrestrial sources, if the story changes.

I'm going to do this in a question-and-answer format.

Sanat Kumara, you're the Planetary (now Universal) Logos and Keeper of the Universal Laws. Can you tell us what purpose God had in creating life?

Sanat Kumara: There was a will in the Oneness, in the All, in the Source, to be known. (3)

Sanat: The idea of creating a life-form was to have an expression of form that was considered to be beautiful, an expression of beauty, an expression of potential, not limitation, an expression to have an experience of physicality, of a different expression of form. That was the idea, the creation purpose.

Now, even I do not [pretend] to understand or to know, even in joining all the ins and outs of the infinite One, because as you know there is the quality of the unknowable as well. But let us suggest to you that it was an expression of what you have said - as himself or herself, as the Oneness - to have an expression in many ways, to have form, to have an experience in form, and also to have the expression of what we would call love in a physical reality.

Now, when we say “love” we do not mean simply what you think of so often as the physical reality, but truly the unconditional love, the joining together of hearts. (4) So it is the separation and the unity at the same time.

The separation that came to be understood upon your planet is completely gone astray, because the separation was simply an expression of the uniqueness and the diversity and the expression of so many faces, if you want to think of it that way, of how one can conceive.

So that was the original idea. (5)

The Heavenly Hosts: It is all just experience to satisfy the Creator's desire to experience Itself through Its creations. (6)

Is it possible to hear from God on the matter?

Source via Goldenlight: You are Source knowing Source and have the full creationary powers of Me. You are Me knowing Me. Yes it is I, your loving Source, from which you came and to which you shall eventually return. (7)

Source via Goldenlight: How would I get to experience Myself if it were not for you?

Before you, there was just Me; before the Earth and all the planets and star systems and galaxies and universes there was just Me and only Me. I needed to create, I needed to split apart and individuate so I could know Myself and see Myself and see all the wonders of creation. You are all ME! (8)

Source Creator through Tazjima: Now, freedom to choose and to be what you truly are has been returned to the people. And you, dear ones, will be some of the first to go forth and engage this new sense of freedom, to be, to experience the fullness of what physical life was meant to offer – an opportunity for God to learn more about itself. (9)

So "there was a will in the Oneness, in the All, in the Source, to be known." "How would I get to experience Myself if it were not for you?" "I needed to create, I needed to split apart and individuate so I could know Myself and see Myself and see all the wonders of creation."

Nothing the channeled masters says here challenges the view that God created life to be known and to experience the love, bliss, and joy of knowing itself. From God we came; to God we return so that Source might know and experience itself.

Footnotes

(1) The *First Contact* database is located at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=First_Contact

(2) See "Ch. 4 When God Meets God" in *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(3) "Sanat Kumara on the Purpose of Life, the Universal Law, and the Longing for Liberation," June 6, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/06/06/sanat-kumara-on-the-purpose-of-life-the-universal-law-and-the-longing-for-liberation/>.

(4) Higher-dimensional love is to ordinary love, to use Mark Twain's phrase, as lightning is to the lightning bug.

(5) "Sanat Kumara on the Purpose of Life," *ibid*.

(6) Heavenly Hosts, "Let it Be," 10 Nov. 2006, at <http://www.ashtarcommand.net/profiles/blog/show?id=1985014%3ABlogPost%3A273050&xgs=1>.

(7) "12-12-12 Message from The Council of Angels and Source via Goldenlight: I Am Always with You, Ever Near, Ever Loving," as channeled by The Golden Light Channel, Dec. 12, 2012, at <http://thegoldenlightchannel.com/12-12-12-message-from-council-of-angels-and-source-i-am-always-with-you-ever-near-ever-loving/>.

(8) "Council of Angels, Archangel Michael and Source Creator: Upgrading to a Multidimensional Operating System," channeled by Goldenlight, October 4, 2013 at <http://thegoldenlightchannel.com>

(9) "Tazjima: Another Message from the Angels – Encouragement," as channeled by Tazjima – March 24, 2013, at <http://bluedragonjournal.com/author/tazjima/>
<http://bluedragonjournal.com/author/tazjima/>.

Source Knowing Source, Me Knowing Me

Dec. 14, 2012

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/12/14/source-knowing-source-me-knowing-me/>



We had two beautiful statements recently of the wider picture into which Ascension fits, one from the channel Goldenlight and another from the Divine Mother.

Goldenlight said: "You are Source knowing Source.... You are Me knowing Me. Yes, it is I, your loving Source from which you came and to which you shall eventually return." (1)

And the Divine Mother said in *An Hour with an Angel* on Dec. 10, 2012.

"I am asking you to bring your focus to this ignition [i.e., Ascension], but then I am [also] asking you, let us focus on what is really at hand — yes, Gaia, yes, universe, this universe in particular. But you, you have begun by saying that I am not simply a god among gods. I am the Mother, and I am asking and inviting you to join with me. Is there really any further conversation to be had?" (2)

And of course there really isn't need for any further conversation. If we're looking for the one statement that lies below every other statement that ever could be made, it is that the purpose of life is that God should meet God. (3)

To join with the Divine Mother, who is no different than the Holy Father, which is why Archangel Michael calls "them" "Mother/Father One," is the sole reason for all of us to exist.

David Wilcock put the matter well in mid-summer of this year: “The entirety of the physical universe is a magical tapestry wrought by the hand of the Creator, for the purpose of experiencing Itself.” (4)

His statement echoes one made by the Heavenly Hosts six years earlier: “It is all just experience to satisfy the Creator's desire to experience Itself through Its creations.” (5)

SaLuSa also said some years ago that “your existence is not some freak accident, but of a careful design.” (6)

When some people become aware that life has a purpose and a design that fits that purpose, they become angry. Considering themselves separate from God, they think that they're being manipulated. They don't want to follow a plan laid down by another. They want to be free.

But of course, what we fail to realize is that we *are* God and so the plan to know ourselves as God turns out to be our plan as well, as Saul makes clear:

“To awaken is to know God. It is His Will that you do so, and as you are one with Him it is also your will. Consequently, it is impossible for you not to do so.” (7)

“Your Father’s Will is that you awaken into the divine splendor of Reality — your eternal Home — and there is no other will because all life, in all its myriad forms, is one with Him and shares His Will. The only difference is that in your separated state you are unable to see the whole picture, and it seems to you that there is a multitude of conflicting wills out there causing fear and mayhem.” (8)

What does the realization that we all are God lead to? SaLuSa tells us:

“The awakening goes on at full speed ahead, and many souls are beginning to understand the purpose of life. It is the realization that you are more than your body, and that life is infinite and that you have your being in the energy that is God.

“This also leads to the acceptance that you are All One, and you can see all souls are interconnected and make up the whole.” (9)

All of life's creation follows Jacob's ladder of ascending consciousness as Mark Kimmel's Adrial suggests, moving towards the realization of Oneness.

“Everything is a ladder of frequencies ascending from where you are today to the light of the Creator. In time all will embrace His light, and the universe will be in Oneness of the Light.” (10)

The “Oneness of the Light.” What is this Light that is One? Ag-Agria tells us that it's a spark of God, what we call our soul and our “true self.” That Light is what is the One among us and the One that we all are.

“We know that many of you are puzzled by reference to the need for people to understand who they really are. Clearly you are aware of your physicality and what that means in terms of your life on Earth. What is being referred to is your true self, that part of you that will always exist regardless of whatever happens to you.

“You have a God spark that is your Light and link to All That Is. An immutable link that should tell you that you are a Being of Light, experiencing the lower vibrations which have effectively cut you off from your Higher Self. Most people identify with the 3rd. dimension, and do not comprehend that there are other aspects of themselves.” (11)

“You are spiritual beings in biological clothes,” Archangel Metatron puts it. “You are here to discover your Divinity. When you make that discovery, you serve others in the example of that achievement!” (12)

We remain unsatisfied until we know God in the fullest, SaLuSa tells us: “Your quest for knowledge and the truth can never really be satisfied until you reach the ultimate – The Source of All That Is.” (13)

Even the ascended masters from Earth and other star systems are on the same search as we, SaLuSa tells us.

“We are like you and seek the path that leads back to the Source, and there is a driving force that constantly urges all souls to rise up to ever higher realms. Your understanding of this quest varies according to your beliefs.” (14)

Some masters call this driving force a longing for liberation and others an urge to evolve. An unquenchable thirst, it won't let up until we've merged again with God in its transcendental, formless form.

Diane of Sirius says that “it [is] only a matter of time, before more souls reach a point of true awareness of their higher purpose in life.” (15) When they do, they

see that life is a divine play or *lila*. Atmos says that life “is often referred to as a game.” (16)

And Kuthumi informs us that “when you see, and I mean truly see, that life is in fact just a game, then, my precious ones, you are truly free.” (17)

What Ker-On said about the game that descending into the lower dimensions was he could have said about life itself.

“You are playing a game albeit you take it very seriously, which is actually an experiment that you volunteered to take part in. The Creator desired to know how the Light Sparks sent out from the Source would react to the lower energies, when it reached a point that led them to believe that they were separated from it. You travelled down through the higher realms, and assigned yourselves to Earth when it was the Garden of Eden. It was only later that you forgot your true identity as gods, and took on the mantle of darkness.

“However, you were not and never will be left alone to lift up again, and no soul is deserted or damned. In the not too far future you will again come to the realisation of who you really are. When that time comes you will be all the greater for your time in the cycle of duality.” (18)

He could have said that life itself was a game which we agreed to play and, when the time comes to reunite with God, we are all the greater for having played it. Of course from that time on “we” disappear and we are only One again.

So here we are, the game of duality about to be called on account of time ... well, actually, no time, zero point, the end of time.

And we're all declared the victor in this game, even those who don't choose to ascend. All have gained experience. All are that much closer to God, whether they choose to ascend or not. What a game we played, all of us having assumed many roles, light and dark!

And now there's the bell and everyone drops their roles and leaves the stadium. The game is over. We're all the winner as we move on to a wider and wider game.

Footnotes

- (1) “12-12-12 Message from The Council of Angels and Source via Goldenlight: I Am Always with You, Ever Near, Ever Loving,” as channeled by The Golden Light Channel, Dec. 12, 2012, at <http://tinyurl.com/dxpwlgz>
- (2) “The Divine Mother on 12/12/12 and 21/12/12,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/12/the-divine-mother-on-121212-and-211212/>.
- (3) My wife D'Arcy invented the phrase in the midst of a transcendental moment in which she realized that all of life was God meeting God meeting God meeting God.
- (4) David Wilcock, “Wilcock Reading, Dec. 2011, by the Source -- with David Wilcock,” Aug. 28, 2012, at <http://divinecosmos.com/start-here/davids-blog/1078-2012shift>.
- (5) Heavenly Hosts, “Let it Be,” 10 Nov. 2006, at <http://www.ashtarcommand.net/profiles/blog/show?id=1985014%3ABlogPost%3A273050&xgs=1>
- (6) SaLuSa, Dec. 16, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm
- (7) Saul, Sept. 21, 2011, at <http://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>
- (8) Ibid., Jan 2, 2011.
- (9) SaLuSa, Dec. 21, 2011.
- (10) Adrial, “Densities, Dimensions, and Frequencies,” July 3, 2009, at Mark Kimmel’s Corner, http://www.cosmicparadigm.com/Marks_Corner/.
- (11) Ag-agria, Feb.16, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm
- (12) Archangel Metatron, “The Alchemy of the Solstice,” Dec. 21, 2008, through James Tyberron, at http://www.earth-keeper.com/EKnews_12-21-08.htm.
- (13) SaLuSa, Feb. 23, 2009.
- (14) Ibid., Dec. 6, 2008.
- (15) Diane of Sirius, Feb. 2, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(16) Atmos, Nov. 12, 2008.

(17) Kuthumi, "11:11 Turning of the Tide," Nov. 2, 2008, through Michelle Eloff, at <http://spiritlibrary.com/the-lightweaver/1111-turning-of-the-tide>.

(18) Ker-On, March 4, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

The Common Enterprise of All Life

July 19, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/07/19/the-common-enterprise-of-all-life/>



Headed toward a grand unmasking

You might ask, what is the common enterprise of all of us - humans, animals, plants, and every other creature? What are we all doing that we're doing in common?

I can answer that.

Everyone of us is engaged in learning its true identity. (1)

New beings are being created as we speak and released on this same journey of discovery. (2)

And everyone and everything is at one place or another in it.

The fact that some are ahead of others in learning is neither grounds for praise nor condemnation.

We don't chastise a Grade Six student for not being able to write a Ph.D. thesis. We recognize that all of us go through all the stages.

In the Mother's school of spiritual evolution, (3) there's no timetable for any of us to be at a certain place at a certain time. But there's an immutable commitment to finish the journey.

Rumi was referring to this when he said:

"There is one thing in this world which must never be forgotten. If you were to forget everything else, but did not forget that, then there would be no cause for worry; whereas if you performed and remembered and did not forget every single thing, but forgot that one thing, then you would have done nothing whatsoever.

"It is just as if a king had sent you to the country to carry out a specified task. You go and perform a hundred other tasks; but if you have not performed that particular task on account of which you had gone to the country, it is as if you have performed nothing at all. So [humanity] has come into this world for a particular task, and that is his purpose; if he does not perform it, then he will have done nothing." (4)

That task is Self-Realization, solving the puzzle and mystery of who I am.

So there really is a task that unites us all - all creatures, all life forms. Knowing this and serving it, I'm willing to bet, unites ascended masters - and could unite us as well.

Krishnamurti confessed this about himself when he wrote:

"The really important thing is ... the knowledge of God's plan for [humans]. For God has a plan, and that plan is evolution. When once a [human] has seen that and really knows it, he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful." (5)

Our forms are illusory; our Light is eternal. All of us are headed towards a grand unmasking, only to discover God is playing every role.

But why would God universally unmask and end the leela, the grand performance that the world is? Would it not be lonely being all alone - that is, All One? Why not have a family?

Was this how duality was born?

Footnotes

(1) See *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(2) If we restrict our attention to the angelics, even there billions are being created, Michael says:

AAM: This is something that we have never really talked about before. In the Mother's infinite creation there are still billions of those sparks of light being birthed to this day.

Steve Beckow: And these were the seraphims or all of the angels?

AAM: No, all the angelics, if you take it as a very large group. ("Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom (Repost)," Aug. 11, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/08/11/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom-repost/>.)

(3) On spiritual evolution, see "Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life," July 21, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/07/21/spiritual-evolution-the-divine-plan-for-life-4/>

(4) Rumi in A.J. Arberry, trans., *Discourses of Rumi*. New York; Samuel Weiser, 1977; c1961, 26

(5) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 17. We really need to come up with gender-neutral words. Making ad hoc changes like this isn't a satisfactory arrangement.

It All Works Out in the Final Reel

January 6, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/01/06/315968/>



Credit: elizabeth-reninger.com

Recently I wrote:

"In spiritual terms, given that I'm a spirit in a human body, relating to others of the same kind, and want to understand myself and others - and given that others may want to as well - how do I describe the ways we think, feel, and act; that is, our culture?" (1)

Spiritually-based cultural studies have the advantage of knowing how the story of the human race turns out.

It could never be said in empirically-based studies that our journey is from God to God. But it can be said in spiritual studies.

Here we can say that the purpose of our lives, overall, is for God to meet God in a moment of our enlightenment. For short, we could say that enlightenment is the purpose of life. (2)

I wasn't permitted to make such statements in the university of my day. The study of enlightenment was said to go against the university's charter.

The framework that this model suggests Jesus described:

"I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father." (3)

Granted that his statement has many levels, one is a description of the overall journey of life, the framework in which our cultural studies fit. (4)

He came forth from the Father, as did we all, out into the world of matter, *mater*, Mother, where he achieved the purpose of life, left the world, and returned to the Father, as will all of us one day.

We follow a sacred arc from God out into the world, where we learn our true identity, affording the One an experience of itself, and back we go to the One again.

Here's Paul, in metaphor, describing the last moment of our individuality before even that is surrendered to God:

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son [the Self, the Christ, the individuated spark] also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all [i.e., reunited]." (5)

After this mergence, individuality is dissolved in the Ocean of Love. End of story.

It all works out in the final reel.

That is the human journey. That is the backdrop to our studies of how we be, do, and have; how we think, feel, and act; how we use our ideas and other input to make sense of our world and take purposeful action.

Footnotes

(1) "How Do we Describe Human Culture?" Jan. 4, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=315967>.

(2) For the vision experience that this article is based on, see "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>.

For the book-length study, see *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>.

(3) Jesus in John 16:28.

(4) When he said he came from the Father, on one level he meant as an avatar or descent of the Divine. In this regard he acknowledged his avatarhood on another occasion: "I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not./But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me." (John 7:28-9.)

Moreover he also acknowledged it to me when I interviewed him through Linda Dillon on *An Hour with an Angel*:

Jesus: There are those who wish to label me as an avatar. And I would accept that label, but I would not choose it. I would choose the label, or the description, of teacher.

Steve: ... Can we talk about who was here, please? You were here in bodily form.

J: Yes.

S: Sananda was also here overlooking you, was he not?

J: Yes.

S: So that would be a second layer to your ministry, so to speak, the overlooking.

J: That is correct.

S: And then in addition to that, the Holy Spirit [i.e., the Divine Mother] descended into your form. Is that correct?

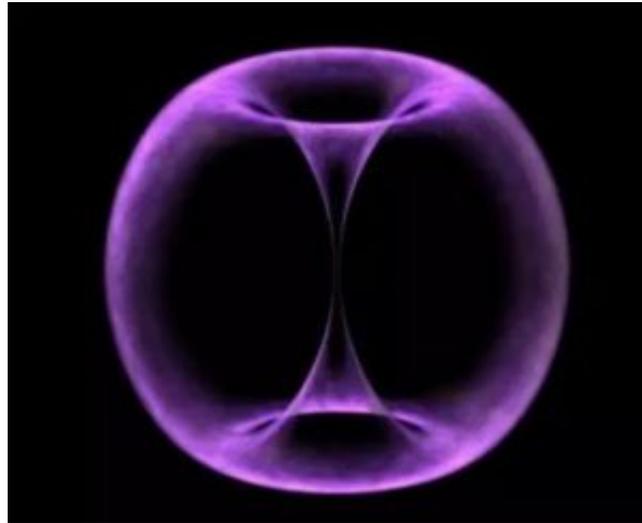
J: That is correct. ("Transcript of An Hour with an Angel, with Jesus, Jan. 9, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/01/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-jesus-jan-9-2012>.) An avatar is one in whom the Divine Mother has descended as is their core.

(4) St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

From God We Came; To God We Return

September 15, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=326367>



Excerpt only

As an Ascension ethnographer, I'm only writing partly for our own culture and civilization.

Many civilizations all over our universe are probably also ascending, perhaps even as we speak.

Ascension is part of the great chain of being. It's the part where the constantly-evolving individual leaves one dimension of existence and enters another for a new round of life on their way back to God.

All the while, the movement of all beings out from God and back again resembles a great torus (see graphic). From God we came in ignorance; to God we return in knowledge. (1)

I already know of other future Ascensions. Who knows? We may work together on the next one too.

Those of us who work on the next round may even rely on records from this round. Wouldn't that be a hoot?

Here's Michael discussing future assignments:

Steve: When will I ... have my original dimensionality back? Or do I stay in a lower dimension for the foreseeable future?

Archangel Michael: You will have a choice. As I have said to you, when you complete this mission, you are allowed to have 200 years off. But what you do with that is up to you, dear one! You will certainly have full access to your inter-dimensionality. ...

Steve: Okay. Well, apart from that, it really just depends on what's wanted and needed. (2)

Steve: The next assignment is in the Seventh Dimension?

AAM: You will have a choice of planetary systems. This is just the warm-up for [that] Ascension. It is to bring a further rising of vibrations to those throughout the Universe. (3)

"Throughout the universe." We tend to think of only our planet and its "history." But civilizations throughout the multiverse are embarked on the very same journey from God to God.

Footnotes

(1) On the purpose of life, see The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf> and particularly "Ch. 13. Epilogue."

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Dec. 18, 2012.

(3) Archangel Michael, Sept. 13, 2011.

From God to God

May 30, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/05/30/from-god-to-god/>



Excerpt only

I've heard it said a few times of couples during the Second World War in which one person had one night of shore leave that "they packed a lifetime into a single night."

What does that mean? ... Apart from the obvious.

It means they did whatever they could to move their "spirits," their state of consciousness from whatever it was to excitement, enthusiasm, zest, etc.

Just think about that for a moment and maybe put a bookmark there.

The est Training was about moving people from a lower, unconscious dimension of knowing or level of certainty to a much higher, conscious level. This was achieved by clearing and triggering a transformative moment, a sudden realization of Self. Why was it about that?

Sages speak about a "longing for liberation" (1) that's built into us to keep us moving slowly but inexorably back to God. Really?

It's a tidal, sub-sensible thirst for That which keeps us moving in the overall direction of the Good, True, and Beautiful, from wherever we are to something better, more wonderful, more delightful.

We take for granted this desire to move. It can surface as a desire to do things better, improve our performance, look our best, speak civilly, help others out, and many other forms. It itself is a basic impulse.

We never ask ourselves if this pattern of behavior is a design feature of life and, if so what piece of the puzzle it is. We simply take the direction in which life moves for granted.

Not all beings seem to want happiness and peace, for sure. There are beings in the universe who feed on fear - or "loosh," as they call it. Others long to be "masters of the universe." Some human beings would murder billions of "useless eaters" if they thought they could get away with it - perhaps by way of a pandemic.

Those people are exercising their freewill. In a demented way perhaps. The law of karma takes them and gives them back the experience they gave to others, which, in the long run, seems to wake people up.

Look at awakening itself. When we awaken, our upsets are gone. We feel freed up, rejuvenated. We awaken from wherever we are into a better state. Again the movement is from here to better.

Life seems to be rather like a torus: all emanates from God, goes out into the world and then returns to God again. As Jesus said:

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (2)

The return journey to God is accomplished, I believe, by journeying deeper and deeper into the divine states, most notably the state of states, love.\

Footnotes

(1) Shankara on the longing for liberation:

"[The] longing for liberation is the will to be free from the fetters forged by ignorance -- beginning with the ego-sense and so on, down to the physical body itself -- through the realization of one's true nature." (Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, 36.)

SaLuSa:

"Your quest for knowledge and the truth can never really be satisfied until you reach the ultimate - The Source of All That Is. However, you will have innumerable experiences before you ever reach that point. You have yet to understand the concept of a never-ending creation. You will never run out of new challenges in the Multi Universes and dimensions that seem to go on for all infinity." (SaLuSa, Feb. 23, 2009.)

See also: "Ch. 7. The Longing for Liberation" in The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

"The Longing for Liberation," August 20, 2010, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/08/20/the-longing-for-liberation/>

"Understanding the Longing for Liberation – Part 1/3," October 16, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/16/understanding-longing-liberation-part-13/>

"Understanding the Longing for Liberation – Part 2/3," October 16, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/16/understanding-longing-liberation-part-23/>

"Understanding the Longing for Liberation – Part 3/3," October 17, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/17/understanding-longing-liberation-part-33/>

(2) John 16:28.

That Which Can Never Be Forgotten

Sept. 16, 2013

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/09/16/that-which-can-never-be-forgotten/>



As above, so below

Sometimes I feel that, if I don't spend some time of a day reflecting on God, I'll burst. And today is such a day.

There's no forgetting God. The Father has built a longing for liberation into us that will not allow us to forget him for long. (1) No matter what we fasten onto, no matter what addiction we escape into, no matter what routine we bury ourselves in, sooner or later the desire arises for more. Nothing satisfies for long. Absolutely nothing except God or God's divine states.

I think I must be hit by the longing at this moment and the only way to satisfy it is to think and speak of God.

God is all there is. God dreams and the world arises. It dreams and beings come into existence. I personally love listening to the sages describe God.

Here's Pseudo-Dionysius, a Greek Christian living in the late 5th and early 6th centuries. His enlightenment is one of the highest I know of and his poetic exposition of the nondualist point of view has always thrilled many.

“The Cause of all is above all and is not in-existent, lifeless, speechless, mindless. It is not a material body, and hence has neither shape nor form,

quality, quantity, or weight. It is not in any place and can neither be seen nor touched. It is neither perceived nor is it perceptible.

“It suffers neither disorder nor disturbance and is overwhelmed by no earthly passion. It is not powerless and subject to the disturbances caused by sense perception. It endures no deprivation of light. It passes through no change, decay, division, loss, no ebb and flow, nothing of which the senses may be aware. None of all this can either be identified with it nor attributed to it.” (2)

Is not, is neither, endures none of this, can be identified with none of that. Not, none, neither: this is the *via negativa* or way of negation. All that we can say of God is what he/she/it is not.

God is both beyond the material domain and the source of it. Moreover everything material is, in a manner of speaking, made from God. Krishna pointed to the mystery of how God could be everything and yet remain nothing.

“This entire universe is pervaded by me, in that eternal form of mine which is not manifest to the senses. Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me. I do not mean that they exist within me physically. That is my divine mystery. You must try to understand its nature. My Being sustains all creatures and brings them to birth, but has no physical contact with them.” (3)

Of everything that exists, and I’m speaking from the relative level, only God is non-physical. That includes the God in us, which is the soul, which the Mother coats in matter lending form and substance to the soul much as we clothe the body.

Jesus said that I am in the Father and the Father is in me and the Father is greater than I. What difference is there between that saying and what Krishna says here: “Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me.”

One could say, well, no, the soul exists within the creature. Yes and no. Only in a manner of speaking. The soul is conceived of as existing within the creature and yet it does not. It’s not material and so has no physical location. It would be more accurate to say that the creature exists within the soul because the soul, which is one with everything, also includes everything that is. That is why sages say to us, as God in Heavenletters did recently, that "I am" is everything, that each of us is everything.

"What is Eternity? You are. What is Infinity? You are. What is Vastness? You are. What is everything? It is you. You are It. Anywhere you look, it is you. Anywhere you don't look, it is also you. There is nothing in Creation that is not you." (4)

The problem we encounter, which leads to so many paradoxical sayings, is that we constantly compare apples and oranges. Souls are spiritual; bodies are material. They cannot be compared. Even to say "souls" is a paradox because there is really only one Soul.

We cannot take one step in this realm without tripping over our feet and yet nothing is more fun to speak of than these spiritual verities.

We look from our vantage point and remake God in our own image. We use our senses and so recast God in the metaphors of the sense. And to a certain extent we get away with it because God is also the senses and what is sensed. We know only other people so we make God a person. Whatever is highest in our hearts, minds, and imaginations we make an attribute of God.

But God is so far higher than our hearts, minds and imaginations can reach (right now) that we fail, fall short, never succeed. But then in the next moment, we pick ourselves up and try again. Estimating God, appreciating God is something we never tire of. Does anyone ever ask why?

When we say God is not, we're really thinking of God in his/her/its original transcendent being. But God is not only transcendent (the Father); God is also phenomenal (the Mother); and God is also immanent (the Self, Child, Christ or Soul).

There is nothing God is and nothing God is not. How else could it be with something ... errr, nothing ... that's everything?

Every master has tried his or her hand at describing God, probably for the sheer enjoyment of it, not because they think they'll succeed. No one has ever succeeded.

Here is Sri Aurobindo's try, probably one of many. Each master tries to fail better than the last. Take a deep breath because Sri Aurobindo has a wonderfully long attention span.

“That into which we merge ourselves in the cosmic consciousness is Satchidananda [Awareness, Existence, Bliss Absolute].

"It is one eternal Existence that we ... are, one eternal Consciousness which sees its own works in us and others, one eternal Will or Force of that Consciousness which displays itself in infinite workings, one eternal Delight which has the joy of itself and all its workings, -- itself stable, immutable, timeless, spaceless, supreme and itself still in the infinity of its workings, not changed by their variations, not broken up by their multiplicity, not increased or decreased by their ebbings and flowings in the seas of Time and Space, not confused by their apparent contrarities or limited by their divinely-willed limitations.

“Satchidananda is the unity of the many-sidedness of manifested things, the eternal harmony of all their variations and oppositions, the infinite perfection which justifies their limitations and is the goal of their imperfections.” (5)

No *via negativa* here. Strictly *via positiva*. Affirming what he thinks God is. Or knows God to be.

OK, someone tell me to stop because I could go on and on describing the indescribable, wafted on the wings of love, discussing my favorite theme.

That is indeed my fix for the day. Nothing rewards a person more than paying a little attention, whenever the unscratchable itch arises, to the one thing ... or no thing ... that will never go away, never let us forget, never stop singing to us through everything around us and everything within us - God.

Footnotes

(1) See “The Longing for Liberation” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-longing-for-liberation/> .

(2) Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 141.

(3) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 80.

(4) "Eternity and Infinity," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/09/eternity-infinity/>

(5) Sri Aurobindo, *The Synthesis of Yoga*. Pondicherry: Sri Aurobindo Ashram, 1983, 395.

⌘ The Basic Spiritual Movement ⌘

The Basic Spiritual Movement 1

June 12, 2009

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/spirituality/back-to-the-basics-2/the-basic-spiritual-movement/>



I was reading a back issue of SaLuSa the other day and he provided me with a statement that startled me and caused the melding of two bodies of literature in my mind:

“What the next few years will do is to offer you the opportunity to lift up your sights, and set them upon the most lighted expression you can achieve. After all, the object of working your way to Ascension is to move into a state of enlightenment, and continue to evolve.” (1)

Until I heard SaLuSa say that, I had puzzled over the matter and kept the literature of ascension and the literature of enlightenment separate in my mind.

But now I felt released from that. I felt as if a dam had broken. It was now time to meld the teachings of the spiritual sages with those of the masters, celestials and galactics that we have been so earnestly listening to.

As a result of these events, I struggled today to carry on my daily affairs because words kept pouring through my mind. I realized that it was time, for me at least, to

begin to focus on the spiritual fundamentals as my way of preparing for what looms ahead in our lives – the reality of announcements (2) and all that follow.

From my studies of enlightenment, and I am not myself an enlightened man but only a seeker, the basic spiritual movement, the fundamental spiritual act, could generically be phrased as “turning from the world to God.”

To my way of thinking, all of life is a huge spiral in which the soul leaves God and begins a journey outwards, towards “finding” itself, only to merge again with God when that realization is complete.

Jesus described it when he said, “I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.” (3)

That’s a precise description of what I just referred to.

And the halfway point, and this is only my way of seeing things, occurs when the individual soul turns its attention from the world and focuses it on God.

Now those words “the world” and “God” can mean many different things to different people and all would be partly sound and correct. I could say “turn from worldly desire to desire for God alone.” I could say “turn from my appetites to my longing for God.” I could say “turn from pleasure to yearning.” I could substitute for the word “God,” the One, the Self, the Tao, the Formless, it really doesn’t matter what word I use.

However one wants to talk about it, there comes a time in one life or another where one feels the irresistible call to put aside what St. Paul called “childish things” – one more movie, one more bottle of wine, one more trip to Marrakesh – and cry out for God.

Sri Ramakrishna had many parables about the child playing with its toys. So long as it did so, the mother continued cooking rice over the fire. But the minute the child tired of its toys and cried out for its mother, she would take the rice pot down from the fire and hurry to her child.

The child has turned from the world to God and God has hurried to the child.

Or Jesus, when asked what the first commandment was, said “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul.” A person who does this has turned from the world to God.

For me, this basic spiritual movement is the first noteworthy, conscious step an individual takes on the spiritual path and the one who does it has covered perhaps more than half the “distance” between Origin and Destination in the overall journey of life.

For me as well, delving into what it means to turn from the world to God (please substitute any other word you’d like if this word does not work for you) is an ongoing practice.

It’s been quite a while since a movie no longer satisfied me. I have my wardrobe down to ... well, I may as well wear a uniform. The only uses I have for money are so basic that I could leave home without it some days and not notice.

When I look, I see that the consequence of turning from the world to God is that, after a while, it remains no longer a conscious action. I do not need to *turn* from the world at this time. I am drawn from the world, drawn inward, irresistibly.

I am almost incapable at this moment of doing much more than simply communicating about this. As a useful member of society, I am at this time a complete waste, a nincompoop. I don’t even care to make excuses for myself.

I have no idea how I shall be tomorrow, but if there were a predictable direction to this, I quite seriously think I will be what spiritual writers call “abstracted” – not good for anything other than to simply contemplate God.

And not even to contemplate. Just to be bliss.

With the last ounce of focus I have, before surrendering even that, I say again what I wanted so desperately to say, as if it were a message in a bottle, a deep dark secret passed between best friends shhhhh (is anybody looking?) ... the basic spiritual movement is to turn from the world to God.

Footnote

(1) SaLuSa of Sirius, April 6, 2009, through Mike Quinsey, at [https://
www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/
Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm](https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm)

(2)"Announcements" refers to the expected announcements disclosing the reality of extraterrestrial life and UFOs and the announcement of the abundance program called NESARA.

(3) John 16:28.

The Basic Spiritual Movement 2

February 20, 2014

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/02/20/the-basic-spiritual-movement-x-2/>



Mother, knowledge of you is more precious than rubies

I'm looking at a conjuncture of notions, and not just notions that don't make a difference, but notions that make a profound difference.

I may have referred to this earlier, but the sense of them is deepening and having an impact on me. But then what's not having an impact on me these days, blown-open as I feel?

I've been saying for years that the basic spiritual movement is to turn from the world to God. OK, that unleashes a storm of requests for clarification. What is the world? What's wrong with the world? Etc.

Nothing is wrong with the world. It's just that the Ultimate that we want to know and love does not live at that address. Sorry. Please don't shoot the postman.

So let me rephrase that a bit more technically, with thanks to Hinduism, which articulated this point much better than I ever could (Sri Ramakrishna, Shankara, Dattatreya, and so on).

The basic spiritual movement is to discriminate between the Real and the unreal, to detach from the unreal, and to devote ourselves to the Real.

I apologize if I'm covering familiar ground.

Discriminating between the Real and the unreal is to notice what changes and what does not, what persists throughout eternity and what does not, what is the Source of all and what is its product or creation, etc. Just notice. Make note of, see and recognize.

Why just notice? Because the ultimate act expected of us in life is to recognize who we are. Just to notice and get down to our bones that we are the One. So discrimination is very important on the list of what's asked of us.

Detaching from the unreal means to take back our yearning for that which does not persist, that which is changing, changing, changing (anitya, anitya, anitya), that which is not eternal.

God so designed life, I think (and so does the Buddha. I'm in good company), that everything impermanent fails to satisfy for long.

Test it out. From now on, drink nothing but champagne, eat nothing but the finest meats you can afford. Eat mounds of your favourite candy. Watch how soon the taste for it pales.

What we do with that is to go from one tantalizing object to the next, as soon as our appetite for the first one pales, in an endless cycle of desire. We seek one enjoyable experience after another, purchase one magic moment after another, but none of it permanently satisfies.

In fact we insist on being born again and again into this vale of tears to have one more ... whatever turns us on.

Remember the man hanging from the cliff by a root, hungry tiger above, impatient lion below, a rat gnawing on the root? And he glimpses a strawberry! Ahhhh.... (1) That's us.

But God also designed life so that only he/she/it can satisfy.

So why not decide the matter and detach from the unreal and....

Devote ourselves to the Real. I could have said “attach” ourselves to the Real. One attachment will not harm us: the attachment to God and all things divine. One degree of the compass leads to Home: and that's the degree that points to God.

So this is the basic spiritual movement, stated again.



Now please look at this if you would. We've been through two downloads and are now launched on a third.

The first download was the Mother's baptism of clarity. The second was her gift of purity. And the third is the tsunami of love.

What is clarity but discrimination or discernment? What is purity but detachment from the unreal? What is love but devotion to the divine?

Are we not being marched through the basic spiritual movement? Has the Mother not made it easy for us?

Is the whole package not being hand-delivered and placed on our table, just waiting for us to sign on the dotted line and accept delivery?

How easy could it get?

You're welcome to spend six years in a Tibetan cave drinking nettle soup.

You can close your eyes and refuse to open them until you have the vision of the One.

You can smear your body with ash and beg for your food. Be my guest!

And I mean no disrespect to renunciates and sadhus. We've all been there and done that in our many lives ourselves, I'm willing to bet.

But the Mother is setting the table and serving the most exquisite dishes to her children this lifetime and how can we say no?

So the basic spiritual movement, which many people in past generations gave everything to know and master, is before us as if by an “Abracadabra!” All of us stare into the treasure box opened before us and have only to say “Yes!”

How lucky can we be? What more could we want?

Footnotes

(1) We face danger on every side and death is closing in on us and we're focussed on the delight-of-the-moment, rather than using this precious time to know God. As Sri Shankara said (paraphrase), infancy is spent helpless, childhood in having fun, young adulthood in satisfying our hormones, adulthood in raising a family. It isn't until our powers are waning that we even have a moment to turn our thoughts to God.

Back to the Basics: Emergence and Balance

March 10, 2012

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/03/10/back-to-the-basics-emergence-and-balance/>



Written to Galactic Roundtable discussion group.

If I were to restate what are for me the basics, my restatement would be incomplete without a word on emergence and balance. These two notions have become so important to me in the last three or four years that I feel a surge of love each time I utter them.

“Emergence” is a word, not the thing itself. You can hang it on your wall, read it every day and nothing will occur from repeating the word.

And to describe what occurs when we do emerge is also difficult. Emergence is a spiritual event. When it happens, it isn't easy to say what just happened – except emergence.

In the split second in which we emerge, we put our fears behind us, cast off our constraints, and stand forth radiantly. We feel the majesty of our full selves at that moment and radiate peace and confidence.

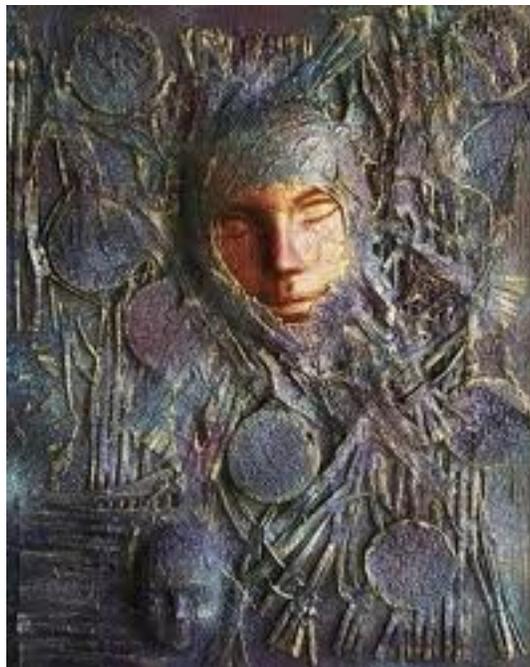
Why do I mention it? Well, in another article I said that enlightenment was the purpose of life. That God should meet God was the reason why all life forms were created.

But most people associate enlightenment with meditation and singing devotional hymns. But we here read and write. What spiritual practice is consistent with reading and writing? In my opinion, emergence is.

Emergence appears to be related to speaking. When we speak our truth fearlessly, we emerge. And so what I'm advising is that we do just that – speak our truth fearlessly and emerge. It's our enlightenment practice, if you will, a practice particularly suited to lightworker communicators.

But the minute I say that I feel the tug from my inner guidance to add: "harmlessly." Humans can turn anything into a weapon, even the truth. And so unless we speak the truth harmlessly, even the truth becomes a lie.

We often emerge by the stands we take, the commitments we make, the promises, declarations, and other forms of soul-speaking that we engage in. We emerge in and through the use of language. What we are doing is using the very medium of language as our enlightenment practice. If Zen is a transmission outside of language, then emergence is a transmission inside of language.



Emergence means we're fully here, fully present. Given that the dark ones on this planet intended to defeat and enslave us through financial manipulation and the erosion of constitutional rights (which they sold us as a "war on terror"), our emergence from the bonds of fear is no less than a social revolution.

Occupy, Arab Spring, We Won't Pay and Wikileaks are all forms of social emergence. So when I say to you "emerge," I'm counselling revolution. I'm probably being more seditious than you could possibly imagine, at least in the eyes of the cabal. (1)

Emergence is service of the Divine Plan. And what is the Divine Plan for this time? The ending of duality on the planet and the rise of unity – and more particularly unitive consciousness. And all of that leads us to the second essential notion – balance.

Emergence does not persist forever. Yesterday's emergence would not buy you a cup of coffee today. We need to emerge daily. But what causes emergence to persist for even a short while is balance.

I don't personally conceive of balance as a teeter-totter or a set of scales. Balance for me is not a question of up or down or more or less weight. It's a question of being in one's center or not.

I theorize that emergence persists in direct proportion to balance. To the extent that I can remain in the center, emergence persists. Remaining in the center is a function of the reduction of desires for worldly things and pleasures. Worldly desires are what pull me away from my center. When my desires are quiet, I remain in the center.

The more desires I have, the more I seem to exist on the peripheries. And the peripheries are really what we think of as "up" and "down." When my desires are quieted, my mind is quieted and I remain quietly in the heart or passively in the center.

I have no right to call myself a spiritual teacher. Spiritual teachers are enlightened and I am not, At least not in this lifetime. Like all starseeds I come from a higher

dimension, or so I'm told. And so chances are that I've been enlightened in another lifetime but wear blinkers in this one to serve Ascension.

Even though I'm not a teacher and don't aspire to be one, the Boss (AAM) has said that I would soon be writing on spiritual themes and so it has developed.



My spiritual path is awareness and my discipline is self-observation. I “be with and observe” all unwanted conditions, upsets, resistances, and incompletions. And the more I be with and observe their rising, persistence and passing away, the more my mind grows quiet and I remain in the center.

Groundedness and centeredness are, I believe, synonyms for balance. Maturity is as well. The Boss has said time and time again that balance is an essential quality for Ascension.

If balance meant not too much of this and not too much of that, then why would the Boss urge balance for Ascension? But when we remember that balance means remaining quietly in the heart, the role it may play becomes clearer.

If we're balanced, we're complete with Third Dimensionality and not holding onto this old setting and its pleasures and attachments. We're free to fly, as Michael would say.

So emergence calls us out of our fears and balance releases our hold on the Third Dimension. Emerge and balance, emerge and balance. Turn away from this dimension that we're leaving and set our sites, in a grounded and centered manner, on the new dimension that looms out in front of us.

Balance and emerge, balance and emerge. Move forward one step at a time and then consolidate. That's what it feels like I've been doing for as long as I can remember and as far as I can see it works.

And so if you were to ask me what I've been doing this last month, perhaps the shortest possible answer I could give would be to balance and emerge.

The circumstances have been challenging. I've been stretched and strained. I've blown a few situations, lost my way, fallen and picked myself up again. I've overstretched myself, failed even in many of my smaller undertakings. But all the while I've concentrated on emerging from those circumstances and then recovering my balance.

Life is good and it promises to become a whole lot better very soon. But good or bad, the way I plan to meet it is by emerging and balancing, balancing and emerging.

Footnotes

(1) In fact, Archangel Michael told me in a reading on March 8 that the Canadian equivalent of the CIA was observing me and considered me to be a rabble-rouser. Well, there you go. Obviously something I'm doing is working!

We Don't Need More Civics. We Need More Basics

March 29, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/03/29/we-dont-need-more-civics-we-need-more-basics/>



Credit: infsoft.com

I contend here that we don't need more civics in our schools to repair our world. We need more basics.

What are the basics? Matters like:

(1) We all are the same God-Soul incarnated in illusory materiality, which ultimately disappears like smoke, leaving the Truth revealed.

All of us are on a journey from God to God, from ignorance to knowledge, from darkness unto Light.

(2) The world of matter (*mater*, Mother) is an educational domain in which we learn what we are not and what we are. Progress is judged by the amount we've freed the divine qualities within us to shine through.

(3) All of life is governed by universal law and the only thing that matters is Divine Will and the Divine Plan. At the risk of repeating myself, we know the Mother's Plan is the only one that can be relied on to occur. She says:

"I know very clearly, sweet one, as do you, if it is not [in] my Plan, then it will not occur." (1)

(4) Divine Will is translated into universal law and lays out the ways and means to return to our original state of purity, innocence, and love upon finally realizing who we are.

(5) *We* can never die. Just as we step out of our clothes at bedtime, so we step out of our bodies at life's end. What happens to the body is of no further concern to us. We face a new world that beckons us, holds our attention, and satisfies us completely.

And so on.

As an historian, I noticed that our education in earlier times seemed more heavily weighted towards producing "good citizens" than it was to producing wise and loving individuals.

It was weighted towards civics rather than basics. And it may still be the case today.

If I look back on my own life, the lack of taught skills in communication, relationships, parenting, and other basic matters left me thrashing and flailing in one relationship after another. I did not know what I was doing.

The only thing that held me back from going into negative territory was the upbringing I received - in basics - from my mother.

In the background, my own family was fighting and dying, without my having been given any of the tools I might need to weather the storms or reach the destination.

We've taken our cherished nationalism (civics) as far as it can go and all too often it has only produced dictatorships and wars for world domination.

If we don't see in our own countries the dictatorship of government, Big Tech, the banking world, the justice system, the medical world, and the educational system, I'm not sure how much more blatant it needs to become before we will.

Unless we've simply closed our eyes to it.

Please, this time around, more basics, less civics. In our new educational system, let's teach the skills an individual needs to make a go of life, not the means to rivalry and war.

Footnotes

(1) The Divine Mother in "Enter the Delegations – Part 2/3," through Linda Dillon, May 5, 2019, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/05/05/enter-the-delegations-part-2-3/>. Reading, April 30, 2019.

Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 1

July 28, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/07/28/discrimination-detachment-and-devotion-part-1/>



The higher we go, the better we feel

I've been putting off writing this article for some time but I now feel the time has arrived.

There's such chaos outside that I need to clarify for myself my basic values, to remind myself what course I want to steer.

To do that, I'd like to describe a spiritual path that derives from Hinduism. I follow this path myself and consider it to be very effective.

I've said that the basic spiritual movement is turning from the world to God. That is, turning from the world outside to the God inside.

We turn from the distractions of life to the contemplation of the Divine to accomplish the purpose of life - Self-Realization. (1)

This path covers the same ground as that statement but in much more detail. Put in its briefest form it is:

Discriminate between the Real and the unreal; detach from the unreal; and devote yourself to the Real.

I've followed statements of it by Sri Krishna, Sri Shankara and Paramahansa Ramakrishna primarily. Here's Sri Shankara stating it:

"He alone may be considered qualified to seek Brahman [God] who has discrimination, whose mind is turned away from all enjoyments [i.e., detachment], who possesses tranquillity and the kindred virtues, and who feels a longing for liberation [devotion]." (2)

"If discrimination and dispassion are practiced to the exclusion of everything else, the mind will become pure and move toward liberation. Therefore the wise man who seeks liberation must develop both these qualities within himself." (3)

"Seek earnestly for liberation [devotion], and your lust for sense-objects will be rooted out [detachment]. Practice detachment toward all actions. Have faith in the Reality [discrimination]. Devote yourself to the practice of spiritual disciplines, such as hearing the word of Brahman, reasoning and meditating upon it. Thus the mind will be freed from the evil of rajas [busyness; i.e., a busy mind]." (4)

And here's Sri Ramakrishna:

"The gist of the whole thing is that one must develop passionate yearning for God [devotion] and practise discrimination and renunciation [detachment]." (5)

"By meditating on God in solitude the mind acquires knowledge [discrimination], dispassion [detachment], and devotion." (6)

This path gets a bad rap in western society where creative expression is the dominant modality: Let it all hang out. Cool, man, cool.

But, if you think about it for a moment, how else are we going to realize God than if we set other things aside to do it? Whatever we give our attention to is what grows, expands, and manifests.

Critics of this path have often held a basic misconception. They think that its followers shun possessions and experiences, etc.

This path does not require you to give up possessions or experiences. It's the *attachment* to them that needs to be let go of.

Jesus said, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. I think we'd find that very few of our hearts are really on God much of the time, if we were honest about it. (Mine is not, much of the day, more's the pity.)

Our hearts are more on survival, looking good, catching that man/woman, having enough money, and so on. We're attached to the world and, as long as we are, we have no attention on the God we want to realize if we wish to fulfill the purpose of life.

And we don't have to. We can wander in the world as long as we like. But heaven awaits us.

Starting tomorrow, let's have a commonsensical look at these three elements - an alternative "Life in 3D."

(To be continued tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) See *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <https://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf> and *Back to the Basics: Introductory Essays to a Cross-Cultural Spirituality* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Back-to-the-Basics-R2-Cross-Cultural-Spirituality.pages.pdf>

(2) Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, 35.

(3) *Ibid.*, 60-1.

(4) Ibid., 62.

(5) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 183.

(6) Ibid., 82.

Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 2

July 29, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/07/29/discrimination-detachment-and-devotion-part-2/>



(Continued from Part 1, yesterday.)

(1) Discriminate between the Real and the unreal.

As was revealed to me in a vision on Feb. 13, 1987, the purpose of life is for us to realize who we are. (1) Before I turn to discrimination proper, I'd like to look at that purpose.

If we only want to get it intellectually, rather than realize it, I can tell you now. You're God.

Did that make a great deal of difference?

Probably not, because it has to be realized as the Truth before it has a liberating, transforming effect on us.

The reason God created things this way is so that the All could have an experience of itself. (2) Each time one of us realizes itself as God, God meets God. And for that meeting was everything you see and don't see, universes without end, created.

The higher we climb, the more enjoyable life is. And the most enjoyment of all comes when we either merge with God as the little star in my vision did or stand revealed as God. Our joy is complete.

It isn't as if this game of blind man's buff is in any way harmful to us, except if you think of being consigned to the old Third Dimension as cruel and unusual punishment! Quite the contrary.

I've had brief experiences of states as high as ecstasy and exaltation and they make the wait worthwhile! Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, there's a higher state.



Now turning to discrimination, Sri Ramakrishna defined it as:

"Discrimination is the knowledge of what is real and what is unreal. It is the realization that God alone is the real and eternal Substance, and that all else is unreal, transitory, impermanent." (3)

Krishna explained how it is we lose our discrimination and what that costs us:

"Thinking about sense-objects
Will attach you to sense-objects;
Grow attached, and you become addicted;
Thwart your addiction, it turns to anger;
Be angry, and you confuse the mind;
Confuse your mind, you forget the lesson of experience;
Forget experience, you lose discrimination;
Lose discrimination, and you miss life's only purpose." (5)

Miss life's only purpose? To sharpen our powers of discernment so that we can discern the Real from the unreal when the time comes.

When we say "turn from the world to God," Krishna has just described the process of being attached to the objects and pleasures of the world and what arises from it. It's this whole process that we want to detach from.

Our attachment to sense-objects (money, sex, status symbols, etc.) sets up longing, confusion, frustration, and anger, usually when we don't get what we want. If the mind is confused and noisy, it cannot recognize the Real when the Real presents Itself.

Whatever the mind is attracted to, it makes real, right, and true. Sociologists call this the self-serving bias.

Once the attachment is no longer there, we wake up to the truth of what we've been thinking and doing.

Thus, our first step on the path to experiencing and realizing the truth of who we are is to begin to distinguish the Real from the unreal.



What's "Real" refers to the absolute. Let's start smaller. Let's start with the here and now, with what's *real to us on this plane of existence*.

If, like me, you're on the awareness path, then we begin to enquire into such things as our moods, our attitudes, our action - what *of* them, what *about* them is real and what's not? Byron Katie's path is based on asking this question. (6)

We keep our attention on ourselves. What's really happening here? What's really going on? What's driving me? Where does it come from?

Alternatively, you could follow Sri Ramana's Self-enquiry path and ask who is doing this? Who is feeling this? (7)

We find that, in looking at ourselves, we go deeper and deeper into what we later discover to be the heart, leaving behind the superficial and the unreal.

In this practice the basic premise is that the truth will set you free. The big "T" Truth will set us free from separation/individuality. The small "t" truth will set us free from our upsets, conditions, or vasanas (core issue).

In the course of discerning more and more of what's real, we find our tastes changing. We're no longer drawn to some things and more drawn to others. We're probably ready for step 2.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) See "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(2) "We do not want anything capitalized." (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Aug. 12, 2016.)

(3) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 140.

(4) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 71.

(5) See Byron Katie, *Loving What Is: Four Questions that can Change Your Life*. NY: Three Rivers Press, 2002.

(6) See for instance *Who am I? The Teachings of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi*. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanashram, 1990, 31 pages.

For more of his teachings, see: Arthur Osborne, ed., *The Collected Works of Ramana Maharshi*. <http://www.ramana-maharshi.org>. Downloaded 10 Sept. 2005 [it contains *Who am I?*] and Sri Ramana Maharshi, *Talks with Sri Ramana Maharshi. Three Volumes in One*. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanashram, 2010. Talks between 1935-9.

Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 3

July 30, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/07/30/discrimination-detachment-and-devotion-part-3/>



Inelia Benz symbolically models detachment: Calm in the face of the storm

(Continued from Part 2, yesterday.)

(2) Detach from the unreal.

After identifying one thing after another that's not true or real, we gradually lose our taste altogether for many things that used to excite us.

Foods we've always loved, drinks, locations, activities - now we find all of our tastes changing and much of the excitement of these things going away.

Also, more and more of our own artifice and stage management may come into view.

The way we present ourselves to others, what face we put on, how we make ourselves up all now become apparent.

We begin to see that the way we're looking at the situation may be neither true nor real. We may be avoiding saying what we think and mean. We may exaggerate and excuse ourselves for doing so.

We may add a few details and subtract a few and feel pretty pleased with ourselves. After all, no one's looking.

Life revolves around certain axes: looking good, being right, feeling up. But these shoes begin to pinch.

Our ordinary ways of being no longer satisfy us the deeper we discern between the Real and the unreal.



Somewhere in the process of detaching, we reach a point where the desires fall silent. I call this stillpoint and it's a launching pad for spiritual experience. (1)

Finally our mind quiets down completely. Everything else goes on - we eat, we drink, we work. But no thoughts arise and, if one does, the mind does not take hold of it.

As it turns out, detachment can be a plus for a lightworker. I once protested to Michael that I knew nothing about money. How could I be a pipeline? He replied that that was not a drawback; it was a plus:

"We know that your desires do not tend towards the physical. And of course that is one of the reasons why you are perfect for flowthrough [or pipeline]. You are not looking for planes and châteaux." (2)

If one isn't attracted to the physical, one is more open to be drawn to the spiritual, in this case in finance. And a built-in longing for liberation adds its impetus, helping one move, slowly but surely, towards the Divine. (3)

As I said earlier, detachment is not detachment from the object, but from attachment to it. We're lightworkers are what Hindu sages would call "householders." We don't seek a life in the forest. We don't practice renunciation of things; we do practice renunciation of earthly attachments.

"Earthly attachments" is such a clumsy phrase. Material pleasures, sensory delights - whatever we want to call the attractions that compete for our attention with the Divine.

As lightworkers, we're here to help others - to serve - and so we'll always be living among objects and attending to their needs.

We don't neglect our tools. But we also don't allow the siren song of life's pleasures to distract us from our main work of assisting with Ascension in the short run and realizing ourselves in the long run.

We're now ready to meet the Divine, which is to say, ourselves.

(Concluded in Part 4, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) See *Desirelessness and the Still Mind* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Desirelessness-and-the-Still-Mind-3.pdf>

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Aug. 2, 2017.

(3) "[The] longing for liberation is the will to be free from the fetters forged by ignorance -- beginning with the ego-sense and so on, down to the physical body itself -- through the realization of one's true nature." (Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, 36.)

"All things long for [God]. The intelligent and rational long for it by way of the stirrings of being alive and in whatever fashion befits their condition." (Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 54.)

For more on this subject, see "Understanding the Longing for Liberation – Part 1/3," October 16, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/16/understanding-longing-liberation-part-13/>

“Understanding the Longing for Liberation – Part 2/3,” October 16, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/16/understanding-longing-liberation-part-23/>

“Understanding the Longing for Liberation – Part 3/3,” October 17, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/17/understanding-longing-liberation-part-33/>

Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 4

July 31, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/07/31/discrimination-detachment-and-devotion-part-4/>



Nothing is achieved in spiritual life without yearning

(Concluded from Part 3, yesterday.)

(3) Devote yourself to the Real.

We've developed our powers of discrimination and used them now to discern what is untrue and unreal. And we've detached ourselves from any attachment to these things.

Mentally, emotionally and spiritually we now devote ourselves to - in the case of lightworkers - the service of God. As long as we're in form, that service is ultimately to the Divine Mother.

It's the Mother who creates, preserves, and transforms. The Father is still and silent. The Mother is the facet of God that we have all contact with and whom we serve.

Eventually she'll step aside and reveal the Father to us. That's the last step in our fulfilment of the purpose of life. But until that time we know only the Mother aspect of God.

If we were forest-dwellers, we'd be removing ourselves from all distractions and focusing exclusively on "finding" God. We'd be devoting ourselves single-mindedly to Self-Realization.

But all of us have ascended before and we've set that aside at the Mother's call to participate. Only people who had ascended before would have the "space" to support the Ascension of others; people who had not ascended would be preoccupied with their own ascent.

The Mother once said to me that the ancients believed it was necessary to fast for weeks before seeking a vision of her. But it wasn't necessary.

Previously it was thought necessary for one to renounce worldly things to achieve a level of zealous yearning. Sri Ramakrishna tells us that that does not come until we exhaust our cravings:

"Yearning for God does not come until and unless a person has satisfied his cravings for mundane objects, renounced all attachment to lust and gold, and shunned worldly comforts and enjoyments like filth." (1)

The karmic cycle is wrapping up now, energies are rising, and it isn't as necessary to practice this level of renunciation. A simple letting go of our attachment to things, in my estimation (and I'm not an enlightened man), would suffice.

Sri Ramakrishna's advice to his followers sounds extreme now, but it was fairly standard to serious seekers of his time:

"You must cultivate intense zeal for God. You must feel love for Him and be attracted to Him. ... Yearning is all you need in order to realize Him." (2)

"Cry to the Lord with an intensely-yearning heart and you will certainly see Him. People shed a whole jug of tears for wife and children. They swim in tears for money. But who weeps for God?" (3)

"Nothing whatsoever is achieved in spiritual life without yearning. ... One should feel a yearning for God like the yearning of a man who has lost his job and is wandering from one office to another in search of work. If he is rejected at a certain place which has no vacancy, he goes there again the next day and inquires, 'Is there any vacancy today?'" (4)

God, Sri Ramakrishna has said, cannot resist a devotee who loves her and comes running to him. Intense yearning was the key.

It isn't only Hindus who advised their contemporary readers to desire only God and renounce everything else. Here's Christian mystic Pseudo-Dionysius describing a similarly-strong longing for liberation:

"Intelligent beings ... experience desire, but this has to be interpreted as a divine yearning for that immaterial reality which is beyond all reason and all intelligence.

"It is a strong and sure desire for the clear and impassible contemplation of the transcendent. It is a hunger for an unending, conceptual, and true communion with the spotless and sublime light, of clear and splendid beauty.

"Intemperance then will be an unailing and unturning power, seen in the pure and unchanging yearning for divine beauty and in the total commitment to the real object of all desire." (5)

Wow. Remember how Michael described peace as being like granite? Pseudo-Dionysius was a peaceful man. And look at the power in his words.

Thus, it isn't a question of getting rid of all desire. It's a question of changing what we desire and that has to come about naturally. It can't be forced.

We want to let go of our attachment to distractions, sensory delights, material pleasures, the names are many. Put all the distractions aside and, in the space thus created, desire God. Desire a divine quality - love, truth, bliss, peace.

Krishna has said:

"I am all that a man may desire
Without transgressing
The law of his nature." (6)

The only thing we can want without creating karma is God.

The game is rigged. It's rigged so that everyone wins.



We've looked at a spiritual practice that can be summarized as "turning from the world to God." We've also looked at the Hindu version of that theme: "Discriminate between the Real and the unreal; detach from the unreal; and devote yourself to the Real."

By turning from the world to God, we mount the dimensional staircase to heaven, Jacob's Ladder of consciousness. We're moving towards realization of our true identity as That which cannot be named or described. That would be the ultimate Ascension or homecoming.

If we're lightworkers, we do that by devoting ourselves to service. If we're more attracted to "truth" or "love," then we devote ourselves to those. All roads lead to God.

Whatever divine form or quality we devote ourselves to, God will appear in that form or as that quality. Meanwhile, our devotion to any form draws us closer and closer to the One.

These are generic statements. But they lie at the heart, I think, of most religions and practices and of the Perennial Philosophy or Ancient Wisdom.

Footnotes

(1) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Chetananda, *They Lived with God. Life Stories of Some Devotees of Sri Ramakrishna*. St. Louis: Vedanta Society of St. Louis, 1989, 98.

(2) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 140.

(2) Ibid., 96.

(4) Ibid., 83.

(5) Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysius, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 151.

(6) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 71.

⌘ On the Biblical Code ⌘

The Biblical Code

December 26, 2010

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/12/26/the-biblical-code/>



Moses climbs Mount Sinai to receive the Laws

The language of mystery

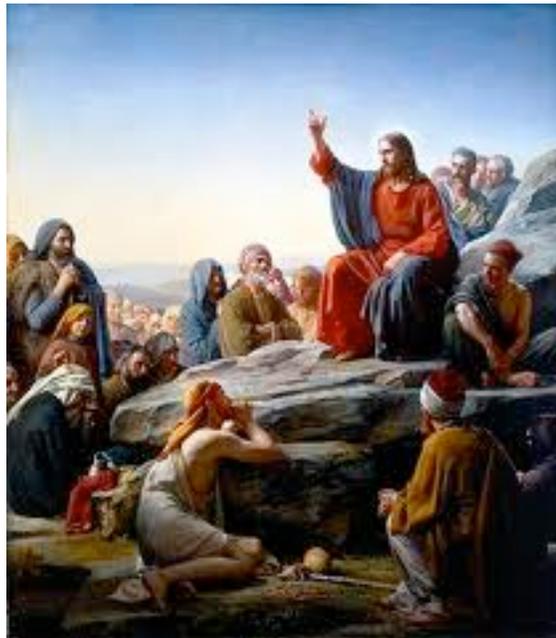
I've said earlier that some religious teachers met a violent end. For them to be able to discuss the mysteries in a manner explicable to those with ears to hear while going over the heads of the worldly-minded, the religious teachers of other days sometimes spoke in code.

In these essays, we shall point to a few examples of that code and translate their encoded words back into plain and simple language again, as best we can.

The Biblical code is a repository of metaphors, parables, and proverbs relating to profound realities. For example, "the fire ever burning on the altar" means the immortal Self, the Christ, the prince of peace and Light of

the world in the heart; (1) "the temple of God" is usually the human body that houses the Self; (2) "the garments" or "clothes" often represent the desires and thoughts in which a person is dressed that obscure the Self from our view; (3) "clouds" and "glory" often refer to the Holy Spirit, as do the phrases "Word of God," "Amen," "Wisdom," etc.

(For the Biblical code as it relates to the Holy Spirit, see "The Divine Mother or Holy Spirit" at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/mother.html>.)



Jesus teaching with parables

Sometimes these metaphors are used to make a difficult topic more easily understandable. Pseudo-Dionysius describes this work that the code does.

"We ... grasp these things in the best way we can, and as they come to us, wrapped in the sacred veils of that love toward humanity with which scripture and hierarchical traditions cover the truths of the mind with things derived from the realm of the senses.

“And so it is that the Transcendent is clothed in the terms of being, with shape and form on things which have neither, and numerous

symbols are employed to convey the varied attributes of what is an imageless and supra-natural simplicity." (4)

More often, the code was used to couch profundities in a veil of mystery, as Jesus explained to his disciples.

"The disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?"

"He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ...

"Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." (5)

It was not given to the worldly to understand the mysteries. Of them St. Paul says:

"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost [in worldliness]:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." (17)

Even the religious masters of Israel, like Nicodemus, were to be found among the ranks of the worldly. Here Nicodemus, having asked Jesus for the truth, cannot penetrate his seeming riddles.

"Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ...

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? ...

"If I have told you of earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (18)

All such metaphors as being born again, being redeemed, raised up, saved, sitting with Jesus in Paradise, or returning to the temple and going no more out are all synonyms for enlightenment, the realization of God the Father, which we have seen to be the purpose of life.

Jesus is telling Nicodemus that a man must be born again -- that is, he must experience the death of the ego and the realization of the Self or Christ -- before he can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus' own disciples sometimes had trouble with his sayings. But they were his sheep and he held out to them the promise that one day (the day of enlightenment) they would understand all.

"These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father." (19)

My understanding is that Jesus has spoken until now in proverbs and parables in order to conduct a public ministry and yet reach only the ears of the spiritually ripe. The times in which he preached, as history showed, were intolerant.

But he promises them that a day will soon come when he will show his disciples the Father plainly. This is the promised day or redemption or enlightenment. (See footnote 20 for an instance of the Master showing the ripe disciple the Father plainly.)

There is a poignant moment when Jesus tells his disciples a deep spiritual mystery in a single sentence. We have had occasion to examine that statement before. It is Jesus summarizing the spiritual parabola, the sacred arc, away from and back to God. He says: "I came forth from the Father, and I am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (21)

His disciples take Jesus literally and respond: "Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb." (22) But Jesus has uttered a highly-compressed proverb, a kernel of truth, with several layers of meaning, which appears to have escaped them. Such was the ignorance that surrounded the

master that he chose to wrap his nuggets of wisdom in timeless but enigmatic parables and jewel-like proverbs even with his own disciples.

A Treasury of Enlightenment Motifs

With the help of the many commentaries and interpretations now available to us, we can interpret parts of the scriptural code and reveal the Bible for what it is -- a rich treasury of enlightenment formulas and motifs, tableaux and dramas. Its word-pictures have already burnt themselves into our collective memories, each there recording something vital about enlightenment.

I'm going to take one example and develop it at some length. It suggests that the Biblical masters had knowledge of the chakra system and the kundalini. We start with a passage from Exodus:

"Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

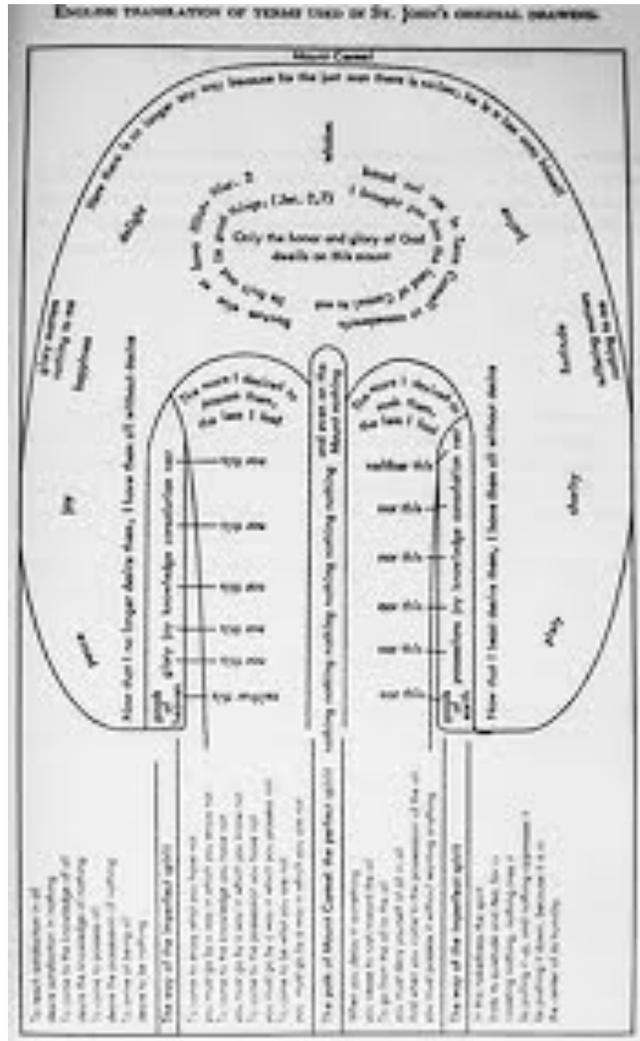
"And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks and herds feed before that mount." (23)

St. John of the Cross explains the significance of the divine drama of Moses' ascent up Mount Sinai. St. John shows us that the ascent is a consciously-directed set of actions, designed to leave in our recollection an enlightenment tableau.

"When God ordered Moses to climb to the top of the mountain ... He commanded Moses not only to ascend alone, and leave the children of Israel below, but to rule against the pasturing of beasts on the mountainside. [Ex. 34:3]

"The meaning is that a person ascending this mount of perfection to converse with God must not only renounce all things, by leaving them at the bottom, but also restrict his appetites (the beasts) from pasturing on the mountainside, on things which are not purely God. For in God, or in the state of perfection, all appetites cease." (24)

St. John of the Cross furnishes us with one clue to the drama here. In another section of his book, he gives us a second clue to unlock the full meaning of the Sinai drama. St. John of the Cross was spiritual director to the nuns and monks of the reformed Carmelite order. He drew a picture once of the ascent up Mount Carmel which he counselled them to undertake. What was the Mount Carmel he depicted? It was the human head. (25)



This is St. John of the Cross's drawing of "The Ascent of Mt. Carmel"

St. John depicts the human spine ending in the brain. He is testifying to the knowledge of what Easterners term the kundalini, which Da Free John called "the current of immortal joy." (26) There are hints in his works that he knew of the chakra system. For instance, he describes his enlightenment

experience, making reference to "lilies," which could be his term for the chakras.

"I abandoned and forgot myself,
Laying my face on my Beloved;
All things ceased; I went out from myself,
Leaving my cares
Forgotten among the lilies." (27)

The ascent of the kundalini figured prominently in the enlightenment of Franklin Merrell-Woolf. Let's hear a modern-day description of that spiritual energy.

"The Current is clearly a subtle, fluid-like substance which brings the sense of well-being already described. Along with It, a more than earthly Joy suffuses the whole nature. To myself, I called It a Nectar. Now, I recognize It under several names. It is ... the 'Soma,' the 'Ambrosia of the Gods,' the 'Elixir of Life,' the 'Water of Life' of Jesus, and the 'Baptism of the Spirit' of St. Paul. It is more than related to Immortality; in fact it is Identical with Immortality." (28)

"To the sensuous consciousness It appears as of the nature of a fluid, for there is a sense of 'flowing through.' It penetrates all tensions with the effect of physical release. Spots that are not so well feel both rested and stronger. All over and through and through there is a quality that may well be described as physiological happiness. The organism feels no craving for sensuous distraction in order to find enjoyment. The external life of the individual could appear highly ascetic and austere to others, but all the while it would be profoundly happy. ...

"I wish, by every means possible, to make the point clear that in the Current lies the highest possible value which, from the relative standpoint, we call enjoyment." (29)

Sri Ramakrishna tells us that "a man's spiritual consciousness is not awakened unless his Kundalini is aroused." (30) The climb of the kundalini from the base of the spine to the crown of the skull is the real ascent of

Mount Sinai or Mount Carmel that results in enlightenment. Sri Ramakrishna describes the entire course of the Kundalini up the spine.

"The Kundalini dwells in the Muladhara [chakra, at the base of the spine]. When it is aroused, it passes along the Sushumna nerve, goes through the centres of Svadhithana, Manipura, and so on, and at last reaches the head." (31)

"With ordinary people the mind dwells in these [first] three planes, at the organs of evacuation and generation and at the navel." (32)

"The awakening of the Kundalini is the beginning of spiritual consciousness, and its union with Siva in the Sahasrara [seventh chakra], ending in samadhi [absorption in God], is the consummation." (33)

St. John's drawing of the ascent of Mount Carmel implies knowledge of the importance of the body's spiritual energy system. St. Paul was probably also aware of it. If we know that what Christians call the Holy Spirit Hindus call, among other names, Shakti (Energy) and Mother Kundalini, then we can see the special significance in St. Paul's observations that the Holy Spirit dwells in the temple of God, which is the human body, as the spiritual energy or kundalini.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (34)

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (35)

The body is wholly an artifact of the Holy Spirit, who made matter itself and who resides in the body as the kundalini energy. (See "On the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit" at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/mother.html>.)

King Solomon also betrays knowledge of the kundalini system when he states that "wisdom hath builded her house [the body], she hath hewn out her seven pillars [the chakras]." (36)

The image of Moses climbing Mount Sinai, leaving the Israelites and the beasts of the field at the base of the mountain (probably the fourth chakra, where one experiences the first enlightenment or “spiritual awakening”) and ascending the hill to the top (the seventh chakra) where he receives the law (that is, where one experiences God-Realization or Brahmajnana) is a tableau that prepares us to know the work of the kundalini.

After the spiritual energy reaches the fourth chakra, all our thoughts and appetites (represented by the Israelites and beasts) fall away from us and we journey alone from there (i.e., without the worldly desires of the mind). When the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra, we are united with God and blessed with profound wisdom (i.e., we receive the law).

This encoded enlightenment motif has been impressed on the minds of those who've read the dramatic tale of Moses' ascent of Mount Sinai; later enlightenment teachings can be mapped onto it. What we might have questioned or rejected if described in straightforward language has been accepted without difficulty when acted out or ensconced in the Biblical code.

Nor is this use of a code restricted to the Bible. Here it is discussed in the Koran. The archangelic author testifies to depriving the worldly of the ability to understand the secret lore contained in the scriptures. His words hauntingly echo those of Jesus. Says he:

"We have cast veils over their hearts, lest they should understand Our words, and [have] made them hard of hearing. Call them as you may to the right path, they shall never be guided. (37)

"Allah leaves in error whom He will, and guides those who repent and have faith; whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah." (38)

He couches his descriptions of enlightenment in metaphors, knowing that scoffers will not be able to penetrate them: "We coin these similes for the instruction of men; but none will grasp their meaning except the wise." (39) Thus the scriptural practice of speaking in code was not limited to the Jewish and Christian traditions.

References

- (1) “The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.”
Leviticus 6:13.
- (2) I Corinthians 3:16.
- (3) Genesis: 35:2; Exodus 19:10.
- (4) Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 52. (Hereafter CWPD.)
- (5) Matthew 13:10-11 and 13
- (6) Matthew 7:6.
- (7) I Corinthians 2:7-8.
- (8) Colossians 1:26-7.
- (9) CWPD, 149.
- (10) *Ibid.*, 58.
- (11) Philostratus. *The Life of Apollonius*. trans. C.P. Jones. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1970.
- (12) Annie Besant, *Esoteric Christianity*. Wheaton, IL: Theosophical Publishing House, 1953; c190, 49. (Hereafter ESO.) Cf. Paul in Romans 8:38 and Colossians 1:16-7.
- (13) CWPD, 52.
- (14) ESO, 51
- (15) Proverbs 1:6.

(16) Matthew 7:6.

(17) II Corinthians 4:3.

(18) John 3:4 and 10.

(19) John 16:25.

(20) Paramahansa Ramakrishna offers a very interesting example of the the Master or Personal God showing the ripe aspirant the Father or Impersonal God plainly. He had a vision of Shiva (the Personal God) at the Banares burial grounds revealing Brahman (the Father, the Impersonal God) to the aspirant upon his death.

Said Siva to the aspirant: "This is My aspect with form, My embodiment in maya. I assume this form for the sake of the devotees. Now look. I am merging in the indivisible Satchidananda!' Uttering these words, Siva withdraws His form and enables the dying person to see Brahman." (Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 584. Hereafter GSR.)

(21) John 16:28.

(22) John 16:29.

(23) Exodus 34:2-3.)

(24) Kieran Kavanaugh and Otilio Rodriguez, trans. *Complete Works of St. John of the Cross*. Washington: Institute of Carmelite Studies, 1973. 83. (Hereafter CWSJC.)

(25) Ibid., 66-7.

(26) Da Free John, *The Knee of Listening*. Original Edition. Clearlake, CA; Dawn Horse Press, 1984; c1973. , 157.

(27) CWSJC, 69.

(28) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness*. New York: Julian Press, 1973, 31.

(29) *Ibid.*, 20-1.

(30) GSR, 830.

(31) *Loc. Cit.*

(32) *Ibid.*, 245.

(33) GSR, 22.

(34) I Corinthians 3:16.

(35) I Corinthians 6:19.

(36) Proverbs 9:1.

(37) N.J. Dawood, trans. *The Koran*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1964; c1959, 94. (Hereafter KOR.)

(38) KOR, 142.

(39) *Ibid.*, 194

Cracking the Code

September 3, 2013

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/09/03/cracking-the-code/>



I've just spoken with a reader about the Biblical code. (1) Perhaps I can say a word about the matter under discussion, not somehow as an expert, which I'm not, but more as an "intelligent user."

I imagine interest in the Bible increases as we head into events that are more and more miraculous and seem to require interpretation.

The purpose, I think, of the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, Koran and other sacred books is to assist us in achieving the purpose of life. The purpose of life is enlightenment - that is, knowing our true nature and identity. (2) That true nature and identity is God (but notice how knowing the right answer doesn't help. Realization is what's needed.)

We learn our true identity by realizing who we are step by step in regard to three levels of reality. Christians call them the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Hindus call the same three levels of reality Brahman, Atman and Shakti. In the last analysis, these words are code words that need explaining.

The Father or Brahman is the Transcendental. The Holy Spirit or Divine Mother is the Phenomenal or Material (Mother, *mater*, matter). The Son or Atman is the Transcendental in the Phenomenal (or the Soul in the body).

Other code words for them are:

- The Father - the great tree into which the mustard seed grows, the Source, the All-Self, the Alpha and Omega
- The Mother - the Word of God, the Voice in the Silence, the Voice of One crying in the wilderness, Aum/Amen, Prakriti/Procreatrix, etc.
- The Son or Atman - the firebrand plucked from the burning, the fire always burning on the altar (of the heart), the treasure buried in the field, the pearl of great price, the savior, the prince of peace, etc.

The passage in question that the reader was inquiring about was that of Jesus appearing in the clouds:

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (3)

What were the clouds? I was asked. Here is Paramahansa Ramakrishna describing them:

"I felt as if my heart were being squeezed like a wet towel. I was overpowered with a great restlessness and a fear that it might not be my lot to realize [the Divine Mother] in this life. I could not bear the separation from Her any longer. Life seemed to be not worth living.

"Suddenly my glance fell on the sword that was kept in the Mother's temple. I determined to put an end to my life. When I jumped up like a madman and seized it, suddenly the blessed Mother revealed Herself.

"The buildings with their different parts, the temple, and everything else vanished from my sight, leaving no trace whatsoever, and in their stead I saw a limitless, infinite, effulgent Ocean of Consciousness.

"As far as the eye could see, the shining billows were madly rushing at me from all sides with a terrific noise, to swallow me up! I was panting for breath. I was caught in the rush and collapsed, unconscious. What was happening in the outside world I did not know; but within me there was a steady flow of undiluted bliss, altogether new, and I felt the presence of the Divine Mother." On his lips when he regained consciousness of the world was the word 'Mother.'" (4)

Whenever you see a passage in the Bible that seems cryptic, the first place to start is to reason out whether it refers to the event or process of enlightenment or the nature of the Trinity.

The parables of a treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, the great fish, and the mustard seed are all statements of how to achieve enlightenment.

A statement of the sun going down in Jerusalem would be the moment at which this world disappears and we are face-to-face with God, so to speak. The same moment is being referred to as the "last day of mortality." The sun might be said to come up on the New Jerusalem, coming foursquare down from the heavens, which would be the writer's way of saying we achieve enlightenment

Why did the sages write in code? Well, as you can see by what happened to Jesus, one could be murdered for going against what the reigning religious leaders said. Remember too that he was chased out of a synagogue earlier.

Jesus called revealing too much spiritual truth to the uninitiated throwing one's pearls before swine. He didn't mean that insultingly. Swine want corn, not pearls. If what we offer them is not to their liking, they could turn on us. In those days, one could be stoned or chased out of town for preaching truth. So he couched the truths in code.

This same caution was unnecessary in tolerant India so that the *Bhagavad-Gita*, for instance, could be written in relatively plain language, except for specialized terms for things of which we have no knowledge, like the Atman or Christ. But for the rest, the plainest language possible appears to have been

used, which makes the *Bhagavad-Gita* a good source to go to to understand the Bible.

The parables and metaphors of the Bible are also good epitomes of what's explained in the *Bhagavad-Gita*.

Someday, the sooner the better, we'll take up cross-cultural spirituality and translate all the terms of the world's great religions back into what was called the Perennial Philosophy. On that day, we'll be able to read the descriptions of any religion and know plainly what's being said.

The work of life doesn't differ down through the ages. It isn't the case that enlightenment is the purpose of life for this generation but was not for a generation, say, four centuries ago or four centuries into the future.

Many of the processes for accomplishing that task also remain the same (and many change). So knowing how to break the code has tremendous value in terms of what life is really all about: knowing ourselves as the One.

Footnotes

(1) For more articles on the subject, see "Cross-Cultural Spirituality" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/>

(2) On this subject see all the papers under "The Purpose of Life" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/>.

(3) Matthew 24:30.

(4) Paramanahsa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans. *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 13-4.

A Divine Syntax

July 18, 2010

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/07/18/a-divine-syntax/>



I've just had a very pleasant discussion with a reader doing graduate work in biology. I don't feel I have permission to use her name. But discussing matters with her suggests that it may be time to have another discussion I haven't had in any detail for years.

That other discussion is to connect a few dots cross-culturally, to provide a possible syntax of terrestrial spirituality and enlightenment studies.

For many, this discussion will not resonate and I ask you just to ignore it and pass on to the next post. But for some it may provide another piece of the spiritual jigsaw puzzle.

As far as I'm aware, Hindus call the sine wave "Aum," the Divine Energy, personified as Shakti by Hindus and as the Holy Spirit by Christians. That sine wave is the primordial creative vibration, the light that called everything into being, the breath (*spiritus*) that moved upon the waters, Wisdom, who created her temple with seven pillars (the body with seven chakras).

Hindus say that the sine wave that Aum is has three phases – creation, preservation, and transformation – which they call the three Gunas – rajas, sattwa, and thamas – and which, in my view, are personified as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Brahma presides over creation; Vishnu over preservation; and Shiva over transformation.

This means that the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva is itself a subset of Shakti, the Divine Energy, Aum/Amen, Procreator/Prakrithi. Sri Ramakrishna says that it is Shakti who has become the gunas. (1)



Shakti or the Holy Spirit is itself part of the Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti to Hindus and Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to Christians.

The difference between Shakti and Brahman is the difference, as Jesus said, (2) between a movement and a rest, or between the formless Void and form-birthing Energy. The Father or Brahman is still; the Holy Spirit or Shakti is movement.

There is no gender at that level of phenomena. The ancients used gender to differentiate between stillness (masculine) and motion (feminine). Notice that the spiritual assignment of gender is the opposite of the psychological, where motion or penetration is called masculine and stillness or receptivity is called feminine. All owe much more to convention than to reality.

The third member of the Trinity is the individuated Formless or Atman, the Son of God, the Christ. The individuated Formless resides in the heart of the being as the Prince of Peace, the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, the measure of meal that leavens the whole loaf.

Three other ways to think of the Trinity that may be suggestive are:

God the Father can be thought of as the Transcendental; God the Holy Spirit as the Phenomenal; and God the Son as the Transcendental in the Phenomenal.

The three can also be conceived of as the Father, Mother, and Child.

And, speaking in terms of a divine syntax, they can be thought of as the Universal Subject (God is “US”), the Holy Verb, and the Divine Object.

The purpose of life is to allow the Formless an opportunity to experience itself. The Formless being One and All There Is is without a second and thus cannot experience itself. But creating illusory forms which, when they lose their ignorance in Self-Realization, know that they are God allows the Formless a chance to meet itself. God meets God in our enlightenment.

To create this drama or lila in which illusory forms are created and journey out into a physical world to travel from God to God, the Motionless stirred, the Void became light, energy, love, sound. And a world of objects was born.

Shakti created the body and the Formless inhabited the heart as the Son of God, the Child of God, the Christ or Atman.

All created objects, from the lowliest atoms to the mightiest angels, are stirred by the three gunas and move from the lowest or thamas to the middle or rajas and finally to the highest or sattwa, until they are freed from all three and merge again in the Formless Void.

Enlightenment, the purpose of life, has many levels. Sri Ramakrishna used to discuss these by talking about the rising of the kundalini. When the kundalini reached the Fourth or Heart Chakra, one experiences spiritual awakening. I would call that the vision of the Son of God, Atman, or Christ. It's seen as a discrete point of light, which we know we are and know as well that we are immortal.

When the kundalini reaches the Sixth or Brow Chakra or Third Eye, we see the light in all creation. I would call that the vision of the Holy Spirit, Divine Mother, Shakti. I would also call it cosmic consciousness or savikalpa samadhi. We now know that we are one with the world.

When the kundalini reaches the Seventh or Crown Chakra, we see the light transcending creation. I would call this the vision of Brahman or the Holy Father. I would also call it God-Realization, Self-Realization, Brahmajnana, or kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi. We now know that we are one with God.

Now I am guessing because no one sage makes all the following points so I'm not sure I'm correct in equating all that I do here. When the kundalini moves beyond the Crown Chakra and reaches the Heart (not the Heart Chakra, but the *hridayam* or spiritual heart), we pass beyond the chakra system. I would call this the vision of Parabrahman, vijnana, or sahaja samadhi. We now know, not just that I am God, but that God is everything and everything is God.

Having walked to the roof (the Crown Chakra), we have come down from the roof again (to the *hridayam*). When we reached the roof, we knew "I am God." When we came down from the roof and looked at the stairs and the lime on the wall, we saw that "It is God who has become everything." (3) These are levels of unitive consciousness.

Enlightenment at the Seventh Chakra is not permanent; the heart opens and shuts again. Enlightenment at the Spiritual Heart is permanent; the heart opens and stays open.

This level of enlightenment is what Ramana Maharshi pointed to. It is what Sri Ramakrishna called the highest enlightenment attainable by humans.

There are many, many levels above it, attained by beings who have passed out of the human level and into levels beyond, such as Angels, Elohim, etc.

Thus even so-called "unitive" consciousness has levels to it. We may experience unity with the world, with God, with everything. And we will experience levels of unity beyond that, which defy imagination.

Footnotes

(1) "Mother [i.e., Shakti] is all – She has become the three gunas." (Sri Ramakrishna in *Visions of Sri Ramakrishna*, 22.)

Note as well: "When the Godhead [Parabrahman] is thought of as creating, preserving, and destroying, It is known as the Personal God, Saguna Brahman, or the Primal Energy, Adyasakti. Again, when It is thought of as beyond the three gunas, then it is called the Attributeless Reality, Nirguna Brahman, beyond speech and thought; this is the Supreme Brahman, Paramatman." (PR in GSR, 218.)

(2) *Gospel According to Thomas*, 29.

(3) "The vijñani ... realizes that the steps [leading to the roof, by which he ascended to God] are made of the same materials as the roof: bricks, lime, and brick-dust. That which is realized intuitively as Brahman, through the eliminating process of 'Not this, not this,' is then found to have become the universe and all its living beings. The vijñani sees that the Reality which is nirguna, without attributes, is also saguna, with attributes." (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, 103-4.)

References

“Christianity and Hinduism are One,” at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/> .

“On the Nature of the Divine Mother,” at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/on-the-nature-of-the-divine-mother-or-holy-spirit-2/> .

From Darkness Unto Light: A Cross-Cultural Dictionary of Enlightenment, at <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/fdl/index100.html> .

The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment, "Chapter 3" begins at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-3-the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/>

Selections from the Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, at <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/diction/ramak1.html>

Sri Ramana Maharshi on Self-Enquiry, at <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/diction/ramana.html>

A Rosetta Stone of Religion

N.p., n.d.



Rosetta Stone

A Rosetta Stone

The saints and sages whose works we shall examine here have in a sense furnished us with a very complicated Rosetta Stone of religions.

The actual Rosetta Stone had three languages on it -- Egyptian hieroglyphic, demotic, and Greek -- representing each of the three languages in Egypt at the time. Using his knowledge of two (demotic and Greek), Champollion deciphered the third (hieroglyphics).

In our work of deciphering the religious Rosetta Stone, we'll look for links among the names and characteristics that the masters of enlightenment attribute to the God of a thousand names.

"Connecting the dots," following their lead, will help us understand each other's deities and experiences. If we're successful, we'll be able to "make connections" among many of the world's great religions on the topics covered here.

The Christ, Atman, or Self

Are there passages in the works of the sages that indicate that the masters used synonyms which we can expect to draw on? Yes, Sri Ramakrishna demonstrates that they do. In one passage of the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, he says: "Pure Mind, Pure Buddhi, Pure Atman -- all these are one and the same." (2)

This is valuable information and is the type of comment that will help us. Sri Ramakrishna has here equated "mind," which is a common Buddhist term, with "Atman," a common Hindu term.

[Elsewhere](#) we hear Sri Ramakrishna say that:

"He who is called Krishna is also called Siva, and bears the name of the Primal Energy, Jesus, and Allah as well – the same Rama with a thousand names." (3)

Sri Ramakrishna is giving us reliable evidence on the the One behind all names and manifestations. On his authority, we can say that the One has manifested as Allah, the Divine Mother (Primal Energy), Jesus, Krishna, Rama, and Shiva.

Ibn Arabi furnishes us with another set of links.

"According to the people of the Union, self, heart, spirit, intellect, mystery all mean the same thing. These different names are given to the same thing which takes different forms at different times." (4)

The "people of the Union" are the enlightened masters; the "Union" itself is union with God. Ibn Arabi says that when they say Self, Heart, Spirit, Intellect (what Sri Ramakrishna called "Buddhi"), and Mystery, they mean and point to one thing only. Now we can connect Sri Ramakrishna's term "Atman" with Ibn Arabi's terms "Self," "Heart," and "Spirit."

When two words or phrases can be identified as appositives, they too can be equated. The Hebrew prophets and psalmists of the Old Testament and Apocrypha often used the poetic device of repeating themselves, using appositives, which will prove very helpful for our comparisons.

Here is an example of the use of appositives from the Apocrypha.

“And who has learned your counsel
Unless you gave him wisdom,
And sent your holy spirit from on high”.
(5)

Solomon uses the terms “wisdom” and “holy spirit” as synonyms.

If we fast-forward to the near present, we hear an enlightened master like Paramahansa Yogananda producing a series of identical words for this same “holy spirit.”

“The ancients, not versed in the polished language of modern times, used ‘Holy Ghost’ and ‘Word’ for Intelligent Cosmic Vibration, which is the first materialization of God the Father in matter [i.e., the Mother]. The Hindus speak of this Holy Ghost as the ‘Aum.’” (6)

From his testimony, we can make the tentative connection among a variety of terms – Holy Spirit, intelligent cosmic vibration, Word, and Aum.

The twentieth-century Christian master Omraam Mikhail Aivanhov gives another example, this time to do with the Son of God, what Hindus call the Atman.

"The Christ ... is the Son of God, the divine spark buried deep in every soul". (7)

Thus we know from his testimony that the Christ or Son of God is the divine spark buried in the heart of every soul.

This divine spark is the light that transforms, the only offspring of the Most High God, what we have might call generically the Child of God.

And so we proceed, from connection to connection, always using the testimony of enlightened saints and sages, who themselves speak from their own illumined experience.

We shall hear the Christ called Fire the Son of the Lord (Zarathustrean), a firebrand plucked from the burning, the fire always burning on the altar (Bible), Atman (Hindu), the Buddha-Nature (Buddhism). The number of names that the world’s enlightened saints and sages have known it by is long – saviour, messiah, the light that gleams in a moment of your mind, the Eye of God, and the Countenance of God.

Once we make the connections, what Zarathustra said about “Fire the Son of the Lord” can then be compared with what Krishna said about the Atman. What Jesus said of the Christ can be compared with what Buddhists say of the Buddha-Nature. The line of connected dots stretches down through time and throughout humanity’s religious thought.

Yet another series of dots connects what we hear what about the various enlightenments. We find that what Hindus call “spiritual awakening” is the same as what Buddhists call “stream-entering” and what Sri Ramakrishna means when he talks about the spiritual energy reaching the fourth chakra.

All Worship the Same High Powers

The net effect of all of this is to show us that all of us worship the same High Entities which Christians call the “Trinity” and that our experiences of Them are common and commonly fulfill the purpose of life.

Some will worship the Father as Allah; others as the irreducible Essence, Brahman, or Ahuramazda. The name makes no difference. The same One is invoked through every name. There is in fact only One God and only our ways of thinking about Him vary.

Some prefer to worship the Holy Spirit as Wisdom, Shakti, or the Divine Mother.

Others prefer to worship the Only Begotten Son, the Christ, as the Atman, the fire always burning on the altar, or Fire the Son of the Lord.

In whatever way we choose to worship God, we shall see here where the great religions connect, where they agree, where they correspond.

Notwithstanding what I have said, the spectrum I can cover in these pages must of necessity be slim. I invite others to point out more lines of connection in other areas of divine study. These connections point to the common Truth towards which all religions tend.

Footnotes

(1) See, for instance, Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944.

(2) Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942. , 802.

(3) Ibid., 35.

(4) Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d. , 4.

(5) "Wisdom of Solomon" in Edgar J. Goodspeed, trans., *The Apocrypha. An American Translation*. New York: Random House, 1959; c1938. , 195.

(6) Paramahansa Yogananda, *The Second Coming of Christ*. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979, 1, 15-16.

(7) Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, *Love and Sexuality, Part 1*. Frejus Cedex: Editions Prosveta, 1987, Part 1, 22. The rest of his quote is also notable: "By binding himself to his higher soul man becomes bound to the Christ principle, which is everywhere, in every soul, and through Christ, he is bound to God."

(8) The Atman or Self, the Child of God, when it incarnates (as an Avatar), is said to manifest itself in matter through the help of the Divine Mother, Shakti, or the Holy Spirit, as Sri Ramakrishna makes clear:

"It is Sakti alone that becomes flesh as God Incarnate." (GSR, *ibid.*, 272.)

"The Divine Mother of the Universe manifests Herself through this three-and-a-half cubit man." (*Ibid.*, 353.)

"It is the Sakti, the Power of God, that is born as an Incarnation." (*Ibid.*, 726.)

⌘ On the Divine Plan ⌘

Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life

July 21, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/07/21/spiritual-evolution-the-divine-plan-for-life-4/>



From God to God

If we build Nova Earth, we're going to need philosophical foundations that are more stable than some we've been building on up till now. (1)

"Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life" is designed to start a cross-cultural discussion of spirituality. It was written following a vision I had in 1987. (2)

That blissful vision of the entire journey of a single soul from God to God, which lasted only around eight seconds, burned itself into my memory. Studying the works of enlightened masters for ten years afterwards helped me to understand what that wordless experience may have intended to communicate.

Everything I read became the *From Darkness Unto Light* database (3) and that in turn became the book, *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*. (4) This statement fits into descriptions of the perennial philosophy or ancient wisdom.

Do I think what I say here will have a long shelf life? I hope not. I hope others take the ball and run with it, others more qualified to write on these cross-cultural spiritual subjects than I may be.

Steve Beckow, "Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life," *The Essays of Brother Anonymous*, 22 July 2011, at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/divine1.html>. This version has been updated and edited.



The soul [Christ, Atman] exists as a light shining in the deepest reaches of the heart, the "seat of the soul." It can be reached in meditation.

1. *Every man, woman, and child on this planet is God. Every man, woman, and child lives forever, through countless physical lives.*

Everything known and unknown, everything that is and is not is God. There is nothing that we can see or not see that is not God. (5) That being the case you are

God and I am God and everyone else is as well. Being God, we're not capable of being destroyed or ceasing to exist. We're therefore eternal, though our physical bodies are not.

The "immortality" that such teachers as Jesus spoke of is not immortality of the soul, which is already immortal, but the cessation of the need to be born into a physical body again. As it happens we reincarnate endless times until we reach the point of needing no more to be reborn physically. But that is not the end of spiritual evolution, which continues until we return to God, whence we came, through a virtually endless process of successive enlightenments.

Spiritual evolution means that, not simply the physical body evolves as Darwin said it does, but the spiritual bodies that we also inhabit do as well. We journey through lifetime after lifetime, learning , discriminating, improving our ability to discern the Real from the unreal, until finally we realize the One fully. We have then progressed from unconscious awareness to conscious awareness of our nature as God.

2. The purpose of life is enlightenment. The purpose of life is that God should meet God and, in that meeting, taste Its own bliss. For that purpose was all of life made.

God is One without a second. In Its highest expression, God is formless and thus encounters no forms and can draw on no tools or technologies. There being no other, there is no one to know God and no means for God to know God. In light of this, to satisfy a desire to know Itself and taste Its own bliss, God created life forms and assigned them the task of knowing their true nature, their original identity.

God implanted in them a longing that can only be satisfied by the realization of their identity as God. It created universal laws that aid the individual being in the journey from God into the world and from the world back to God again. Each time a life form realizes its true identity as God, God meets God, and for this meeting was all of life created.

3. All of us have journeyed out from God, by God's command, and will be liberated from the cycle of physical birth and death the moment we know that everything in this world, including us, is God. Hindu sages call this level of enlightenment vijnana (perfect wisdom) and sahaja (or our natural state) nirvikalpa samadhi (formless trance state).

When all movement in the mind stops, when the spiritual heart (or hridayam) opens and never shuts again, the individual being realizes God in sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi, the stage of liberation from the need to be physically reborn (or *mukti*, *moksha*).

This level has been called *vijnana* (or perfect wisdom) by some, *nirvana* (or cessation of movement) and *Ascension* by others. But spiritual evolution does not cease here. Only the need to be reborn in this Third Dimension stops. Orders of existence stretch on in an endless vista, through dimension after dimension, universe after universe.

4. Father God created the domain of Mother God (mater, matter) as the setting for our spiritual journey and education. We wander in this material realm lifetime after lifetime, constantly learning.

The first creations in life were what Christians call the Holy Spirit and the Christ or Son and what Hindus call the Divine Mother or Shakti and the Atman. The first is in part a primal universal creative vibration known as Aum/Amen, the Logos or Word.

Known to Solomon as "Wisdom" or Sophia, to Lao-Tzu as the Mother, this level of reality is the Phenomenal world whereas the Father or Brahman is the Formless Transcendental, beyond the Phenomenal world.

The Christ, Atman, or Self is "the Father in me" or "Brahman-within-the-individual," a "fragment" or "spark," metaphorically speaking, lodged within the body (or bodies), which are created by the Mother.

One cannot know the Father without first knowing the Self in a moment of enlightenment. This first sight of the Light grows, with meditation, till one day it becomes the sight of the Father's Light. The Son is the Father but the Father is greater than the Son. The Father is in me (in the heart of the individual) and I am in the Father (as are all things).

Neither is the Father male nor the Mother female. These designations were conventional teaching devices used by sages of old. There is no cosmic male, strictly speaking, and no cosmic female. The difference being pointed at is the same as the difference between movement and sound (the Mother) and rest and

silence (the Father). Only the Father is not physical or material; everything else, no matter at how sublime or refined a level it exists, can be said to be physical or material when compared to the Father.

5. The Mother made the material domain lawful. The most important law for us to know is the Law of Karma, which requires that what we do unto others shall be done unto us.

The material domain is the only domain in which law applies. Law does not apply to the Maker of the law, although It may submit to be governed by the law as in the case of an Avatar. The Mother is the "Voice crying in the Wilderness," the sound of Aum/Amen echoing throughout the Phenomenal domain as the music of the spheres, which creates, preserves, and transforms all things. The Father is the Wilderness in that no law can bind God.

The most important law for us as Third-Dimensional beings is the Law of Karma. The Law of Karma is like guardrail which prevents a vehicle from leaving the road. It keeps the individual soul from going too far to the left or right and ensures that the individual keeps moving forward towards the destined return of the Prodigal Child to God, once it tires of all experiences in the material world.

6. The form of our total journey is a sacred arc, like Jacob's Ladder, away from and back to God. But, day by day, we also follow a spiritual spiral, returning to the same karmic lessons repeatedly until we learn them.

As Jesus said, we come out from the Father into the world, remain for a while, and then return to the Father in what can be conceived of as an arc. When I had my vision of the purpose of life, in 1987, the form of the individual's journey out from God and back to God again formed a wide arc or circle.

Nonetheless, the Law of Karma ensures that we return to the same lessons again and again until at last we learn them and this return through successive lifetimes can be seen as a spiral. Thus the shape of life, if you will, can be visualized as a spiraling arc or circular coil. This virtually endless journey is depicted in many religions as a ladder of consciousness or a stairway of existence which we travel down and then up.

7. From one day to the next, we may expand or contract, but all the while we are cosmically drawn back to God by a sub-sensible, eternal longing, planted there by It, for It: a longing for liberation (for more on this, see "The Longing for Liberation").

The longing for liberation is just one of the design elements built or hardwired into life forms. Most people, experiencing this subsensible tidal yearning, try to fill it with possessions, experiences, relationships, and so on. But God so designed life that nothing will satisfy it except the return to God.

We go through life endlessly acquiring, enjoying and casting aside, ever unsatisfied, in an endless cycle of desire. This develops discrimination in us. Gradually we are made aware that nothing but God will satisfy our ineffable thirst and hunger. Then we develop detachment. At that point we cease to be prodigal children and begin our return to the Father, who welcomes us with open arms.

This longing then acts as a homing beacon or magnet on all life forms, no matter how exalted, drawing them ever onwards until they merge again with God. Hence the love in the eyes of saints towards God and the deep devotion of exalted beings, in whom the longing for liberation acts more strongly than in most of us.

8. In the cosmic Drama, there are three Actors we must realize: God the Father, God the Mother, and God the Child. These are the Transcendental, the Phenomenal, and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal. Christians call them (note the change in order) the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Hindus call them Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. The Formless became two Forms. The One made trillions of forms through the agency of the Two and then mysteriously entered into them. We are required to know that Trinity.

The "Holy Persons" are not persons, but levels of reality. They can be described as the Transcendental, the Phenomenal, and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal. We are the Transcendental in the Phenomenal, sparks of divinity who reside in the worldly womb of the Mother until our divine birth. The Mother educates her children in the school of life until they are ready to be brought to meet the Father.

All religions have a conception of this Holy Trinity, though it may take some digging to correlate terms. We "know" the three levels in successively-higher experiences of enlightenment. We know the Son, Christ, or Atman in the

experience of "stream entering" or "spiritual awakening" when the kundalini reaches the fourth or heart chakra.

We know the Mother in an experience of savikalpa samadhi or cosmic consciousness when the kundalini reaches the sixth or brow chakra (and the Third eye opens).

We know the Father first in an experience of kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi when the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra and permanently in an experience of sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi when the energy reaches the spiritual heart or hridayam.

Because the Christ or Atman is often called the "Self," we can say that we cannot know God until we become knowers of the Self. Translated that means we cannot have the experience of seventh-chakra enlightenment until we have the experience of fourth-chakra enlightenment.

Therefore know Thyself. Meditate on the Self that is known and it will become the knowledge of God. All of Jesus's parables about the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, the mustard seed, and the measure of meal describe this journey of enlightenment.

Knowledge of these three levels of Reality is required of all beings before they graduate from the twelve dimensions. Their knowledge represents a progressive accomplishment. There is not simply one enlightenment or one level of enlightenment, but many. And beyond the twelve dimensions, there are also further gradations to life, unknown to us.

9. Everyone will reach God – some in the morning; some in the afternoon; and some in the evening. Experiences will vary, but all will eventually know God.

No one will fail to return to God. I'm led to believe that God does not worry about the time it takes us to return. There is no dishonor at taking more time than our neighbor. Moreover, different beings are created at different times.

Those who are reaching enlightenment when we do not may have been created earlier than we. Those people who reach enlightenment without rigorous discipline probably practiced rigorous discipline in other lives. Others are already enlightened

and return in an unenlightened condition to serve by demonstrating what spiritual practice looks like.

10. Every genuine path will work. God plays all roles and observes all actions. The Divine has become many; next to God, there is none.

There is no religion or spiritual practice that is invalid, if genuine and sincerely followed. Some cults and orders may have dark purposes but the spiritual experiences of all genuine masters, translated into religious teachings (if rendered and maintained purely) are all acceptable in God's eyes.

There is only one God. The God of the Christians is the God of the Muslims and the God of the Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, Taoists, Sufis, etc. God is One but Its names are many. Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God. The Lord is One, without a second. There is none else besides God.

Some will see Light; others will see a "form" of God; still others may have an intuitive sense of knowing. All genuine paths sincerely followed lead to God. God, through the Mother, designed the many paths to suit the various tastes of seekers, but all are efficacious.

There is no ground to say that one religion or path is superior to another. There is nothing that supports the belief that the earnest followers of one religion will reach God and the earnest followers of another will not. God is on no side and on all sides.

11. In Its love, God is universal, impartial, and supreme. What God wills must happen. It decreed this Drama for Its own Pleasure. Each time someone knows its Self -- "Oh Thou I!" -- God meets God!

God loves all life forms - human, non-human, subhuman, superhuman. It makes no distinction among life forms. Its Will must prevail. All is happening within God's Being. It created the drama or lila for Its own pleasure, a game of blind man's bluff (or buff), in which God plays all roles and is the object of the search as well as the searcher and the search. Only God can realize God. Whenever anyone realizes God, that one simply realizes itself. The Self that it realizes is God.

Footnotes

(1) On the foundations many of us have been building on, consciously or not, see “Basic Third-Dimensional Illusion: Separate Selves Struggling for Survival amid Seeming Scarcity,” May 17, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/05/17/basic-third-dimensional-illusion-separate-selves-struggling-for-survival-amid-seeming-scarcity-2/>

(2) “The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue,” August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(3) *From Darkness Unto Light* database: http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=From_Darkness_to_Light

(4) *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(5) God - Him, Her, It - has no gender. The anthropomorphic and androcentric gender analogy arises from the human reproductive cycle but has probably outlived its usefulness. After the Reval I intend to convene a conference of scholars to arrive at an alternative to gender terminology.

All of Life Follows a Divine Plan – Part 1/2

September 8, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/09/08/all-of-life-follows-a-divine-plan-part-1-2/>



The Plan can be seen as a sacred arc from God to God and a spiritual spiral due to karma

I'd like to bring to the discussion of foundational values an appreciation of the Divine Plan, its architect, and its aims. Other discussions of it are to be found on this site. (1)

This is simply an introduction to the topic. I follow it, in Part 2, with a 2012 discussion with the Divine Mother on the subject of the Divine Plan.

Mike Quinsey's Higher Self tells us:

"The period you are in is the final one following the end of the cycle in 2012 and is a matter of finalising the preparations for the end times. Then there is the inevitable parting of the ways when those who have raised their vibrations will ascend. The journey through many periods of time will have been well worth it if you finally reach the level that you have been working towards.

"The thought of life without the activities of the dark Ones who have followed a different path, is exciting as at last you can choose your next life within the higher dimensions. It will be so different to what you have been used to, the joy and freedom to go where your interests are best fulfilled, and you continue your evolution." (2)

Do you ever get the feeling, oh, the slightest suspicion that there actually is a Divine Plan behind all this?

Let's see. Finalizing the plans. Parting of the ways. Life within the higher dimensions. Go where your interests take you. All discussed ahead of time....

Hmmm.... Sounds like a plan.

Well, what is the Plan then? Does anyone come right out and say it?

Yes, I think they do. Of all the galactics, celestials, and other commentators who discuss it, I'd like to go directly to the Plan's architect - the Divine Mother.

Who is she? (3) God has two aspects - passive and active, silent and sonic. The ancients called the passive and silent God the Father and the active and sonic God the Mother.

Lucky souls that we are, we've been able to speak with the Mother on the radio. In An Hour with an Angel, through Linda Dillon, she refers to the still and silent One as the Father, as here:

"The Father and the Father through me have never dictated to you how you will unfold your plan. ...

"Now, when I say I bring our focus to this, is it all of our focus — the Father and mine? Of course not. But the energies that are brought with what you think of as the Company of Heaven, the ascended ones, and the Father and I are far beyond your comprehension." (4)

Sages since Taoism (5) (probably since the Vedas) have also conventionally called those our parents and named the passive and silent One the Father and the active and sonic One the Mother. Let me cite Lao Tzu here, describing the Divine Pair.

“Nameless indeed is the source of creation
But things have a mother and she has a name.” (6)

The Mother has given birth to the world of matter (mater, Mother). The things or phenomena she has given birth to have form and name. She is all that can be known. The Father remains unknown and nameless.

Lao Tzu: From What-is [the Mother] all the world of things was born
But What-is sprang from What-is-not [the Father]. (7)

The Mother has given birth to all we see, hear, and touch. But she herself was born of the Father.

The two of them are indivisible but distinct, Lao Tzu says:

"These two come paired but distinct
By their names.
Of all things profound,
Say that their pairing is deepest,
The gate to the root of the world." (8)

They are One but we give them different names. When we hold our own divine male and female natures in equilibrium (androgyny, "their pairing"), it opens the gates of the heart to knowledge of the Self and, after that in stair steps, the Divine Pair.

Therefore, using the sages' naming convention, the Divine Mother, being the active One of the Pair, is seen as the creator, preserver, and transformer of life. If she were to stop her creative vibration, Aum, from sounding in the world, all vibration would stop and everything would - not turn to dust but - disappear.

In another AHWAA, she revealed how the plan originates and depends on her.

"Control and abuse of power have been rampant. And that will not be the platform on which integration of the various galaxies takes place. That is not the plan.

"And I know very clearly, sweet one, as do you, if it is not my plan then it will not occur." (9)

So no future of control and abuse. And if it isn't in her Plan, it will not occur. Let's start there, the architect of the Plan having identified herself and established her Plan and its limits.

In another broadcast, she talked openly and at length about her Plan. She begins:

"Never has there been a more important juncture to truly adhere to, practice, to embrace the Universal Laws, the rule of humankind that you are governed with – and it does not matter whether it is in Somalia or Venezuela or Canada or Russia. The rules of man based on the false paradigms are evaporating. And they need to. That is part of My Plan." (10)

What is that Plan? She states it in a nutshell. In the footnote, I'll offer other statements of it.

"You are on a journey of fulfillment. And you are on a journey back to me, back to the One. And this deep knowing configures – not merely influences – but configures your life, as we – and I speak for the entire Council of Love – as we proceed in the fulfillment of the Plan." (11)

The Plan is for an individual soul to be born of the Father, clad in a body of the Mother's making, and to be educated lifetime after lifetime in who it is, until it realizes "I am God." At this moment God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment. That is the aim of the Plan.

When we realize there's a Plan, the first question that comes to mind is: Does its existence override our free will?

"Now you say to me, 'Mother, is this an override of our free will?' And what I say to you – what I declare this day – is that it is an activation of the fullness of your free will. ...

"In My Plan, every free will is a thread in my infinite tapestry. They're not conflicting – they are essential – that interlocking, interweaving of the beauty of existence." (12)

What we don't understand is that, because we are God, God's Plan turns out to be our plan as well, as the Mother acknowledges.

"My Plan? Yes, of course. There is but one Plan. But it is also your plan" (13)

It is our Plan in that we're God. It is also our plan in that there is room in it for our individual choices, all coordinated by means that we could not possibly fathom.

"There are millions of plans. Is it a job for a coordinator such as Gabrielle? Most certainly! But all is in correct, perfect Divine Unfoldment." (14)

So that's an introduction to the Divine Plan by its architect. I'd now like to reproduce the transcript of the radio show in which the Divine Mother discussed her Plan in welcome detail.

(For more on the Divine Plan for our Ascension, see "A Divine Plan Exists for This Ascension" at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=The_Plan_for_Ascension_I#A_Divine_Plan_Exists_for_This_Ascension.)

(Concluded in Part 2, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) "Mother/Father God's Plan of Enlightenment," May 31, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/05/31/mother-father-gods-plan-of-enlightenment/>; "Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life (Reposted)," Dec. 4, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/04/spiritual-evolution-the-divine-plan-for-life-reposted/>

(2) Mike Quinsey's Higher Self, Aug. 28, 2020.

(3) Of course the Mother is divine and the Father is holy. But please excuse me from needing to engage in constant discrimination over which beings merit a capital in their name and which do not.

(4) The Divine Mother in "Enter the Delegations – Part 2/3," May 5, 2019, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/05/05/enter-the-delegations-part-2-3/>.

(5) Lao-Tzu, *The Way of Life (Tao Te Ching)*. Trans. R.B. Blakney. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1955, 1, 53.

(6) *Ibid.*, 40, 93.

(7) Ibid., 1, 53.

(8) The Divine Mother in "Transcript ~ A Mass Heart Opening on This Planet," Aug. 21, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/08/21/transcript-a-massive-heart-opening-on-this-planet/>

(9) Loc. cit.

(10) Loc. cit.

(11) Loc. cit. For other statements of it, see "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/> ; "What is the Purpose of Life?" February 24, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/02/24/306794/> ; and "The One and Only Assignment, Lifetime after Lifetime," May 11, 2016, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/05/11/the-one-and-only-assignment-lifetime-after-lifetime/>

For a book-length discussion of it, see *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(12) Loc. cit.

(13) Loc. cit.

All of Life Follows a Divine Plan – Part 2/2

September 9, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/09/09/all-of-life-follows-a-divine-plan-part-2-2/>



The Mother's Divine Plan is always operative, but it's never so visible as when events of tremendous magnitude and significance are happening, such as the fall of the cabal or our Ascension. Here's the Divine Mother discussing that Plan in 2012.

The Divine Mother is not an ascended master or goddess. She and the Father are One Being. The difference is simply that she creates, preserves and transforms - that is, she is active - while he is transcendently still. Sri Ramakrishna explains:

From "The Divine Mother on the Divine Plan (Repost)" channeled by Linda Dillon, June 10, 2019, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/06/10/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan-repost/>

“That which is Brahman [the Father] is also Kali, the Mother, the primal Energy. When inactive It is called Brahman. Again, when creating, preserving, and destroying, It is called Sakti. Still water is an illustration of

Brahman. The same water, moving in waves, may be compared to Sakti, Kali. (1)

Steve Beckow: I'd like to seek more information from you now on what we know as the Divine Plan. Now, the Divine Plan for Ascension, the Divine Plan for life — there's a Divine Plan for all of it. Can you, for our listeners who are unfamiliar with the notion of there being a Divine Plan, can you discuss this — perhaps the Divine Plan for this Ascension, please?

Divine Mother: I would be very happy and honored to discuss the Divine Plan. And yes, the Divine Plan for Ascension. And your Divine Plan.

And I do not simply mean you, Steve. I mean everyone who will ever listen to this broadcast. Because, my beloved children, it is important, essential, that you understand not just cognitively but deep within your core that not only are you part of *the* Divine Plan, but that you, within that, have *your* Divine Plan, that you are critical, and what you think of as worthy enough, important enough, and always have been, that you have a Divine Plan.

Now, so often upon this planet, this beautiful planet of Gaia, there have been so many varying opinions about **the** Divine Plan and **your** Divine Plan. And so, before I speak of Ascension, let me speak of this.

There are so many of you that rejected the notion of your Divine Plan and the Divine Plan, because you wanted to be in charge, that you did not want to think that you were simply a puppet in a pre-arranged theatre; that the free will and free choice was exclusive to you, and that you could vary and go as far as you wanted in terms of what you choose to do; that nothing was fated.

Well, you've tried that, haven't you? And in so many situations it has caused war and mayhem, lack and separation. The Father and the Father through me have never dictated to you how you will unfold your plan. But make no mistake about this. You, in conjunction with All — and think of that — not only with your guides but with your grid, with your collective, with the universe and with us, have chosen your plan.

Now, even in the human realm it is beyond comprehension that you would not wish to align and to do this. And that is why your heart yearns and directs you to undertake certain actions, thoughts, behaviors, directions. And that is why when you are doing certain things and moving in certain directions you know your joy. You say, “I feel happy! I feel like I am on track!” It is because you are within the unfoldment of your plan, and your plan is magnificent! It is the full expression, particularly in this incarnation, of who you are, of your unique spark.

So, do not underestimate your plan within the grander plan.

Now, I cannot speak to you about the totality of the Divine Plan. You would think that I was speaking in an intergalactic language, and chances are that some of you would understand, but the majority of you would not. But I am most certainly pleased and honored to speak to you about the plan for Gaia, for the human collective and for Ascension at this time. And for that I bring you back. I bring you back to the beginning.

The Plan was for you to inhabit a form and to know and be love and joy, diverse, unique, flexible. The Plan was for you to be inter- and trans-dimensional. Did you wander and take some of those scenic by-ways, those detours that I have referred to this night? Yes. And that free will, with all the elements of what you think of as evil and darkness, drama, intrigue — you have excelled at this! And you are also very tired and sick of it, aren't you?

So, now, you return to that alignment of beauty, of truth in form. And this is what is unique about this element of the Divine Plan, that you are holding on to these magnificent forms, what you think of as bodies. And part of that, beloved ones, is admiring and cherishing and loving your body, because you designed it, you chose it. Yes, you were part of the architectural team.

Is it transferring into a different molecular base? Yes. But your bodies, to take your bodies and be in the higher realms, where you have always belonged, and let go of those densities, that quagmire that you got stuck in — for a very long time! — now is the restoration of the Divine Plan. And it is for you to be the embodiment of love. It is you, each of you, bright angels, starseeds, gatekeepers, humans, Earth-keepers, to have a physical experience of being that embodiment of love.

This was part of the plan, the part that involved you and this planet and the ripple effect out to the multiverse of your star brothers and sisters. Why do you think they wish to participate, to witness? This is highly unique. The humans are going to be transdimensional in form, after all this time. They are going to embody love and the Divine Qualities. It is worth having a look at. It is worth participating in.

So, our [inaudible] to use a human word, our essence, to use my terminology, is being brought to bear upon this unfoldment of shift in the consciousness. This is not unconscious, this is not subconscious. So this is a conscious process, an event, if you choose, and it is also, at the same time, the consciousness, as you know, of the heart fully awakening, of the spirit fully awakening, of the soul fully awakening and anchoring in form.

Now, when I say I bring our focus to this, is it all of our focus — the Father and mine? Of course not. But the energies that are brought with what you think of as the Company of Heaven, the ascended ones, and the Father and I, is far beyond your comprehension. And it is certainly adequate to accomplishing this transition. And as this transition is completed, including the shift in your structures, then you will continue on.

This is the beginning, not the end. Each of you, each of you is infinite and eternal. Will the day come in terms of what you think of as time, when you will simply re-emerge? Yes. But even that is an instant.

So the Divine Plan, let me be very concrete with all of you, is to leave the old Third behind. You are making peace with this and therefore with yourself, your families, your community, your planet. Even as we speak it is leaving that behind as if you would leave a cloak or an old skin behind, activating as you do different markers of your DNA, becoming more capable of holding the higher frequencies — and most of you are well underway; some of you are completely done — new form, but still looking as you do, or how you choose to appear, because that is part of interdimensional reality.

As you activate different markers within your DNA, within your crystalline form, you may restore yourself to 22 or be 75 — it matters not. And in that form, you will be the embodiment of love.

Yes, this channel has joked about this transition from carbon to crystalline. (1) Why do you think we have been so emphatic with her about working with the diamond energy, asking each of you? It is part of this transformation. Does this answer your question?

SB: It certainly does, Mother. And again I have to tell listeners what a joy it is to work with you, because you answer my questions before I ask them. And it makes my job very easy.

I want to confess that I'm one of those people who have said I'm not going to be a puppet and follow a Divine Plan! I have my own free will in the matter. And then I have another thought, that I really am, at essence, the Father. So, this really is my plan!

DM: That is correct. And that is the wisdom emerging. It is the maturity of the soul to know. It is the immature — and we would say adolescent, but very often adolescents are far more mature than adults — but shall we say the spiritual young one who fights and thinks that there is a controlling authority. There is not! It is — and that is why I have put the emphasis. This is not just the Divine Plan. This is your plan.

Footnotes

(1) Linda had joked during our *Hour with an Angel* conference call a few days earlier that a diamond was a lump of coal that made good under pressure. We are that carbon base, which, under Ascension pressure, turned into a crystalline base.

This channeled material is copyright by Linda Dillon and the Council of Love, 2015, and is used with permission.

The Unfoldment of the Divine Mother's Plan – Part 1/3

December 18, 2014

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/18/the-unfoldment-of-the-divine-mothers-plan-part-13/>



The many representations of Jacob's Ladder are depictions of the Divine Plan

Folks, where the discussion of building Nova Earth is going to go next invites familiarity with the Divine Plan. I'm therefore reposting a series from 2012 on the subject.

Archangel Michael told us on Nov. 8, 2012 that what we see occurring all around us is the “magnificent unfoldment of the Mother’s plan.” (1)

On May 25, 2012, Archangel Gabrielle also remarked that all is “in exact divine order and unfoldment of the Divine Mother’s Plan.” (2)

At the Sedona Conference, the Divine Mother herself, through Linda Dillon, spoke of “the unfoldment, sweet angel, of my Plan.” (3)

What is the Divine Plan that the Universal Mother is unfolding?

The Plan at Its Highest Levels and as It Relates to Ascension

At its highest levels it's a Plan that gives the Creator the opportunity to meet itself. Back in 2006 a channeled source calling itself the Heavenly Host expressed it this way: "It is all just experience to satisfy the Creator's desire to experience Itself through Its creations." (4)

Sanat Kumara, the planetary logos, confirms that a return to Source lies at the very heart of the Plan.

"The Cosmic Day must be fulfilled and you, dear ones, must return to your Source and fulfill the Cosmic Day as the Plan was intended. The intention of the Plan has always been for you to return to Source. The Plan was never for you to fall away from the light into utter darkness. The reversal of the downfall has been created and now blessed ones, you are returning to your place in the light of your eternal God Selves." (5)

All the depictions of Jacob's Ladder of descending and ascending consciousness are representations of the Divine Plan. From God we came and to God we return: such is the Plan at its highest level. Those who wish to follow it may wish to read other articles on it on this site. (6)

Here, let's focus on it as it relates to this present day, to what has been called the end times of duality, and to the Ascension that's happening very soon. Ascension is like taking one step on the return journey to God.

The Divine Mother states that "[Ascension] is my plan. It is the Divine Plan and it is what we have waited for. Your countdown is on and so is ours." (7) St. Germaine ties Ascension in to the endless journey back to Source when he says:

"There is an immutable plan that is well advanced for your final experiences, that shall lift you out of duality fully into the Light and Love that knows no equal or limitations. Your future is assured amongst the dimensions of Light, and every step you take is nearer to the Source of All That Is." (8)

Saul focuses on what the Divine Plan for Ascension will bring us: "God's divine plan for you is to awaken into the brilliant Light of eternal day where all that has caused you pain and suffering will be gone, leaving only Reality, Love, the absolute bliss of being one with your Father, complete, joyful, and forever at Peace in the enlightened Knowledge of His loving embrace." When this happens on the

day of Ascension, “all will be clear and all shadows will have dissipated as the clarity of Reality surrounds you.” (9)

It's therefore a magnificent Plan that promises us everything we could wish for from life.

Who Formulated the Plan?

In the first instance, we hear from every source that God created the Plan – whether we choose to think of God as the Mother or Father or in some other way. For instance, SaLuSa tells us that “God set out the master plan, eons of time ago, that would ensure as this cycle ended it would be in triumph for those seeking to return to the Light.” (10)

But having laid out the master Plan, God left it to higher-level beings to apply it to things like our Golden Age. Matthew Ward tells us that “the highest universal council members ... long ago conceived and crafted the Golden Age’s master plan.” (11)

The master Plan has yielded plans for each stage of the return journey. St. Germain through Mike Quinsey refers to “the plan of the High Councils and Elohim for the destiny of Earth and its people.” (12)

SaLuSa supports his assertion: “The Galactic Federation is just one group of dedicated souls, that are fully committed to ensuring Ascension is successful. Behind us are even more powerful ones such as the Elohim, and many Masters and High Beings of pure Light.” (13) Elsewhere he expands:

"All is ... in the hands of exceptionally powerful Beings who will ensure that all action is completed in accordance with the Divine Plan. They oversee our activities and we have complete and utter faith in them. We obey their instructions to the letter, and know we are taking the best course of action for all concerned." (14)

The Galactic Federation recently through Blossom Goodchild advised us that “one would perhaps be astounded at the number of levels there are involved in this GRAND DIVINE PLAN.” (15) So complicated is it that SaLuSa reminds us that “only the higher sources will be able to clearly define the details of the plan.” (16)

Thus we see from a cross-section of sources that the Father/Mother One has a Plan for life and for Ascension which, in its broadest terms, sees us mounting steps by successive Ascensions on a return journey home to the Source. The Plan has been decreed by God and formulated by high universal councils and light beings and is being carried out by such star councils as the Galactic Federation and other assemblies of higher-dimensional beings gathered around the Earth for just this purpose.

Tomorrow we'll look at the extent of the Plan for Ascension, how it fits with our freewill, some of what it mandates and where the energy comes from that will cause our uplift.

Footnotes

(1) “Archangel Michael: This Election Clears the Way for Obama to Step into the Truth of His Being,” Nov. 8, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/archangel-michael-this-election-clears-the-way-for-obama-to-step-into-the-truth-of-his-being/#more-151450>.

(2) “Archangel Gabrielle: Beginning Your Ascension Travels,” May 25, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/05/archangel-gabrielle-beginning-your-ascension-travels/>.

(3) The Divine Mother through Linda Dillon at Sedona Conference II, Oct. 31, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-ready-to-come-home/#more-150550>.

(4) Heavenly Hosts, 10 Nov. 2006, at <https://tinyurl.com/29olog3>

(5) Sanat Kumara, Oct. 20, 2010, through Rev. Michelle Coutant, at www.transformingradiance.com/cosmicblog/

(6) See “The Divine Plan for Life” at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-divine-plan-for-life/>

(7) The Divine Mother through Linda Dillon at Sedona Conference II, Oct. 31, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-ready-to-come-home/#more-150550>.

- (8) St. Germain, Aug. 1, 2008, through Michael Quinsey, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm
- (9) Saul, through John Smallman, Feb. 26, 2012, at <https://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>
- (10) SaLuSa, May 23, 2012, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm
- (11) Matthew's Message, Aug. 21, 2009, at <https://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>
- (12) Saint Germain, 26 Sept. 2008, through Mike Quinsey.
- (13) SaLuSa, July 12, 2010.
- (14) Ibid., Aug. 8, 2011.
- (15) Galactic Federation through Blossom Goodchild, Nov. 20, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/blossom-goodchild-november-20-2012/>.
- (16) SaLuSa, April 9, 2010.

The Unfoldment of the Divine Mother's Plan – Part 2/3

December 19, 2014

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/19/the-unfoldment-of-the-divine-mothers-plan-part-23/>



Folks, where the discussion of building Nova Earth is going invites familiarity with the Divine Plan. I'm therefore reposting a series from 2012 on the subject.

(Continued from Part 1)

Not Just the Earth is Ascending

We tend to think of Ascension as happening only on Earth but apparently it's happening throughout the Third-Dimensional universe. According to SaLuSa: “In the larger picture you are looking at a Divine Plan for the Ascension of the Universe.” (1)

“Your All-Loving God has plans well beyond your understanding,” he states, “and the goal is to successfully move your Universe into the higher vibrations.” (2)

“The changes are affecting ... not just your solar system, but Universe and Galaxy. It is a tremendous change of scope beyond your imagination, and involves Beings of unlimited power and love. They carry out the Will of God and in that lies your assurance that all will proceed according to the Divine Plan.” (3)

He tells us that “a Universal edict,” which is the Divine Plan itself, “has been served on all creation that has responded by preparing in readiness for the great change to the higher dimensions.” (4)

Most other parts of the universe are fitting into God's Plan. It is only Earth that is having difficulties with it, SaLuSa informs us:

“The Creator has expressed a desire that all within your Universe shall ascend and it is only your Earth that is experiencing a battle to be part of that upliftment. All other planets and dimensions are sufficiently advanced, to move with the changes without any difficulty.” (5)

The Plan and Our Freewill

How does the Divine Plan fit in with our freewill? On an everyday basis, SaLuSa says:

“You might reflect on the fact that you have created your reality, but it was at a higher level that the divine plan was conceived and it will not change except for divine intervention.” (6)

It was known, SaLuSa says, “even when you first came to Earth that the cycle would complete with your successful Ascension. The power behind these events is the Creator, and although freewill is ever operating, some [events] are pre-ordained.” (7)

“As you can imagine spiritual matters are highly organised, and progress is coordinated for Humankind so that as many souls as possible move into the Light. You are all acting out your roles for the benefit of the whole, and a game it may be, but one that is deadly serious. The emphasis is on getting you to awaken to your true selves, and taking responsibility for all you do.” (8)

We had a part in the formulation of the Plan, Damur of Antares tells us: “You helped to design the Grand Plan that you find yourselves in.” (9) Archangel Michael agrees:

“Most of you have witnessed and been part of the formulations of this Divine Plan. You have asked in your heart – to me, Steve, you have asked

– how does this Plan get formulated? And it does not simply come from what you think of as the heavenly realms or the divine heart. Yes, that is where the inspiration is born.

“But each of you have had a piece of the formulation of this Plan. That is also why you are here. You have said, 'I will go, and I will be in form, and I will part of that unfoldment. I will be part of the anchoring of that promise, of that new reality of love.’” (10)

Not only that, but we will awaken to our role in the Plan at the precise right moment, Melchizedek tells us.

“Each of you is programmed to remember your role in the Divine Plan in perfect Divine timing so that the greater Light and understanding that comes to you can be of great assistance to all. There is no way this remembrance can be forced to come to you before your time.” (11)

Hilarion tells us that people who are reading these messages can expect to be serving the Plan as lightworkers.

“Each person will blossom in a myriad of ways that create a new template that will be boundless in its possibilities. If you are reading this, then you are One who has qualified to serve the Divine Plan at a greater level.” (12)

Some Elements of the Plan

The object of the Plan is “to help as many souls as possible to move back into the higher dimensions through Ascension.” (13) To do that, it has been arranged that the galactics come forward at the right time to speed along our preparations, as SaLuSa tells us.

“Our presence is also part of the greater plan, and we will join you at the appropriate time and ensure your progress takes off in leaps and bounds. Our preparations have been in place for a long time and updated and ready to commence at a minute's notice. As always our influence and guidance is felt by many of you, and we work with you even although you may be unaware of it.” (14)

“The Forces of Light have never gathered together on Earth in such numbers for millennia of time. This is of course in accordance with the Divine Plan.” (15)

“I ... can tell you that we are getting excited as the day moves ever nearer when we shall meet. It is part of the divine plan and must take place, and we shall ensure it is so.” (16)

Matthew Ward says that many millions of star brothers and sisters are here to help.

“The plan included millions and millions of souls from advanced civilizations whose essential assistance on, within and above Earth assured that she not only would survive death throes, but would be restored to her original paradise self, where all her people live in harmony with each other and all of Nature.” (17)

Part of what they are here to do is to end war on Earth, SaLuSa tells us.

“It is a Divine Decree that your cycle of duality ends with war having been totally eradicated, and peace having been firmly established. For too long your rights have been taken away, and the time has been reached for them to be totally restored. The old paradigm is now defunct, and will draw no more energy to sustain it any longer. A new day has commenced that will bloom into its magnificence with Ascension.” (18)

The Energy that Will Uplift us Comes from the Father/Mother One

Part of the Plan is to flood the universe with the Divine Light needed to cause the expansion of consciousness that the Ascension is at its essence. Archangel Michael through Ronna Herman explains the nature and impact of the Light which is streaming down upon us at this time leading up to the shift.

“The Light of the Creator contains energy, intelligence and everything necessary to create worlds without end and to fulfill the Divine plan.” (19)

That Light has been steadily increasing for over a century now in accordance with the Plan, according to SaLuSa.

“For over a century, the amount of Light being brought to bear on you has increased tenfold, and has been instrumental in lifting many of you up. This is in accordance with the Divine Plan to release you from the lower vibrations, and end the cycle whilst giving every soul the opportunity to rise up.” (20)

The Divine Mother has been sending us this energy, directly from the heart of One and into our bodies, as she discusses here:

“Yes, sweet angels of mine, my legion of light, my angels of love, you are in the middle of the Transition, you are in the middle of the Shift, you are riding the waves of love that the Father and I are sending directly into your heart, through the portal of your heart, through the Ascension portal of the planet.

“And from there it is diffusing into each of your chakras, into your body, into your brain and yes there is also energy being sent directly through your crown chakra. It is activating not only your pineal, your hypothalamus, your pituitary; it is activating portions of your hemisphere that have never been activated in the human race.” (21)

The energy the Mother is sending us is love, which SaLuSa calls the glue of the universe.

“All life is inextricably linked by what you sometimes refer to as the glue of the Universe. The energy that it exists in can be considered as the body of God and therefore All Is God.” (22)

The Father/Mother One is showering us with light to see that the Plan is realized.

“Are we sending the energy from the Father and I? We have never stopped, in fact it is increasing daily and yesterday we increased it even more. So you may be feeling it and we’ve told you a new chapter has begun in this Ascension process.

“Dear hearts, you are well underway. Now are the lightholder communities ahead of the wave as it were? Yes. But that has also always been part of the plan.” (23)

Tomorrow we look at the unstoppable of the Plan and hear the request from the Company of Heaven to trust in the outcome of the vast plans that have been made for our Ascension to the higher planes.

(Concluded in Part 3)

Footnotes

(1) SaLuSa, Feb. 17, 2012, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(2) Ibid., April 6, 2009.

(3) Ibid. April 13, 2012.

(4) Ibid., March 8, 2010.

(5) Ibid., April 8, 2009.

(6) Ibid., Sept. 13, 2010.

(7) Ibid., Oct. 7, 2009.

(8) Ibid., Aug. 14, 2009.

(9) Damur of Antares, May 28, 2009, through Zilanthrah, at <https://tinyurl.com/2aepuqo> .

(10) Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, Jan. 23, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/01/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-archangel-michael-jan-23-2012/>.

(11) Mechizedek, through Marlene Swetlishoff, March 14, 2012, at <https://www.therainbowscribe.com>.

(12) Hilarion, May 6-13, 2012.

(13) Atmos, Aug. 28, 2009, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(14) SaLuSa Nov. 24, 2008.

(15) Ibid., Feb. 28, 2011.

(16) Ibid., Nov. 14, 2008.

(17) Matthew's Message, Aug. 21, 2009, at <https://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>

(18) SaLuSa, Feb. 20, 2012.

(19) Archangel Michael, January 2009, through Ronna Herman, at <https://www.ronnastar.com/latest.html>.

(20) SaLuSa, Feb. 20, 2009.

(21) “Ride the Waves of Love Being Sent to Us by Universal Mother,” May 22, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/05/ride-the-waves-of-love-being-sent-to-us-by-universal-mother/>.

(22) SaLuSa, Dec. 31, 2008.

(23) The Divine Mother in “Transcript – Ascension is Going Far Better Than You Think: Universal Mother Mary on Heavenly Blessings,” at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/transcript-ascension-is-going-far-better-than-you-think-universal-mother-mary-on-heavenly-blessings/#more-148729> .

The Unfoldment of the Divine Mother's Plan – Part 3/3

December 20, 2014

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/20/the-unfoldment-of-the-divine-mothers-plan-part-33/>

Folks, where the discussion of building Nova Earth is going invites familiarity with the Divine Plan. I'm therefore reposting a series from 2012 on the subject.



(Concluded from Part 2)

The Plan is Unstoppable

All things great and small are ruled by the Divine Plan. In regard to humanity, the Plan lays out our pathway from and to God. SaLuSa tells us that “the grand plan for Man is perfect in its concept and whatever path you take, it will always lead to your goal.” (1) That goal is reunion with the Source.

On another occasion, he reminds us that “there is nothing to fear, your future is absolutely assured – and that is by Divine Decree.” (2) Speaking more particularly of Ascension, he says: “When it commences there cannot be any other outcome, as the Divine Plan will manifest regardless of any outer happenings.” (3)

A divine decree cannot be stopped, he tells us. “Be sure, Dear Ones, that when a divine edict is given it is the Law of the Creator.” (4) Moreover the galactics tell us that they can easily modify their plans to adjust to any change. SaLuSa says:

“There is a clearly-defined plan for your future, but we can easily accommodate any changes necessary. We follow all events taking place on Earth, and as a result can adjust our actions accordingly. However, there is a core plan which shall manifest and take you through to Ascension as intended.

“The path to Ascension is to be cleared of any attempts to prevent it from manifesting.” (5)

Most of us are not used to thinking in the ways that SaLuSa and the others do. To some of us, all of this probably sounds like the movie *Tron* or *The Thirteenth Floor*. (6)

But nevertheless part of the mysteries of life is that life does proceed according to Divine Plan, divine decrees, universal laws, etc. We are in fact created beings and we move inside a universe that is ruled by a Creator's commands, whether we choose to believe it or not.

What we don't realize as well is that we ourselves are that Creator, a fact that we don't come face to face with until an advanced stage of enlightenment. Ascension is such a stage.

Saul assures us that “the divine plan ... is leading you forwards towards the moment of your awakening into your natural and fully-conscious state.” The changes “have reached a momentum that is unstoppable and irreversible.” (7) In another message, he observes that “the divine plan continues to unfold precisely as intended, and as it must; nothing else is possible.” (8)

On these grounds, the Arcturian Group assures us that “all is proceeding according to plan.” (9) Even the order in which things is done is determined by the Plan, Wanderer of the Skies reminds us.

“Keep in mind that as these matters develop, they are done so in a specific order for a specific reason that is interconnected to a much grander plan than we cannot reveal to you now.” (10)

“Even in the chaos that comes and goes,” SaLuSa reveals, “there is reason and it follows a plan as everything else does.” (11)

The way the Light Beings put matters is that “the kingdom of God is coming to earth. ... Rest assured that the Plan is unfolding exactly as it should.” (12)

And the Divine Mother tells us that we are past the tipping point.

“It is not growing so that you will reach a tipping point. You are already there. ...

“You are ready to come home to your Fifth Dimension, to your Nova Earth, to your nova self in your magnificent form of crystalline, diamonds under pressure. That is what we have worked so diligently with you for so long. Oh, long before you were born.” (13)

Trust in Us

Furthermore, the Mother asks us not to despair if many people have not awakened yet. To ensure they do is part of our mission.

“Do not despair if you look at certain communities and you say they are not aware as yet, the work is being done within. We are not concerned. And one of the reasons, sweet one, we are not concerned is because each of you, the way-showers, the healers, the teachers, the channelers are doing your job.

“You have stepped forward in magnificent ways and you have extended yourself and I do not mean in discussing the plan or Ascension or the Shift, you have extended yourself in a new way of love, in a way that is without judgment and increasingly without doubt without despair, without blame, without fault.” (14)

SaLuSa asks us to trust the Company of Heaven to bring the Plan in as formulated.

“Trust in us and God that events are going to proceed as promised, and do not worry as to the timing as it will occur in a way that is exactly correct for the desired outcome. Also be assured that the end times will work out as planned, and that responsibility is ours and everything is totally prepared.” (15)

Our own ascended masters, like Hilarion, also ask us to trust that “all unfolds as set forth in the Divine Plan for your personal and collective destiny.” (16)

Given all that has been said about the Plan and all the reassurances we've been given, the Mother asks us not to be distracted but to embrace it and forge ahead.

“My beloved ones, children of my heart, children of my being, showers of the way, hybrids and angels, starseeds and humans: Do not allow yourselves to be distracted. Hold your focus and be your faith, and know that you are in the unfoldment, and you are the unfoldment, and that all goes forward according to plan, according to my plan and according to yours.

“Yes, the changes are rapid at this juncture. And that is why I ask of you: do not be distracted, and focus on the truth that Michael instills in your heart and the clarity that I give each of you, in each of your bodies and in your core. Prepare and be the final event, and simply know I am with you.

“Do not turn away, for this is the time for you to go straight forward — no, not with blinkers, but with full vision and open hearts, with compassion and joy and the fulfillment of love.” (17)

So we're given a view of life that probably departs very much from what we, as educated beings living in the Twenty-First Century, probably have accepted as real until now.

We're told that all of life, and certainly this Ascension, is ruled by orderliness and that nothing can triumph against this order once the divine decree is issued. The Divine Plan is for Ascension to occur and nothing will stop it.

We've looked at the Divine Plan for this Age, where it comes from, who's bringing it forth, how it's being enacted, and what the outcome will be. We're now in the last stages of its implementation, but, even once implemented, what happens afterward and indeed what happens throughout life – or throughout our many lives and many Ascensions – will still be governed by divine plans, laws and decrees.

Footnotes

(1) SaLuSa, Oct. 21, 2009, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(2) Ibid., March 8, 2010.

(3) Ibid., May 25, 2011.

(4) Ibid., March 15, 2010.

(5) Loc. cit.

(6) In *Tron*, the hero enters into a computer program to defeat the master control program. In *The Thirteenth Floor*, people can enter into and live a no-cost life in a computer program depicting the 1920s. To some, talk of a life ruled by divine decree, laws and plans must sound like living in a computer program.

(7) Saul, Jan. 18, 2012, through John Smallman, at <https://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>

(8) Ibid./, Sept. 6, 2009.

(9) Arcturian Group, April 22, 2012, at <https://weareallone.com/>

(10) Wanderer of the Skies, March 25, 2012, at <https://wandererodtheskies.blogspot.com/>

(11) SaLuSa, Nov. 2, 2011.

(12) Message from the Light Beings through Phoebe Lauren, posted by Mark Huber, machube@comcast.net, Oct. 5, 2008.

(13) The Divine Mother through Linda Dillon at Sedona Conference II, Oct. 31, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-ready-to-come-home/#more-150550>.

(14) The Divine Mother in “Transcript – Ascension is Going Far Better Than You Think: Universal Mother Mary on Heavenly Blessings,” at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/transcript-ascension-is-going-far-better-than-you-think-universal-mother-mary-on-heavenly-blessings/#more-148729>

(15) SaLuSa, Jan. 18, 2012.

(16) Master Hilarion through Marlene Swetlishoff, Nov. 13-20, 2011, at <https://www.therainbowscribe.com/hilarion2011.htm>.

(17) The Divine Mother in “Archangel Michael: It’s Time to Let Go of the Old,” Oct. 22, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/the-2012-scenario/what-role-are-the-angels-playing/archangel-michael-its-time-to-let-go-of-the-old/>.

Evidence of the Divine Plan is All Around Us, 2012

April 13, 2012

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/04/13/evidence-of-the-divine-plan-is-all-around-us/>



Stairway to Heaven

All of us seek happiness but few of us question why we universally do that. We want love, crave bliss, search for fulfillment. But seldom do we notice that we do or question why these circumstances would be so. We simply accept them.

They form part of what Werner Erhard called the "background of obviousness." We take for granted some of the most profound circumstances of life.

In a similar vein, from time to time, we ask for proof that there's a Divine Plan for life, but when we look upon the evidence all around us in our everyday lives, we seldom consider it to be evidence.

But in seeking happiness, love, bliss and fulfillment, are we not seeking Divine qualities? If we tirelessly seek the qualities of the Divine, does that not suggest that the Plan for life may also have something to do with seeking the Divine?

What is the Divine Plan? All life seeks God. That would seem to be its essence. There seems little difference between saying that all life seeks God or saying that all life seeks love, bliss, fulfilment and happiness because these qualities appear to be the same as God.

Has the Divine Plan been described by those who've known it? Let's look first at Earth's sages and then the galactic masters and see. Krishnamurti knew it and exclaimed:

"The really important thing is ... the knowledge of God's plan for men. For God has a plan, and that plan is evolution. When once a man has seen that and really knows it, he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful." (1)



Great Chain of Being

Have any other sages had a vision of the Divine Plan, the stairway of consciousness or Great Chain of Being, and described it in detail? The closest we can get are the visions of Edward Carpenter and Dante.

Edward Carpenter's Vision:

"[In the] inner illumination ... we can ultimately see things as they are, beholding all creation -- the animals, the angels, the plants, the figures of our friends, and all the ranks and races of human kind -- in their true being and order." (2)



The Divine Plan is like a circular spiral

Dante's Vision:

"When Dante awoke into the Cosmic Sense, into the new Cosmos, the first thing to strike him ... was the vision of the 'Eternal Wheels' -- the 'Chain of Causation' -- the universal order -- a vision infinitely beyond expression by human words. His new self ... had its eyes fixed on this, the Cosmic unfolding. Gazing thereupon the Cosmic vision and the Cosmic rapture transhumanized him into a god." (3)

What is being described is a word picture of God's Plan for humans: Jacob's Ladder, the stairway of consciousness, depicting the spiritual evolution of God's children from a point of unconscious awareness of their identity as God to conscious awareness. The dawning of conscious awareness we call "enlightenment."

Does God Himself (Herself, Itself) discuss the purpose behind the Plan? Speaking as God, the Sufi sage Ibn Arabi says: "I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be

known, and I created the creation so that I be known." (4) The White Brotherhood master Beinsa Douno says something somewhat similar: "Why did God desire to create the world? So that He might be made manifest." (5)

The Upanishads say that God created the world "to enjoy his own exuberance and play, to know himself in manifestation." (6) When one of us realizes God, it is really God that realizes Himself, as many sages attest.

Franklin Merrell-Woolf: "This space I produce that My Glory shall be revealed; yet I alone Realize that Revelation." (7)

Ibn Arabi: "Only God sees God." (8)

Bayazid of Bistun: "I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!'" (9)

Paramahansa Ramakrishna: "Only grandeur appreciates grandeur: and God realizes God." (10)

Swami Brahmananda: "Only God can know himself. Be a god, that you may know the infinite God." (11)

The avatar Sri Ramakrishna playfully describes God's reaction when, in the moment of enlightenment, God knows God: "When Siva realizes his own Self, He dances about in joy exclaiming, 'What am I! What am I!'" (12)

So the Divine Plan is for God to realize God by making Himself manifest in the world as us, His Children, who rise by gradual steps from a place of unconscious awareness of our identity as Him to conscious awareness through enlightenment.

Do the galactics say something different? Can it be that this view of the Divine Plan is in fact something only terrestrials hold, or do the galactics say the same thing?

SaLuSa says: "All are on the same journey back to the Source from whence all life originated." (13) That is the divine circle, the stairway of consciousness, is it not? He explains that "the purpose of living many lives is to follow an overall plan that leads to your spiritual evolution." (14) And again: "Life is a continuous round of

experiences that you have all set in place to further your spiritual evolution." (15)
There's no difference between SaLuSa's statement and Krishnamurti's, is there?



All nature reflects the Divine circle of consciousness

Ela of Arcturus evokes the same stairway of consciousness: "All proceeds upwards in the cyclic nature of evolution." (16) SaLuSa agrees: "Life everywhere in the Universe is continually evolving, and it is a natural condition that forever impels you forward." (17) Forward, upward, progressing, evolving from God to God.

Do the galactics themselves mount the same evolutionary staircase of consciousness? SaLuSa answers that question:

'You might ask where do we stand as far as evolution is concerned, and we would reply that we as member civilizations of the Galactic Federation have already ascended. We continue to evolve, and will do so until we find ourselves at One with the Source of All That Is." (18)

"No matter where you choose to go in this Universe, the object of your experiences will be to increase your levels of consciousness. So when you meet with Beings from another civilization, know that they too are carrying out a life plan to move further ahead in their evolution." (19)

Thus we can see the Divine Plan at work in our own everyday lives. We hear terrestrial and extraterrestrial sages refer to it and describe it. Do the galactics and celestials gathered around our planet at this time also serve it? SaLuSa says they do:

"There is a clearly-defined plan for your future. ... There is a core plan which shall manifest and take you through to Ascension as intended. ... The path to Ascension is to be cleared of any attempts to prevent it from manifesting, and be sure, Dear Ones, that when a divine edict is given it is the Law of the Creator." (20)

This "grand plan for Man," SaLuSa says, "is perfect in its concept." (21) Our "glorious future is absolutely certain, and it is written into the plan decreed by the Creator," he assures us. (22) Saul reminds us as well that nothing else is possible than what the Divine Plan lays out:

"The divine plan continues to unfold precisely as intended, and as it must; nothing else is possible. Your awareness of it will increase and intensify as your energy frequency rises in preparation for leaving your illusory reality of fear, suffering, pain, and death." (23)

And what is that Plan? SaLuSa tells us that "the Divine Plan [is] to release you from the lower vibrations, and end the cycle whilst giving every soul the opportunity to rise up." (24) "Ascension," he tells us, "is in accordance with the Divine Plan." (25)

So if we look at our own lives carefully enough, we can see the Divine Plan in action. If we study the words of the terrestrial and extraterrestrial sages, we can hear the Plan described and explained. Various visions that sages have had give us the flavor of it. And the galactics and masters who've gathered round the planet at this time of Ascension also tell us that they follow it. We have evidence from our own lives and from the experience of the masters, terrestrial and galactic, that the Divine Plan exists. And this very Plan holds within it the decree and provision that this planet will ascend and we will ascend with it.

Footnotes

- (1) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910. , 17.
- (2) Edward Carpenter in Maurice Bucke, *Cosmic Consciousness. A Study in the Evolution of the Human Mind*. New York: Dutton, 1969; c1901, 85. [Hereafter CC.]
- (3) Maurice Bucke, CC, 137.
- (4) Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 3. [Hereafter KK.]
- (5) Beinsa Douno, "Life is the Musical Manifestation of God," *The Wellspring of Good*. Downloaded from <https://www.beinsadouno.org/lib/sg.htm>, accessed 2 Feb. 2005., n.p.
- (6) Alan Jacobs, trans. *The Principal Upanishads: A Poetic Transcreation*. Winchester, UK and New York: O Books, 2003, 70.
- (7) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness*. New York: Julian Press, 1973 18.
- (8) Ibn Arabi, KK, 48.
- (9) Bayazid of Bistun in Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 12.
- (10) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Anon., *Life of Sri Ramakrishna*. Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 1977; c1924, 47.
- (11) Swami Brahmananda in Swami Prabhavananda, *The Eternal Companion*. Brahmananda. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1970; c1944 , 205.
- (12) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942., 393.

- (13) SaLuSa, April 2, 2012, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm
- (14) SaLuSa, Oct. 4, 2010.
- (15) Ibid, Feb. 1, 2010.
- (16) Ela of Arcturus, Mar. 9, 2009, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm
- (17) SaLuSa, May 4, 2009.
- (18) Ibid, July 14, 2010.
- (19) Ibid, Jan. 13, 2010.
- (20) Ibid, March 15, 2010.
- (21) Ibid, Oct. 21, 2009.
- (22) Ibid, Feb. 15, 2010.
- (23) Saul, Sept. 6, 2009, at <https://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>
- (24) SaLuSa, Feb. 20, 2009.
- (25) Ibid, Feb. 8, 2012.

Mother/Father God's Plan of Enlightenment

May 31, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/05/31/mother-father-gods-plan-of-enlightenment/>



If you were to look up ahead of you while in the arc or behind you, the view would look very much like the nautilus shell....

Question: If you filled every inch of space and were the only one present, how would you know yourself?

Answer: Create an illusory world in which illusory selves go on a voyage of discovery and realize their true identity, at which point the One meets the One. That is how you would know yourself when you're the only One in town.

So here are we illusory selves, all sharing one purpose which gets buried under everyday concerns, and that is the concern that we know ourselves.

Knowing we'd get lost again and again, Mother/Father God built into each and every one of us a homing device, a subtidal thirst for liberation, for Self-Knowledge, for union with the One. The name for it that I prefer is the Longing for Liberation. It's also called the yearning for God, divine dissatisfaction, divine restlessness, and hunger for unification.

This perpetual longing keeps us moving towards God.

From God to God we go, in a sacred arc and a spiritual spiral, which returns us to the same karmic lessons lifetime after lifetime.

If you were to look up ahead of you or behind you while in the arc, the view would look very much like the nautilus shell in the graphic, which is why I use it. I know this because I experienced a vision in 1987 in which all this was revealed to me.

(1) The more I unpack the vision, the more I learn.

So, yes, there is a purpose to our lives and that purpose is enlightenment. There is a purpose to God creating this leela or divine play that we're all involved in and that purpose is for God to meet God.

If we realize this, if we get it down to our bones, it provides a sound foundation from which to deduce many other pieces of the puzzle.

Enlightenment is in the hands of the Mother and the archangels. People who've agreed to serve as lightworkers may also have consented to postpone their enlightenment until they complete their agreements. So keep that in mind.

That certainly applies to me. None of the higher enlightenments are open to me and even the junior levels are moderated so that I don't wander off to a cave. (2) And I agree that I would. I've consented to this kind of intervention.

The servants at the banquet of Ascension serve first and eat later. I think that's the plan here. And I personally am totally fine with it.

Footnotes

(1) For a description of the experience, see “The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue,” August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(2) Divine Mother: Let me be very clear about [the Xenia sight of the Self]. If you had seen the Light as it actually is [instead of it being toned down], yes, a million, billion suns... You would have simply departed. ...

We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed -

yes, with us, for yourself, for the service you are providing - you would have departed and simply said, "I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!" (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

Steve: Should I be orienting toward ascending early or not? I have this sense that I'm supposed to be here.

Archangel Michael: You're supposed to be here. ... Stay put, dear heart. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 13, 2011. Hereafter AAM.)

AAM: You cannot — well, you can if you wish, if it is your choice, simply remain in that state of unity, of One — but you cannot be fully conscious and in service, in action, if that is where you are. (AAM, Feb. 14, 2012.)

Right now if you were to complete your full ascension, many of you would not bother to stay and finish the creation of Nova Earth.

Steve: So you really have to meter it out to us, so to speak, so as not to send us flying off into some other pursuit?

AAM: That is correct. (AAM, March 10, 2017.)

What is Our Soul Design?

June 21, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/06/21/what-is-our-soul-design/>



If, in my 1987 vision, I had looked up through the coil of lifetimes in matter, or down, this is what I would have seen. (1)

I'd like to look now at a few topics which I believe are basic to lightwork, as a change of pace

I'd like to start with the whole subject of soul design, as far as the celestials, galactics, and ascended masters have described it in the sources I've read.

I say "as far as the celestials, etc., have described it," but after a thorough canvassing of the literature that I've gathered together, (2) the truth is I couldn't find a single source that actually defined "soul design" or explained it as a concept in detail.

I guess that leaves me to give it a try.

Soul design may refer to (A) a design that applies to the soul as an individual, through lifetime after lifetime, or (B) a design that applies to just one lifetime. I call them (A) the primal soul design and (B) the lifetime soul design.

In the case of A, I haven't the knowledge to comment. I leave that to Archangel Gabrielle towards the end of our discussion here.

In the case of B, which is the more normal context for the term, the term "design" refers to planned events that are intended to accomplish what all the design team wants to accomplish in that lifetime. (3)

We usually have a team that helps with the lifetime design. It typically would include our archangel, our twin flame, our father and mother candidates, and any other interested parties. The Divine Mother has been known to be part of our design teams at this special juncture in universal history. (4)

Our soul design for any one lifetime sets out our unique mission and pre-birth choices.

I can offer a few clues of this design from my own life. Here are some things the Mother has said about my soul design for this lifetime:

"You have chosen long, long ago with Me, with Annastara [my twin flame], with ME KI AL, to be a communicator and an agent of change.

"You have said to me, 'Mother, what if they forget? I will remind them. I will communicate with them through words, through my passion, through my heart, through my knowing. I will communicate the love to them.'

"This is your task and it is a task of change as this planet, in this great chaos, in flux, chooses, yes, by this wonderful instrument of free will, as they choose and as you choose to simply be the love." (5)

OK, my mission is as a communicator and agent of change, to be the love. And she indicates that my soul design team included (but was not limited to) her, Michael, my twin flame Annastara, and my other guardian angels.

Add a bevy of past-life worthies to the list. You get the picture.

The Mother alluded to the design effort again in the following exchange when I asked her if the Xenia experience of the Self had been truncated:

"Let me be very clear about that. If you had seen the light as it actually is - yes, a million, billion suns - you would have simply departed. ...

We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed - yes, with us - for yourself, for the service you are providing - you would have departed and simply said, 'I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!'" (6) [My emphasis.]

So departing from my soul contract, from the life that we have designed. Complete change of direction and goodbye to mission and soul design. To be avoided. Stay with the program.

In a personal reading with Hairol, the Divine Mother discussed his soul-design team, which again included her:

"You and we, in concert with your circle, have chosen, designed, this magnificent form in all its shining, lustrous brilliance – with the human foibles and proclivities so that you would understand the human race... which in many ways is a foreign race to you... but also that the human race would understand you, because it is mutuality; it is the sense of unity, it is the sense of togetherness, quite literally, that is important in this redefinition of the experience of [being] 'human'.

"And so you have been integrated and that, sweet one, includes human... yes, you are very star[seed], angelic." (7)

What a beautiful description! (We really don't know who is here.) His "circle" probably included his twin flame and other guardian angels and archangels.

So the events of this life, especially, have been laid down. What is not laid down is how we'll respond.

When we fully embrace our soul design, what do we find? The Mother tells us:

"When you embrace the fullness of your soul design, your true soul design, you are embracing purity. When we have birthed you, whether it was twenty million years ago or yesterday, that brilliant soul design was not tarnished, *was not sullied, did not include impurities or imbalance*. Your design is divine perfection!" (8) [My emphasis.]

Can we find support for this view in the literature? Yes, my own experience at Xenia supports it. Michael describes it:

"What you have done is you have journeyed to the depths of your soul, to the depths of your core. ..

"What you have discovered ... is the yearning, of *innocence*, of the sweetness and, yes, the *purity* that the Mother has filled you with, with her tsunami. And inside the purity is clarity, is love and so you have reached a deeper level, a higher level, a broader level of understanding." (9) [My emphasis.]

I found innocence and purity at the very heart (pun intended) of my being. So much for original sin! Hello, original innocence!

Is the Self then the full design? It would make sense that it is. Is Self-Realization then the fulfillment of that design? I would think so. Our purpose in life is to realize our true identity in a moment of enlightenment and that true identity is God. (10) Self-Realization is Realization of the One.

Archangel Michael calls Ascension a return to our true design.

"[Ascension] is a return to your true design. And your true design, your soul design, your original architecture did not include dis-ease. And that is also true for Gaia. The ailments, shall we say, that she has endured or suffered as a result of the illusions, and the false grids and paradigms, vasanas of humans, the pollution, the debris, the garbage, the despoiling, this will be healed as well." (11)

Where do we go to find out about our design? Jesus says "inward."

"Where you have need to turn my brothers and sisters is inward, deep to the core of your being. I do not speak of the personality that is present in

this lifetime but rather of the soul essence, the full design that has been activated within you. It is time for you to become fully familiar with this design and to embrace it and the wholeness of yourself. That is what this creation exercise is about – it is the co-creation as the expression of your design." (12)

Who is the Great Architect, the Source of our primal design? Archangel Michael tells us that "the Mother ... is the ultimate architect." (13)

The Great Architect (the Mother) tells us, "your soul design ... is your truth. And it will never, ever, be identical to another's." (14) Archangel Gabrielle elaborates:

"Are you all related? And on one grid? Yes. But your Ray, and the combinations, the variations, the sweetness is a reflection of your soul design and pattern.

"It is your spiritual DNA. It is what you have decided, how you have decided to be birthed, in the very beginning." (15)

In the very beginning. This *is* taking the long view.

Our primal soul design reflects the Mother's pattern, Gabrielle continues:

"Some of you hearing for the very first time that there is only really one essence and pattern throughout, and that is the essence and design of the Mother, and that is Love. Does it have a multitude of faces, of qualities, of divinity? Yes. But all of these are expressions and experiences and transmissions, activations, alignments of Love." (16)

The pattern of love is to flow - to everyone open to it.

Love is the foundation, the essence or part of us that we all have in common. Rising on top of that is the ground floor of our unique or primal soul design. And on top of that are all the other floors of the building, each one a lifetime soul design.

Here's a look at that superstructure: (17)



Footnotes

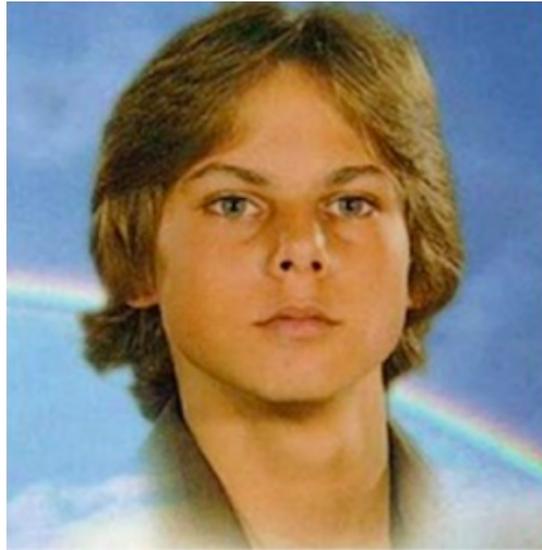
- (1) See “The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue,” August 13, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>
- (2) In *First Contact* at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=First_Contact
- (3) One hilarious example is that I was destined to be a decision-maker on refugee claims. So many coincidences happened, so many obstacles were overcome that by the time the decision was made I knew I was supposed to be in that job.
- (4) This time is special because it's the first mass/physical Ascension in the universe. It will serve as a trigger or starting flag for many other Ascensions on all dimensions, apparently.
- (5) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, April 30, 2019.
- (6) *Ibid.*, Oct. 26, 2018.
- (7) "Divine Mother – The Beauty and Truth of Who You Are," May 25, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/05/25/divine-mother-the-beauty-and-truth-of-who-you-are/>

- (8) "Video & Transcript ~ Universal Mother Mary: The Essence of Your Soul Design is Purity," November 15, 2017, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/11/15/video-transcript-universal-mother-mary-the-essence-of-your-soul-design-is-purity/>.
- (9) "Archangel Michael Explains What Happened at Xenia," September 22, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/09/22/archangel-michael-explains-what-happened-at-xenia/>.
- (10) See Footnote 1.
- (11) "Archangel Michael: The Mother's Essence Within and Without are Colliding – Part 2/2," channeled by Linda Dillon, June 12, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/15/archangel-michael-the-mothers-essence-within-and-without-are-colliding-part-22/>.
- (12) "Jesus Sananda on Unconditional Love," March 28, 2015 (2003), at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/28/jesus-sananda-on-unconditional-love/>
- (13) "Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom," June 13, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/>.
- (14) "The Divine Mother: Be Prepared to Move into Measured, Concerted, and Modest Action," channeled by Linda Dillon, December 6, 2013 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/12/the-divine-mother-be-prepared-to-move-into-measured-concerted-and-modest-action/>.)
- (15) "Transcript: Heavenly Blessings: The 12 Divine Rays with Archangel Gabrielle," channeled by Linda Dillon, February 18, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/03/transcript-heavenly-blessings-the-12-divine-rays-with-archangel-gabrielle-february-18-2014/>.
- (16) "Archangel Gabrielle: Who is the Council of Love and What is Its Purpose?" Feb. 28, 2016, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=273441>.
- (17) In my vision in 1987, if I had looked forward or backward while in the spiral tube, a view like the Nautilus is what I would have seen.

NESARA = The Divine Plan

December 22, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/12/22/nesara-the-divine-plan/>



Matthew Ward as a young man

I'm proof-reading a 600-page book on Ascension, calmly reading through a message from Matthew Ward, when, all of a sudden, I find myself saying, "Wait a minute. Wait a minute. *This is the Plan for our Ascension.* This is the Plan I'm reading."

Because I tend to compartmentalize knowledge, I'd been keeping the Divine Plan and NESARA separate. But, as Matthew points out here, they aren't separate. NESARA IS the Divine Plan.

NESARA = National Economic Security and Reformation Act. A blueprint for a world that works for everyone.

Here's Matthew explaining how near to extinction Gaia's physical body (that is, Earth) came for a lack of light. He takes us from there to the role played by NESARA in our Ascension.

From "Matthew Ward: An Account of Our Ascension Journey – Part 2/2,"
November 21, 2018, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/11/21/matthew-ward-two-accounts-of-our-ascension-journey-part-2-2/>

The two previous episodes when the planet's very life was at stake, the release of amassed negativity happened with such cataclysmic force that all life forms perished. Gaia loved them all, even the people who contributed to the negativity, and each time of departure sorrowed her deeply.

This time she wanted her residents not only to survive, but physically ascend with her planetary body, which would be restored to its original pristine health and beauty so all of her life forms could flourish and live together joyously and harmoniously. Her clear vision of that Earth became manifest in the universal continuum.

Accommodating Gaia's desire and her body's immediate need to start ridding itself of negativity required a massive amount of light, and God authorized powerful civilizations to provide it. The initial infusion stabilized Earth's orbit, jarred her loose from deep third density's entrenched negativity and enabled her to begin ascending.

Naturally, that light and all forthcoming from those far distant sources would be available to all of her life forms, too, but how to motivate humankind to peer through the darkness that shrouded the planet so they could "see the light" was quite another matter.

It was at that point the council entered the picture. They accepted the task of inspiring the peoples to take charge of their personal ascension by receptivity to the incoming light so they could start generating their own with forcefulness.

This was essential for two reasons of equal importance to ascension: Light transforms bodies' carbon-based cells into the crystalline structure that can survive in vibratory levels that eventually Earth would reach; and by dissolving the "veil" between third density consciousness and soul-level knowledge, the light opens hearts and minds to the spiritual enlightenment that engenders soul growth.

After discussing all the intricacies, complexities and requirements involved—first and foremost that everyone’s free will must be honored in accordance with Creator’s edict to rulers of all the universes—the council came up with a plan. It had to be put into a linear timeframe for your understanding, and since it is your world, it could only be what you want it to be.

Therefore, all aspects of the plan had to become part of the collective consciousness, that energy mass of countless thoughts, feelings and deeds that steers activity in Earth’s field of potential and determines what happens in your world.

So a major consideration was how to present the plan in a format that would start people thinking about it. At that time in your history, the United States was considered to be the most globally influential of all countries, making it practical to start there, and so it did—members of that government were inspired to form the National Economic Security and Reformation Act that is commonly known by its acronym NESARA.

This legislation has been the dark ones’ target of manifold lies and sabotage, which led to denial of its existence by some who heard of it and to serious misconceptions by others. If you don’t know what NESARA actually encompasses—it is no less than the basis of world transformation and spiritual renewal!—and its evolution through both light and dark passages, please read previous messages that give detailed accounts. [Special NESARA edition, August 13, 2006, provides background information; a number of other messages include additional coverage.]

The provisions of NESARA and all other facets of the plan were developed in the continuum, where what you think of as past, present and future is a series of simultaneous happenings; where souls’ evolutionary station is known by the amount of light they radiate and matching them up according to their interests, innate capabilities and necessary karmic experiencing can be easily arranged.

Always pre-birth agreements are made with unconditional love and designed to benefit every soul participating in the shared lifetime, and so it was with the council’s plan, albeit the most unusual and far-reaching ever devised. Never before in this universe had an entire civilization entered into an agreement whereby the vast majority would undertake such a monumental challenge: completing in only

one lifetime all third density karmic lessons they needed to achieve balance and evolve spiritually and consciously into fourth density.

This unique opportunity attracted trillions of eager souls, far more than could enter Earth's population, and those who were selected were apprised of every part of the plan. They knew that after birth they would not remember any of it, but inner guidance would keep them on track via soul-level messages to the consciousness—conscience, intuition, instinct, aspirations and inspirations—because this is true of every physical life.

The stunning difference this time was, all participants knew that they would be helping to create in linear time a world that already exists in the continuum by virtue of Gaia's manifestation. And, all felt certain that they would masterfully perform their chosen roles.

Nevertheless, in the council's planning of a process unprecedented in speed and scope, they wisely took into account that some of the weaker souls might falter and welcome assistance in addition to the continuous in-beaming of light from distant civilizations, and the plan included several means to handle that contingency.

Stronger souls who had shared lifetimes with weaker ones could take upon themselves a portion of those souls' heavy karma; volunteers for those roles were in fourth or higher densities, and so were the energy healers, psychic intermediaries and receivers of telepathic communication, who would help in their respective ways.

A multitude of souls was needed to become way-showers and standard-bearers. Some would intuitively know the truth of information transmitted by messengers in the light and share it with all who were receptive; others would become active in various reform efforts or prepare for professions where they could influence positive changes; and some of the many souls who would exemplify the power of positive thoughts and feelings and the joy of living in godly ways would fill other roles, too.

Well, I'll be. A lightbulb moment. We've had the Divine Plan before us all this time and I treated it as a merely-economic charter. NESARA is next to look at, as soon as I'm complete with Ascension.

Thank you, Matthew!

⌘ On the Trinity ⌘

Christianity and Hinduism are One

1994. Reposted December 2, 2017

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/12/02/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one-2/>



Written: 24 Dec. 1994. Revised: 2 Jan. 2010

It's an article of faith with me that all religions worship the same God. I'd like to look at two religions to test this assertion: Christianity and Hinduism.

According to Christianity, the God we commonly worship has three facets and thus is called "the Trinity." Those three facets are the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Here's St. Matthew's reference to them.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (1)

Let's take a closer look at the Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

These words are just names, but what do they point to? The Father, King of kings, or Lord God Almighty, is described in the Old Testament as a stillness, a void, from which everything originated and into which everything resolves itself.

He ("He" is not a He) is described in the New Testament as our Home in which are many mansions. Do we recognize this void, this origin and home of all? In Hinduism, it's called Brahman, Sat-Chit-Ananda (Being-Awareness-Bliss).

The Son in Christianity is the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in a field (kshetra?), the great fish among fish, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, the measure of leaven that leavens the whole loaf.

Jesus said that the Son and the Father are one. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son. Yet all along the Father is greater.

Moreover, no one can know the Son but the Father and the Father but the Son. Do we recognize this Son in Hinduism? If I am correct, it is the Atman, the offspring of Brahman, the immortal Self, Brahman-in-the-individual.

The Atman is in Brahman and yet Brahman is in us (in our heart-center, beyond the spiritual aperture that the hridayam is). Yet Brahman is greater than the Atman. Moreover, no one can know the Atman but Brahman and no one can know Brahman but the Atman.

Another way of saying this is that the Atman is the "individualized" Self and Brahman is the "universal" Self. It is only by knowing the individualized Self first that the universal Self can be found. This is the foundation of the universal spiritual teachings like "Know thyself" and "The Kingdom of Heaven [i.e, the Father] is within."

As Jesus taught, when true disciples come upon the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field, they sell all they have and purchase it.

Translated into Hindu terms, when true disciples see the Atman in the first experience of enlightenment, often called "spiritual awakening," they divest themselves of all their worldly desires ("sell what they have") and contemplate only the Atman, until the Atman becomes Brahman in sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi (a permanent heart opening that liberates). (2)

Having attained Brahman in permanent enlightenment, they've "purchased" the Pearl; they've made It their own.

Hindus call these two Divine Entities Brahman and Atman; Christians call them Father and Son. But they're the same Divine Personalities no matter what name we use for Them.

What about the third Divine Person (Purusha) in the Christian Trinity -- the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost? Who is the Holy Spirit in Hinduism? If you didn't know by now, I suspect that you may be able to guess.

"Spiritus" in Latin means "breath." The word is used to signify that which moves across the waters of God's Being and calls all creation into existence. While the Father is stillness, the *spiritus sancti* (Holy Spirit) is motion.

Jesus referred to this relationship. He was asked what password would be used so that disciples could recognize each other and he said to tell them "a movement and a rest." (3) The Holy Spirit is movement; the Father is rest. Sages in ancient times used the metaphor of a universal male and female to distinguish between these two levels of reality, which have no gender.

The Holy Spirit was with the Father since the beginning of Time, before ever there was an Earth. She's called by many names in the Bible: the Glory of God in Exodus, Wisdom in Proverbs, the voice in the wilderness in Isaiah, the noise of many waters in Ezekiel, the sound in the silence, the Word of God, the Amen, the true and faithful witness of creation, the law (as in Jesus' phrase "the law and the prophets"), and so on.

In all those names, the Holy Spirit is movement (voice, noise, sound, word). God is a wilderness because He's prior to the natural laws of this phenomenal world; no law can bind him. He's stillness and silence.

Looking now at Hinduism, what was with Brahman since before Time? What moved like breath and creation came into being, where Brahman, who willed the movement, is stillness and silence itself? What is the fabric of creation, of phenomenal nature? Hindus will reply: Shakti.

Shakti (meaning "energy") is the Divine Mother of creation, Prakriti (Procreatrix in Latin), nature, the phenomenal or relative world. Shakti is movement, sound, Aum,

the Sabda Brahman, the Nada Brahman. Shakti is the natural law, the dharma, the true Guru. Shakti is the name of the Holy Spirit in Hinduism.

The Hindu (and Buddhist) dharma is the Christian law. The Hindu Sabda Brahman is the Christian Word of God. The Hindu Aum is the Christian Amen. Prakrithi is Procreatrix. Shakti (energy) is the Holy Spirit (breath). The Divine Mother and the Holy Spirit are one.

What are we left with? The Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman, and Shakti is no different than the Christian Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. And it's on this basis that we can say that Hindus and Christians worship one and the same God and that their religions are fundamentally one.

Stripped of all the different rituals, these two great world religions are seen to be two roads to the same destination.

What then is the secret of the Trinity as far as evolving human beings are concerned? It is this. All of humanity shares the same one goal - to realize three levels of reality - signified by the code words Father, Son, and Holy Ghost or Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

Once that task has been accomplished, with the kundalini having reached the crown chakra, we're ready for the next level, taking us out of this Third/Fourth Dimensional cycle of existence completely. We're ready for Ascension. (4)

I'm filled with awe and gratitude that I've been permitted to utter these words. I'm aware that, had I said them in the sixteenth century, I might have been burned at the stake. I bow at the altar of the freedom to worship as we please.

Footnotes

(1) Matthew 28: 18-19.

(2) A higher experience than simple Brahmajnana or nirvikalpa samadhi.

See http://goldengaiadb.com/E#Enlightenment_-_284.29_Stages_beyond_God_Realization_28Brahmajnana.29_-_Vijnana as well as sections before and after.

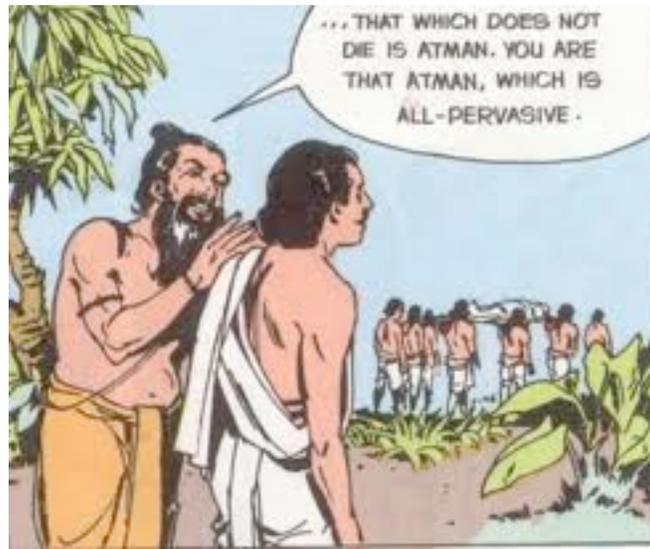
(3) Guillamont et al. *Gospel According to Thomas*, p.29.

(4) That is not to rule out Ascension for a raft of other reasons and in a raft of other ways. However the doorway known to me is Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi, downstream of Brahmajnana.

A Note to Hindu Readers on "the Christ"

September 14, 2010

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/09/14/a-note-to-hindu-readers-on-the-christ/>



I was reading Lisa Renee's latest column for the third time (deep, deep column) and noticed its use of Biblical references and it occurred to me that some (not many) Hindu readers might be puzzled by the continual use of the words "in the service of the Christ" or "Christ Consciousness."

Most older people probably know what I'm about to say here but younger readers may not.

They may wish that the celestial, galactic, or spirit sources were speaking in their own terminology, instead of a Christian terminology.

In fact there's an easy way to make the translation, if you'll permit me to say so.

In a nutshell, where you see "in the service of the Christ," read "in the service of the Atman." Where you see "Christ Consciousness," read "Atmic Consciousness."

Consider the Hindu version of the Trinity. In my view, it's not the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. (1) The Trimurthy has no equivalent in Western religions that I'm aware of. They do not appear to recognize the cosmic forces being referred to.

I assert that Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are really a personification of the gunas - rajas, sattwa, and thamas. Consider that both Brahma and rajas are creative in action; both Vishnu and sattwa are preservative; both Shiva and thamas are transformative.

Are the gunas a subset of the Divine Mother? I asked her on the radio show *An Hour with an Angel* in 2012:

Steve Beckow: I have a question for you from our Hindu readers. They want to know if the gunas, the cosmic forces which are called rajas, sattwa, and tamas, are the same as the Trimurthy [Triad] of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Divine Mother: Yes. We are the same as that triad.

SB: All right. And the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva is a subset of the Universal Creative Vibration that you are at your essence. Is that correct?

DM: That is correct. [The Trimurthy] is much the same as we have been speaking of. It is a way in which my beloved children can come to know me and to have that experience. It is formless, and yet it is form. It is a way of connection, and it is a way of understanding and entering into a higher vibration of being. So it helps the emergence into my energy. (2)

To cut to the chase, then, I think the Christian Trinity of Father, Son (or Christ) and Holy Ghost is equivalent to the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. (3)

I interviewed Jesus for *An Hour with an Angel* and he acknowledged that:

Steve: And when you say, "I am the light," who is "I am"? Are you speaking as Jesus, or are you speaking as the Christ, as the light?

Jesus: No, I am speaking as the light. (4)

Thus, when he said things like I am the way, the truth, and the life, he was talking as the Christ Light, the Self, the Atman, and not as Jesus the man.

Going back to the Bible, if I may paraphrase him for a moment, he said that he (speaking as the Christ Light) was one with the Father though the Father is greater than he. The same could be said of the Atman, could it not?

He said that he was the doorway through which the sheep would enter. I believe the same could be said for the Atman.

He said he came from the Father, into the world, and now leaves the world and returns to the Father. The same could be said for the Atman. Admittedly it could also be said for the individual being and the Avatar. It could be said of all things, which came from the Father and return to It again.

Everything of a like nature that Jesus said, speaking as the Christ, could be said of the Atman. It is the treasure buried in a field, the Pearl of great price, the mustard seed that grew into a great tree, the measure of meal that leavened the whole loaf.

Emerson once published a poem in which he called God "Brahm." When his critics protested, he suggested they substitute "Jehovah" for "Brahm" and their difficulty would go away.

Similarly here: substitute "Atman" for "Christ" and any perceived difficulty will probably go away.

Footnotes

(1) Not Mahashiva or Mahavishnu, which is really a way of referring to Brahman.

(2) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.

(3) For more on that, see "Christianity and Hinduism are One" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/>.

(4) "Transcript of an Hour with an Angel, with Jesus, Jan. 16, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-jesus-jan-16-2012/>.

Here is the full exchange:

Steve: Jan Ruusbroec in the Middle Ages once described the Christ, and he said this:

“In this darkness an incomprehensible Light is born and shines forth; this is the Son of God in whom a person becomes able to see and contemplate eternal life.”

“It is Christ, the Light of truth, who says, “See,” and it is through him that we are able to see, for he is the light of the Father, without which there is no light in heaven or on earth.”

Is that Light indeed the Christ in its essential form?

Jesus: It is the Christed Light, yes, you are correct. In its fullest form.

SB: It'd be such an important thing for me if you could discuss your relationship to that Light. Were you embodying it in the fullest manner? Was that your role or mission? Or what was your relationship to the Christ?

J: That has always been the fullness of my mission, in whatever form I have taken. I am the Light that burst forth. I am the Light that came from the heart of One, from the heart of God. And my purpose in all this relationship was to simply ignite not only what has been referred to as Heaven and Earth, but far beyond.

If you look to my essence, dear friend, all you will see is Light. That is all there is. And it can assume relationship, and after relationship it can assume various form. That Light was beyond the Christ light. Can you think of it as a tiering? It was an implosion, explosion of Light, and it has never changed. And it will never change.

SB: And when you say, “I am the Light,” who is “I am”? Are you speaking as Jesus, or are you speaking as the Christ, as the Light?

J: No, I am speaking as the Light.

SB: And is that something –

J: The Light that then transfers into the Christ Light, that then transfers into the being that you, sitting here this night, call Jesus. But you were asking about my essence.

SB: I am. Is that Light that became the Christ, is that the Father?

J: Think of it as a replication of the Father. It did not take away from the Source. It just expanded it. It is part of the infinite extension of creation. It is not born the way you think. It is just an explosion of light, that is.

SB: And that is not the Holy Spirit you're describing?

J: That is the feminine. And when that also explodes, it becomes the Light. And I am that blend. ("Transcript of an Hour with an Angel, with Jesus, Jan. 16, 2012," at [http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-jesus-jan-16-2012/.](http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-jesus-jan-16-2012/))

God by Any Other Name

August 30, 2014

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/08/30/228458/>



If you'd permit me, I'd like to share a discussion with an Indian (Bharatiya) reader by way of making distinctions.

I do this not to offend readers of other faiths, but to break down the barriers between religions by showing that they all worship the same Mother/Father One and the forms that the One creates.

If I asked most people what the equivalent of the Christianity Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost was in Hinduism, I think most people would say Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

As it turns out, that's the Trimurthy. Let me return to the Trimurthy in a minute, but the equivalent of the Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is Brahman, Atman and Shakti. (1)

The Trinity describes three levels of Reality – the Transcendental (Brahman, the Father), the Phenomenal (the Mother, the Holy Ghost) and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal (Atman, the Son or Christ). To say the “Phenomenal” is to say the realm of matter, *mater*, Mother.

Jesus is often called a Dualist, but the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti is the province of Non-Dualists, is it not? That would make Jesus, a worshipper of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, very much a Non-Dualist, I would think. (2)

The Divine Mother has revealed to us that the Trimurthy is the same as the cosmic forces known as the gunas.

Steve Beckow: I have a question for you from our Hindu readers. They want to know if the gunas, the cosmic forces which are called rajas, sattwa, and tamas, are the same as the Trimurthy [Triad] of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Divine Mother: Yes. We are the same as that triad.

SB: All right. And the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva is a subset of the Universal Creative Vibration that you are at your essence. Is that correct?

DM: That is correct. [The Trimurthy] is much the same as we have been speaking of. It is a way in which my beloved children can come to know me and to have that experience. It is formless, and yet it is form. It is a way of connection, and it is a way of understanding and entering into a higher vibration of being. So it helps the emergence into my energy. (3)

Just in case anyone might not accept that I was speaking to the Divine Mother, I also asked Sri Shankara when I interviewed him on *An Hour with an Angel* in June 2013:

Steve Beckow: What is the connection between what Hindus call Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and the gunas or the cosmic forces of rajas, sattwa and tamas?

Sri Shankara: I can answer this very quickly. There are no differences. (4)

Or Sri Ramakrishna: “Mother is all – She has become the three gunas.” (5)

To speak of the Trimurthy of gods and goddesses is to use a teaching device to bring people into faith through bhakti [devotion] and lead them in gradual steps to knowledge through jnana [wisdom].

That explains why some Indian gurus say that the devotee progresses from dualism to qualified non-dualism to non-dualism. Sri Ramakrishna gives an example of that progression from forms to formlessness:

“The more you advance toward God, the less you will see of His glories and grandeur. The aspirant at first has a vision of the Goddess with ten arms; there is a great display of power in that image. The next vision is that of the Deity with two arms; there are no longer ten arms holding various weapons and missiles. Then the aspirant has a vision of Gopala, in which there is no trace of power. It is the form of a tender child. Beyond that there are other visions also. The aspirant then sees only Light.” (6)

The many-armed form would be a dualistic conception of God; Light would be a non-dualistic conception. Beyond light, of course, would lie the Void, which is not even Light. Of That, Pseudo-Dionysius says:

“I pray we could come to this darkness, so far above light! If only we lacked sight and knowledge so as to see, so as to know, unseeing and unknowing, that which lies beyond all vision and knowledge. ...

“Now as we climb from the last things up to the most primary we deny all things ... so that we may see above being that darkness concealed from all the light among beings. ... As we plunge into that darkness which is beyond intellect, we shall find ourselves not simply running short of words but actually speechless and unknowing.” (7)

The stages of enlightenment go on very much farther than even knowledge of the Void. They could be called virtually endless. (8)

Who says that the Mother is Aum? Let’s listen to Sri Ramakrishna:

“The Divine Mother [is] the Primal Energy.” (9)

“The Divine Mother [is] the Cosmic Power itself.” (10)

“O Mother! O Embodiment of Om!” (11)

It is the Mother alone who creates, preserves and destroys as Aum. Said Sri Ramakrishna]: “The Primordial Power is ever at play. She is creating, preserving, and destroying in play, as it were.” (12)

And Paramahansa Yogananda: “The Aum vibration that reverberates throughout the universe (the ‘Word’ or ‘Voice of many waters’ of the Bible) has three manifestations or gunas, those of creation, preservation, and destruction.” (13)

The distinction between the Father and the Mother is the distinction between stillness and movement. Says Ramakrishna:

“When inactive It is called Brahman. Again, when creating, preserving, and destroying, It is called Sakti. Still water is an illustration of Brahman. The same water, moving in waves, may be compared to Sakti, Kali.” (14)

Jesus, when asked for a password to identify the disciples, replied: “Tell them a movement and a rest.” (15) That would be the equivalent of saying “Tell them the Mother and the Father.”

She is no different from the Father, according to Sri Ramakrishna:

“God Himself is Mahamaya.” (16)

“That which is Brahman is also Kali, the Mother, the primal Energy.” (17)

“That which is Brahman is also Kali, the Adyashakti, who creates, preserves, and destroys the universe.” (18)

All avatars, such as Sri Rama and Sri Krishna, would be incarnations of the Divine Mother, according to Sri Ramakrishna.

“It is Sakti alone that becomes flesh as God Incarnate.” (19)

“The Incarnation of God is part of the lila of Sakti.” (20)

“The Full Brahman is the Witness, pervading all space and time, equally. It is his Energy (Shakti) that incarnates.” (21)

There is no reason for the religions, such as Hinduism and Christianity, to look down on each other and think one account is more accurate than another. All accounts simply tell of the One God. There is no God of the Christians, of the Hindus, of the Muslims, and of the Jews. There is only God, by any name. As Sri Ramakrishna said:

“A lake has several ghats. At one, the Hindus take water in pitchers and call it ‘jal’; at another the Mussalmans take water in leather bags and call it ‘pani.’ At a third the Christians call it ‘water.’

“Can we imagine that it is not ‘jal,’ but only ‘pani’ or ‘water’? How ridiculous! The substance is One under different names, and everyone is seeking the same substance; only climate, temperament, and name create differences.

“Let each man follow his own path. If he sincerely and ardently wishes to know God, peace be unto him! He will surely realize Him.” (22)

As lightworkers, it’s our mission to bring down the barriers among the religions. The way to do that is to establish first the correlation among the various conceptions of the Trinity.

There is no basis for fighting holy wars, jihads, or crusades to convert people from their faith to ours. All faiths worship the One God, who has no partiality, is present everywhere, and is the Source of everything.

Footnotes

(1) On the equivalence of the Trinities see “Christianity and Hinduism are One” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/>; “A Note to Hindu Readers on ‘the Christ’” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/a-note-to-hindu-readers-on-the-christ/>; and “The One Became Two and the Two Became Three” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/the-one-became-two-and-the-two-became-three/>

- (2) “Jesus was a Non-Dualist” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/jesus-nondualist/>
- (3) “The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2,” Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.
- (4) “Sri Shankara: Everywhere You Look Will be a Monsoon of Love,” June 6, 2013 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/26/sri-shankara-everywhere-you-look-will-be-a-monsoon-of-love/>
- (5) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Yogeshananda, *The Visions of Sri Ramakrishna*. Madras: Sri Ramakrishna Math, 1980, 22
- (6) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 177. [Hereafter PR in GSR.]
- (7) Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Lubheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 138-9.
- (8) “Ch. 11 Enlightenment is Virtually Endless” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-11-enlightenment-is-virtually-endless/>
- (9) PR in GSR, 116.
- (10) Ibid., 116
- (11) Ibid., 299.
- (12) Ibid., 134.
- (13) Paramahansa Yogananda, *Autobiography of a Yogi*. Bombay: Jaico, 1975, 17.
- (14) PR in GSR, 634.
- (15) A. Guillaumont et al. *The Gospel According to Thomas*. New York and Evanston: Harper and Row, 1959, 29.
- (16) PR in GSR, 116.

(17) Ibid., 177

(18) Ibid., 1012.

(19) Ibid., 272.

(20) Ibid., 272.

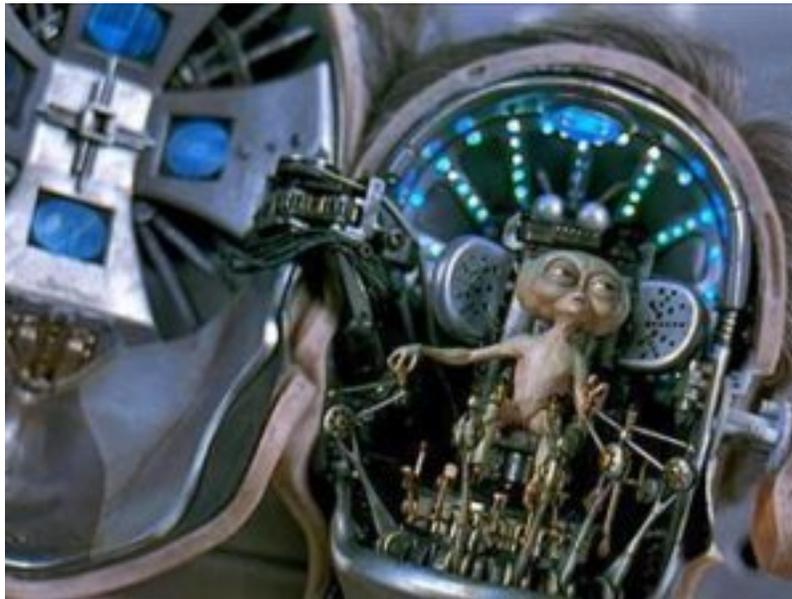
(21) PR in Anon., *A Bridge to Eternity. Sri Ramakrishna and His Monastic Order*. Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 1986, 54.

(22) PR in GSR, 35.

The Ghost in the Machine

May 8, 2017

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/08/the-ghost-in-the-machine/>



Credit: warasu.org

Remember the scene in *Men in Black* where Will Smith opens the face of the dead alien to find another little alien inside, operating the levers?

Is that not our situation?

Never mind being worn out like the Little Guy, as many are, looking at the situation more generally - are we not this Big-Man body, inside of which this Little-Guy spirit operates the levers?

Deus ex machina? The "ghost" in the machine? When the Little Guy leaves, the Big Man slumps.

The Little Guy has the ability to transfer its consciousness to the outside of this suit of armor that we clank around in all day. But when it does, its previously-acute senses are now almost sluggish.

The "suit" we're in is like India rubber, not a good conductor of emotions at all. Hence we're like a lumbering hippopotamus compared to the hummingbird spirit.

How do I know? I had an out-of-body experience in 1977 that showed me the difference between the spirit body (me) and the something I get into whenever I do (the human body). That other thing is heavy, densifying, sluggish, compared to me. It'd be like lugging around a fifty-pound neoprene suit, with a belt full of weights.

The spirit body (probably etheric, maybe astral) that "I" was in was finer than any earthly material I've been able to think of. The finest for me would be a baby's breath or the down at the base of a feather. The spirit body was finer than that.

It was also very susceptible to emotion. I know that because I was crying on the other side, witnessing a scene of violence. When you cannot tolerate the vibrations at one level on the other side, you have to fall back to a lesser level. Falling back for me was re-entering my physical body.

What was a wail in the astral planes was now a whimper in the physical plane. It was a dramatic demonstration of the non-conductivity of the human body, compared to its spiritual counterpart. I never forgot it.

The way Ascension used to be was the master, having passed all initiations, left the body and ascended to a higher dimension. Jesus illustrates that model, if you accept the scenario that he died. The old body is left aside.

In this new territory that the Mother is opening up, people move to the Fifth Dimension from the Third/Fourth without shedding the human body.



Great for you 28-year-olds, eh? Well, good news for us 70-year-olds too, because our carbon-based bodies are slowly being baked into crystalline bodies in God's divine oven.

The crystalline body will have no imperfections - age being one of them; imperfections like missing limbs another - so I get to be Benjamin Button. I can't wait to study karate again.

What's the relationship of it all? Think of us as a Babushka doll. The first layer is the Big Man (3rd/4th Dimension).

If you take that doll off, you have the Little Big Man, the 5th-Dimensional, ascended being that most of us become.

If you take off another layer, you have a higher-dimensional being, up to ten-deep. (1)

The "I" that remains, that sees and witnesses every change, every transformation is beyond dimensions, sensing, and knowing.

In past eras, the spirit had to be freed from the body for the spirit to ascend. No more. After this, the Third Dimension will be more or less incorporated into the higher realms such that one can visit them in one's "physical" (3rd-Dimensional) body.

Was that particular scene in *Men in Black* inserted there to prepare (some of) us for the discovery that we're more than just our bodies?

Does it prepare the listening for a discussion of "spirit," without which the spirit realms make no sense?

Was it one initiative in preparing the ground for the entry of the masters, our star family, and the celestials?

The movie as a whole surely was, by making us laugh at the antics of everyone involved in the intergalactic business. Lighten us up so the real meeting doesn't unnerve us. It's served that purpose for me.

Footnotes

(1) No Babushka doll for the first two dimensions. Ten Babushka dolls for Dimensions 3-12.

The One Became Two and the Two Became Three

September 24, 2012

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/09/24/the-one-became-two-and-the-two-became-three/>



Our lives are destined to change in a dramatic way upon Ascension.

We'll expand from the Third Dimension (physical plane) and Fourth Dimension (astral plane) to the Fifth Dimension (mental plane).

Where does all this fit into the overall journey of life? That's a question which has to be answered if we're to feel at peace with what's occurring.

Some people consider these to be rarified topics, but they form the basis of my own knowledge and the ground I stand on. So I feel the need to state the case for those to whom it's of interest. So let's begin.

The one formless God, decided that it wished to know itself, a circumstance that was difficult when it's all there is. Reflecting upon the matter, it hit upon a Plan - a Divine Plan.

It decided to create a temporary and fictitious Other. The Formless would create an Other in form and then unite with this Second to create a Third. It would then hide this Third in a multitude of other fictitious and temporary forms created by the Other.

It would set for this multitude of others the task of knowing themselves as the essence of their forms, at which point the Unknown would become known. God would meet God if only for a flash in a moment of our enlightenment.



Only the Mother can be visualized; the Father is formless and unknowable

And so it set about to divide itself. The patriarchal ancients named the Indivisible the "Father." And the Other, which was created from the formless Father, the form that moved and spoke and acted upon the physical elements ("moved upon the waters"), they named the "Mother."

In fact she was given many names: Shakti, the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Prakriti/ Procreatrix, Aum/Amen. And so the One became Two ... or so it seemed.

And the Two created a Third. This fragment of the Father, which the ancients called the Self, the Christ and the Atman, was embedded in countless individual forms created by the Mother.

This individuated Self was again fictitious, a time-bomb that would, when the match was lit and the time was right, burst into light and (eventually) return to the One that was All, leaving only One again. The Christ would make itself subject to

the Father again so that the Father became All in all is the way I believe Jesus phrased it.



The Son or Atman is a discrete or individualized light, a fragment of the Father, a Light always burning on the altar of the heart

St. Paul describes that moment:

“And when all things [all worldly desires] shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son [the Self, the Christ, the individuated spark] also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all [i.e., reunited].” (1)

But in the process the One, ever mirthful, ever blissful, would catch a glimpse of Itself.

What a wonderful game has been created, the Game of Life! It’s a masked ball, a game of hide-and-seek, a game of blind man's bluff.

The Father, the Mother and the Child. In altered order: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Or Brahman, Atman, and Shakti if you prefer. All the same.

This Trinity represents the three levels of reality that we all must know before we reach the next peak, the next stair on the stairway to heaven, on Jacob's ladder.

We realize the three members of the Trinity in reverse order: Child, Mother, Father.

When the spiritual current or kundalini reaches the fourth or heart chakra, we realize the Child or Christ, as a discrete light burning in the darkness. We experience spiritual awakening or stream-entering. (2)

When the kundalini reaches the sixth or brow chakra, the Third Eye is opened and we realize the Mother, the Light in all creation. We experience cosmic consciousness or saviklpa samadhi, samadhi with differences in form intact.

When the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra, we realize the Father, the Light beyond creation, the Transcendental Absolute. We experience Brahmajnana (God Realization) or kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi, samadhi with a temporary heart opening, samadhi without differences.

Ah, but that's not all. Even that, though it shows us all three members of the Trinity, is not the end of the tale. Next the kundalini reaches the spiritual heart-aperture or hridayam and the temporary heart opening becomes permanent. This is sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi and brings us liberation from birth and death. And this is the level we'll reach upon penetration into the Fifth Dimension.

Now we've truly reached the mountaintop that humans must climb. But off in the distance as far as the eye can see, we glimpse more mountains rising range upon range. Of it, Franklin Merrell-Woolf says:

“Truly, within the Infinite there are Mysteries within Mysteries, Deeps beyond Deeps, Grandeurs beyond Grandeurs. ... Mystery of Mysteries, reaching inward and outward, but ever Beyond! And from that Beyond ever there come new whisperings of other imponderable Glories. Ah! How little is this world at the beginning of the Trail, barely a point in a Space of unlimited dimensions!" (3)

We see more travellers, in different forms, some with bodies of light, some with wings, all of them marching on or returning, angels ascending and descending Jacob's ladder.

And ever as we climb, we know ourselves more deeply as love, bliss and wisdom. Ever as we climb, our experience of life expands and our needs and desires fall away, save the one desire to reach the pinnacle of the highest mountain that we can see, where waits for us the Secret of Life.

The One became Two and the Two became Three. And the Three became a multitude and went out into the world. The Mother taught her children well and showed them the direction of the journey they must take to return to their Father fully Self-realized.

The prodigal Child enjoyed the material world; ate, drank and made merry. And when finished with all the delights of the world, it took up the journey again, driven on by an inextinguishable longing that only God could satisfy, placed there by God himself to drive us on.

And It tasked all who had completed the journey to return and help the numberless children along by showing them the way.

And now the Three became Two and the Two become One and the journey was complete. And this realized One, this realized Child who had become the Father, went out again into the world to help the many.

And so the cycle continues, worlds without end.

Footnotes

(1) St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

(2) I did this on Sept. 18, 2018, at Xenia Retreat Center.

(3) Steve: Was the sight of the Self at the Xenia retreat a fourth-chakra event?

Archangel Michael: Yes, it was.

Steve: So it's possible to have two fourth-chakra events [heart opening and sight of Self] or maybe even more possibly?

AAM: It is possible to have multiple chakra events throughout your lifetimes, sweet one. Again, what you are thinking of is a limitation. Something is activated or not activated. Think in terms of open, open, open, open, bigger, bigger, bigger. So yes, you might have several events. You should have several events! (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, June 12, 2019.)

On the Divine Mother at Navaratri – Part 1/2

March 19, 2018,

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/03/19/on-the-divine-mother-at-navaratri-part-1-2/>



Jai Ma!

Narendra has asked me to write about the nature of the Divine Mother on Navaratri. The Mother is worshipped on the Hindu New Year.

I always love to write about the Mother. I'm afraid there'll be no holding me back.

This might go on for a couple of nights!

I'm going to go farther than just talk about the Mother. I'm going to talk about the whole Trinity.

In the course of it, I hope to show that Christianity and Hinduism worship the same Trinity and that the Trimurthy is itself a subset of the Mother.

What Vedantists call Brahman, Atman, and Shakti (the Divine Mother), Christians call the Father, Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost. (1) What the two sets are pointing to is exactly the same.

Parabrahman is the One, the All, whom Christians call the Father and the Godhead.

Atman is the Son, the Christ, the buddha nature, the firebrand plucked from the burning. Called also the Self and the soul, the Atman is the second member of the Trinity.

The Divine Mother is the third. She accepts the divine spark into her womb of matter, *mater*, Mother, and raises it up until it's ready to know the Father. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

They are not entities, but levels of consciousness, known in corresponding levels of enlightenment.

As the story goes, Parabrahman, the Godhead, the Father wanted to know itself and had no way to do so, given that it was everything. How would you know yourself in that situation?

Knowing presupposes a subject knowing an object. Who is there to be an object when there is only one universal Subject?

Ibn Arabi explains what God chose to do: "I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be known, and I created the creation so that I be known." (2)

The first thing God did was to "create the creation" - to create an illusory, holographic dreamworld, run on God's laws.

The second thing was to create a version of Itself, a counterpart, to straddle the formless and form-filled worlds and operate this newly-created dream realm. We call the dream manager and operator the Divine Mother.

Into the Mother's womb of matter, God dispatched sparks of itself, with the same mission: All of them were to find out who they are.

Who were they? God. When one of them realized their true identity in a moment of enlightenment, God met God. You wondered how God would come to know Itself? Well, this is how the mission was accomplished.

The operator of the dreamworld, the Divine Mother, has come to be known by a thousand names: Procreatrix/Prakriti; Creator, Preserver, and Transformer; the Holy Spirit, Dharma, the Comforter Spirit, Aum/Amen, Sabda Brahman, etc.

She is the one who creates and operates the natural laws, against whom no word of disrespect should be spoken lest it rebound.

I've had the great privilege of speaking to the Mother through Linda Dillon on *An Hour with an Angel*.

She confirmed with me that she is One with the Father - that she *is* the One - that there is no essential difference between them other than the roles "they" have chosen.

Divine Mother: You may address me however you choose — Father/ Mother One, All — but certainly I come to you this day in what you would think, or feel, as the presence of the Mother. (3)

There is no true separation between the Father and me. There is delineation and definition, just as there is in your own roles and the choices that you have made time after time. (4)

We can only get sure confirmation from the Mother. Never did I suspect that I'd be talking to her and getting it.



The Divine Mother has said that she incarnated as Mary, Mother of Jesus

The only mysterious equation in the Trinity might be whether the Holy Spirit = Shakti or not. And the Divine Mother confirmed that for me as a reasonable statement to make:

Steve Beckow: Is it correct on my part to say that Shakti is equivalent to the Holy Spirit?

Divine Mother: Yes. That would be a very good statement of clarity. (5)

So we can see that, in our quest for a cross-cultural spirituality, we can equate certain foundational elements of both Hinduism and Christianity and from there branch out to find equivalences in many other religions.

I hope I haven't been too complicated, so far.

(Concluded in Part 2, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) I believe Egyptians called them Osiris, Horus, and Isis. That's just a guess.

On Hinduism, Christianity, and the Trinity, see "Christianity and Hinduism are One" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/>

(2) Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 3.

(3) "The Divine Mother: The Role of Clarity," Oct. 8, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/10/08/the-divine-mother-the-role-of-clarity/>

(4) "The Divine Mother: You Are Experiencing Love in Ways that You Have Not Known Before," channeled by Linda Dillon, November 14, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-experiencing-love-in-ways-that-you-have-not-known-before/>

(5) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," October 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>

(6) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>

Sri Shankara also confirmed the equation in another edition of *An Hour with an Angel*:

Steve Beckow: What is the connection between what Hindus call Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and the gunas or the cosmic forces of rajas, sattwa and tamas?

Sri Shankara: I can answer this very quickly. There are no differences.

These are cultural understandings. Now, you know, particularly to answer your first question, that in India there is a very lengthy, rich and proud tradition of belief. And I do not say this in any way to diminish, because, as I have said to you, the theme is unification. We have simply spent more time and more focus.

But yes, your understandings and your efforts to bring unification of terms — because that is what it is; it is simply language; it is different words for the same energies — [are welcome.] Now, do I ask you to stop using these words? Of course not.

But is there inherent in your growing understanding a cross-cultural, as you have put it, spiritual underpinning? Because we are not speaking religion. We are speaking spirituality. We are speaking faith. We are speaking the core of your life.

You do not have to change your language or your reference points, because they all end at the same place [Brahman or God]. They all begin, travel and end at the same place. ("Sri Shankara: Everywhere You Look Will be a Monsoon of Love," June 26, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/26/sri-shankara-everywhere-you-look-will-be-a-monsoon-of-love/>.)

On the Divine Mother at Navaratri – Part 2/2

March 20, 2018

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/03/20/on-the-divine-mother-at-navaratri-part-2-2/>



The active Mother (Shakti) stands on the inactive Father (Shiva)

(Concluded from Part 1, yesterday.)

She also confirmed the following important equation with me. It may be somewhat troublesome for some people and I regret any upset it may cause.

Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva = Creator, Preserver, Transformer = Rajas, Sattwa, Thamas

The first three terms are the Trimurthy; the second three are functional descriptions; and the third are the cosmic forces or gunas. The Mother confirmed that they are all the same.

Since the Mother herself is the Creator, Prerserver and Trttransformer of the worlds, it's safe to say that the guns are a subset of the Mother.

Here's a discussion of that, which may not interest people unfamiliar with the gunas:

Steve Beckow: I have a question for you from our Hindu readers. They want to know if the gunas, the cosmic forces which are called rajas, sattwa, and thamas, are the same as the Trimurthy [Triad] of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Divine Mother: Yes. We are the same as that triad.

SB: And the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva is a subset of the Universal Creative Vibration that you are at your essence. Is that correct?

DM: That is correct. [The Trimurthy] is much the same as we have been speaking of. It is a way in which my beloved children can come to know me and to have that experience.

It is formless, and yet it is form. It is a way of connection, and it is a way of understanding and entering into a higher vibration of being. So it helps the emergence into my energy.

SB: Sort of like stair steps?

DM: That is correct. (1)

"We are the same": She's confirmed that the gunas are a subset of her; specifically, of her energy as the universal creative vibration which we know as Aum or Amen. Aum is not coterminous with the Mother; nothing that is or isn't is. The Mother *uses* the Aum vibration to create worlds.

But look again, in our hunt for identities. Let's take our quest further. Let's divide the sine wave that Aum is into its components: A-U-M = Akar, Ukar, and Makar. And what are they? We find they are the forces of creation, preservation, and transformation again.

At the risk of blowing everyone's circuits with complexity, we now have the following, extended but very useful statement of equality:

Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva = Creator, Preserver, Transformer = Rajas, Sattwa, Thamas = Akar, Ukar, Makar (AUM) = all a subset of the Mother.

The two equations suggested here strike me as basic identities in a cross-cultural spirituality.

"The macrocosm and the microcosm rest in the Mother's womb; now do you see how vast it is?" Sri Ramakrishna asked us. (2) Indeed, we do.

The Mother herself has confirmed with me that she's much "larger" than our version of "Shakti."

Divine Mother: When I have spoken about ... Shakti, I have spoken about a part of me. As I have said, I am the bridge. I am the clasp between the Father and the universe and your world. And Shakti has been experienced — yes, inter-dimensionally for eons, as you well know - but she is not the totality of my being. My being is bigger than you can fathom, dear one.

So I do not simply mean that she is an aspect manifesting. But it is simply larger than any of you can imagine, particularly at this point. (3)

The Mother encompasses everything with form and beyond, everything material and beyond, and, as it turns out, everything knowable and beyond.

The Father cannot be known. We cannot approach the Father without knowledge of the Christ or Atman first; then knowledge of the Mother second; and at last we enter the unknowingness of the transcendental Father.

These are another form of stairsteps - because Ascension is beyond even these three sublime levels of existence. (4)

It turns out that these three entities are levels of consciousness. Or levels of love. Or levels of bliss. All roads lead Home, to the higher dimensions beyond the seven-chakra system.

So for the benefit of all devotees of the Mother on Navaratri, this is the most up-to-date account I can give you on the nature of the Mother and the Trinity and their relation to our Ascension.

Happy Navaratri!

Happy New Year!

Jai Ma!

Footnotes

(1) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>

(2) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 106.

(3) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>

(4) Which enlightenment experiences happen at the fourth, sixth, and seventh chakras. This ends our relationship with the Third-Dimensional seven-chakra system. Ascension occurs beyond the seven-chakra system.

The opening of the seventh chakra or Sahasrara leads to Brahmajnana or God-Realization, a transcendental experience. But it's still only halfway up the mountain.

Beyond it is Sahaja Samadhi, which is the culmination of our Ascension. Sahaja is a full and permanent heart opening and is known as mukti or moksha, liberation from the wheel of Third-Dimensional birth and death, release to the Fifth Dimension where there is no birth and death.

The Divine Mother is not a God among Gods

November 21, 2012

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/11/21/the-divine-mother-is-not-a-god-among-gods/>



I'd like to say a few words about the nature of the Divine Mother (1) and contrast "Her" (she is not a "she"; Father and Mother God do not have gender) with some of the figures often represented as being "gods" in various religions.

I'd like to do that because I hope to have her on *An Hour with an Angel* again in perhaps two weeks time (if my colleagues agree) and I'd like people to know ahead of time who it is we're listening to.

Again I don't say this as someone pretending to be a spiritual teacher. I'm not one. I have no right to consider myself one. I'm simply a person who very much enjoys studying these matters and has opinions about them.

The entities called the Holy Father and the Divine Mother are the same one God playing different roles and featuring different aspects of the One. When God abides in "his" (he is not a "he") native Being, he is transcendental, formless, still and silent. Having created the world of form, when he enters the world of form and engages in creation, preservation and transformation, he is phenomenal, form-ful, active and sonic.

The word "phenomenon" is a synonym for "thing" and so the world of things is called the phenomenal world and the Mother is also called the "Phenomenal" versus the Father as the "Transcendental."

He transcends the phenomenal world or world of things. He is not objective and no objects exist within his native Being; he is the one subject, the only subject, the one actor who plays all parts in the temporary dreamworld in which life exists.

The ancients made the distinction of naming God in form the Mother. Lao Tzu affords an example:

Nameless indeed is the source of creation
But things have a mother and she has a name. (2)

We've discussed many times that God created the world so that forms could be created who would set about the task of realizing their true identity. Whenever a life form realizes who it is - at essence, in its original nature, in a moment of enlightenment - God meets God. And for that meeting was all of life created.

Everything within the created world was created by the Mother and that includes angels and archangels, gods and fairies, elementals and elohim, all universes, all dimensions, everything that can be considered a thing.

Everything within the created world is "material," from the Third Dimension to the Kingdom of the Seraphim. It's simply that matter (*mater*, Mother) is more and more refined. The only thing not material is the Father, which is no thing at all.

So when the Mother appears to us on InLight Radio, we're not simply hearing from one god among many. Many people think of Krishna as a god, or Rama, or Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. Many may also think of them in ways different to being "gods," such as avatars or Brahman incarnate, etc. Some go further and think of the Mother as one more god among gods.

When the Mother speaks to us on InLight radio, they might think of her as one more personality beside Sanat Kumara or even Archangel Michael, whom I serve (as well as the Mother).

But she is not. She is the source of all form. The only thing she is not the source of in the world of form is the Light that we call the soul, the Christ, the Atman, the

Self. That's a direct fragment of the Father, which the Mother houses in a "temple of seven pillars," a body with seven chakras. And the only thing she's not the source of more generally is the Light we call the Father, in the transcendental realm.

Why I'm saying this is to set up our listening when the Mother does appear before us. That's a very sacred event, not at all to be taken lightly. Linda before she channels the Mother must rest and meditate for hours. I, when I interview the Mother, am often blissed out for hours afterwards.

We're not talking to a lesser god, if you will. We're talking to the Prime Force in the universe.

Her form is consciousness itself but she manifests often as the universal creative vibration known as Aum/Amen, the primal energy called by Hindus Shakti, the spirit that moves upon the waters, called by Christians the Holy Spirit. She can be heard as a ringing in the ears. She calls all matter into being, holds it in place for a while, and then returns it to nothingness in time.

Nothing in her domain is permanent save the Light that is the Christ or Atman. Her role is to educate the Child of God or Self and raise it to knowledge of the Father, the Supreme Self.

So that's what I wanted to say to allow us, if you will, to appreciate who it is we're listening to when the Divine Mother graces us with her presence.

Footnotes

(1) For more on the Divine Mother, see:

- [On the Nature of the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit](#)
- [The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You - Part 1/2](#)
- [The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You - Part 2/2](#)
- [The Law-Giving Mother and Her Lawful Universe](#)
- [The Natural Law was Created by the Father through the Mother](#)
- [In the Beginning Was the Word](#)
- [Is the "Holy Spirit" Feminine?](#)
- [The Father and the Father ... by the Mother](#)

- [The Divine Mother is All We Can Know](#)
- [Transcript of the Divine Mother on An Hour with an Angel, May 7, 2012](#)

(2) Lao Tzu, *The Way of Life. The Tao Te Ching*. trans. R.B. Blakney. New York, etc.: Avon, 1975, 53.

On Mother/Father One

June 6, 2018

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/06/06/294116/>



Hildegard of Bingen's representation of the Trinity: Father (grey circle), Mother (brown circle), Child (an extension of the Father inside the brown circle). Beyond all is the blue of the One.

The expression "Mother/Father One" is perfect.

The Mother is the creator, preserver and transformer of this dream world that we all inhabit. "She" (there is no gender at these levels) is deemed to be the "female" principle of sound and activity.

The Father is the "male" principle, deemed to be stillness and silence.

The Mother is like the gloved hand. The hand inside the glove is the One.

The One operates all. Yes, you too.

The One encompasses all of it. All life, all actors, everything distinguishable, everything coherent is subsumed in the One.

Well, then, where do we come in?

There's a third divine person in the Trinity I'm describing. Besides God the Mother and God the Father, there is God the Child. The Child is known in other religions as the Christ, the Self, the Atman.

All of this dreamworld that the Mother weaves is simply here to have us wake up to who we are. When we awaken, all we want to do is to help others awaken. It seems like a natural reflex.

Our Self is a Light inside the heart, a spark of the Divine, a firebrand plucked from the burning. That spark is encased in matter, *mater*, Mother.

The Child therefore can be thought of as the Father-in-the-Mother, the Father becoming aware of itself.

So "Mother/Father One" is perfect.

What do we need to realize as we mount Jacob's Ladder of consciousness?

We need to realize the next levels up as Mother Kundalini rises in the spine. The level of the Mother is the sixth chakra, the Third Eye. The level of the Father is the seventh chakra, the Crown Chakra.

But the full promise of the Child is not realized until the advent of a full and permanent heart opening, called Sahaja Samadhi. Sahaja brings with it liberation from the round of physical birth and death associated with the Third/Fourth Dimensions.

Sahaja Samadhi is that moksha, that release from what we used to think of as "physicality."

Look for a moment at Hildegard of Bingen's representation of the Trinity, above. There is a circle of grey, that represents the Father, the Ocean of Love. There is a circle of brown inside it, that represents the Mother, the womb of all creation. An

extension of the Father protrudes into the brown circle, in which is depicted the Child, Self, Christ, or Atman.

All of those we realize. But behind them all is the deep purple expanse of the One, which passes unnoticed.

We exist in an ocean of love, with no further needs, no further fears, simply desires which I'm told we satisfy with creative thought.

The Third-Dimensional Child has become a Fifth-Dimensional Adult. The Adult now lives in a higher vibration of consciousness, in which an inner tsunami of love keeps her and him constantly refreshed and looking outwards.

Footnotes

(1) The pearl of great price, the mustard seed that grew into a great tree, the savior, the messiah, the Prince of Peace, our Buddha nature, our original face.

What Differentiates Father from Mother? The Mother Answers

May 11, 2017

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/11/what-differentiates-father-from-mother-the-mother-answers/>



What differentiates the Father and Mother aspects of God?

I've attempted an explanation many times and the task remains beyond me.

Then I happened upon an exchange with the Divine Mother that I'd forgotten about. She offered *her* explanation.

For those who may not know, the Divine Mother is not an ascended master, not a galactic being, not even a goddess or a seraphim.

She is the Father when the Father creates a dream world in which "he" decides to become active. When viewed as active, when moving upon the face of the waters, so to speak, ancient sages, and the Mother herself, have called God "the Divine Mother."

Or Shakti, Kali, Royal Glory, the Holy Spirit, Hagia Sophia, etc. She's known by many names. (1)

He isn't known. He is unknowable. She is all that can be heard, seen, felt, and in other ways known.



The avatar, Sri Ramakrishna, explains how he sees the situation between them:

"When I think of the Supreme Being as inactive -- neither creating nor preserving nor destroying -- I call Him Brahman [Formless God] or Purusha [Supreme Being], the Impersonal God. When I think of Him as active -- creating, preserving, and destroying --, I call him Sakti [Energy, the Mother] or Maya [Illusion] or Prakriti [Creator], the Personal God.

"But the distinction between them does not mean a difference. The Personal and the Impersonal are the same thing, like milk and its whiteness, the diamond and its lustre, the snake and its wriggling motion. It is impossible to conceive of the one without the other. The Divine Mother and Brahman [Heavenly Father] are one." (2)

Later he describes processes at the highest level of existence. He leaves it to us to apply the male/female principle to the rest of creation.

"Brahman ... first manifested as a twin principle -- half man and half woman -- just to show that It was both Purusha [Supreme Being, Formless God] and Prakriti [Creator in form]. Descending a step lower, It separated into Purusha [divine male] and Prakriti [divine female] as distinct entities." (3)

I won't take his comment further, but there's much to be said about it on another occasion. There is the derivation of gender.

Here, in the marvellous passage that follows, the Mother herself makes the differentiation. I think of it as one of the cookie crumbs leading out of the forest. It's not the only one. There are more clues ahead. This is just a version of the Truth, suited to our comprehension and interests.

Steve Beckow: [Mother,] many of our listeners don't know who it is I'm speaking to — not really. They may sense that you exist, but they know nothing of your nature.

And by saying that we have a "Divine Mother" they probably suspect that I'm implying that we have a "Heavenly Father" as well. But they don't know what makes you different, even though of course you are also the same.

Of you, Lao-tzu said, 'Nameless indeed is the source of creation. But things have a mother, and she has a name.' Could you help us by saying what unites and separates you from the Father, please?

Divine Mother: What unites and separates us from what you think of as the Father and Mother is simply energy and love. It is a differentiation that we have decided upon — well, chosen, created — long, long ago, outside of time, outside of what you even conceive of as creation. It is the ability to move in and out of form. It is the ability to create and to co-create. It is the ability to be silent and to be of sound, of vibration, of movement, of sweetness.

If you were to think of the Father in terms of what you will come to understand, you would think of the Father as complete stillness, still point. And in fact so often when we urge you to go to that place, it is that union that you are seeking with the Heavenly Father, with that complete sense of simply being.

I am the creative force throughout this universe, throughout the multiverse, the omniverse, but we source each other. We source each other's energies and we move as one and yet separate and distinct.

And you say, "Well, Mother, how can this be?" And I would say back to you, "How can this not be?" For it is that perfect balance. It is the way in which we bring forth plans, discoveries, creations, universes, galaxies, humans. It is the way in which you come to know and to have an experience of One, and with me and through me, of the One as well.

So that is the explanation I offer you. (4)

Not only will we probably never hear a more succinct explanation, but we have the comfort, if I'm correct, in having heard it directly from the Source.

In order to realize God completely, we're invited to see the relationship between the Formless God and God with Form as that between a Father and a Mother. The birth of the cosmic Child - that's us - makes it a Trinity. We're tasked with knowing the ultimate identity of all three.

We discover that many human processes - conception, gestation, and birth are one example - reflect divine processes, and are meant to do so. We find out that we've been tasked with the job of uncovering a great mystery, reflected in the enduring question "Who am I?" The Trinity reflects three stages of enlightenment. (5)



The Mother herself has introduced herself to us. In what previous generation might this have happened? This generation has the benefit of hearing how the Divine Mother herself puts the matter. For me that's going directly to the one who knows.

If we're to build a cross-cultural, interdimensional spirituality, a new map of heaven, each piece of the puzzle like this becomes important. And nothing reassures the scholar in me more than to have confirmation of the correctness of the piece directly from the maker of the puzzle.

Ronna Herman had a moment like mine - on the very same subject too - when Archangel Michael confirmed a piece of the puzzle for her. She wrote:

"When Archangel Michael told me that our Father/Mother God were not two separate Beings, but one unified BEING with two sets of individualized qualities, virtues and aspects, I was amazed and overjoyed. At the universal level of consciousness, there is no division, no opposition." (6)

Confirmation of matters that lie at the very fundamentals of knowledge is exciting.

Footnotes

- (1) "See on the Nature of the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit" at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/on-the-nature-of-the-divine-mother-or-holy-spirit-2/>
- (2) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Nikhilananda, Swami, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 32.
- (3) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Anon., *Life of Sri Ramakrishna*. Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 1977; c1924, 382.
- (4) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct 17, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.
- (5) The sight of the Child or Christ or Atman occurs when the kundalini energy reaches the Fourth or Heart Chakra. Hindus call it spiritual awakening and Buddhists, stream-entering. It appears as a discrete Light, for whom enlightenment comes as a Light.

The sight of the Mother occurs when the kundalini reaches the Sixth or Brow Chakra. It's commonly called cosmic consciousness. It appears as a light suffusing creation.

The sight of the Father occurs when the kundalini reaches the Seventh or Crown Chakra. It's commonly called Brahmajnana (God Realization), Kevalya Nirvikalpa Samadhi, etc.

Beyond it is the stage of enlightenment called Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi, a permanent heart opening, which is commonly known as mukti or liberation from the need to be reborn. It is the culmination of our Ascension.
- (6) Ronna Herman, "The Mystery of the Vesica Piscis," Oct. 2012, at <https://soundofheart.org/galacticfreepress/content/mystery-vesica-piscis>.

The Divine Mother is All We Can Know

Sept. 28, 2012

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/09/28/the-divine-mother-is-all-we-can-know/>



Excerpt only

All knowledge is aimed at knowing the Unknowable, the One, the All that is. But in fact knowledge can't be used to know the Unknowable, as we shall see below.

The farthest that knowledge can reach is to That which is within the realm of the material. Not the One, but the Second that the One created.

That Second has been variously termed by ancient sages the Divine Mother, the Holy Spirit, Shakti, Prakriti/Procreatrix, Aum/Amen, the Word of God, the Logos, the primal energy, the universal creative vibration - the list of names goes on. (1)

...

To say that the Mother is knowable is actually a somewhat glib way of speaking. To know the Mother absolutely is to penetrate through to the Father and That is unknowable. So I'm being a little loose in my speaking simply to make the matter as simple as possible.

In fact the only way we know the Mother is by her effects – by what she produces, which is itself the known world, the world of matter, *mater*, Mother. And when I say “the world of matter,” I don't mean only this Third Dimension or Physical

Plane. I mean all the worlds, everything short of the Transcendental Absolute, because all of these worlds are “material” or Mother-made. The material they are made of is simply more and more refined the higher in dimensionality we go.

As our enlightenment deepens and we move from knowledge of the Self or Child to knowledge of the Mother and then knowledge of the Father, our sense of individuality, our sense of “knowing” lessens and then leaves when the time comes to know the Father.

Here's the first enlightenment – the sight of the Child, Self, Christ or Atman, as described by Jan Ruusbroec:

“In the abyss of this darkness in which the loving spirit has died to itself, God's revelation and eternal life have their origin, for in this darkness an incomprehensible light is born and shines forth; this is the Son of God, in whom a person becomes able to see and to contemplate eternal life.” (2)

“It is Christ [the Self, Child or Atman], the light of truth, who says, 'See,' and it is through him [eventually] that we are able to see, for he is the light of the Father, without which there is no light in heaven or on earth.” (3)

In the next level of enlightenment, we see the Mother. She appears to devotees in whatever form we worship her. We may see her as the Light that informs all of creation. Here's that experience described by the poet William Wordsworth. This enlightenment probably led to the birth of his best poetry:

“Such was the Boy -- but for the growing Youth
What soul was his, when, from the naked top
Of some bold headland, he beheld the sun
Rise up, and bathe the world in light! He looked --
Ocean and earth, the solid frame of earth
And ocean's liquid mass, in gladness lay
Beneath him:-- Far and wide the clouds were touched,
And in their silent faces could he read
Unutterable love. Sound needed none,
Nor any voice of joy; his spirit drank
The spectacle: sensation, soul, and form,
All melted into him; they swallowed up

His animal being; in them did he live,
And by them did he live; they were his life.” (4)

Or we may know the Mother in the form of our chosen ideal (Ishta) – say, Krishna, Jesus, or the guru – whom we see and then who enters into us and becomes one with us. Here is Da Free John seeing the Mother as the Virgin Mary – a form that Linda Dillon also prefers.

“Standing in the garden, with an obviously discernible form, made of subtle energy but without any kind of visibility, was the Virgin, Mary, Mother of Christ! ... Just as her Presence was not physical, but subtle, her communication to me was internal....

"I told [Swami Nityananda] ... how the Shakti appeared to have taken over independently of ... any ... source. He blessed me, told me that I belonged to Her now, and that I should leave [the ashram] and let the Mother guide me. ...

“I took ... flowers to the temple of the Mother Shakti near the Ashram. There is a sculpture of her benign, multi-armed, and omnipresent image there. I looked into her face and saw that she was the same one who appeared to me in the form of the Virgin.... As I left I felt her assure me that I was her child and she would guide me.” (5)

Or we may know the Mother as an experience of consciousness, like waves of consciousness as Ramakrishna saw her:

"I felt as if my heart were being squeezed like a wet towel. I was overpowered with a great restlessness and a fear that it might not be my lot to realize Her in this life. I could not bear the separation from Her any longer. Life seemed to be not worth living. Suddenly my glance fell on the sword that was kept in the Mother's temple. I determined to put an end to my life.

"When I jumped up like a madman and seized it, suddenly the blessed Mother revealed Herself. The buildings with their different parts, the temple, and everything else vanished from my sight, leaving no trace whatsoever,

and in their stead I saw a limitless, infinite, effulgent Ocean of Consciousness.

“As far as the eye could see, the shining billows were madly rushing at me from all sides with a terrific noise, to swallow me up! I was panting for breath. I was caught in the rush and collapsed, unconscious. What was happening in the outside world I did not know; but within me there was a steady flow of undiluted bliss, altogether new, and I felt the presence of the Divine Mother.' On his lips when he regained consciousness of the world was the word 'Mother'". (6)

Or as everything that is in the material world, as Ramakrishna's Vedantic guru, Totapuri, saw her:

“Suddenly, in one dazzling moment, [Totapuri] sees on all sides the presence of the Divine Mother. She is in everything; She is everything. She is in the water; She is on land. She is the body; She is the mind. She is pain; She is comfort. She is knowledge; She is ignorance. She is life; She is death. She is everything that one sees, hears, or imagines. She turns 'yea' into 'nay'; and 'nay' into 'yay'. Without Her grace no embodied being can go beyond Her realm. Man has no free will. He is not even free to die. Yet, again, beyond the body and mind She resides in her Transcendental, Absolute aspect. She is the Brahman that Totapuri has been worshipping all his life.” (7)

Once we pass the experience of the Mother, we pass beyond the knowable. When we reach the experience of the Father, we move into the cloud of unknowing, as one sage called it. Perhaps none has described the unknowable and unknowing better than Pseudo-Dionysius:

“I pray we could come to this darkness, so far above light! If only we lacked sight and knowledge so as to see, so as to know, unseeing and unknowing, that which lies beyond all vision and knowledge. For this would be really to see and to know: to praise the Transcendent One in a transcending way, namely through the denial of all beings. ...

“Now as we climb from the last things up to the most primary we deny all things so that we may unhiddenly know that unknowing which itself is hidden from all those possessed of knowing amid all beings, so that we may

see above being that darkness concealed from all the light among beings. ... As we plunge into that darkness which is beyond intellect, we shall find ourselves not simply running short of words but actually speechless and unknowing.” (8)

"The fact is that the more we take flight upward, the more our words are confined to the ideas we are capable of forming; so that now as we plunge into that darkness which is beyond intellect, we shall find ourselves not simply running short of words but actually speechless and unknowing. ... The more [the mind] climbs, the more language falters, and when it has passed up and beyond the ascent, it will turn silent completely, since it will finally be at one with him who is indescribable." (9)

So only the Mother can be known. The Father can only be known through unknowing. But she's the One who leads us by the hand to the Father. (10)

The knowledge of her is more precious than rubies because it's the most that can be achieved and it fits us for all further knowledge. The knowledge of the Father cannot be achieved. We cannot obtain it, earn it, secure it, etc. The distance we can go to “obtain” it is infinitesimal. Beyond the few steps we take, God closes the yawning chasm that remains, as Bernadette Roberts explains: “At a certain point, when we have done all we can [to bring about an abiding union with the divine], the divine steps in and takes over.” (11)

All enlightenment past this point is the gift of grace and beyond all effort. Only the Mother as the Father can bestow that unknown and unknowable knowledge.

Therefore the Divine Mother, who created all we see, hear, and know, is all that can itself be known. The Father is unknowable and can only be known by an act of unknowing, after all knowledge has been abandoned and left behind.

Footnotes

(1) “On the Nature of the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/on-the-nature-of-the-divine-mother-or-holy-spirit-2/>

- (2) John Ruusbroec in Wiseman, James A., *John Ruusbroec. The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1985, 147.
- (3) *Ibid.*, 74.
- (4) William Wordsworth in Marghanita Laski, *Ecstasy in Secular and Religious Experiences*. Los Angeles: Tarcher, 1961, 399.
- (5) Da Free John, *The Knee of Listening*. Original Edition. Clearlake, CA; Dawn Horse Press, 1984; c1973, Original Edition, 126-30.
- (6) Paramahansa Ramakrishna. GSR, 14.
- (7) Nikhilananda in *ibid.*, 31.
- (8) Pseudo-Dionysius, Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 138-9.
- (9) *Ibid.*, 139.
- (10) "On the Nature of the Divine Mother," *ibid.*
- (11) Bernadette Roberts, "The Path to No-Self" in Stephan Bodian, ed. *Timeless Visions, Healing Voices*. Freedom, CA: Crossing Press, 1991, 131.

The Law-Giving Mother and Her Lawful Universe

April 30, 2016

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/04/30/the-law-giving-mother-and-her-lawful-universe-2/>



Cosmic Male and Cosmic Female differentiating

The deepest of mysteries is the nature of Father/Mother God. I repost an article from Jan. 29, 2012 on the law-giving Mother, God in its aspect as creator, preserver, and transformer of the world of form. Only she can in any way be "known."

Before looking at the natural law itself, I'd like to look at the creation of the Divine Mother, and her creation in turn of the lawful universe. It's the lawful universe to which the natural law applies. It does not apply to the Father or the Transcendental.

Three universal forces will be referred to here under different names, but always the same three are being referred to. They are what Christians call the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and what Hindus call Brahman, Atman and Shakti. They are at basis the Transcendental Consciousness, the Phenomenal Consciousness and the

Transcendental Consciousness ensconced in the Phenomenal Consciousness. The universe can be *loosely* said to be composed of a combination of the three.

By “the Transcendental Consciousness ensconced in the Phenomenal Consciousness” I mean the flame in the heart, the soul in the center of our bodies. This is the Father in the Mother or, more exactly, the Father in the body created by the Mother. Jesus calls this the Son of God. Krishna calls it the Atman.

I realize that what follows is a bit complex and I apologize for that. However it forms a foundation for the understanding of the natural law as well as the law's role in the achievement of the purpose of life. It thus repays the effort required to understand and assimilate it.

Thousands of years ago this knowledge was closely guarded and only communicated to the initiated; today it's freely available on the Internet. Surely that speaks to the evolution of consciousness that's occurred.

Sri Ramakrishna describes the creation of the Mother.

“When there were neither the creation, nor the sun, the moon, the planets, and the earth, and when darkness was enveloped in darkness, then the Mother, the Formless One, Maha-Kali, the Great Power, was one with [the Father,] Maha-Kala, the Absolute.” (1)

“Brahman [the Father or formless God] ... first manifested as a twin principle -- half man and half woman -- just to show that It was both Purusha [Cosmic Male] and Prakriti [Cosmic Female]. Descending a step lower, It separated into Purusha and Prakriti as distinct entities.” (2)

Sri Ramakrishna does not mean an actual man and woman, but a principle that was half stillness and silence and half activity and sound. A step lower and this principle separated into two “distinct” entities. Their distinctness of course is illusory; only the formless Father's existence is absolute, the penetration through to and discovery of which completes life's purpose for us.

The Divine Mother or Holy Spirit comes by the command of the Lord to carry out his commands, as Al-Ghazzali and the Koran tell us:

“The Spirit comes by the command of the Lord. ... It is an indivisible essence belonging to the world of decrees, and ... it is not from everlasting, but created.” (3)

“The Spirit is at my Lord's command.” (4)

Ibn Arabi compared the Divine Mother to a “great angel” serving the Heavenly Father.

“God has a great angel who has numberless hairs on his [the Mother is neither a "he" nor a "she"] head. According to this comparison all the angels and everything else talked about [are] just like one pearl on the hair of a person. Had God given this angel the order he would have swallowed up the whole of existence as one morsel and would not have even noticed that something had passed his throat. The name of this angel is [the Holy] Spirit.” (5)

Now here is a view of the creation of the lawful world based on a vision had by Rabbi Isaac Luria:

“Emptiness, what the kabbalists call *ayin* [God the Father], exists far beyond concepts or language. It is like a pure ether that can never be grasped by the mind. ... Emptiness is the ultimate mystery, the *secret* of the Cause of Causes, and it brought everything into being. ...

“The absolute nature of this emptiness meant that it was so pervasive, nothing else *but* it could exist. In order for life to become manifest, a seismic contraction of emptiness *in on itself* had to occur, creating a space in which divine emanation was possible. ...

“Following this immense contraction, God’s first cosmic act was the emission of a single perfect ray of light. This beam pierced through the void and then expanded in all directions. Think of it as God’s first breath [“spiritus” = “breath”] exhaling into the abyss after eons of slumber and filling it with His divinity. This is how the universe was born.” (6)



The Heavenly Father and the Divine Mother

Notice I said "the creation of the lawful world," and not the creation of the Divine Mother, because the Divine Mother's existence precedes the creation of the universe and is the source of the creation of many universes, as Swami Nikhilananda suggests here:

“Before creation She contains within Her womb the seed of the universe, which is left from the previous cycle. After the manifestation of the universe She becomes its preserver and nourisher, and at the end of the cycle She draws it back within Herself and remains as the undifferentiated Sakti, the creative power of Brahman.” (7)

Given that the Mother creates universes and draws them back into herself, the mere accomplishment of one Ascension may not seem quite so difficult to wrap our minds around.

Lest one think that only some religions recognize the distinction between the formless Father and the phenomenal Mother and her universe, here are the founders or sages of more religions also recognizing them. Lao Tzu for instance honored the distinction.

“It began with a matrix:
The world had a mother.” (8)

“Nameless indeed is the source of creation [i.e., the Father],
But things have a mother and she has a name.” (9)

The Muslim Kabir also distinguishes between the two: “The formless Absolute is my Father, and God with form is my Mother.” (10) Thus Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Islam have all been shown to recognize both Father, Mother, and universe.

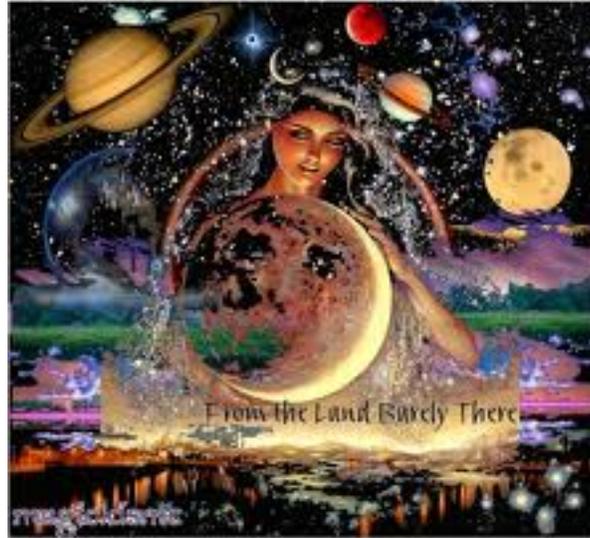
According to Ramakrishna, the Divine Mother created everything from Consciousness.

“The Divine Mother revealed to me in the Kali temple that it was She who had become everything. She showed me that everything was full of Consciousness. The image was Consciousness, the altar was Consciousness, the water-vessels were Consciousness, the door-sill was Consciousness, the marble floor was Consciousness – all was Consciousness. I found everything inside the room [of the Kali temple] soaked, as it were, in Bliss – the Bliss of God.” (11)

Paramahansa Yogananda's spiritual vision could see the building block of life, which he named the “lifetron.” (12) He revealed that “microcosmically each lifetron ... was composed of the elements God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” (13)

God the Father creates the world through God the Mother and then enters each life form as a fragment of himself called God the Child. Hindus would call these Brahman, Shakti and Atman.

But all three are nothing other than consciousness differentiated by their reach, which Yogananda defined as “transcendental Cosmic Consciousness [the Father, Brahman], ... Christ Consciousness [the Son, Atman], and ... Cosmic Energy [the Holy Spirit, Shakti]. (14)



The Mother creates the universe

This situation is, I believe, what is being referred to by Sri Ramakrishna when he says: “Whatever is in the microcosm is also in the macrocosm.” (15)

Consciousness is in the microcosm and in the macrocosm; and the organization of the microcosm into Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the same as the organization of the macrocosm into the same three.

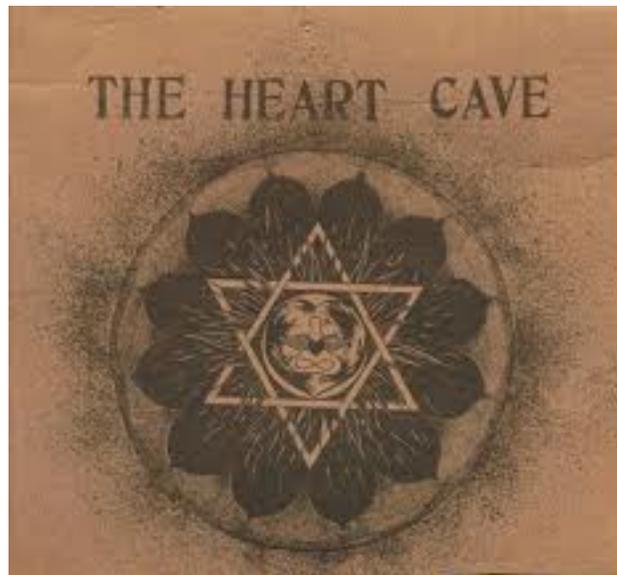
Having created the lawful universe, the Divine Mother now becomes its material structure, while the Father enters that material structure as the Son or soul in the heart. However, the Father remains aloof from materiality itself. This great mystery has been addressed by several mystics. Let me offer three descriptions of it. All three refer only to the Father and the Mother. They do not address the entry of the Father into the heart of the body as the Son, Christ Consciousness, or soul.

Here is Sri Yukteswar on it:

“It is the Spirit of God [the Mother] that actively sustains every form and force in the universe; yet he [the Father] is transcendental and aloof in the blissful uncreated void beyond the worlds of vibratory phenomena,’ Master [Sri Yukteswar] explained.” (16)

Krishna:

“This entire universe is pervaded by me, in that eternal form of mine which is not manifest to the senses. Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me. I do not mean that they exist within me physically. That is my divine mystery. You must try to understand its nature. My Being sustains all creatures and brings them to birth, but has no physical contact with them.” (17)



The soul exists in the cave of the heart, the seat of the soul

And Chang Tsu:

“As to what pertains to Manifestation, the Principle [of life, the Father] causes the succession of its phases, but is not this succession. It is the author of causes and effects, but is not the causes and effects. It is the author of condensations and dissipations (birth and death, changes of state), but is not itself condensations and dissipations. All proceeds from it and is under its influence. It is in all things, but is not identical with beings, for it is neither differentiated nor limited.” (18)

The Mother is the lawgiver and it is only in her realm or universe that the natural law applies. Swami Nikhilananda reminds us that she is the giver of the law.

“Embodying in Herself creation and destruction, love and terror, life and death, [the Mother] Kali is the symbol of the total universe. The eternal cycle of the manifestation and non-manifestation of the universe is the breathing-out and breathing-in of the Divine Mother. In one aspect, She is death, without which there cannot be life. One of Her hands is smeared with blood, since without blood the picture of the phenomenal universe is not complete.

“To the wicked who have transgressed Her laws, She is the embodiment of terror, and to the virtuous, the benign Mother.” (19)

He reminds us as well that she and the Father are one and that she controls access to the Father in her roles as ruler and controller of the universe.

“She is non-different from Brahman. When free from the acts of creation, preservation, and destruction, the Spirit, in Its acosmic aspect, is called Brahman; otherwise It is known as the World Soul or the Divine Mother of the universe. She is therefore the doorway to the realization of the Absolute; She is the Absolute.

"To the daring devotee who wants to see the transcendental Absolute, She reveals that form by withdrawing Her garment of the phenomenal universe. Brahman is Her transcendental aspect. She is the Great Fact of the universe, the totality of created beings. She is the Ruler and the Controller. (20)

What Nikhilananda earlier called “the virtuous” know the origin of the universe, the role of the Father and Mother, and the reason for their existence (to allow God's children a school in which to learn their true identity as the Father). Because they do, the virtuous study the law.

Of them, King David said: “Blessed is the man [whose] delight is in the law of the Lord; and on his law doth he meditate day and night.” (21)

Sri Yukteswar Giri, guru of Paramhansa Yogananda, differentiates between the student who simply studies the operation of the law on outer or material things from the student who studies the operation of the law on inner or spiritual things.

"All creation is governed by law... The principles that operate in the outer universe, discoverable by scientists, are called natural laws. But there are subtler laws that rule the hidden spiritual planes and the inner realm of consciousness; these principles are knowable through the science of yoga.

“It is not the physicist but the Self-realized master who comprehends the true nature of matter. By such knowledge Christ was able to restore the servant's ear after it had been severed by one of his disciples.” (22)

The master Omraam Mikhael Aivanhiov reveals that the Mother's law is based on the ability of nature (the Mother) to remember everything. I assume it remembers through the device of the Akashic records.

“Nature has succeeded in registering everything and this is what moral law is based upon: the memory of nature. Yes, ... nature has a memory that never forgets, and so much the worse for the person who does not take this memory into consideration!

“It goes on anyhow, registering his jangling thoughts and inner turmoil until the day comes when he can stand no more, he is overcome and gives up. ... In nature's memory, everything is recorded.” (23)

Exactly because the Mother's law, which originates with the Father, takes everything into account, Jesus could say:

“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father.

“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” (24)

Given that nature or the Mother remembers everything, Omraam could confidently say:

“No one can avoid this law, no one has ever been powerful enough to succeed in escaping it, neither emperor nor dictator, not Hitler nor Mussolini, nor Stalin, no one.” (25)

Nothing can escape the law and the law will not relax its grip on us until its requirements have been paid in full, as Jesus reminds us here:

“Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (26)

“It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.” (27)

Knowing the law is enough to carry us through to the fulfilment of life's purpose, Omraam tells us:

“People say: 'Of course, such and such a thing is said in the Bible and in the Gospels, but what I want to know is, does God really exist?' My answer is, do not bother to know whether God really exists, [or] if the Gospels are true or not, just know that [the] law is the truth, that is enough. It will be able to put everything right for you and show you the truth.” (28)



The study of the law leads to an understanding of life and its purpose

King David confirms this as well when he says that “the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” (29) It converts the soul to the truth of who we are, helping us to solve for ourselves the great mystery of life – the knowledge of the truth of who we are (God).

Because the Holy Spirit is the law and the law unfailingly brings the results of our actions to us, Jesus warned us against blaspheming against the Holy Spirit. Such an act would without fail bring to us its results as surely as night follows day, whereas if we blasphemed against, say, Jesus himself, it would be forgiven us.

“All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.” (30)

Thus the Father created the Mother, who operates lawfully. Her laws take into account everything that happens, affect everything, and remember everything. No one can escape their operation. The Mother's laws will operate perfectly and unfailingly. They put everything right and lead us to the truth of who we are, the knowing of which is the purpose for us leaving the Father's domain and entering the Mother's. Arriving at this truth is the reason for which the Mother, the world, and us were created.

Footnotes

(1) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 135. [Hereafter GSR.]

(2) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Anon., *Life of Sri Ramakrishna*. Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 1977; c1924, 382.

(3) Al-Ghazzali, *The Alchemy of Happiness*. trans. Claud Field. Lahore: ASHRAF, 1971; c1964, 21-2.

(4) Koran, 233.

(5) Ibn Arabi, Ibn Arabi, Muhyiddin, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 15-6.

(6) Maura O'Connor, “A People’s Revolution of Enlightenment: Kabbalah,” What is Enlightenment?, Issue 27, Nov.-Feb. 2004, 86-7.

(7) Swami Nikhilananda, "Vivekananda" in Nikhilananda, trans. *Vivekananda: The Yogas and Other Works*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1953, 24.

(8) Lao-Tzu, *The Way of Life. The Tao Te Ching*. trans. R.B. Blakney. New York, etc.: Avon, 1975, 105. [Hereafter WOL]

(9) WOL, 53.

(10) Kabir quoted in GSR, 150.

(11) GSR, 15.

(12) Archangel Michael once confirmed with me that these are the same as what he has called, through Ronna Herman, "adamantine particles."

Steve Beckow: Now, adamantine particles, are they the same as what Paramahansa Yogananda called "Lifetrans" and St. Germaine called "Love Atoms"?

Archangel Michael: Yes, they are all one and the same. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Nov. 15, 2015.)

(13) Paramahansa Yogananda, *The Second Coming of Christ*. Three vols. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979-86, 1, 89-90. [Hereafter SCC.]

(14) SCC, 1, 89-90.

(15) GSR, 389.

(16) Paramahansa Yogananda, quoting Sri Yukteswar Giri in *Autobiography of a Yogi*. Bombay: Jaico, 1975 143. [Hereafter AY.]

(17) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 80.

(18) Chang Tsu in PP, 7-8.

(19) VIV, 24.

(20) Loc. cit.

(21) Psalm 1:1-2.

(22) Sri Yukteswar Giri in AY, 113.

(23) Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, *Cosmic Moral Laws*, 19. [Hereafter CML]

(24) Jesus in Matthew 10:29-30.

(25) Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, CML, 19.

(26) Jesus in Matthew 5:18.

(27) Jesus in Luke 16:17.

(28) Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, CML, 18.

(29) Psalm 19:7-8.

(30) Jesus in Matthew 12:31-2.

What is the Pattern of the Mother?

March 31, 2019

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/03/31/what-is-the-pattern-of-the-mother/>



When we say that the universe is based on the patterning of the Mother, what do we mean?

What is the pattern of the Mother? What processes does it consist of?

I'm going to look at three patterns here that the Mother has used in constructing us, our world, and existence.

One is the sacred arc we all follow from God to God.

The second is the pattern of returning to the same place continually until we learn its karmic lesson. That makes the arc into a coil like a braided electric cable



The third pattern can be described as the pattern of creation, preservation, and transformation, which I'll look at later in this article.

Regarding the first, the Mother plays a pivotal role in the spiritual evolution of the divine spark or Child of God. Its journey takes it from the Father and into the world and back again to the Father.

Jesus described the sacred arc this way: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world [the Mother's domain]: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (5)

In the part of the arc that has us be in her domain, the Divine Mother wraps the Child of God in form. She fashions a body or a temple from within which the Child interacts with the physical world in order to learn, grow, and evolve into knowledge of its true nature.

When we combine the arc and the spiral and look either forward in time or backward, we get this view.



Here are some Biblical statements alluding to the Mother fashioning the body.

Proverbs: "Wisdom [Solomon's name for the Mother] hath builded her house [the body], she hath hewn her seven pillars [or chakras]. (1)

Job: "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath [spiritus] of the Almighty hath given me life. (2)

Paul: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (3)

And here's Paramahansa Yogananda explaining the process in more detail:

"Sage Patanjali, greatest of Hindu Yogis, says, 'The Spirit, God the Father, or Iswara, manifests Himself as the cosmic vibration, or matter.' 'The Spirit was made flesh' -- for the intelligent spirit materializes itself into gross flesh by changing its rate of vibration.

"Cosmic intelligence becomes cosmic intelligent motion, or vibration, which changes into cosmic energy. This intelligent cosmic energy changes into electrons and atoms. Electrons and atoms change into gas, sometimes known as cosmic nebulae.

"Cosmic nebulae, or masses of diffused gaseous matter change into water. Water changes into solid matter. Man's body is part of this variously divided matter. In cosmic vibration all things are one, but when cosmic vibration becomes frozen into matter, then it becomes many.

"So man's body, being separated from cosmic vibration, again must retrace the various states of higher vibrations in order to lift his consciousness from the vibrations of breath, heart, and circulation to the vibrating sound from cosmic life force and all atoms." (4)

After clothing the Child of God, the Mother starts it on its spiritual journey through ignorance and illusion back to the truth of its own nature: That it is no different than nor separate from the One from whom it came.

The human cycle of birth, growth, and death reflects the divine cycle or sacred arc from God to God - release, evolution, reunion.

So that is one pattern:

I can offer a second pattern as well. While we pilgrims are in matter, mater, Mother, we follow a certain generic and foundational cycle, although we probably don't notice it.

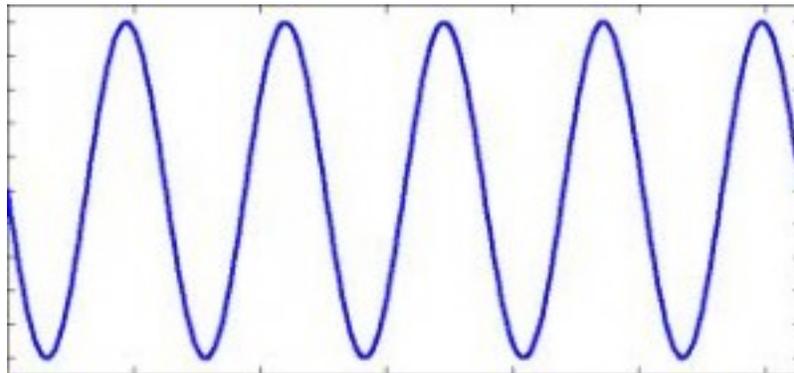
The pattern on which this second cycle is based is the Mother's aspect as the primal, universal creative vibration that we call Aum. Aum is Mother/Father God's very nature, as enlightened sages say.

Shankara: "Oh, Lord, dweller within... Om is your very self, Om, holiest word." (6)

Upanishads: "Thou art Brahman [God], one with the syllable OM, which is in all scriptures -- the supreme syllable, the Mother of all sound. ... The syllable OM is verily thine image. Through this syllable thou mayest be attained." (7)

Yogananda: "God is the Word or Om or Holy Ghost or Cosmic Vibration or Cosmic Energy. God is Cosmic Sound resulting from the Cosmic Energy and Cosmic Vibration. God's first manifestation is the Word or Intelligent Cosmic Vibrating Sound." (8)

What is Aum's nature? Aum is a divine sine wave that has three phases: creation, preservation, and transformation - designated as Akar, Ukar, and Makar (AUM).



The breath also has these three phases - inbeth, pause, and outbreath - leading the Mother to say:

"You're patterned on me. You are my breath." (10)

These three phases are also synonymous with the three cosmic forces or gunas called rajas, sattwa, and thamas and are personified as Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.

The spiritual arc from God to God and the cycle of creation, preservation, and transformation are actually the same pattern as this sine wave - rising, persisting, and reuniting. (11)

Inbreath, pause, and outbreath; conception, gestation, and birth; or birth, growth, and death - they're all based on the same pattern, wherever we find it and whatever words we use to describe it: Rising, persisting, returning, like dolphins in the water, on a sacred journey that everyone travels, to and from God.

When we take a microscope and focus it on the tiniest living things or aim our telescope to take in the ends of this island universe, one among many, we see the fractal-nature of existence, the original pattern being divine, which is then replicated.

This perpetual cycle sets the parameters of our experience in this school of life we call existence.

Footnotes

(1) Proverbs 9:1.

(2) Job 33:4.

(3) I Corinthians 6:19. "The Bible refers to Aum as the Holy Ghost or invisible life force that divinely upholds all creation. 'What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which we have of God, and ye are not your own?'" I Corinthians 6:19. (Paramahansa Yogananda, *Autobiography of a Yogi*. Bombay: Jaico, 1975, 363n.)

(4) Paramahansa Yogananda, *The Second Coming of Christ*. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979-86, 1, 15. (Hereafter SCC.)

(5) John 16:28.

(6) Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, i.

(7) Swami Prabhavananda and Frederick Manchester, trans., *The Upanishads. Breath of the Eternal*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1957; c1948, 53.

(8) SCC, 2, 22.

(9) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012 at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.

(10) "Transcript ~ A Mass Heart Opening on This Planet," Aug. 21, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/08/21/transcript-a-massive-heart-opening-on-this-planet/>.

(11) Hindus call life a divine leela or play. In fact it is: God creates illusory divisions within Itself and has them forget their true identity. He then sends them on a quest to discover it and reunite with the One. God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment. That is the reason for the leela.

Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 1/2

July 11, 2017

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/07/11/invaluable-pieces-of-the-puzzle-part-12/>



Mother and Child; Father is unseen

I'm doing the research for a series on sacred partnership. (We write what we need to learn.)

And I'm awed at the superb knowledge that we're gifted with, for the most part through Linda Dillon (because I follow her work most closely), but through others as well, too numerous to name. (1)

Before I give a few examples, let me give a bit of background.

You know I consider myself a student of cross-cultural spirituality.

The basic questions there are: Who am I? What is "God"? Is there a purpose to life? If so, how do I achieve it? Etc.

If we look at "What is 'God'?", we soon encounter Mother and Father God, Shiva and Shakti, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

We find that the Mother is the creator, preserver, and transformer of everything in the domain of matter, *mater*, Mother, while the Father is void of anything material.

If she's everything, he can be said to be nothing. (2) God is therefore, in Werner Erhard's terms, Everything/Nothing.

They've drawn a line. She has dominion over the entire material realm, which extends ... I used to think ... as far as the Twelfth Dimension. I'm now no longer sure because I've learned, from Linda's sources, that the Transcendental has gradations. (3)

But listen to these next two passages. Keep in mind that I've never had a conversation with a living master about these questions. And I certainly would never have dreamed that I'd be talking to an archangel or the Mother herself.

I almost swooned each time one of them confirmed one of my theories. It was like being back in college.

Archangel Michael: The Mother ... is the ultimate architect, you know.

Steve Beckow: Yes, and just for our listeners the Mother and the Father are not different.

AAM: They are one.

SB: Yes, they are one. (4)

I'm sitting there, so to speak, with a living master - Archangel Michael - having a conversation with him, and hearing him confirm what I've only so far heard from sacred books or from gurus way off in the distance, whom I can't speak to. I am thrilled.

It would have been enough to have Archangel Michael confirm "in person" that the Mother is the architect of creation, which he drops as if we're having coffee together. (5)

He then goes on to confirm perhaps the most basic axiom of a cross-cultural, New Age spirituality and that is: The Mother and Father are One.

The impact on me of hearing that teaching directly from him in a conversation was ... well, Hindus would appreciate me saying it was like a darshan.

A darshan is a revelation or manifestation of a teacher's divinity in sight, sound or some other sensory means. It's an elevating experience for the student. His words were like a darshan to me.

One needs authoritative sources to base core principles of a cross-cultural spirituality on. Statements like these from our sources represent authoritative confirmation for me, which I can cite in my publications. (6)

Not only does it free me up as a scholar, but it gives me confidence in what I've been writing. And hearing it directly in conversation allowed the teachings to really take root.

Here's another pet theory. I've always held that the Mother/Father metaphor is a teaching device, a useful educational tool. There's no gender at the level of the Mother and Father.

Michael seems to confirm that particular theory by telling us that the Company of Heaven are drawing on our ideas of gender, to help us understand the nature of God.

Having said that the Mother is the architect of creation and she and the Father are One, he adds:

AAM: You differentiate for purposes of clarity and understanding. But you do not differentiate in terms of what you think of as Source, and that is why I have used this term today, to say that we are fueled by Source. (7)

"You differentiate for purposes of clarity and understanding." I imagine that sages first used the device of differentiating between a Mother and a Father to reflect prevailing parental procreation patterns. They intended it as a teaching device. It promotes the student's clarity about and understanding of the nature of God: Active/inactive, silent/sonic, laws/no laws, Everything/Nothing, etc.

In my own eyes, I've just had another important theory validated - that the use of the device of Divine Parentage is not an actual comment on God, (8) but simply a useful device for teaching. I was ecstatic. Each of these comments is one more point established in the construction of core principles for a cross-cultural, multi-dimensional New Age spirituality.

(Concluded tomorrow in Part 2.)

Footnotes

(1) If I named some, I'd wound others whom I might leave out. I've written private emails to some acknowledging their contribution so they know who they are.

(2) I was much maligned as a child as a "lazy, no-good good-for-nothing." I wish I'd been alert enough to reply, "God does nothing. Is he lazy?"

(3) That in itself is an example of a mind-blowing acknowledgement. How is it "Transcendental" if it has differentiation? It upsets all our existing knowledge of the Transcendental. I need a bigger brain.

(4) "Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom," June 13, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/>

(5) I once saw him in a lucid dream in a cafe onboard ship. That's the closest I got to having coffee with him.

(6) Of course academia would not entertain my sources of knowledge, but I left academia a long time ago when they wouldn't recognize the study of enlightenment as being within the university's paradigm. My writings are not intended for academics such as I knew in the Sixties through Eighties.

(7) "Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom," *ibid.*

(8) There are not two forms of God "up there" who are actually female and male.

Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 2/2

July 12, 2017

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/07/12/invaluable-pieces-of-the-puzzle-part-22/>



The active Mother (Shakti) stands on the inactive Father (Shiva)

(Concluded from Part 1, yesterday.)

I'm only giving you a few examples from many. Time doesn't permit me to canvass all the literature in the Golden Gaia Database. (goldengaiadb.com)

Really what I'd most like you to hear is the great thrill it is for me to be interviewing the Divine Mother, and, along with her, Archangel Michael, Shankara, the new Buddha, etc.

In olden days, we held that we left the Third Dimension (or attained liberation, *mukti*), by walking up what used to be called a staircase to Heaven. (1)

The first floor was the enlightenment of the Child (Christ, Atman) at the fourth chakra; the second floor was the enlightenment of the Mother at the sixth chakra; the third floor was the enlightenment of the Father at the seventh chakra; and the last floor was enlightenment at the level of the One, as in "Mother/Father One." It was a permanent heart opening.

At this point we left the Third Dimension of everyday consciousness and the Fourth Dimension of afterlife astral consciousness for the Fifth Dimension of permanent non-dual consciousness.

Knowing this, you can imagine that knowing about the Holy Family assumes an importance for me it wouldn't have for many people. Each time the Divine Mother or Archangel Michael confirms a spiritual verity in our conversations, I get a chill.

My head is swimming whenever I connect with who it is I'm talking to. "Steve, don't get nervous," I'm saying to myself.

She drops remarks about ultimate mysteries, in passing, each part of her casual sentence confirming a profound teaching on the nature of life.

Listen to the following conversation. This is information I can only get from the Mother. (2)

"You may address me however you choose — Father/Mother One, All — but certainly I come to you this day in what you would think, or feel, as the presence of the Mother." (3)

She casually confirms that she is Father/Mother *and* the One, the All. She is everything. This is information which religious scholars somewhere are probably right now arguing over. Who is the Holy Spirit? How does God create? Etc.

I now have confirmation from the highest Source there is. To a cross-cultural scholar, building a new theoretical basis for spirituality, this is like a treasure hunter coming across a chest full of gold doubloons. I'm reminded of Solomon: "She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." (4)

She adds that it's her choice to come before us in what we'd think or feel was "the Mother." She wishes us to think of her as we would the Mother - whatever that phrase may mean to us - our mother, Mother Earth, Mother Nature, the Divine Mother.

It's again an important piece of the puzzle to know that she chooses to appear as "the Mother." Whoever created the metaphor - whether here or in another universe - she chooses to appear in the way it prescribes, in a way that we would understand.

She speaks a sentence and I write article after article on it.

Now watch how tenderly but honestly she treats me in this next exchange. She could have patronized me, but she didn't. It's such a fine balance of honesty, compassion, and kindness. Her earnest young pupil chirps "Well, Mother..."

Steve Beckow: Well, Mother, in sacred partnership, is it not the case that, for the male, his partner is the embodiment of the Divine Mother, and, for the female, her partner is the embodiment of the Holy Father?

Divine Mother: Not entirely, my friend. The short answer would be for me to agree and to say, well done. But that is not what you are asking.

You are asking — and I mean all of you are asking — for a depth of understanding that you have not fully had before.

SB: Yes, Mother.

DM: Now, you have come leagues, but of course there is further yet to go. (5)

Yay, Mother! Jai Ma!

Thank you for handling me so gently. You could have destroyed me.

But what I learned. Here's another example in what she said next.

"When you come into sacred union, you are both and you are all with what you would think of as primary energies." (6)

I cannot think offhand where we'd learn information such as this except from the archangels and the Mother.

Hearing we had come leagues was like me getting my (and our) report card. We're seeking a deeper understanding than we've had heretofore: She acknowledges that. What a boost it is to hear that from her.

Then as if I weren't dizzy enough back stage at having just been given my report card and lots to think about around sacred partnership, she goes on to describe how she and the Father have divided their work. Again priceless information. A big piece of the puzzle. No one else can tell us this.

"There is no true separation between the Father and me. There is delineation and definition, just as there is in your own roles and the choices that you have made time after time." (7)

So the same One decided to delineate itself into two roles: The role it itself played (still, silent) and the role it played within the realm of matter (active, sonic). And the two that then resulted divided the tasks between them much as we define and delineate our own roles. Thank you, Mother.

And all the time you hear me asking silly questions or a question that's already been answered, but what you don't see is me in the background utterly astounded, losing track of the conversation I'm so blown over. What was the last thing she said? Where were we?

Add this to a lack of memory. But I wouldn't surrender talking to the Mother.

Actually speaking to her is something given to few people in ancient times. I cannot think of anyone offhand speaking to her, with the exception of Sri Ramakrishna. Most prophets spoke to angels and archangels.

But this generation has access to her on the radio. We as a generation are blessed to hear her words.

Please don't think for a moment that I forget whom I'm speaking to or the great honor it is. It's all I can do to remember to breathe ... and have fun, as she wants us to do.

As if her mere presence were not corroboration enough of so many things, hearing her explain some of the mysteries is awesome. Name any famous guru. No other source can provide the same insight and reassurance that the words of the Mother can for me. (8)

Footnotes

(1) "Do you not realize that you are the Ones that you have waited and longed for, beloved? Until you do, your star kin will be unable to meet you halfway up the staircase to Heaven." ("White Cloud: On Seeking the Savior Within," channeled by Eliza Ayres ((AKA Tazjima Amariah Kumara)), December 25, 2013 at <http://bluedragonjournal.com>.)

Perhaps remember that "heaven" was the word used by early Christians to denote the Fifth Dimension. The place that we went when we were "saved," which we'd now call "ascended." Jesus modeled ascension.

(2) The Father doesn't speak.

Only she has a voice - in the wilderness, the nothingness, the lawlessness of the Father.

(3) "The Divine Mother: You Are Experiencing Love," *ibid*.

(4) Proverbs 3:15.

(5) "The Divine Mother: You Are Experiencing Love in Ways that You Have Not Known Before," channeled by Linda Dillon, November 14, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-experiencing-love-in-ways-that-you-have-not-known-before/>.

(6) *Loc. cit.* Here's the rest of what she said:

"When you are in sacred union — and it does not matter whether it is male-female, male-male, female-female, because what we are talking is energetics — there is the embodiment. For purposes of explanation, the masculine will tend to embody my energies, and vice versa, the feminine will merge and embody the Father.

"But because there is no separation, it is not as pure or as delineated as one might think. There is the blend. And in that blend there is the time when the

one that is holding the Divine Masculine will in fact hold the Divine Feminine, because that is what is required in the true union. And again, vice versa.

So there is this ebb and flow, the infinity, and you are meeting in the middle, in the still-point of creation, of the place of insemination, inspiration, implosion, explosion. And I have not even begun to speak of sexuality!

"So, is it correct, what you say? Yes. But broaden it, my friends, my family."

(7) "The Divine Mother: The Role of Clarity," Oct. 8, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/10/08/the-divine-mother-the-role-of-clarity/>

(8) I know, I know. She's channeled. The channel's concepts could get in the way. From all I hear that's a risk we take. Let me say two things about that:

(1) I have discernment; and (2) I resonate with Linda's version of things.

⌘ On the Company of Heaven ⌘

Who are the Seraphim?

July 7, 2018

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/07/07/who-are-the-seraphim/>



Seraph Credit: Majestic Dragonfly

The participation of the seraphim in our Ascension, to the extent that several of them have incarnated, is apparently a first. Archangel Michael said about it:

Steve Beckow: I'm hearing more and more about the seraphim being involved in our Ascension. But ordinarily, before that, I wouldn't have thought of the seraphim as being involved.

Archangel Michael: The seraphim have never been involved before.

SB: Hmmm. What has changed?

AAM: The Mother's desire to have completion of this Ascension process.
(1)

What a privilege to have them with us.

Rosy, who paid the costs for InLight Radio for several years, was an incarnated seraph. She died of cancer and is now participating, in a lustrous golden body if I recall correctly, from the other side.

What do we know about the seraphim? Everything I learned from the early Christian Fathers has been overtaken by the accounts Michael has given me.

For instance, I read long ago that there is a hierarchy among angels - angels, archangels on up to cherubim and seraphim. Wrong. There isn't.

It's like a circle and each has a different mission. None is less than another.

Then who are the seraphim? Michael addressed the subject:

Archangel Michael: The seraphim were the first form of the angelics. Now does that mean that every being started as a seraph? No.

What it means is that some of those sparks of light, in the expression of what they wish to become which were beings formed basically of pure light, of love, stayed as close as possible to home, as it were. That was their choice.

I wish to say something about the seraphim. Because often we have also spoken about the angels of pink and how they are the defenders of the throne of God. So understand the defenders of the throne of God, the pinks, and the seraphim are one and the same. (2)

He's connected three terms - defenders of the throne, pinks, and seraphim. That is very helpful to me as a student of cross-cultural spirituality.

Frequently orders of beings like seraphim are written about under multiple names and it helps to have the connections made ... by an archangel.

Here, in describing the seraphim, he acknowledges that the "mysteries" are described in different ways in different religious traditions. He adds a description of the Trinity from a Christian perspective.

“The seraphim are those that surround the throne, the essence, the beingness of One, of Source, of Mother/Father/Son [Steve: Shakti/Brahman/Atman] — however you define that. And that is depending on your tradition and your religious or philosophical understanding.” (3)

Traditions and understandings are what need to be brought into alignment with truth, if a cross-cultural spirituality is to arise.

On another occasion we also discussed who came first - seraph or archangel?

Archangel Michael: Creation ... [stages?] a race and the gun goes off. Who crosses that line first?

Well, it is the seraphim. But neck and neck with the archangels! Now we have said this - the seraphim, the archangels, the angels, the elohim, everybody is similar in terms of that beginning.

So you cannot say that the archangels (as much as I would like to!) came first and that we were the foundation of the Mother's work. Are we part and parcel and pivotal in that work? Of course we are! But no, we did not come first. (4)

But even so, where can we find more detail on the seraphim? Let me cite a passage from Michael where he went into the subject much more deeply.

It's long but it'll answer some of our questions. I'll put extra material in the footnote:

Archangel Michael: The mighty seraphim ... are simply beings of bright, wondrous light, fully aware, fully cognizant.

And while all angelic beings face the center, the center of course being the Mother, the Father, the One, but mostly the Mother, the seraphim keep their attention more clearly focused towards the Mother rather than turned out towards the universe, the multiverse, the cosmos, countries, nations, people, beings.

In many ways you can think of them as the defenders of the throne. They are magnificent. And there is nothing that they do not see or perceive.

What you think of as their voice is simply music. It is music of the spheres. It is the sound of the universe. It is the beauty of all. The

seraphim, even in my reference point, are phenomenal and very, very sacred and holy.

It is very rare, might I say exceedingly rare, for a seraph to leave the throne, not that there are not enough of them to take care, because there are. But there are seraphim that have come to Earth at this time and assumed human form to work with this cause of transformation of Gaia and of the human collective.

And this is done - in my words, not in theirs - as an act of service, and might I say, sacrifice, because it is such a dramatic adjustment to their field, to their energy, to who they are.

Very often those who are seraphim will have little or no memory of having been on Earth or elsewhere in previous lives, or it is quite limited. They always come in phenomenally-concentrated purpose on direction and service to the Mother.

Now, you say, "Well, how do I work with the seraphim?" Sing. Now, if you were to look to what you think of as religious texts, you would, say, pray, but also remember, my friends, that many of the original prayers were sung.

And it is songs of praise, of humility, of asking for help. And it tends to be help of a universal nature, the transformative assistance, although we are not suggesting that a seraph or a group of seraphim will not attend to an individual if they are so moved or directed and guided.

The seraphim that are upon the Earth are those that you can think of as communicators, directors, those who are doing large planetary work. They have a difference in the cast of their light, that if you pay attention you can see that their fields - for those of you who see auric fields - are quite different and distinct. And of course many of them are pink. (5)

Michael is describing seraphim in and out of form. All are gathered here in service to the Divine Mother working shoulder-to-shoulder with us. Therefore the Mother wasn't being merely poetic when she said:

"If you come upon a seraph at the gate, do not worry! They are on duty waiting for you.

"They'll take your hand and they will unfurl your wings, and remind you who you are.

"So who are you? Who is this group, now particularly, this group of — might I call you light-bearers, love-bearers? — who lead the way. You are ancient souls, coming from every corner of the universe, every realm, every what you think of as dimension, who have said, 'We can do this.'" (6)

Every corner, realm, and dimension. Just wait till the blinkers come off.

What will we find? The Divine Mother tells us:

"Many of you have become reassured or confused, ... about, oh, there are masters on Earth, there are angels on Earth, there are archangels on Earth. And who am I, and how do I fit in?

"My beloveds, you fit in perfectly, because who do you think these masters and angels and archangels and seraphs are? They are you, either a part of you or the totality of you.

"The time for underestimating your beloved self is over. And what that means is the time of stepping in the shadows, of thinking that you are under cover is also over. Each of you carries divine might.

"How [often] have we spoken of this. It is not your next-door neighbor or the person down the street or the leader in Ottawa or Washington or Geneva that carries might. It is each and every one of you." (7)

When the masks come off, we'll be in for a great surprise.

So, yes, if you meet a seraph at the gate, not to worry. They're transmuting energy, going to global trouble spots, taking on collective illnesses, etc.

They might be your neighbors. They may include you.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael: We are All Aligned with the Heart, Mind and Will of One," Jan. 25, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/01/25/archangel-michael-we-are-all-aligned-with-the-heart-mind-and-will-of-one>.

(2) “Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom,” June 13, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/>.

Whenever the commonality of names is established - such as defenders of the throne, pinks, and seraphim - it allows people like me to connect bodies of literature. So it's a great help to me when the angelics or the Mother do this.

The last time the Mother helped me out by identifying that Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva = rajas, sattwa, and thamas = akar, ukar, makar (Aum) = a subset of the Mother's Aum vibration. It's incredibly important for a student of cross-cultural spirituality to have these connections be made, these dots connected.

(3) Archangel Michael in “Archangels Michael and Gabrielle on the Angelic Realm: Hour with an Angel Transcript, March 26, 2012,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/what-role-are-the-angels-playing/archangels-michael-and-gabrielle-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/>.

(4) Spiritus sancti = Holy breath = Holy Spirit. Spiritus in Latin = psyche in Greek = breath in English.

(5) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 30, 2015.

(6) “Archangel Michael: The First Form You Assumed was Angelic,” July 7, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/what-role-are-the-angels-playing/archangel-michael-the-first-form-you-assumed-was-angelic/>.

For those hopelessly hooked on the seraphim, here is more from Michael on the subject:

Archangel Michael: Let us speak of the mighty seraphim. Now, when my sister [Gabrielle] and I have said that we bow to each other, it is important that you realize that we all bow to each other. ...

These are amazing beings in any reality. Their powers are mighty, and their beingness is mighty. Now, you have need to understand that the Godhead has surrounded themselves with the most beautiful, with the highest energy. And so, these are beings of adoration and these are beings that you will often hear us refer to as those of the pink ray—it is pink-gold, actually. And their purpose is simply to be in attendance, in adoration. They are the singers of hosanna and praise.

Now, why we wish to speak of this—and interrupt me if you wish—the seraphim have never truly spent much time or attention on focusing upon the planet, or certainly upon humankind, for that has not been their purpose, that is not who they are.

But at this time of magnificent unfoldment, at this time of the anchoring of the plan of the blessed Mother/Father/One, they have slightly turned their head[s] and their attention to humanity in order to assist with the fulfillment of this plan. And, unheard of, some of them have even taken on human form. This has never occurred before.

And so, some of you are encountering these mighty angels of pink, and you really do not know what to do with them, because externally they are huge. You can even perceive their wings, their six layers of wings, their fierce independence, their enormous beauty and grace, and their core of independence, their core of steel, because they are very clear about who they are. And they really do not need human direction. They really do not need any direction! (Archangel Michael in "Archangels Michael and Gabrielle on the Angelic Realm: Hour with an Angel Transcript, March 26, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/what-role-are-the-angels-playing/archangels-michael-and-gabrielle-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/>.)

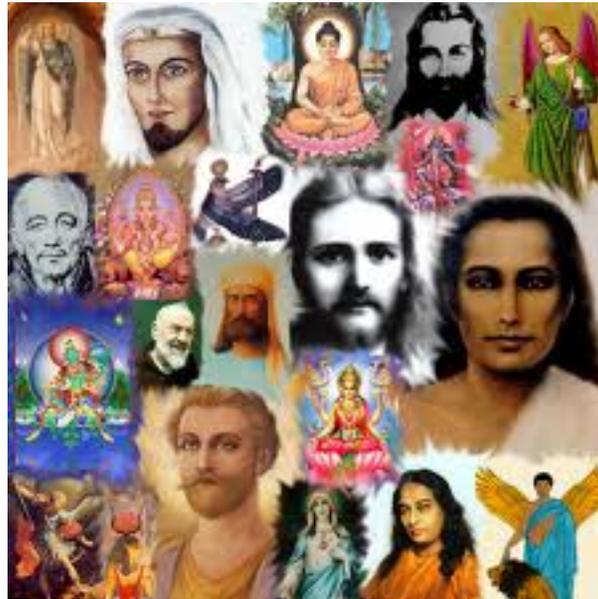
(7) "The Divine Mother: We are Creating a New Species of Humans," July 12, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/07/12/the-divine-mother-we-are-creating-a-new-species-of-humans/>

(8) "The Divine Mother: Each and Every One of You Carries Divine Might, Part 1/2," June 17, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might-part-12>.

Who is the Company of Heaven? – Part 1/2

November 28, 2016

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/11/28/company-heaven-part-12/>



Most versions of the Company of Heaven stress figures we know about, such as Earth's ascended masters, although archangels and avatars are included here.

We commonly hear of the "Company of Heaven," but do we really know who's being referred to?

Is the term meant to embrace all angels, archangels, seraphim, and ascended beings, galactic as well as terrestrial?

Or is it used just to indicate those helping with the Ascension of Earth?

Does it include others?

Let's review what our sources say about the composition of the Company of Heaven.

In a future post, I'd like to look at their command structure, if "command structure" is an appropriate term in the higher dimensions.

Mike Quinsey's sources tell us that "there are powers in the higher dimensions that control events on Earth, and also ensure that the wishes of the people are upheld." (1) That seems to suggest that there is such a structure.

SaLuSa through Mike revealed to us that "the Forces of Light have never gathered together on Earth in such numbers for millennia of time. This is of course in accordance with the Divine Plan." (2)

Who are these higher powers and who's gathering in numbers? And why? What is the Plan?

SaLuSa tells us: "Although individuals have always been able to ascend, it will be the first time that mass ascension on this scale has been attempted." (3) The Plan therefore is for a mass *and* physical Ascension. Definitely a departure from the individual, post-mortem ascensions in the past.

Archangel Michael reminds us that our Ascension will trigger Ascensions all over the universe: "Do not forget, sweet angel, that this is the beginning, the domino effect of many planetary ascensions." (4)

Our planetary logos, Sanat Kumara, explains:

Steve Beckow: But isn't the whole universe ascending, Raj? We're not the only planet, are we?

Sanat Kumara: You're first in line.

SB: Ah! So we're the first planet to ascend. Is that what you mean?

SK: Yes. (5)

Some accounts are generic, but still suggest who is here. For instance, the Divine Mother - the active side of the Father/Mother One - gave us a generic accounting of the Company of Heaven, in the course of telling us how enlightenment reaches us.

"Normally, [Light] would come from me to my realms, to the dominions, to the seraphim, to the archangels, etc., to the masters, to your guardians, and then to you. But that is why each of you is shining like a star with many facets. You are being bombarded by all of us. You see, there is no shortage of what I have to share." (6)

Indeed, there isn't. Viewed from the standpoint of our personal enlightenment, this is one listing of the Company of Heaven. She offered a second on the same occasion, more tailored to Ascension:

“Just as you all have outer form and have said, ‘Mother, let us assist, let us help,’ so the seraphim, the cherubim, the archangels, the legions of angels, every ascended, enlightened being, your star brothers and sisters ... are all acting as transmitters.” (7)

In the descriptions we've read so far, we may notice that they cover primarily angels and humans.

We don't hear of faeries often, or elves, or spirits of fire, earth, air, water, etc. I'm sure they're part of it, but I think the attention is being kept on the realms that are most acceptable to humans - human ascended masters, human galactics, archangels assuming human form (as Archangel Michael did with me on two occasions), etc. (8)

The Arcturians list some of the galactic civilizations here to help us:

“The beloved members of the Pleiades, Sirius, Arcturus, Andromeda and Antares, as well as the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Light, the Angelic Kingdom, the Ascended Masters, and the awakened members of Earth have all joined together to assist Gaia in the fulfillment of Her transformation.” (9)

Many more civilizations are here than just these; Venus, most prominently. But the main contingents seem to come from the star systems the Arcturians listed.

SaLuSa extends the term "Company of Heaven" to include the folks on Earth's Fourth and Fifth Dimensions, via the afterlife, who are helping lightworkers on Earth - our closest friends and relatives.

“I am SaLuSa from Sirius, and pass on great blessings and love from the members of the Galactic Federation. We want to see you sail through what remains of the cycle of Duality, and we will be there with you to give every assistance.

“We will not of course be the only ones, as *there are many souls from the Spirit World supporting you now*. Plus your Angelic Beings that have exceptional powers if they need to use them, who are already protecting you as they have since your birth upon Earth.” (10) [*My italics.*]

(Concluded in Part 2, below.)

Footnotes

___Mike Quinsey, July 8, 2016, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/Mike%20Quinsey/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(2) SaLuSa, Feb. 28, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(3) SaLuSa, Dec. 12, 2012.

(4) Archangel Michael in personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, March 24, 2015.

(5) "It Is a New Day: Sanat Kumara on Pope Francis, the Process of Ascension, the Earth's Place in Ascension, Etc.," March 13, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/03/it-is-a-new-day-sanat-kumara-on-pope-francis-the-process-of-ascension-the-earths-place-in-ascension-etc/>

(6) "The Divine Mother: The Role of Clarity," Oct. 8, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/10/08/the-divine-mother-the-role-of-clarity/>.

We're incredibly privileged to have the information directly from her of how Light is passed down from her to us. I regard this as sacred information directly from the Divine Mother. We may not fully appreciate the honor.

It's hard to hold the honor of it in one's consciousness for more than a few seconds, so addicted are we to variety.

(7) Loc. cit.

(8) On one occasion, I came out of my apartment to encounter a man standing around ten feet away, looking into at the door. I had never encountered anyone simply standing looking into our front door before and, puzzled, I looked back over my shoulder after I had passed him. He had disappeared in a matter of a second or two. My wife (ex) and I went around the block but couldn't find a trace of him anywhere. I asked AAM in a reading if that was him and he said it was.

He looked exactly like an old friend, Mark Orich, who had died years earlier. He had brown hair tied in a ponytail. The closest likeness I've been able to come across among someone people might know would be Keanu Reeves with a ponytail, only softer features.

I encountered him again, with the very same likeness, when I awoke in a lucid dream on board a galactic ship. I was in the cafeteria listening to people when I suddenly heard a voice so melodic that I couldn't ignore it. I turned in my seat and asked, "Are you Archangel Michael?" He looked the same as he had before - ponytail, Mark's features.

I sat spellbound, listening to him. Suddenly he arose from his seat and his form became diaphanous at the legs. As he moved over top of me, I leaned back, and he breathed into my mouth, which woke me up.

I asked him later what he had breathed into me, and he replied, "Love. To help you remember what you saw when when you awoke."

With my memory what it is these days, I can't remember the year. Probably 2013. These incidents are mentioned on the blog.

(9) The Arcturians, Sept. 13, 2008, at http://www.galacticfriends.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3425&Itemid=92

Here's Goldenlight's list:

“In addition to the mass consciousness of Earth, you have the assistance of many higher beings such as us from the Angelic realms, us from the Pleiadian realms, others from all the other star systems, Ascended Masters, and many other benevolent beings.” ("Council of Angels and Pleiadian Council via Goldenlight ~ The Global Reset of all Systems in Preparation for the Golden Age on Earth," channeled by Goldenlight, July 25, 2013 at <http://thegoldenlightchannel.com>.)

Atmos of Sirius also gives us a short catalogue, restricting his mention of the galactics of the Galactic Federation of Light, although they're not the only extraterrestrial coalition here:

“The Galactic Federation, along with the White Brotherhood and Elders, are the principal players in the process of preparing you not just for these final years to 2012, but beyond.” (Atmos, Aug. 28, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.)

(10) SaLuSa, Oct. 26, 2011.

Who is the Company of Heaven? – Part 2/2

November 3, 2016

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/11/03/company-heaven-part-22/>



(Concluded from Part 1, above.)

Should we think this description far-fetched, I can testify that I know several embodied seraphim and archangels, described as such by Archangel Michael in readings I've had with him.

I can cite one now because she transitioned. Rosy, the patron of InLight Radio for a number of years, left us some time ago now. According to AAM, she was a golden seraphim.

Seraphim incarnating is a first, AA Michael explains:

Archangel Michael: The seraphim have never been involved before.

Steve Beckow: Hm-hmm. What has changed?

AAM: The Mother's desire to have completion of this Ascension process. (13)

I've even met an incarnated Elohim - self-proclaimed, but AAM upheld her claim. So we lightworkers are also included within the term "Company of Heaven."

We know why we came. Why did the galactics come? Their service to us, SaLuSa tells us, “is based upon unconditional love. We see your true selves as beautiful Beings of Light, and your potential of returning to being the gods that you are.” (14)

Indeed, I'm sure we will.

In summary, the Company of Heaven is a term used to refer to all higher-dimensional orders of beings - mostly human and angelic, embodied and not embodied - who are cooperating to carry out this first mass and physical Ascension in this round of Ascensions, involving the whole universe.

The term specifically includes terrestrial and galactic ascended masters, angels, archangels, and seraphim. But another significant and often-overlooked component is those galactic humans, angels, archangels, and seraphim who've taken the body. That's us lightworkers.

Most of us have no conception of our true situation. I wouldn't either if I didn't have access to AAM to question and corroborate with.

But as we progress along the Ascension path - slowly, so as not to overtax our bodies - I'm led to believe that we'll eventually know, to our amazement.

Footnotes

(1) Mike Quinsey, July 8, 2016, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/Mike%20Quinsey/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(2) SaLuSa, Feb. 28, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(3) SaLuSa, Dec. 12, 2012.

(4) Archangel Michael in personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, March 24, 2015.

(5) “It Is a New Day: Sanat Kumara on Pope Francis, the Process of Ascension, the Earth’s Place in Ascension, Etc.,” March 13, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/03/it-is-a-new-day-sanat-kumara-on-pope-francis-the-process-of-ascension-the-earths-place-in-ascension-etc/>.

(6) "The Divine Mother: The Role of Clarity," Oct. 8, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/10/08/the-divine-mother-the-role-of-clarity/>.

How privileged we are to hear this sacred information directly from the Divine Mother. I don't think we appreciate the honor.

It's hard to hold the honor of it in one's consciousness for more than a few seconds, so addicted are we to variety.

(7) Loc. cit.

(8) On one occasion, I came out of my apartment to encounter a man standing around ten feet away, looking into at the door. I had never encountered anyone simply standing looking into our front door before and, puzzled, I looked back over my shoulder after I had passed him. He had disappeared in a matter of a second or two. My wife (ex) and I went around the block but couldn't find a trace of him anywhere. I asked AAM in a reading if that was him and he said it was.

He looked exactly like an old friend, Mark Orich, who had died years earlier. He had brown hair tied in a ponytail. The closest likeness I've been able to come across among someone people might know would be Keanu Reeves, only softer features.

I encountered him again, with the very same likeness, when I awoke in a lucid dream on board a galactic ship. I was in the cafeteria listening to people when I suddenly heard a voice so melodic that I couldn't ignore it. I turned in my seat and asked, "Are you Archangel Michael?" He looked the same as he had before - ponytail, Mark's features.

I sat spellbound, listening to him. Suddenly he arose from his seat and his form became diaphanous at the legs. As he moved over top of me, I leaned back, and he breathed into my mouth, which woke me up.

I asked him later what he had breathed into me, and he replied, "Love. To help you remember what you saw when when you awoke."

With my memory what it is these days, I can't remember the year. Probably 2013. These incidents are mentioned elsewhere on the blog.

(9) The Arcturians, Sept. 13, 2008, at http://www.galacticfriends.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3425&Itemid=92

Here's Goldenlight's list:

“In addition to the mass consciousness of Earth, you have the assistance of many higher beings such as us from the Angelic realms, us from the Pleiadian realms, others from all the other star systems, Ascended Masters, and many other benevolent beings.” (“Council of Angels and Pleiadian Council via Goldenlight ~ The Global Reset of all Systems in Preparation for the Golden Age on Earth,” channeled by Goldenlight, July 25, 2013 at <http://thegoldenlightchannel.com>.)

Atmos of Sirius also gives us a short catalogue, restricting his mention of the galactics of the Galactic Federation of Light, although they’re not the only extraterrestrial coalition here:

“The Galactic Federation, along with the White Brotherhood and Elders, are the principal players in the process of preparing you not just for these final years to 2012, but beyond.” (Atmos, Aug. 28, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.)

(10) SaLuSa, Oct. 26, 2011.

(11) "Archangel Michael: You're Now Ready to Know Who is Here," April 10, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/04/archangel-michael-youre-now-ready-to-know-who-is-here/>

(12) SaLuSa, April 13, 2012.

(13) "Archangel Michael: We are All Aligned with the Heart, Mind and Will of One," channeled by Linda Dillon, January 23, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/01/25/archangel-michael-we-are-all-aligned-with-the-heart-mind-and-will-of-one/>

(14) SaLuSa, Oct. 26, 2011.

⌘ On the Levels of Enlightenment ⌘

Enlightenment in Context

August 31, 2017

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/08/31/enlightenment-in-context/>



I'd like to make a few spiritual distinctions here to assist us in later discussions.

I'm offering a cross-cultural perspective on what may turn out to be the "sudden" steps in our otherwise gradual Ascension.

This article may not be for all readers. Please feel free to put it aside if it's too difficult to follow.

These are the conventionally-described levels of enlightenment up to and including the Fifth Dimension.

(1) The Mother has promised us a mass heart opening. This experience occurs when the kundalini reaches the fourth chakra.

Buddhism calls such a first-enlightenment experience, "stream-entering." Hindus call it "spiritual awakening." It fills one with hope and confidence.

(2) Next in classical enlightenment schemes is a sixth-chakra enlightenment experience which westerners call "cosmic consciousness." Hindus call it savikalpa

samadhi (samadhi with form). I don't know what Buddhists call it. I have not had this experience this lifetime and so I cannot comment on it.

(3) The first transcendental enlightenment experience occurs when the kundalini reaches the seventh chakra. Buddhists call it becoming an arahant. Hindus call it Brahmajnana (God-Realization) and nirvikalpa samadhi (samadhi without form; i.e., transcendental samadhi).

(4) The arahant becomes a buddha, the Brahmajnani becomes a jivan-mukta (liberated while alive) when the energy moves farther and permanently and fully opens the heart. Not the heart chakra, but the heart. The *hridayam* or heart aperture opens as it did in the earlier heart opening but now remains open.

The resulting torrent of love incinerates the vasanas or core issues. In the earlier heart opening, which I imagine is not as strong as Sahaja, the vasanas were held at bay for the length of the experience. But they were not eliminated. Now they are.

This latter state is what classical scholars would call mukti, moksha, or liberation. It's what completes our Ascension experience.

(5) If we end up in the Fifth Dimension, that's definitely not the final stop in our much broader Ascension.

Here's an example of a statement made at a deeper level of awareness of the Self than I've reached.

"All creation,
"Streaming out of the Self,
"Is only the Self." (1)

I cannot make such a statement because I don't know what Ashtavakra, the author, knew. I've never experienced anything streaming out of the Self - not yet, that is.

(6) The final level of all our enlightenment, we think of as "Home." We've now gone from God to God. But even here, new knowledge is upsetting my accepted beliefs.

The Mother has suggested that we can "come Home" to her and the Father whenever we need replenishment. I think this is what is meant by the 13th Octave.

Until hearing that, I thought it would take endless lifetimes to return Home.

This seems to reflect what Archangel Michael has said, that all the rules of enlightenment have changed:

Steve Beckow: Is the realm that we're building and taking our physical bodies with us to altogether new?

Archangel Michael: Yes, it is brand new.

Steve: Brand new, and the rules have changed?

AAM: That is correct. (2)

Not only are we entering into an altogether-new realm, which we're creating as we go along, but such important matters as dimensional access are being rearranged.

I'm having to drop matters right and left that I thought were "established" by the testimony of ancient sages.

Truly much of our old knowledge will no longer serve us. We'll be finding that matters are actually quite different and letting the old views go.

Footnotes

(1) Thomas Byrom, trans. *The Heart of Awareness. A Translation of the Ashtavakra Gita*. Boston and Shaftesbury: Shamballa, 1990, p. 6.

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 16, 2015. On another occasion, I asked him about the need for repeated enlightenment experiences before Sahaja, as Sadhu Arunachala had asserted, and he replied:

"When [the text] was written it was absolutely correct. But, as you also know, the governing rules have shifted and changed." (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow, Feb. 17, 2017.)

St. Germaine has also said: "You see, all the rules have changed." ("Transcript: Heavenly Blessings – St. Germaine on Where to Look for Results," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 15, 2014, at <https://goo.gl/OxNpnG>.)

The Angels Bestow Enlightenment

October 27, 2016

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/10/27/282747/>



I believe I've made the point before that enlightenment - the Light - is bestowed on humanity by the angels.

Here are three examples:

Moses

And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. (1)

Isaiah

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. (2)

Alfred Lord Tennyson

I stood upon the Mountain which o'erlooks
The narrow seas....

A curve of whitening, flashing, ebbing light!
A rustling of white wings! the bright descent
Of a young Seraph! and he stood beside me...

... my human brain
Stagger'd beneath the vision [that he gave me]...

With ministering hand he rais'd me up:
Then with a mournful and ineffable smile [said],

"There is no mightier Spirit than I to sway
The heart of man: and teach him to attain
By shadowing forth the Unattainable...." (3)

The fact that the angels enlighten humans is what made Archangel Michael's joke so funny, some time ago. You remember he quipped that he turned to Archangel Gabrielle and said, "Gotta light?"

In days gone by, besides the enlightenments of Moses, Isaiah, and Lord Tennyson, angels mediated the enlightenment ('mediated' because the Light comes from God) of Daniel, Tobias, Caedmon, Mohammed, and a long list of others. (4)

Therefore I've asked Archangel Michael repeatedly to grace me with the highest spiritual experiences I can have while still leaving me ready, willing, and able to work.

That rules out seventh-chakra Brahmajnana or God-Realization (until the collective experiences it) and certainly rules out the further experience of a permanent heart opening that is Sahaja Samadhi. (5) With either of those, I'd likely find it hard to continue.

But I also know that any experience of enlightenment - from fourth-chakra vision of the Son, the Atman, our Buddha nature, called spiritual awakening, to sixth-

chakra Savikalpa Samadhi or Cosmic Consciousness (6) enriches the individual and arms them with useful graces like patience, confidence, equanimity, etc.

The structures of my mind having collapsed, my life has suddenly become greatly simplified. No desire arises in me, save for my daily meals. I can sit here for a long time in perfect silence and be happy as a clam.

There's no dilemma in this space because there's no desire. Dilemma only arises in the presence of competing desires and I don't have any desires right now. I'm content.

But I also sense - I feel like saying I know - that this space can be lost and so this constitutes the only record that may remain of it.

If I lose this space because my field of awareness shrinks, I won't be aware that I've lost it. It'll be don't know don't know.

I'll never know that anything happened unless told. So I'm glad to have this record of these experiences.

Also, none of the higher spaces is permanent short of Sahaja. Being willing to get it and lose it is part of the discipline. It's said that a devotee may have to have very many experiences of samadhi before it becomes permanent. I have no experience of samadhi in this lifetime so I cannot say.

Having asked an archangel to grace me with whatever strengthening experiences my soul contract allows, so that I'm well armed for the times ahead, I can now let the matter go and simply, following the creation formula, carry out actions consistent with the desire or request.

Since most lightworkers are angels, according to the Company of Heaven, it's most probably the case that their guides are also angels. Make your requests therefore of your own guides. Ask for the Light. More Light. And more Light.

We'll need all the depth of experience we can get when any of the major events hits - the Reval, Disclosure, NESARA, Ascension. (7)

Footnotes

(1) Exodus 3:2.

(2) Isaiah 6:1 + 5-10.

(3) Alfred Lord Tennyson in Marghanita Laski, *Ecstasy in Secular and Religious Experiences*. Los Angeles: Tarcher, 1961, 401-2.

(4) See "Angels - Angels enlighten, or participate in the enlightenment of, humans" at [https://goldengaiadb.com/A#Angels - Angels enlighten.2C_or_participate_in_the_enlightenment_of.2C_humans](https://goldengaiadb.com/A#Angels_-_Angels_enlighten.2C_or_participate_in_the_enlightenment_of.2C_humans)

(5) These are senior experiences of enlightenment for folks in the Third Dimension. Brahmajnana is the third experience of enlightenment we have as we climb Jacob's ladder of consciousness and Sahaja is the fourth.

Most sages have experienced Brahmajnana, but a few, like Ramana Maharshi, have experienced Sahaja and escape from Third Density.

(6) Spiritual awakening or stream entering is the first experience of enlightenment we encounter in Third Dimensionality. Cosmic Consciousness is the second.

(7) Thank heavens I earn my keep by writing about these experiences. I cannot conceive of having them and then going into the office the next day.

The Role of the Mother and Celestials in Our Enlightenment

May 7, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/05/07/320496/>



If I were to bake a pie, I'd put it in the oven and turn up the heat.

If I don't turn up the heat, I won't bake the pie.

If you take a realization event, like seventh-chakra God Realization or Brahmajnana, the penultimate event, as far as I'm aware, before Ascension, and leave the heat in the oven down - that is, turn down the bliss - well, it's no different; you won't bake the pie.

I've had several potentially-rich spiritual experiences in which the heat (bliss) is turned down, which totally changes the experience.

One evening I was surprised to see a sudden eruption of a river of molten gold racing over top of me as I lay there, and emptying into my crown chakra.

But there was no bliss.

We always say that bliss elevates us, uplifts us, or raises us up. For me, realization is simply seeing events from that higher-dimensional level which bliss raises us to. Thus, no bliss, no higher-dimensional level, no realization.

I've had a few truncated experiences so I wasn't overly surprised and just accepted the experience as if it was one of the perks of the (communicational) job.

But I did ask Archangel Michael about it the next time we talked and the discussion is definitely of interest because it shows beyond the shadow of a doubt that the celestials (and, we'll find below, the Mother) actively participate in shaping and delivering our enlightenment experiences. This is something that's not generally known.

Steve: [Emptiness of mind] was followed next by what appeared to be the kundalini completing its circuit at the seventh chakra. Is that in fact what happened?

Archangel Michael: Yes. ...

Steve: Hmm, interesting! Ordinarily you would experience Brahmajnana at that point but I felt that it had been muted, toned down.

AAM: When you use the term "dramatic enlightenment experiences" [as I did earlier in the reading], you are talking about Nirvana. You are talking about the unity of all with One.

It is not to say that you will not experience that, but you cannot (well, you can if you wish; it is a choice to) simply remain in that state of unity, of One, or be fully conscious, [and be] in service, in action....

So, it is a toning down, if anything. It really is the middle ground. ...

You know that enlightenment is right there in front of you. It is yours to access. But if you are in service, you will not choose to live there. ...

You can think of it as keeping two feet firmly on the ground. (1) [My emphasis]

If we know the why of something, we're usually OK with it. I know the why and I felt OK with it. I know we lightworkers are part of a concerted effort and I'm good with staying within my role and my limits.

But bliss is irresistible. I've never met anyone who said "no" to it and many people who've fallen into addictions that I see as really addictions to bliss.

I took the direct route and asked the nearest celestial for it. Well, doesn't that flow from what we've just learned? Ask and ye shall receive? Ask who? The celestials.

So I asked Michael:

Steve: Fill me with bliss, peace, joy ... I am ready!

Archangel Michael: Yes, you are. ...

Steve: Is it bad to say, "Speed me along?"

AAM: No, it is not. It is simply a declaration of excitement, of willingness, of preparedness. I will speed you along, my friend! (3)

Buuuuutttt there will be an upper limit because:

Archangel Michael: If you fully enter into the bliss, into the One, you will not be interested in returning and serving. It will be a different experience, and it is not the experience that you have selected and chosen for yourself at this time. (4)

The Divine Mother amplified:

Divine Mother: [Too much bliss and] you would have simply departed. ...

We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed - yes, with us - for yourself, for the service you are providing - you would have departed and simply said, 'I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!' (5)

Never mind that I don't want to go against the Plan. Put that aside for a moment and witness, if you will, Archangel Michael and the Mother saying why they moderated an individual's enlightenment experience. Their participation is what I want you to notice. I repeat: They moderated an individual's experience.

You're watching in real time, so to speak, the Divine Mother and her servants, the celestials or angelics, work with our enlightenment experiences as a potter works with clay. They mould them, extend them, refine them, round them off.

AND (big and) I can't tell whether the various sadhanas or spiritual practices people do have value or not; probably they do. But a far more direct route, I firmly believe, is to surrender to the guidance of the Divine Mother and your archangel and ask them for enlightenment.

Because they're the ones who are overseeing, shall we say, your enlightenment experiences. Connecting and working with them is, for me, the most direct route if enlightenment is what you seek.



These conversations are not about me; if you think they are, you've missed my point. I'm just a guinea pig.

Reporting these conversations is about illustrating the ways in which the Divine Mother and the celestials work to fashion and deliver our enlightenment experiences.

Originally spiritual scholars thought they came about only because of our own efforts. You had to work hard, climb a mountain, live in a cave.

Then it was a great leap forward to see that, if we took one step towards God, God raced a mile towards us; i.e., our enlightenment was not in our hands but was solely the gift of God.

Now we're starting to hear from such sources as Michael and the Mother that they fashion our enlightenment experiences to fit the Plan which we've all agreed to. We're getting down to the nitty-gritty details now.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012. Hereafter AAM, *ibid*.

Here's a second example of a celestial role in our enlightenment: Michael offers to help me ascend early if that's what I really want:

Steve: Should I be orienting toward ascending early or not? I have this sense that I'm supposed to be here.

Archangel Michael: You're supposed to be here. ... *If you sit with me and you ask of me to come right away, then of course, I will work with you.* Such is my love for you. That has not been our plan.

S: No ... well, I understand that I'm supposed to be doing what I'm doing. I don't want to be going against the plan.

AAM: Then stay put, dear heart. (AAM, *ibid.*, Sept. 13, 2011.) [My emphasis.]

(2) AAM *ibid.*, Feb. 14, 2012. Here again you see unmistakable evidence of the role of the celestials in our enlightenment experiences.

There is so much mystery that surrounds subjects like enlightenment but here - in their channeled messages - they reveal all manner of things to us.

In this passage, the celestials have just revealed that they can turn the dial, so to speak, and tone down an experience. And they've further revealed that they do this to serve a purpose or to serve the Plan - in this case, by having me stay grounded, present to everyday consciousness.

If I had fully experienced Brahmajnana in its fulness, I'd be leading an entirely different life to what I am now.

(3) AAM, *ibid.*, July 22, 2016.

(4) *Ibid.*, Feb. 14, 2012.

(5) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

The Delight Never Ends

June 20, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/06/20/the-delight-never-ends/>



One of the things I was asked to do as a communicator was to make sure that people knew that the Fifth Dimension, and even the Seventh, was not the end of the road, not the destination. (1)

I'm about to discharge that responsibility as best I can.

But I can only do that using feeling language. Unlike Kathleen, I'm not familiar with Einstein's discussions of the higher dimensions.

I'd say the Fifth to Seventh Dimensions are characterized by the most satisfying love, to use Mike Quinsey's phrase, that we cannot imagine. (2) Let me ask Archangel Michael to identify the levels of the next several states of consciousness above that.

Steve: The space that I call transformative love, what dimension is it?

Archangel Michael: It is the Seventh Dimension.

Steve: Then what dimension is bliss?

AAM: It is between Eight and Nine.

Steve: And ecstasy?

AAM: Twelfth.

Steve: And what about exaltation?

AAM: Then you have moved beyond. (3)

So, if you expect me to talk about the Eighth and Ninth Dimensions, I can't do that. I can only talk about love and bliss. I experienced those and they didn't come with road signs saying "Love. Population 144" or "Bliss. Population 108." I only know how I felt.

So I never name the train stops in the endless journey "Fifth Dimension," "Sixth Dimension." My train stops are Love, Bliss, Ecstasy, and Exaltation. I whistled through Exaltation. Can't say much about that. I've had dreams of higher dimensions while travelling on this train. But the final destination still lies out ahead of all of us. Or we wouldn't be here.

The point I've been asked to make is that the train does not stop at the Seventh Dimension ... my Love Station. It goes on and on and on.

It's always been the conventional wisdom that the final destination was re-union with the One. We're home. We lose our individuality and disappear in the One.

Hooowweeevvveerrr, our sources tell us a different story.

Having gone Home, the Divine Mother says, we re-emerge again:

Divine Mother: As this transition is completed, including the shift in your structures, then you will continue on.

This is the beginning, not the end. Each of you, each of you is infinite and eternal. Will the day come in terms of what you think of as time, when you will simply re-emerge? Yes. But even that is an instant. (4)

Like me, you may be saying excuse me? Did you say re-emerge? I must get clarification. Let's ask Archangel Michael:

Archangel Michael: And when you go home - and you can reunite in the heart of One - do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!

So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - you emerge again. (5)

You heard it here. On another occasion, Michael was telling me about how spirits don't necessarily go up an evolutionary ladder in a linear manner; many leapfrog. And what I said then applies here:

Steve: That just turns our contemporary thinking on its head!

Archangel Michael: Oh, you haven't heard anything yet! We will talk about the evolutionary ladders (as you tend to think of it) and the various choices that are available in terms of that evolutionary ladder.

Steve: Oh please! We've got it all wrong down here! Help! Help! Message in a bottle!

AAM: I will send it parcel post and express mail! (6)

Another fundamental view of reality goes "pop!"

So, yes, the Seventh Dimension is not the end. The Transcendental is not the end. Re-Union with the One is not the end. Even after that, we get sent out again. No wonder they wanted me to talk about it!

The state of consciousness we must be in upon re-emergence as a brilliant spark of pure light would be beyond belief and description. The delight never ends.

Footnotes

(1) "Now, you have come to a planet in this and in other lifetimes to assist - yes, through communication, through clarity - with the progression of the planet through the elimination of the old Third...

"In order to do that, it is highly beneficial ... that you would have, not only the intelligence but the perspective of the higher dimensions (it is not a hierarchy but it is different).

"The perspective say of the ninth dimension is very different than the perspective of say the third, the fifth or the seventh dimension.

"Because it is very important that humanity realize, as they are in their unfoldment to a grander plan, that the seventh dimension is not the end of the road, not the be all and end all." (Lord Arcturus in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, June 12, 2019.)

(2) "Eternal life comes through the Supreme Creator and is accompanied by the most exotic form of love that you cannot imagine. Love is the energy of all energies." (Mike Quinsey's Higher Self Message, Oct. 4, 2019.)

(3) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.

(4) "The Divine Mother on the Divine Plan" from 2012, reported Nov. 11, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/11/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan/>.

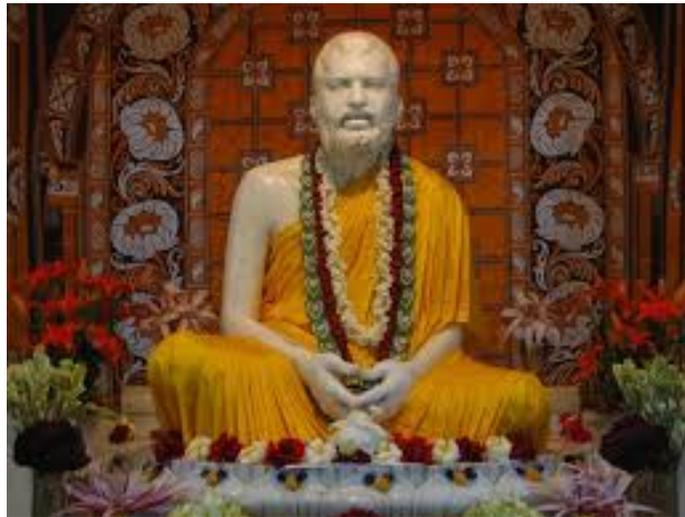
(5) Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, March 26, 2012, at <http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/> .

(6) AAM, *ibid.*, Jan. 20, 2016.

The Ridgepole Broken, Bereft of Body Consciousness

June 8, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/?s=%22the+ridgepole+broken%22>



In the course of some other work, I stumbled across a statement that Swami Nikhilananda made about his master, Sri Ramakrishna, which reorganized my view of the latter.

But a word of preface to make it understandable. In "New Maps of Heaven," (1) I pleaded for some order in the naming of planes, dimensions, and enlightened states. One never knows whether that which one sage calls this state is equivalent to that which another calls that state.

Here's a prime example. We know Ascension is Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi. The Divine Mother has confirmed the equivalence of the two terms. (2) But I'm about to assert that what Paramahansa Ramakrishna calls "vijñana" also equates with we call Ascension.

This is the passage that so struck me:

"In the nirvikalpa Samadhi, Sri Ramakrishna had realized that Brahman [God] alone is real and the world illusory. By keeping his mind six months

on the plane of the non-dual Brahman, he had attained to the state of the vijnani, the knower of truth in a special and very rich sense, who sees Brahman not only in himself and in the transcendental Absolute, but in everything of the world. In this state of vijnana, sometimes bereft of body-consciousness, he would regard himself as God's devotee, servant, or child." (3)

"In the nirvikalpa Samadhi" ... So he was already at the stage of what most Hindus call Brahmajnana or God Realization, what Ramana calls kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi, seventh-chakra enlightenment. (4)

But he still remained within the seven-chakra system. He hasn't left it yet. He hadn't ascended (in this lifetime).

In this state he realized that God alone is real; this world is an illusion. He remained six months in it, so still that the birds nested in his hair. And he attained to the state of the vijnani.

What is beyond jnana or wisdom? Vijnana or perfected wisdom. The Brahmajnani has not ascended; I assert that the vijnani has.

Now, the vijnanis know God in a special and rich sense. They see God everywhere. All the assertions of scripture are proven to be true. They see it around them and have no more need for scripture. When the whole land is flooded, there's no need for an irrigation canal.

They are in such an Ocean of Bliss that all awareness of the body has left them. There's nothing but ecstasy in their hearts and even their minds have no centralized focus any more.

Maybe I can end with Bernadette Roberts' description of her realization of this state, which Sri Ramakrishna calls vijnana and I believe to be Ascension while in the body. In Hindu terms, this would make her a jivan mukta, a person liberated while still alive in the body.

“Unfortunately what most Buddhist authors define as the no-self experience is actually the no-ego experience [Brahmajnana]. The cessation of clinging, desire, the passions, etc., and the ensuing state of

imperturbable peace and joy articulates the egoless state of oneness; it does not, however, articulate the no-self experience or the [higher, ascended] dimension beyond. ...

“Four years later, ... I came across two lines attributed to Buddha describing his enlightenment experience. Referring to self as a house, he said, ‘All the rafters are broken now, the ridgepole is destroyed.’ And there it was — the disappearance of the center, the ridgepole; without it, there can be no house, no self.



Bernadette Roberts

“When I read these lines, it was as if an arrow launched at the beginning of time had suddenly hit a bull’s-eye. It was a remarkable find. These lines are not a piece of philosophy, but an experiential account, and without the experiential account we really have nothing to go on.

In the same verse he says, ‘Again a house thou shalt not build,’ clearly distinguishing this experience from the falling away of the ego-center, after which a new, transformed self is built around a ‘true center,’ a sturdy, balanced ridgepole.” (5)

It did not result in a realization; it described the realization - Ascension - that Bernadette had already had and had been unable to find any account of. (6)

Ascension, sahaja samadhi, vijnana, the breaking of the ridgepole, call it what you wish. We're going through this same process as a planet and it isn't taking years of concentrated meditation.

We're being slow-cooked in the Ascension energies hitting the planet, which allow us to cover the same ground the masters did. It is important, however, to know what's happening, to recognize what just occurred to oneself to avoid confusion and alarm.

Footnotes

(1) "New Maps of Heaven," Oct. 25, 2009, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spirituality/life-death/new-maps-of-heaven/>

(2) Steve Beckow: The last question is I'm trying to understand what level of enlightenment Ascension corresponds to. And I think it's beyond the normal seventh-chakra enlightenment. I think it is what is called — and I'll make this clear to readers — Sahaja Samadhi. Am I correct?

Divine Mother: Yes, it is beyond what you think of with your seven chakras. ... So yes, you are correct, in this question and in this statement. ("The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part ½," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>. The website is From Darkness Unto Light and the particular page on which this information can be found is <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/fdl/e1.html>.)

(3) Swami Nikhilananda in *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 38.

(4) For instance:

"Heart is the seat of *Jnanam* as well as of the *granthi* (knot of ignorance). It is represented in the physical body by a hole smaller than the smallest pin-point, which is always shut. When the mind drops down in *Kevalya Nirvikalpa [samadhi]*, it opens but shuts again after it. When *sahaja* is attained it opens for

good." (Ramana Maharshi in S.S. Cohen, *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 96.)

"[The hole called the hridayam, as small as a pinpoint,] is always shut, being the knot of ignorance which ties the body to consciousness. When the mind drops in the temporary *Kevala Nirvikalpa* [the hridayam opens but shuts again. In *Sahaja* it remains always open." (Ibid., 81.)

(5) Bernadette Roberts in "The Path to No-Self" in Stephan Bodian, ed. *Timeless Visions, Healing Voices*. Freedom, CA: Crossing Press, 1991, 137.

If the Buddha had this experience, and we know he went much farther (mahaparinirvana), it would be what we call the ascended state and what he called "nirvana." Everyone has a different name for the same state.

(6) You'll find numerous accounts of it on this site and in the various dictionaries in the Golden Gaia database: http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=Main_Page No longer need Bernadette Roberts feel alone!

Which “Transcendental” are We Referring to?

December 4, 2019

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/12/04/304734/>



Credit: 11thmuse.wordpress.com

As we continue to look at the foundations of Nova Earth in oneness and love, I encounter a problem that I've had over the years with different terms being used to describe similar dimensions and experiences.

Let me make a brief note here about the difficulties that that presents.

I studied life after "death" in the composition of the database, [New Maps of Heaven](#). At the time, I thought of myself as an "afterlife cartographer."

At one time, I gave an interview to spiritualist editor Michael Tims in which I expressed my frustration that there was really no agreement among people on what names to call the various "planes" or experiences:

"Different spirit communicators use words like the 'borderlands,' 'Hades,' 'purgatory,' 'Kamaloka,' the 'misty region,' or the 'grey world' for what we can only hope is the same region. ...

"Some say 'the Christ sphere' and others 'the God plane,' but are they identical? Do they signify plane or subplane? Spirit researchers usually don't specify. Establishing residency and equating descriptions takes painstaking research. (There must be a better way.)" (1)

Nowhere was this more confusing than in the discussion of the Transcendental. To look at that, let's now change our focus from afterlife commentators to classical enlightenment sages and scholars.

If we keep in mind that the seven-chakra system is strictly a feature of Third/Fourth Dimensionality, here's Swami Prabhavananda calling a sixth-chakra experience (or savikalpa samadhi) a transcendental one:

"[Savikalpa samadhi is] the first stage of transcendental consciousness, in which the distinction between subject and object persists. In this state the spiritual aspirant may have a mystic vision of the Personal God, with or without form." (2)

By "transcendental" here, he probably means "beyond conscious knowing."

Here's Brahmacharini Usha defining a seventh-chakra experience (also called Brahmajnana or nirvikalpa samadhi) as "the supreme transcendental state of consciousness."

"Nirvikalpa samadhi. The supreme transcendental state of consciousness in which the spiritual aspirant becomes completely absorbed in Brahman [i.e., the Father] so that all sense of duality is obliterated." (3)

It's in no way supreme. It's not even outside our present Third-Dimensional reality.

Only a later experience of sahaja samadhi is beyond the seven-chakra system. It lifts us out of this dimension and into Fifth. But even the Fifth Dimension is far removed from the Transcendental, which is beyond the Twelfth.

Now let's leave afterlife commentators and classical scholars and turn to our own sources in the Company of Heaven.

After my heart opening in 2015, which was a fourth-chakra experience, I had lengthy tastes of higher-dimensional love and bliss and brief experiences of ecstasy

and exaltation. I asked Archangel Michael what dimensions these were associated with:

Steve: The space that I call transformative love, what dimension is it?

Archangel Michael: It is the Seventh Dimension.

Steve: Then what dimension is bliss?

AAM: It is between Eighth and Ninth.

Steve: And ecstasy?

AAM: Twelfth.

Steve: And what about exaltation?

AAM: Then you have moved beyond.

Steve: What is beyond? How many dimensions are there Lord?

AAM: Twelve. (4)

Well, of course, what lies beyond the Twelfth Dimension is ... you guessed it ... the Transcendental, in which most lightworkers, being angels, have their beings anchored, whether or not they also enjoy spending time on a planet in various of the dimensional environments.

While classical sages describe an enlightenment experience that is still within Third Dimensionality as "transcendental," Michael reserves the term for experiences that are altogether beyond the dimensional ladder.

Entirely-different meanings are being given to things and events by afterlife commentators, classical sages, and the Company of Heaven.

This reveals the crying need for standardization in ways of referring to both the dimensions themselves and our experiences of them. If we're to have a truly cross-cultural spirituality, the first task at hand is to standardize our use of terms.

After the Reval, I plan to fund research to standardize our spiritual language (just as Shakespeare was subsidized to standardize English). (5)

If we're to be able to compare descriptions of dimensions and experiences in our Nova-Earth spirituality, the first thing we'll need is standard terms that allow us to understand what our informants are talking about and connect the discussions.

Footnotes

(1) "New Maps of Heaven," Oct. 2, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/10/02/new-maps-of-heaven/>. Originally published in *The Searchlight*, a publication for the Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies.

Among the names given to the Fifth Dimension by residents of the afterlife worlds are Heaven, the Celestial Plane, the Creative Sphere, the Devachan, the Fourth Plane, Eidos, and the Plane of Color.

(2) Swami Prabhavananda, *The Eternal Companion. Brahmananda*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1970; c1944, 299.

(3) Brahmacharini Usha, *A Ramakrishna-Vedanta Wordbook*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1971; c1962, 52.

(4) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.

(5) Shakespeare: "It was part of my work - and I must say that I was encouraged a bit by patronage - to standardize spelling and grammar. That's why you can recognize it now. ... Almost every civilized country has had to 'appoint' someone to do this particular piece of work.

"After all, in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries, language was in a state of chaos.... Had it not been for people such as me in English letters, it would be very difficult for an English-speaking scientist to write a technical paper about a scientific event. ...

"It was thought best to do my work in a theatrical form -so it would help standarize the pronunciation. Now, this was not an effort that I was alone in - there were many people working on it." ("Shakespeare Returns" in Robert R. Leichtman, M.D, *From Heaven to Earth: The Dynamics of Creativity*. Atlanta, GA: Ariel Press, 1998; c1978, 19.)

Right Back Out Again!

June 9, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/06/09/right-back-out-again/>



Biblical view of the final reunion

What happens after the prodigal child returns to the Father and is accepted home again?

Uhhhh..... They live happily ever after. Yes, but, after rejuvenation, Mother/Father God sends her/him right back out again.

This is the version of events we hear from the Mother, the celestials, and the galactics. It doesn't line up with our orthodoxy, which is that, with merger, we cease to exist as individuals that God may be All in all.

It doesn't line up with my vision, in which the Father and Child merged and that was that. But what do I know?

Let's listen instead to the galactic ascended masters and the Divine Mother on this brand new version of ultimate events.

SaLuSa introduces the notion of a homecoming or merger:

"You might ask where do we stand as far as evolution is concerned, and we would reply that we as member civilizations of the Galactic Federation have already ascended. We continue to evolve, and will do so until we find ourselves at One with the Source of All That Is." (1)

"At One with the Source of All That Is." That's it, Merger, at-one-ment.

So SaLuSa validates our final merger or homecoming with God, but doesn't say in the same passage that we re-emerge.

However, Mike Quinsey, who channeled SaLuSa and now channels his Higher Self, did say on Feb. 14, 2020: "In the scheme of things you periodically return to the Godhead, only to be sent out again for further experience." (2)

"... only to be sent out again for further experience"? The first time I heard that, I sat bolt upright in my chair. What? Please rewind the tape.

It was like the day I realized that Brahmajnana was not "full and complete" enlightenment, that Sahaja, decades later to be known as Ascension, was farther still and that the horizon stretched limitlessly into glory.

We re-emerge after re-union? That wasn't in my vision. (Grumble, grumble.)

The Divine Mother is the final authority. She's the creator, preserver, and transformer of life. What does she say about the way she designed it? She mentioned it in an aside:

“[The emanations] are positioned to do the work that the specific archangel or master has chosen to do, decided to do, committed to do — for me — throughout eternity, or until such time as they return. In which case they will begin again, regardless.” (3)

Whoa there. "In which case they will begin again, regardless." Oh my gosh.

Another one bites the dust. My theories have a short shelf life. I thought we never re-emerged. Now we just go through the car wash. (Just kidding!)

That extends my view of our lives as individuals an unimaginable length of time. And the Mother says, no, it's just an instant.

"This is the beginning, not the end. Each of you, each of you is infinite and eternal. Will the day come in terms of what you think of as time, when you will simply re-emerge? Yes. But even that is an instant." (4)

Have you ever made marshmallows around a campfire? You know how, after you toast it, you knead the marshmallow until it's a messy mass? And then you eat it? My fundamental belief structure is being kneaded like that.

So, OK, change in the Prime Directive. You no longer go home and that's it; you're done. New directive: Now you go home, have a rest, and go right back out again! Yes, sir, ma'am!

Said St. Germaine: "You see, all the rules have changed. ... That is the old paradigm." (5) I get it!

When I asked Michael a question about Sahaja, he replied:

"When it was written it was absolutely correct. But as you also know, the governing rules have shifted and changed." (6)

Yes, they have. Finally I asked him directly:

Steve: Is this new? Is the realm that we're building and taking our physical bodies with us to altogether new?

Archangel Michael: Yes, it is brand new.

Steve: ... Brand new, and the rules have changed?

AAM: That is correct. (7)

So added to the fact that there are no roadsigns is the fact that everything you knew up till now may not apply.

What did St. John say?

"Without a foothold you must seek Him out - no face nor form,
alone - tasting there something I dont know
that one may come on randomly. " (8)

Tasting something I don't know that one may come on randomly. At a time of the
Divine choosing. Without a foothold. Pseudo-Dionysius would say in total
darkness of the senses. (9)

Not that way for a lifetime. Just for a moment of realization. One moment of total
stillness.

Be still and know that I am....

I'm pretty sure *that* rule will never change.

Footnotes

(1) SaLuSa, July 14, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(2) Mike Quinsey's Higher Self, Feb. 14, 2020, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(3) "The Divine Mother: Each and Every One of You Carries Divine Might," June 17, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/into-the-golden-age-of-gaia/the-golden-age-of-gaia/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might/>

(4) "The Divine Mother on the Divine Plan" from 2012, reported Nov. 11, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/11/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan/>.

(5) "Transcript: Heavenly Blessings – St. Germaine on Where to Look for Results," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 15, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/07/30/transcript-heavenly-blessings-st-germaine-on-where-to-look-for-results-aired-july-15-2014/>.

(6) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 17, 2017.

(7) Ibid., Jan. 20, 2016.

(8) St. John of the Cross in Willis Barnstone, trans., *The Poems of Saint John of the Cross*. New York: New Directions, 1972; c1968, 87.

(9) "The Cause of all is above all and is not inexistent, lifeless, speechless, mindless. It is not a material body, and hence has neither shape nor form, quality, quantity, or weight. It is not in any place and can neither be seen nor touched. It is neither perceived nor is it perceptible. It suffers neither disorder nor disturbance and is overwhelmed by no earthly passion. It is not powerless and subject to the disturbances caused by sense perception. It endures no deprivation of light. It passes through no change, decay, division, loss, no ebb and flow, nothing of which the senses may be aware. None of all this can either be identified with it nor attributed to it." (Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 141.)

Up Jacob's Ladder of Consciousness

March 4, 2016

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/03/04/up-jacobs-ladder-of-consciousness/>



Forget it. I heard it's junk. Credit: www.marketwatch.com

The impact of knowledge on us, it seems to me, grows the farther up Jacob's ladder of consciousness we go.

Ideas (intellectual knowledge) elicit our mild interest.

Feelings (experiential knowledge) elicit strong interest and sympathetic action.

Intuition (intuitive knowledge) calls up mild certainty in us.

Realization (realized knowledge) calls up strong certainty and committed action.

These are all steps in Jacob's ladder that we angels walked down eons ago and are now, apparently, walking up again.

When we share our knowledge, if we communicate ideas, people may be mildly interested for a while, that interest declining the longer we share.

If we communicate feelings, people are often roused and moved to action on our behalf.

If we communicate our intuition, people may accept our version, at least as being the truth for ourselves.

If we share our realizations, people may accept our version as being possible and perhaps probable truth for all.

If we want to move, empower and inspire, we may want to cease sharing only ideas, wade into the water more, and share at least how we're feeling.

If we want more impact than that, we may want to share our intuitions.

If we want the most impact, we may wish to share what we've realized and know as true. Humbly of course. No ego.

To a certain extent, it's the exhilaration we get from risking - risking being transparent, risking apologizing, risking seeking forgiveness, etc. - that propels us into states like transformative love and bliss - at least in my experience.

It's the power we derive from declaring ourselves, taking a stand on something, or making a difference that enables us to relax enough, confident of who we are in the matter, to allow the love and bliss to arise from our hearts. Or so it's been for me.

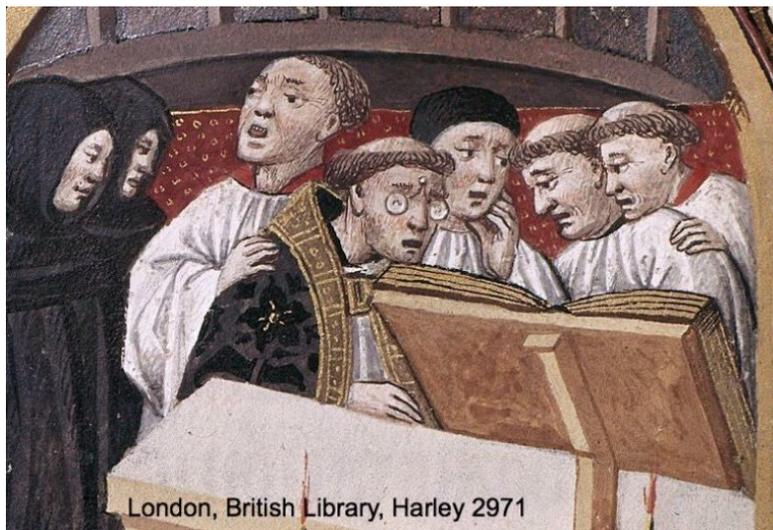
It's the integrity of our word that allows us to leave shame and guilt behind and face whatever the future brings with a clear mind and a clean conscience. And to forgive ourselves the errors we made before we were consciously aware.

The unmasking of ourselves, the revealing of ourselves to others, our vulnerability results in us emerging and standing forth as our natural, normal selves of increasingly-higher dimensionality. Is that not the purpose of life - to stand forth ever more as our natural, normal selves? And who is that natural, normal self?

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 1/5

January 19, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/01/19/the-ladder-of-consciousness-from-intellectuality-to-experience-to-realization-part-1-5/>



While events in other parts of the globe command our attention, I still feel the need to follow my own agenda of building a literature that will be helpful to lightworkers later on.

“Dear ones, you intellectually understand, but must actually accept that you are so much more than you have been led to believe.” (1)

This comment in the Arcturian Group’s latest message nudged me to write a series on the difference in impact between intellectual, experiential, and realized knowledge, states of being which form a ladder of consciousness.

Intellectual Knowledge Lacks Motivating Power

I read somewhere - and cannot find the quote - that we make very little progress in any one lifetime in learning the lessons that karma brings us.

If that's so, one of the reasons may be that mere intellectual knowledge lacks the power, the kick, the juice, or motivating power to move us to realize that changes are necessary and to make them.

We have to boost our knowledge from the merely intellectual to the experiential, which, in my opinion, is the first level strong enough to induce us to change and thence to the realizational, which makes change easier and more likely than otherwise.

We say we're "moved to tears" or "won over" by a smile. We're hardwired, I think, to respond to the way we feel. Therefore I assert that the experiential has more power to motivate, than the merely intellectual.

Intellectual knowledge is just a first step; Realization the last

The purpose of life is itself a realization: The realization of our Oneness with God. That is what all this pleasure and pain is building up to, as SaLuSa reminds us.

"Many souls are beginning to understand the purpose of life. It is the realization that you are more than your body, and that life is infinite and that you have your being in the energy that is God." (2)

Our purpose lies in realizing that we *are* God. *I am* that I AM.

If life is about knowing ourselves as God, it's not about just having intellectual knowledge of it but having realized knowledge.

Many of our sources have either referred to this in passing or made it explicit. Let's spend a moment listening to them make the case.

"Truth begins as intellectual knowledge, but can never manifest into expression until realized," the Arcturian Group tell us. (3)

On another occasion, they inform us: "Some continue to understand ONENess as a mental concept or intellectual information, never allowing it to become their attained state of consciousness." (4)

Elsewhere they add that “knowing a truth intellectually is only the first step toward attaining the consciousness of it.” (5) Realization, as they said, makes it their “attained state of consciousness.”

Tomorrow we'll continue our look at the case they make.

(To be continued in Part 2, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) The Arcturian Group through Marilyn Raffaele, Jan. 12, 2020, at <https://www.onenessforall.com>.

(2) SaLuSa, Dec. 21, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(3) The Arcturian Group. Channelled by Marilyn Raffaele. January 10, 2016, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/01/11/the-arcturian-group-via-marilyn-raffaele-january-10-2016/>.

(4) Ibid., Aug. 26, 2018, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/08/27/arcturian-group-message-via-marilyn-raffaele-8-26-18/>

(5) Ibid., Feb. 10, 2019, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/02/10/the-arcturian-group-message-via-marilyn-raffaele-feb-10-2019/>

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 2/5

January 20, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/01/20/the-ladder-of-consciousness-from-intellectuality-to-experience-to-realization-part-2-5/>



(Continued from Part 1, yesterday.)

Intellectual knowledge its just a first step (continued)

Matthew Ward calls intellectual knowledge "beliefs" and realized knowledge" real knowing":

“Beliefs are formed when the same information is repeated by one or more external sources — parents, peers, teachers, religious leaders, scientists, government officials, mainstream media—and, when you learn that information is not complete or accurate, your beliefs change accordingly.

“Knowing is within, a constant, pervasive, unquestioned ‘rightness’—the merging of soul-level truth and your consciousness.” (1)

I think most if not all of us have had some experience of this certain inner knowing. It's much stronger than our beliefs.

St. Germaine also lays out the difference between the two. He calls realization "spiritual" knowingness of truth.

“A spiritual knowingness of truth is very different to an intellectual knowingness of truth. It may often seem as if you are weak if you admit that you do not understand the truth and will of the Creator but this is a beautiful space that you can enter into, accessing a deep stream of freedom from within your being that offers tremendous expansion and connection with the Creator.

“In many ways it is as if you are letting go of any form of control that you may have upon the world, your reality or being, entering into a space that truly allows you to experience the truth of the Creator.” (2)

I believe St. Germaine is referring here to a very high space that Werner Erhard called "Not Knowing." Others have called it "the Cloud of Unknowing."

In it, we're moved to drop all pretense to knowing what's going on and genuinely relax into not knowing. The answer (the realization) has then the space to show up. Werner called the space of realization, "Natural Knowing." Different names but all pointing to the same thing; in this case, realization.

The Arcturian Group called intellectual knowledge a first step out of the maze we're in:

“An intellectual knowledge of truth is the first step out of this maze, but it must evolve deeper and become an attained state of consciousness. The ego or personal sense of self regardless of how educated or intellectually aware is only able to create change at that level. ...

“Only through one’s conscious alignment with truth, spirit, and the Divine Self can that sacred portal within open and allow the flow of Light that dissolves the dark.” (3)

Intellectual knowledge only has enough power to take us so far. Experience and realization lie beyond it.

The “flow of Light that dissolves the dark” is itself realization.

We cannot substitute pretense for realization and hope to get away with it, the Arcturian Group tells us:

“Completeness and wholeness [are] the birthright of every soul, but must become the state of consciousness in order to be experienced. This is the evolutionary journey. To pretend wholeness and completeness without having attained a consciousness of it is to stick one's head in the sand...

“Evolving into a consciousness of completeness is the evolutionary journey.” (4)

I've always found that I cannot fake a higher state of consciousness than I've experienced. And I assume the same can generally be said of others. To pretend to be somewhere other than where I am is to ignore how reality works.

Through the whole discussion runs the thread that realization is the goal of life - a realization of our Oneness with God. Realization is the mechanism and the destination and the reward.

Intellectuality is a first step towards it but not a place at which to stop. As it turns out, the fulfillment of life's purpose impels us to move from intellectuality through experience to realization.

(Continued in Part 3, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) Matthew's Message, May 30, 2017, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>.

(2) "Master Saint Germain: Revelations of Truth," channeled by Natalie Glasson, June 30, 2013 at <http://omna.org>.

(3) "Arcturian Group Message through Marilyn Raffaele, 1/14/18," January 14, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/01/14/arcturian-group-message-through-marilyn-raffaele-1-14-18/>.

(4) Arcturian Group, November 9, 2014, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/11/10/the-arcturian-group-via-marilyn-raffaele-november-9-2014/>

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 3/5

January 21, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/01/21/the-ladder-of-consciousness-from-intellectuality-to-experience-to-realization-part-3-5/>



Credit: [today.com](https://www.today.com)

(Continued from Part 2, yesterday.)

What is the awakening from intellectuality like?

Saul describes a person awakening from mere intellectuality to a trusting of the gut feeling; that is, from the intellectual to the experiential.

“These ... are the first signs of an awakening - an awakening to the realization that their lives truly have a meaning and purpose beyond everyday reality. They are beginning to feel a deep longing for much, much more than life on Earth offers, and yet this makes no sense to them. They are confused and lonely and lack a trustworthy listener or guide.

“But their intuition or gut feeling pushes them forward, insisting that something of great moment is happening, and they want to know what it is.

As they search for answers they stumble upon books, blogs, web sites, and magazine articles covering these issues and with which they resonate.

“They meditate and pray, which may well be a new experience for them, and their sense that their existence does indeed have a meaning strengthens and intensifies, encouraging them to continue gathering information. As they do so they start to trust their gut feelings, their intuition, their inner knowing, which they find does not mislead them.” (1)

Some may not have meditated or prayed before; they may have done something else, but chances are they now feel a sense of awakening, in this case, to experience.

What is Realization itself like?

What then is realization?

I can offer you my opinion.

As a mere novice in the area, I consider realization to be a radical discontinuity in experience combined with a usually-temporary immersion in a divine state such as peace, love, or bliss and an explosive expansion in knowing.

What does it feel like?

I can only describe the first step. Let's listen to folks farther down the road.

The Pleiadians through Barbara Marciniak: “This experience [of realization] involves raising a feeling inside yourself and then, one day, at one moment, in one afternoon, having an overwhelming sense of knowing: having a composition a thousand pages long come alive in five seconds of divine ecstasy.” (2)

Absolutely. She uses a knowledge-based metaphor to make her point.

The Arcturian Group: “There comes a time in everyone's (teacher and student) evolutionary journey when he shifts into a realization of oneness. This may come in an instant after lifetimes of spiritual seeking, or it may be a slow and gradual process.

“This is ascension, the attainment of that state of consciousness that realizes everything Real is perfect and held in place by Divine law and that the ONE is ever manifesting ITSELF... ‘What you see is what you get’ as the saying goes... Your state of consciousness is interpreting for you the divine ideas embodied within the One.” (3)

So notice: Not an explosion of bliss; not a profound awareness of love, although both of these may come with it, but "a realization of oneness," a knowing.

An inner knowing and a majestic certainty, for as long as it lasts.

Archangel Michael: "It is the feeling, the experience – and might I even say the knowing, the deep knowing – that you are not stuck, you are not limited, you are not confined by what previously has been informationally identified as time and space. You leave that behind and you enter into the flow of the universe, which is how we operate." (4)

Again, with the knowing or realization that we are not limited or confined comes our entry into the flow of the universe.

I emphasize this because so many superficial treatments of the topic of enlightenment emphasize other aspects of the experience but they don't get across that enlightenment itself is an event that happens in the domain of knowledge, of certain, inner knowing. We *realize* the Truth.

We'll look at Archangel Michael's in-depth discussion of "true knowing" tomorrow.

(Continued in Part 4, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) Saul, July 5, 2009, at at <http://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>

(2) The Pleiadians through Barbara Marciniak, *Bringers of the Dawn: Teachings from the Pleiadians*. Bear & Company, Santa Fe, 1992, 49.

(3) The Arcturian Group, Feb. 10, 2013, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/02/11/the-arcturian-group-message-february-10-2013/>

(4) “Archangel Michael: I Come to Touch Your Hearts,” Oct. 20, 2016 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=283272>. Michael here identifies flow as the paradigm of the higher dimensions.

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 4/5

January 22, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/01/22/the-ladder-of-consciousness-from-intellectuality-to-experience-to-realization-part-4-5/>



(Continued from Part 3, yesterday.)

Archangel Michael's discussion of the ladder of consciousness

Archangel Michael and I discussed the three levels of consciousness on *An Hour with an Angel* in 2017:

Steve Beckow: Well, you talked about 'truly knowing' and I just wonder if we don't need to clarify something here..., that when you say truly knowing you're not talking about intellectual knowledge, not even talking about having a feeling or an intuition or a sense of something. You're talking about something much deeper than that, right [i.e., realized knowledge]?

Archangel Michael: That is exactly what I am talking about. It is about the true, true knowing, wisdom. It has, well, I would say, nothing, but I will adjust that and say very little to do with emotionality or intellect or the mental body [i.e., experience or intellectuality]. It is heart-and-soul

knowing, what you call realization, what we might even hint at in terms [like] enlightenment, or illumination. (1)

The true knowing will filter through to your feelings and to your intellect and to your beautiful mental body, and reassure the ego and delightful personality that you are [OK]. It is a heart-and-soul knowing. ...

Truly knowing comes from the deepest and the highest part of yourself. It is where the union of your universal self, your higher self, your what you may think of as human self in your soul center comes together to inform you, if you wish to think of it that way, of truth. (2)

He's saying what it is by saying what it's not. I wouldn't even attempt to talk about realization itself. I couldn't speak a word about it because I don't know how to describe it.

I despaired of getting my mind around some of his teachings and shared my feelings with Michael.

Steve: How are we going to understand these things? They are so much higher than we can get our heads around.

Archangel Michael: There has been this slow dawning that has been underway for some time. You've had this experience. There is this slow dawning so that expansion, expansion, expansion, expansion [occurs] and then you reach the point of that expansion - that's stretching - but then you [become] capable of having that "aha" moment. And that "aha" moment is what many have referred to as "turning on the switch."

Steve: Yes, realized knowledge....

AAM: Yes.

Steve: Self-Realization is just a bigger, bigger, bigger, bigger realization but these "aha" moments are still realization, are they not?

AAM: That is correct. (2)

So far, Michael has confirmed the ladder of consciousness - Intellectuality, Experience, and Realization - and has shared that realization itself spans the range from the ordinary "Aha!" moment to merger with the One.

Tomorrow we'll look at the relationship between realization and manifestation.

If we were students of the Advaita Vedanta, the non-dual, we'd never look at such a subject. But we're what Indians would regard as householder servants of the Divine. We use manifestation in building Nova Earth. Hence we look at a subject that we'll probably draw on years from now.

(Concluded in Part 5, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) Just as I've been saying that transformative love has little to do with our ordinary states of love, Michael is here saying that realization has little to do with emotions or intellectuality as a whole. It exists in a higher domain of reality.

Archangel Michael in "Transcript ~ Archangel Michael: Peace is Love, May 11, 2017," Channeled by Linda Dillon, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/21/transcript-archangel-michael-peace-is-love-may-11-2017/>

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 23, 2016.

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 5/5

January 23, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/01/23/the-ladder-of-consciousness-from-intellectuality-to-experience-to-realization-part-5-5/>



Captain Janeway uses a replicator. Later on, we'll be able to manifest.

(Concluded from Part 4, yesterday.)

Manifestation doesn't come from intellectual or even experiential knowledge

As I said yesterday, if I were focused entirely on enlightenment as the object of life, I wouldn't mention the siddhis or psychic powers, such as manifestation. They're regarded by the dedicated seeker after enlightenment as being a distraction.

But we're lightworkers and interested in alleviating poverty and hunger in the world. Manifesting either using devices like the replicator or our own psychic abilities has an importance to us that it doesn't have to the dedicated seeker.

We're not here for our personal enlightenment. We've been enlightened in other lifetimes or we wouldn't be here, helping with an Ascension. We're here for service.

Though many may disagree with me, I find dualism a more useful philosophy to lightworkers than non-dualism. We talk to the Divine Mother, as the dualist would; we don't dismiss our talks as illusion, as the non-dualist might.

With this in mind, let's look at this most-useful power of manifestation, as it ties in with realization.

A mistake we're said to make is to expect the benefits that come from realization to come from intellectual or experiential knowledge; apparently they don't, the Arcturian Group informs us:

“Many in their spiritual enthusiasm, have made the mistake of trying to live the absolute before attaining the consciousness of it. Attaining a consciousness of absolute truth is the evolutionary journey. ... Truth begins as intellectual knowledge, but can never manifest into expression until realized.” (1)

“As with every aspect of spiritual evolution, intellectual knowledge of a truth is only the first step. You cannot sit in the absolute waiting for a bag of money to drop from the sky (although this could happen if you had the consciousness of it).

"Know the truth and then take whatever human footsteps you are guided to take, be it employment or assistance of some sort. Let your actions be what resonates with you, and not what others may be telling you to do for their guidance – as well meaning as it may be – is representative of their state of consciousness and not yours.” (2)

When, in the process of ascending, we become capable of tasting the spaces in the higher realms, our full reward will come, Diane of Sirius tells us. It will sweep away all thoughts of discord.

“Your full rewards will come to you as you begin to ascend, and a peace that knows no equal will settle upon you. No longer will you experience the discord and disharmony that is upon Earth, as in rising up you will sever your links with the lower vibrations. They will no longer serve you, and your vision will pull you towards the levels of Light that pervade the higher levels. You will find that you are at 'home' within them, and the

realization will dawn upon you that you have simply reawakened to what you already knew.” (3)

St. Germaine says that realization realigns the energies more fully to the Creator. I believe he’s talking about a deeper sort of realization than a mere “Aha!”

"A simple realization will create a powerful and magnificent transformation which would realign their energies more fully to the Creator and divine flow of the Universe, allowing a freedom which will be a release and a completion of the lessons of numerous past lifetimes.

“These souls will then feel the energy and essence of transformation and the freedom of the Creator pulsating throughout their being guiding them to support others in doing the same.” (4)

I can speak to that: Realizing higher-dimensional love, a person wants only to communicate it and have others share in it, “guiding them to support others in doing the same.” I know that from experience - and realization.

The Arcturian Group inform us that:

“Where there is an attained consciousness (not intellectual knowledge) of oneness, with Divine completeness, there is abundance, for the door has been opened. New and better ideas begin to flow effortlessly to all aspects of life, and those things necessary seem to somehow be there when needed.” (5)

So, if we're lightworkers wondering when we'll be able to manifest, the Arcturian Group has just told us. The door will be opened when we have attained and are complete with oneness. Time to use all we know to help us realize oneness.

They go on to explain:

“Every spiritual idea of Divine Consciousness is embodied within every soul – abundance, joy, peace, wholeness, harmony, completeness etc. etc. The realization (not simply intellectual knowledge) of this is then translated by mind into forms that are understandable and personal to the individual.

“Example; A conscious realization of abundance as being an omnipresent quality of Source will manifest in the forms needed by an individual, forms he can relate to.” (6)

The realization of abundance will bring abundance. I'd assume the realization of peace would bring peace, and so on. That's when we lightworkers will begin to manifest, as far as I can see. (7)

Again, if we were seekers after enlightenment, this discussion would be irrelevant. But as people who'll be building a new Earth, the ability to see our desires for the highest good manifest comes to have more significance.

To summarize, consciousness resembles a ladder in that intellectuality only provides some satisfaction and occupies a lower vibration than the other two; experience - the next step up - provides more satisfaction and is a higher vibration; and realization provides more satisfaction than we can probably imagine and is the highest vibration of the three.

In this series, our sources have discussed the relative merits of each and described what realization is and what the deeper forms of it bring in their train.

Seeing spiritual practice as movement up this ladder is not only useful to people seeking enlightenment or Self-Realization. It's useful to anyone serving the Divine Mother, any lightworker as well.

Knowing about this three-level ladder of consciousness is useful to us spiritually and practically. Since there are levels of realization, its study is just a door in to a much wider field.

Footnotes

(1) The Arcturian Group. Channelled by Marilyn Raffaele, January 10, 2016, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/01/11/the-arcturian-group-via-marilyn-raffaele-january-10-2016/>.

(2) Ibid., March 20, 2016, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/03/21/arcturian-group-via-marilyn-raffaele-march-20-2016/>

(3) Diane of Sirius, Feb. 2, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(4) "St. Germain: Are You a Member of the Team of Transformation in Embodiment?" Channeled by Natalie Glasson, November 11, 2016, at <https://www.omna.org/latest-weekly-channeled-message/>

(5) Arcturian Group, May 7, 2017, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/07/arcturian-group-message-through-marilyn-raffaele-for-may-7-2017/>

(6) Ibid., March 12, 2017, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/03/12/arcturian-group-message-through-marilyn-raffaele-31217/>

(7) I emphasize this because many times I've been asked when we'll be able to manifest. After the realization of oneness, which I'd imagine corresponds to Ascension. Just a guess. Until then we pool and share.

⌘ Cross-Cultural Articles ⌘

Was Akhenaten a Worshipper of the Sun? Surely Not

July 27, 2019 (18 July 2002)

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/07/27/was-akhenaten-a-worshipper-of-the-sun-surely-not/>



The subject of Akhenaten arises periodically, most recently in an online assertion that Moses was Akhenaten.

I don't know about that, but I do believe Akhenaten to have been misunderstood all these years. He's represented as a heretic king who destroyed Egypt.

Back in 2002 I attempted to correct the record. Akhenaten was an enlightened sage who was misrepresented by religious interests whom his (non-dualistic) views threatened.

Written: 18 July 2002

Last Revised: 31 December 2005

“Worshipper of the Sun”

It seems to me quite a common view of Amenhotep, later Pharaoh Akhenaten, that he was a "worshipper of the sun." The notion seems to have arisen because he performed a worship of the sun in the morning.

But surely he was not a simple sun worshipper. Surely something much deeper was intended by his words and deeds, something that may have escaped us.

National Geographic quotes him as saying:

"Oh living Aten, who initiates life.... Oh, sole god, without another beside him! You create the Earth according to your wish.... You are in my heart, and there is none who knows you except your son." (1)

It is said that he spoke these words as the sun rose. But was he a worshipper of the outer, physical sun or the inner, spiritual sun, that is interimly the Self and ultimately God?

Oh living Aten, who initiates life.

Who initiated life? Ultimately, God the Father did, is that not so? Do not the Upanishads, which predate Akhenaten, say that "the whole universe came forth from [God] and moves in [God]"? (2)

Oh, sole god, without another beside him!

Who is the sole god, without another beside him? The Heavenly Father is One without a second, is He not? Is there any difference between what Akhenaten said and what Isaiah said? "I am God, and there is none else." (3) Or Sri Shankara: "[God] alone is real. There is none but He." (4) Surely what Akhenaten is saying is that only God exists; there are not two, but only One. "Hear, Oh Israel, the Lord thy God. The Lord is One."

You create the Earth according to your wish.

Did He not create the Earth (and the heavens) according to His wish? Observes Solomon: "The Lord ... hath founded the earth." (5) Says Shankara: "[God] is the cause of the evolution of the universe, its preservation and its dissolution." (6)

You are in my heart.

Does He not reside in the heart of each being as the Immortal Self? Sri Krishna declares: "The Lord lives in the heart of every creature." (7) Or the Upanishads: "The Supreme Person, ... the Innermost Self, dwells forever in the heart of all beings."(8)

There is none who knows you except your son.

Where is the difference between saying that "there is none who knows you except your son" and saying, with Jesus, "no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son." (9) This same Son, this Christ, this Pearl of great price and treasure buried in a field -- is not this the immortal Self, the Son of God?

Akhetaten....

When Akhenaten says, "I shall make [the royal city of] Akhetaten for the Aten, my father, in this place," is he referring to his earthly father or to his Heavenly Father, whom he revered?

The rising of the Sun....

I do not believe that Akhenaten worshipped the physical star we call the "sun." However, if you look at the sun, it exactly resembles, I am told, the sight of the Self in enlightenment. (AA) It is the most obvious symbol for the experience of enlightenment of all symbols that I can think of. It itself is no appropriate thing to worship; it is a metaphor for the Self, the Prince of Peace, the Atman.

Other sages who worshipped the "sun"

Here are other examples of enlightened sages using the sun as a teaching device, as, in my opinion, Akhenaten did. They also are not "sun worshippers."

When we hear Sri Ramakrishna, let us recall that he was talking to a circle of very precocious spiritual aspirants, unlike Akhenaten who was probably talking to people around him who understood little of what he was saying. Probably unlike Akhenaten, Sri Ramakrishna was an avatar, who descended with what he called his "merry band" of special souls.

Paramahansa Ramakrishna

As long as you live inside the house of maya, as long as there exists the cloud of maya, you do not see the effect of the Sun of Knowledge. Come outside the house of maya, ... and then the Sun of Knowledge will destroy ignorance. (11)

Bodhidharma

In the body of mortals is the indestructible buddha-nature. Like the sun, its light fills endless space. But once veiled by the dark clouds of the five shades [the five shades refers to the five bodily coverings of a mortal], it's like a light inside a jar, hidden from view. (10)

Sri Krishna

When the light of the Atman
Drives out our darkness
That light shines forth from us,
A sun in splendour,
The revealed Brahman. (12)

The Upanishads

As the sun, revealer of all objects to the seer, is not harmed by the sinful eye, nor by the impurities of the objects it gazes on, so the one Self, dwelling in all, is not touched by the evils of the world. For he transcends all. (13)

Yung-chia Ta-Shin

The Inner Light ... knows no boundaries,
Yet it is ever here, within us,
Ever retaining its serenity and fulness. (14)

There is a unity among the sayings of these enlightened sages. Are they not all describing, in different words, the same one ultimate Reality, a Reality known perhaps to Akhenaten?

I suggest that the inner sun, the Buddha-nature, Brahman, the Supreme Self is what Akhenaten knew, just as Bodhidharma knew it, Pseudo-Dionysius, Plotinus, Apollonius of Tyana, St. Augustine, St. John of the Cross, etc. It is hidden from most men; it is seen in the experience of enlightenment.

Enlightenment and the Trinity of Levels

Akhenaten's statements in his poem to the sun are those we might hear from any enlightened sage we may investigate. Yes, of course, only he could communicate with the Aten. Only an enlightened individual can "know" God. Another name for "enlightenment" is "God-realization." Those who are enlightened KNOW God.

I define enlightenment as an event in which we perceive, in a sudden discontinuity of knowledge, a spiritual reality beyond this material dimension. It could be a glimpse of one of three realities, which Christians call the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and Hindus Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

Rearranging this order and using generic terms, it could be a glimpse of the Child of God (the Son, the Atman), God the Mother (Holy Spirit, Shakti), or God the Father (the Father, Brahman). These three levels have been called the Transcendent (Father), the Phenomenal (Mother), and the Transcendent in the Phenomenal (Child). (15) Enlightenment could also be of a level of Reality beyond these three, like Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi, for instance.

Enlightenment opens up communication with what Hindus call (interestingly, given Akhenaten's use of the term Aten) the Atman, which Jesus called the Prince of peace, the Pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field (of the body), the mustard seed, and the leaven that leavened the whole loaf.

Having seen the Light of the Christ or Atman, we put aside all desires for anything else than to fully experience it and find that meditating on it (or pursuing some other spiritual practice) makes that discrete point of brilliant light (the Child) turn into a light that suffuses all creation (the Mother) and thence to a light that utterly transcends creation (the Father). We've found the treasure buried in the field. We've sold all that we owned and have bought field and treasure.

Does any enlightened master, apart from Jesus, support this conjecture that knowing the Christ or inner sun leads to knowledge of the Father or transcendent sun? Here's medieval mystic Jan Ruusbroec on the subject:

“In the abyss of this darkness in which the loving spirit has died to itself, God's revelation and eternal life have their origin, for in this darkness an incomprehensible light is born and shines forth; this is the Son of God, in whom a person becomes able to see and to contemplate eternal life.

“It is Christ, the light of truth, who says, ‘See,’ and it is through him that we are able to see, for he is the light of the Father, without which there is no light in heaven or on earth. (16)

Zoroaster called the inner sun "Fire the Son of God." (17) Look at the misunderstanding which surrounds him. A scholar as wise as Sir Leonard Wooley can say, misunderstanding Zoroaster's description as many Egyptians probably did Akhenaten's, that Zoroaster worshipped "embodied fire." (18) “Fire the Son of God” is not embodied fire and it's no different from the inner sun that Akhenaten may have seen.

Here are other examples of the use of a fire metaphor to describe the inner sun, Christ, or Atman. Biblical prophets called it a "firebrand plucked from the burning" (19) and "the fire ... ever ... burning upon the altar" of the heart. (20)

Modern masters have called it the “divine spark buried deep in every soul.” (21) Krishnamurti called it “the Star.” His description of his enlightenment is very compelling. Perhaps it may have happened to Akhenaten the same way.

“I sat crosslegged in the meditation posture. When I had sat thus for some time, I felt myself going out of my body. I saw myself [with the inner eye] sitting down with the delicate tender leaves of the tree over me.

“I was facing the east. In front of me was my body and over my head I saw the Star, bright and clear. ... There was such profound calmness both in the air and within myself, the calmness of the bottom of a deep and unfathomable lake. Like the lake, I felt my physical body, with its mind and emotions, could be ruffled on the surface but nothing, nay nothing, could disturb the calmness of my soul. ...

“I was supremely happy, for I had seen. Nothing could ever be the same. I have drunk at the clear and pure waters at the source of the fountain of life and my thirst was appeased. Never more could I be thirsty, never more could I be in utter darkness; I have seen the Light.

“I have touched compassion which heals all sorrow and suffering.... Love in all its glory has intoxicated my heart; my heart can never be closed. I have drunk at the fountain of Joy and eternal Beauty. I am God-intoxicated.” (22)

It is this "incomprehensible light" which Akhenaten attempts to make known to Egyptians who do not know it. This light of the sun, seen in the first experience of enlightenment, opens up and becomes a transcendent light, in a further, more transformative experience of the Father. The Son proves to be the truth, the way, and the life – the doorway to the Father, with which it is one.

I have said that all enlightened sages know the same thing. Let me end with a quote from Sri Yukteswar Giri, on the unity of religions.

“There is an essential unity in all religions; ... there is no difference in the truths inculcated by the various faiths; ... there is but one method by which the world, external and internal, has evolved; and ... there is but one Goal admitted by all scriptures.” (23)

Summary

To summarize, I submit that Pharaoh Akhenaten was an enlightened man, who had knowledge of the Heavenly Father through mystical insight, as did all the world's saints and sages. He had this experience, as they all did, when the Inner sun of the Self arose, not on the earthly horizon, but on the inner horizon of the heart.

That first mystical vision led him eventually to Aten, the Father. The religion that he initiated, which was overthrown after his death, was the worship of the same Heavenly Father that all mystics and masters through eternity have revered.

Seeing him in this way eliminates the difficulties inherent in casting him as a mere worshipper of the sun and restores to him his true accomplishment: he fulfilled the

purpose of life -- to realize God. That his contemporaries did not give him his due is unfortunate.

But, with the benefit of thousands of years of spiritual learning, we have the opportunity to set that unfortunate circumstance straight and give Akhenaten his true place in history, along with such other enlightened mystics as Solomon, Socrates, Jesus, and Buddha.

Footnotes

(1) National Geographic, April 2001.

(2) Prabhavananda, Swami and Frederick Manchester, trans. *The Upanishads. Breath of the Eternal*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1957; c1948, 23. (Hereafter UPAN.)

(3) Isaiah 5:22.

(4) Prabhavananda, Swami, and Christopher Isherwood. *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, 69. (Hereafter CJD.)

(5) Proverbs 3:19.

(6) CJD, 75-6.

(7) Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans. *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 129. (Hereafter BG.)

(8) UPAN, 24.

(9) Luke 9:22.

(10) Pine, Red, trans. *The Zen Teachings of Bodhidharma*. Port Townsend, WA. Empty Bowl, 1987, 39.

(AA) Since this article was written (at Xenia Retreat Center, on Sept. 18, 2018 to be exact) I saw the Self or inner Sun and the sight of it is worth turning down a kingdom for, as the Buddha said. I believe that Akhenaten's experience was deeper than mine. Mine was fourth chakra; I suspect that his was seventh-chakra.

- (11) Nikhilananda, Swami, trans. *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 583.
- (12) BG, 59.
- (13) UPAN, 22.
- (14) Huxley, Aldous. *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 8.
- (15) See, Swami Nikhilananda, Nikhilananda, Swami. *Hinduism. Its Meaning for the Liberation of the Spirit*. Madras: Sri Ramakrishna Math, 1968, 29. Also Paramahansa Yogananda, Yogananda, Paramahansa. *The Second Coming of Christ*. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979, 1, 89-90
- (16) Wiseman, James A. *John Ruusbroec. The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1985, 147 and 74.
- (17) “Yes, we worship the Creator Ahuramazda, and the Fire His Son.” (Zoroaster in Greenlees, Duncan. *The Gospel of Zarathushtra*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1978, 46.)
- (18) Sir Leonard Woolley, *Ur of the Chaldees*. NY: Mentor Books, 105.
- (19) Amos 4:11
- (20) Leviticus 6:13.
- (21) Aivanhov, Omraam Mikhael. *Love and Sexuality, Part 1*. Frejus Cedex: Editions Prosveta, 1987, Part 1, 22.
- (22) Lutyens, Mary. *Krishnamurti: The Years of Awakening*. New York: Avon, 1975, 171-2.
- (23) Yukteswar Giri, Swami Sri. *The Holy Science*. Los Angeles: Self-Realization Fellowship, 1984, 3.

Higher Realms have “Rulers” but No Fixed Boundaries

September 13, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/09/13/higher-realms-have-rulers-but-no-fixed-boundaries/>



Credit: independent.co.uk

The very same event can turn out radically differently if the parties' intentions are different.

For instance, world government under the illuminati would be a disaster for the world at large.

But world government in the Fifth Dimension and higher is a very loose and much more exact arrangement that benefits everyone. (1)

It's very loose because not as much government is needed and it's much more exact because our auras and our thoughts are visible so there's no guesswork and no possibility of manipulation.

I know more about the Fourth Dimension on the Astral Plane than the Fifth. It's different from our physical Fourth Dimension in that they're unencumbered by

these heavy, dense bodies. Imagine you traded a suit of armor for a gossamer robe. That's about the difference between the physical and astral bodies.

We haven't received a lot of reports of what life is like in the Fifth, but we have an ample body of literature on the astral plane. (2)

In the first place there are no national boundaries. There are discrete areas - deserts, seashores, mountains, valleys, and so on. And often the same folks who live in them on Earth live in them on the other side.

There are no fixed dimensional boundaries either. All is energetic. Travelling from one dimension to a higher one could have a person experience enough discomfort that they'd be obliged to turn back. That's the only "boundary."

There's no disease, hunger, or fatigue so much less work for "government" to do. Besides people can create what they need through thought.

Until we're in the Fifth Dimension, we'll soon have replicators. After Ascension, there'll be no need for them.

My impression of almost any higher-dimensional government that I've heard of is that it's conciliar with one person, acknowledged for mastery of the divine states, at its head. I know of one ascended master (I'm not sure I have his permission to name him) who is the head of a council which is two dimensions numerically lower than the one he inhabits.

Ashtar (not the master in question) is transcendental and yet he's commanding a ship in a much lower density. (3)

This pattern of a higher-dimensional presiding officer is, in my research, common. Here's Msgr Robert Hugh Benson on the matter:

"The natural laws are not the only means of what might be called government here. We have rulers. ... Each realm has its ruler. That's not a strictly accurate term, though we *do* use it. ... He doesn't [strictly rule]. He *presides*, and that is very different. I'm talking about the realms of light now. You can see for yourself how much pleasanter and easier it makes life.

"No falling of one government merely to make way for another equally bad or stupid or ineffective. No political fanatics with insane and inane ideas and, what is most important, no individuals holding office who are totally unfitted for it. If the people of earth would like to settle some of their worst problems, the spirit world could give them a hint or two on how to do it." (4)

Nothing is hidden on the astral planes. A ruler must be virtuous, as Msgr Benson tells us:

"A ruler must possess a great deal of knowledge and experience of humanity, and in addition he must always be able to exercise wise discretion in dealing with the various matters that come before him. And all the ruler's experience and knowledge, all his sympathy and understanding, are ever at the disposal of the inhabitants of his realm, while his kindness and infinite patience are always in evidence. This great soul is ever accessible to any who wish to consult him or who bring him their problems for solution." (5)

If we project our Third-Dimensional ideas onto the higher planes, we'll most likely be inaccurate. Why is that?

Most importantly because they don't take into account the environment these people are living in: They're bathed forever in an ocean of love. When you factor that in, all of what is said about the higher dimensions comes to life and becomes understandable.

So the higher realms have rulers but no fixed or national boundaries.

I'm not suggesting that we drop boundaries tomorrow. But, if we make income distribution equitable worldwide, medical care free, same with education, elder care, etc., then the need for boundaries over time will lessen. Eventually the nation-state may become obsolete and then extinct, having died a natural death.

That's the way I see it and, as with so much, I think we need to concern ourselves with the time between now and our entry into those dimensions. We're building the conditions right now that will support and make peaceful the emergence of that new environment.

Footnotes

(1) "One World Government or One World Government - Choose."

(2) See "New Maps of Heaven Bibliography" at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=New_Maps_of_Heaven_Bibliography

(3) Ashtar: What we have done is we have brought our vibrations to the fifth dimension in order to be at a place where we can meet you. If you are to think of the human realm and what is available currently to you, if you were looking for me, I would be out of the realm of human experience. So, let us make that clear as well.

Steve Beckow: That means above the twelfth dimension, is that correct?

A: That is correct. ("An Introduction to Enlightenment and the Trinity – Part 2/2," May 14, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/05/14/an-introduction-to-enlightenment-and-the-trinity-part-22/>.)

(4) Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson to new arrival Roger in Benson through Anthony Borgia, medium, *More About Life in the World Unseen*. San Francisco: H.G. White, 1956; c1968, 147.

(5) Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson through Anthony Borgia, medium, *Life in the World Unseen*. M.A.P., 1993, 130.

Did the Buddha Believe in God?

September 22, 2010

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/09/22/did-the-buddha-believe-in-god/>



I wanted to share what arose for me out of a friendly discussion with a Buddhist acquaintance over whether the Buddha had a conception of God. Some people believe that he had none.

I personally don't share that view and thought it would be enjoyable to review some of the statements in which he appears to acknowledge a belief in God – well, not a belief really, as we think of it, because Buddha would have experienced God directly and profoundly and passed beyond belief.

Far from being a non-believer in God, the Buddha acknowledged “one common essence” (1) which he, with his deeply-penetrating spiritual insight, was able to see and know. As far as I can see, this "one common essence" was God, as he implies in this further statement:

“If we examine the origin of anything in all the universe, we find that it is but a manifestation of some primal essence. Even the tiny leaves of herbs, knots of threads, everything, if we examine them carefully we find that

there is some essence in its originality. Even open space is not nothingness. How can it be then that the wonderful, pure, tranquil and enlightened Mind, which is the source of all conceptions of manifested phenomena, should have no essence of itself?" (2)

In my view, the phrases "one common essence" and "primal essence" suggest knowledge of God.

To the best of my knowledge, the Buddha used Vipassana meditation to look ever more deeply into the structure of his own mind, and, when he reached the point where no wave (or *vriddhi*) arose in it, he saw his own "essence" or "nature." Having seen it, he could declare:

"The Essential Intuitive Mind [possesses] its own mysterious Enlightening Nature, and ... the attainment to this Essential Intuitive Mind unveils this mysterious Enlightening Nature." (3)

I take this "mysterious enlightening nature" again to be God.

According to him, were there no God, "primal essence" or "mysterious enlightening nature," there could be no possible escape from the self with its threefold suffering of sickness, old age, and death. He describes that "essence" with negatives.

"Monks, there is a not-born, a not-become, a not-made, a not-compounded. Monks, if that unborn, not-become, not-made, not-compounded were not, there would be apparent no escape from this, here, that is born, become, made, compounded." (4)

Keep in mind that the Buddha, by the time he left for the forest, had already studied with great Hindu saints. He had by then achieved Brahmajñana, the enlightenment that comes with the rise of the kundalini to the Seventh or Crown Chakra. Yet he still detected movement in the mind and remained unsatisfied.

He turned down the offer of his guru to become his successor and inherit the ashram, preferring instead to become a mendicant and finish the work of enlightenment.

During his sojourn in the forest, he set out to eliminate all waves in the mind and, when he did so, he achieved a level of enlightenment which I believe to have been *sahaja samadhi* (although I could be wrong). It is a permanent state of enlightenment. It occurs when the kundalini passes beyond the Seventh Chakra and comes to rest in the spiritual heart or *hridayam* (not the Fourth or Heart Chakra).

In my opinion, other achievers of *sahaja* include Sri Ramana Maharshi, Bernadette Roberts, and Franklin Merrell-Woolf.



Bernadette Roberts

The Buddha could now say “I have obtained deliverance by the extinction of self.” (5)

If he had only attained Brahmajnana, the “self” he extinguished would be the “lower self” or ego. But the self he transcended was more than that. He had extinguished the Higher “Self” and attained what Bernadette Roberts called the “No-Self.” This the Buddha referred to as “supreme Enlightenment.” (6)

Referring to her own experiences, Bernadette Roberts, another modern-day Buddha, explains that level of enlightenment this way:

“I came upon a permanent state in which there was no self, not even a higher self, a true self, or anything that could be called a self. Clearly, I had fallen outside my own, as well as the traditional, frame of reference when I

came upon a path that seemed to begin where the writers on the contemplative life had left off.” (7)

The Buddha's guru was unable to take him past Brahmajnana so the Buddha needed to go off into the forest to complete his journey. Two millennia later, Bernadette Roberts was unable to find a teacher who could help her complete the journey, and, like the Buddha before her, went off into the forest and finished the task herself. (8)

Footnotes

(1) The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 283.

(2) Ibid., 126.

(3) Ibid., 182.

(4) The Buddha in Trevor Ling, *The Buddha's Philosophy of Man. Early Indian Buddhist Dialogues*. London, etc.: Dent, 1981, xiii. (Hereafter BPM.)

(5) The Buddha to Upaka, the first monk he met after enlightenment, in Paul Carus, *The Gospel of Buddha According to Old Records*. Tucson: Omen Press, 1972, 37.

(6) The Buddha in BPM, 154.

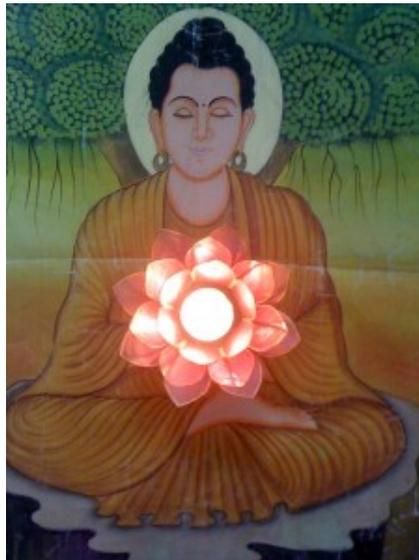
(7) Bernadette Roberts, *The Experience of No-Self. A Contemplative Journey*. Boston and London: Shamballa, 1985, 10. (Hereafter ENS.)

(8) See Bernadette Roberts, ENS and *Path to No-Self*. Boston and London: Shamballa, 1985.

Both Sides of the Veil and All the Dimensions

May 26, 2019

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/05/26/both-sides-of-the-veil-and-all-the-dimensions/>



Buddhahood: A full and permanent heart opening

A friend came over who doesn't like the language of Ascension. So I put the matter to her in what I hoped were good Buddhist terms.

According to me, Ascension in Buddhist terms is nirvana, buddhahood, escape from the wheel of birth and death.

"Nirvana," like the Christian term, "heaven," refers to the Fifth Dimension and higher.

The Third/Fourth Dimension is a dimension in which we need to be physically born. On higher dimensions this need to die and be physically reborn isn't a feature, probably to everyone's relief!

Seventh-chakra enlightenment, called Brahmajnana or God Realization, is the end of chakra-based enlightenment. But it's not the end of Third Dimensionality. It's not liberation or moksha.

Buddhists would call it arahantship and point out that it's preliminary to buddhahood

Only at Ascension - which, in Hindu terms, equates to Sahaja Samadhi - is there a full and permanent heart opening, beyond the seven-chakra system. Only the full and eternal opening of the heart ends the need to be reborn by destroying all the seeds (vasanas) of future action.

Christians would call it "resurrection" and "salvation," the Bible's words for Ascension. Jesus ascended. Now all of us, at the end of the age, are following in his footsteps, except - mercifully - we need no longer die first. As the Arcturian Group said recently:

"Up to now individuals had to physically die in order to ascend to a higher dimension, but at this powerful time mankind is ascending while in physical body" (1)



What the discussion with my friend showed me was that we need a common language to discuss matters like Ascension and Disclosure. "Arahants" and "aliens" won't do a globally-connected generation.

We need an awake and aware cross-cultural spirituality, covering both sides of the veil and all dimensions and civilizations, making sense to all ages, genders, and races.

It needs to explain the mysteries of life, such as the nature of the Trinity. (2) It needs to explain the purpose of life. (3)

It needs to lay out the various pathways to the knowledge of God - past the level of our Ascension. (4) And it needs to explain the various experiences we encounter along the way so those who haven't studied enlightenment know what just happened to them.

It needs to connect the dots among the Earth's existing paths and show how spiritual realities are changing as we ascend dimensionally.

It needs to somehow take into account the various ways the Divine communicates its message of understanding and encouragement.

And it needs to do all this without judging other paths, placing one above another, or creating new hierarchies.

Footnotes

(1) "Arcturian Group Message via Marilyn Raffaele, April 21, 2019," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/04/21/arcturian-group-message-via-marilyn-raffaele-april-21-2019/>

(2) The terms Father/Son/Holy Ghost and Brahman/Atman/Shakti refer to levels of Reality, rather than "persons."

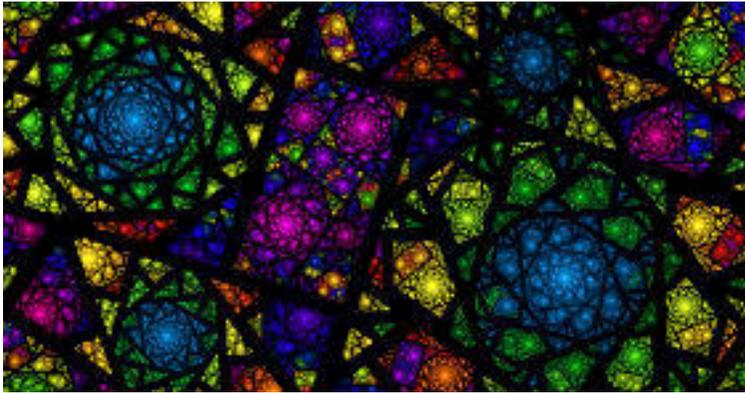
(3) To know who we are (God). God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment ("O Thou I!").

(4) The path Home goes past the twelve dimensions.

An Ethnography of Ascension

October 8, 2015

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/10/08/an-ethnography-of-ascension/>



Ethnography is defined as "the study and systematic recording of human cultures; also : a descriptive work produced from such research."

Ethnography is one subdiscipline within the discipline of anthropology.

As a former cultural historian, I saw culture as an organization of ideas, manifest in act and artifact though consisting of neither, through which human beings understand their world and take purposive action.

Every society has a culture. We're creating a new form of society, without borders, without racial, gender or other biases, and ascended. That society will have its own culture and lightworkers, by their thoughts and actions, are creating it as we speak.

What does "ascended" mean? Ascension for me means a radical, transformative, and reorganizing expansion of consciousness. This expansion removes one, for the time it's experienced, from the vibrational frequency of the Third and Fourth Dimensions and leaves one in the vibrational frequency of the Fifth or higher.

Along with this elevation of consciousness comes the experience of states of being like love, bliss, happiness, tranquillity, satisfaction, and aliveness, native to us but only experienced in these higher vibrational regions.

When ethnographers enter a new village, and I'm guessing at this, they begin by first orienting themselves. They make notes of all they see, usually without trying to impose a form on it. So I shall begin by making notes of all I've noticed about ascension so far without imposing a form on it either.

First of all, it's been my experience that ascension occurs primarily because of, and in a moment of, release. It isn't something that requires effort, struggle, labor, exertion. One releases oneself into ascension.

Secondly, strong determination contributes to ascension (what Buddhists call, if I remember correctly, *adiktan*). We have to be 100% resolved to ascend, not 90% or even 99%.

If you had a bicycle tire that was 90% whole and had a gash in it over 10% of the area, the bicycle could not be ridden. Even a gash of 1% in the tire would still mean it couldn't be ridden. To ride the bike, the tire must be unpunctured over 100% of its area.

So with ascension, one must be 100% resolved to ascend. Without that, there's not the "juice," the resolve, the determination to ascend and the action doesn't happen.

The mother who lifts the car off her child has found the juice to do it. And the universe moves in support of her. To make the universe move in response to our resolve, that resolve must be 100%.

That's why certain practices are useful. Making a promise, commitment, or declaration, taking a stand, sharing a withhold, telling the truth at a deep level - these stir the soul and well position a strongly-determined person to ascend. Any indecision or wishy washiness and the air goes out of the tire.

Third, the practice of the divine qualities are essential to create the most fertile ground in which the seed of ascension can blossom.

For Buddhists, the divine qualities are more than simply *sila* or morality. That's at best a matter of integrity - necessary but not sufficient. More is needed.

The divine qualities are what Buddha called the *paramits* or virtues. These must be practiced for there to be air in the tire or fertile ground to plant the seed in.

Fourth, there will be different experiences of ascension with different people. For Paul, (1) ascension landed him in a different place. For me, ascension (2) was an expansion of consciousness and experience with no perception of landing in a different place. I stayed right here. Undoubtedly people's experiences will vary.

After my third apparent trip through the ascension portal, I attended the Vancouver meet-up, at which another member related experiences which were almost exactly the same as mine. So some have similar experiences; some have different.

Fifth, being in sacred partnership magnifies and multiplies the results of spiritual practice. Love is the royal road to ascension, in my view. It's what allowed my sacred partner and I to climb the ladder of Jacob's consciousness and reach the ascended state. There 's no road more direct and promising, as far as I'm concerned; love in relationship is especially fertile.

After Brahmajnana, or God-Realization comes Ascension itself - Sahaja Samadhi or our natural state. This event happens deeper into the Fifth Dimension - i.e., more subplanes in.

Upon the attainment of Sahaja, we're liberated. Hindus call this moksha or mukti; Buddhists, nirvana; Christians, Salvation, Resurrection, and Redemption. It's the death of our root vasanas or core issues.

That's probably enough for one go. These are noticeings from having landed in what was said to be the ascended state. These noticing, from me and others, can eventually be gathered together to produce an ethnography of ascension. That's where I'm aiming my efforts.

Footnotes

(1) Paul, "My Ascension Story: A Glimpse Of Nova Earth," Oct. 4, 2015 at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/10/04/a-glimpse-of-nova-earth/>.

(2) I have apparently ascended a few times: in a meditation retreat (7th Dimension), at the outset of the heart opening (5th Dimension), and upon drowning in the Ocean of Love (7th Dimension). I believe the 1987 vision of the total journey of an individual soul from God to God may also have been higher-dimensional.

I say this on the basis of verification from Archangel Michael. I myself would be unable to say what's so: there's no way of knowing what dimension one is on solely from one's experience. And I report these experiences, I can now say given that we have the language, for ethnographic reasons, to have a record of new explorations, and not to puff myself.

Here are some of those discussions with Michael and the Arcturians:

Proof of Toning Down/Moderating Experiences

Steve: Ordinarily you would experience Brahmajnana at that point [the kundalini's activation of the seventh chakra] but I felt that it had been muted, toned down.

Archangel Michael: Completely toned down. We want you very physically present. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 30, 2015.)

Higher-Dimensional Experiences

Steve: I had an experience at a meditation workshop in which I felt regal. It was a partial experience. Can you tell me what that part of me was I accessed. ...

AAM: Your highest Self, your Oversoul.

Steve: So that was an experience of the Oversoul.

AAM: Yes. (Ibid., Sept. 13, 2011.)

AAM: The part that ... many would call an oversoul [is the part] that would remain in the Source energy [that is, the higher-dimensional love such as the Ocean of Love I was in later, in March 2015]. (Ibid., Oct. 11, 2011.)

The Arcturians: Seventh [Dimension] is your oversoul. (The Arcturians in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Sue Lie, March 17, 2013.)

⌘ Creating a Global Conversation ⌘

Clarity, Purity, and Love: The Basic Spiritual Movement Restated

December 5, 2013

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/12/05/clarity-purity-and-love-the-basic-spiritual-movement-restated/>



It is truly a privilege to speak to the Divine Mother, who treats one with kid gloves and is easing the curtain aside more and more to reveal some of the mysteries of life to us.

I also know that when I ask her a question that would be considered at all complex or mystical, she expects me to explain what I'm driving at on the blog. And I did ask her one of those on the show today. So let me explain here.

The Mother has revealed that she is sending us three more or less consecutive waves of energy. The first is the baptism of clarity. The second is a double helping of clarity plus a baptism of purity. And the third is a baptism of love.

I expect that the third wave will turn out to be what others are calling "the Event," but that's just a guess on my part.

But there is something very familiar about the order in which this is happening and even about the double helping of clarity. Let me explain.

Hindus like Shankara, Sri Ramakrishna and many modern Hindu masters will tell you that there is a basic movement to spirituality. (1) The way I put their three steps is: Discriminate between the Real and unreal; detach from the unreal; and attach or devote yourself to the Real.

Hindu masters don't say it exactly that way. Let me give the example of Sri Ramakrishna to show how it's contained in what he says, but said a mite differently. In my own version, I've extrapolated from what he says.

“One may enter the world after attaining discrimination and dispassion [i.e., detachment]. In the ocean of the world there are six alligators: lust, anger, and so forth. But you need not fear the alligators if you smear your body with turmeric.

“Discrimination is the knowledge of what is real and what is unreal. It is the realization that God alone is the real and eternal Substance, and that all else is unreal, transitory, impermanent.

“And you must cultivate intense zeal for God [i.e., devotion]. You must feel love for Him and be attracted to Him. ... Yearning is all you need in order to realize Him.” (2)

Now why a second helping of discrimination? Well, first of all, enlightenment is the purpose of life. And the acquisition of the discrimination needed to realize the Self is the purpose of physical life; i.e, the purpose of incarnating in a physical body. Sri Krishna says: "Lose discrimination, and you miss life's only purpose." (3)

And: "I regard discrimination between Field [physical body] and Knower [soul, Atman or Christ] as the highest kind of knowledge." (4)

Discrimination playing such a central role in life and being the foundation upon which all else rests in achieving the purpose of life, I can appreciate why an extra helping of it is in order.

Let's now look perhaps at what the Divine Mother is doing, as far as I can see. She's sending us three waves of energy: clarity, purity, and love. Is this not accomplishing the basic spiritual movement of life? Is clarity not discrimination between the Real and the unreal? Is purity not detachment from the unreal? Is love not attachment or devotion to the Real?

I asked her if I was offbase in this appraisal and she replied:

“No, dear angel, you are not offbase in the slightest. ... You are on track. There are many different pathways, which has been part of the richness of the discovery and the Hindu path of this understanding is very insightful and accurate.”

Well, that statement for me represents a very significant contribution from the Mother to the cross-cultural understanding of what life is all about and every time the Mother validates a piece of that particular puzzle, I personally feel ecstatic ... and need to sing about it.

On “the Event,” she said:

“The Event is a tsunami of love, but it is not a singular event. This has been in preparation and this preparation did not simply begin with my gift of clarity.”

That said, I'd expect the wave of purity to come next and the wave of love to come after it, which is to say, “the Event” will come after this current wave of purity. Not like I'd be willing to venture a date.

Lastly, I'm not sure if you noticed how slowly the Divine Mother was speaking. I interpret that to mean that she is letting more and more of her essence through as we mature in our ability to hear and understand her. I tremble to think what she'll be telling us a month or two from now as we expand further in understanding and soul growth.

And just before I go chop wood and draw water, let me answer a question from a reader who says that they didn't feel any difference after the wave of clarity.

Actually, the soul does not traffic in "feelings." What impacts the soul does not necessarily show up for us as something we feel.

I do experience a terrific difference myself, even at the feeling level. I feel much greater amounts of love compared to what I felt previously. Of course this is helped quite a bit by a new spiritual partnership.

But even without that, I experience my clarity having increased. But again clarity cannot be directly or easily detected at a feeling level.

We're accustomed to using our largely Third-Dimensional senses and other 3D criteria to assess what's happening and it isn't happening from or at a Third-Dimensional level. That makes matters difficult and can be frustrating.

I get that it's hard for many people to find how to assess or feel what we're going through. It's hard for me too. I'm actually not sure what to say about how to detect the difference because I'm not that knowledgeable in these matters myself. Hopefully I will be soon, but then so will you be!!! In the sense that we'll all emerge into our mastership, all of us commentators have, in a way, our "best before" date!

But patience remains important as we pass through these processes which largely don't succumb to our understanding or allow detection by our physical senses.

Footnotes

(1) See for instance the quotes under "Discriminate between the Unreal and the Real, Detach from the Unreal, and Devote Yourself to the Real - Three Prerequisites for knowing God" at [https://goldengaiadb.com/D#Discriminate between the Unreal and the Real.2C Detach from the Unreal.2C and Devote Yourself to the Real - Three Prerequisites for knowing God](https://goldengaiadb.com/D#Discriminate%20between%20the%20Unreal%20and%20the%20Real.2C%20Detach%20from%20the%20Unreal.2C%20and%20Devote%20Yourself%20to%20the%20Real%20-%20Three%20Prerequisites%20for%20knowing%20God).

(2) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 140.

(3) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 42. [Hereafter BG.]

(4) Ibid., 100. The whole passage is instructive:

"Thinking about sense-objects
Will attach you to sense-objects;
Grow attached, and you become addicted;
Thwart your addiction, it turns to anger;
Be angry, and you confuse the mind;
Confuse your mind, you forget the lesson of experience;
Forget experience, you lose discrimination;
Lose discrimination, and you miss life's only purpose." (Sri Krishna in BG, 42.)

Religious Reunification

June 28, 2013

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/28/religious-reunification/>



I could now relax my grip on the rudder

When I asked Sri Shankara to confirm two matters on *An Hour with an Angel* this week, (1) I told myself that it would be advisable to explain those two matters to readers. Let me work my way up to them please.

Sri Shankara acknowledges that he and all the other masters are returning in the name of unity and reunification. He says:

"My purpose, as you know, is unity. Now, that is going to be a theme of all the masters. So let me be clear about this. There is not one master that returns ... that does not come with a theme of unification." (2)

Next week on *An Hour with an Angel*, we'll hear from the new Buddha, Ranjit, who is also here to serve it. And certainly the Lord Maitreya said it as well. (3)

I've called the cause of the reunification of the world's religions "cross-cultural spirituality" and have done as much as I could to promote it. (4) Leibniz, Huxley and others called it the Perennial Philosophy. (5) Helena Blavatsky called it Theosophy and Annie Beasant called it the Ancient Wisdom. (6)

For me, the relationship that holds the key to the reunification of the world's religions is this: What Christians call the Father, Son and Holy Ghost = What Hindus call Brahman, Atman and Shakti. These three terms refer not to persons (except in the divine sense) but to levels of reality, each with their own level of enlightenment (within Third Dimensionality).

They could be described as the Transcendent (the Father, Brahman), the Phenomenal (the Holy Ghost, Shakti, the Divine Mother) and the Transcendent within the Phenomenal (the Son, the Christ, the Atman, the Self). I've discussed the three elsewhere, at some length, and don't wish to do that again here. (7)

By "Transcendent" I mean that which transcends the material world. By "Phenomenal," I mean that world of matter, *mater*, Mother.

What I wish to do here is to underline that these three levels of reality are known to all sages, but called by different names. Lao Tzu knew the Mother, as he demonstrates here:

"It began with a matrix:
"The world had a mother."

"Nameless indeed is the source of creation,
"But things have a mother and she has a name."

He called the "nameless" Father "the Way." (8)

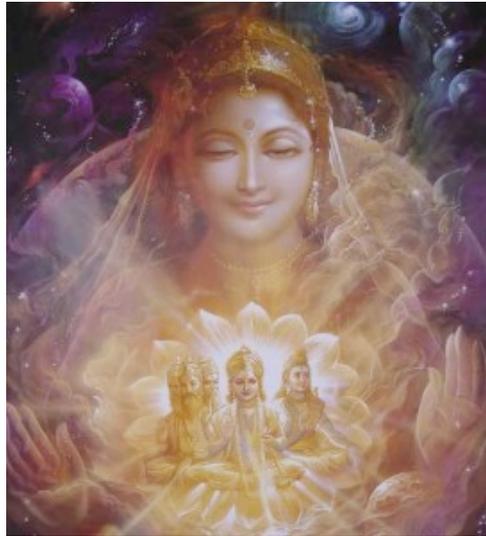
Buddha called the Father the "not-born" and our "common essence."

For instance:

"Monks, there is a not-born, a not-become, a not-made, a not-compounded. Monks, if that unborn, not-become, not-made, not-compounded were not, there would be apparent no escape from this, here, that is born, become, made, compounded." (9)

I'm prepared to argue that his name for the Mother was Dharma, emphasizing her nature as the universal law.

We could work our way through the sages of other religions finding the names they used for the three levels of reality. In that way we could link up the world's religions and render their sayings equivalent.



Shakti with the Trimurthy within her

Let me mention a second threesome familiar to Hindu readers: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Why? Well, I used to conduct unofficial research while in India asking people who the equivalent was of the Christian Trinity and they would respond with what is called in Hinduism the Trimurthy (Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva).

I'd reply that the Trimurthy was not the equivalent. (These next comments are meant specifically for Indians rather than the rest of the world.)

As Sri Shankara acknowledged to me (see footnote 1), the Trimurthy is a subset of Shakti. One has to realize that Shakti or "energy" is the active phase of the passive Father, Brahman. And by the same token each of the members of the Trimurthy is itself a phase of Shakti.

Given that Shakti or "energy" is in one of her aspects a sine wave known to many as Aum, Brahma is the energetic phase of that sine wave (Akar) associated with creation, known as the guna or cosmic force of rajas.

Vishnu is is the energetic phase of that sine wave (Ukar) associated with preservation, known as the guna of sattwa.

And Shiva is the energetic phase of that sine wave (Makar) associated with transformation, known as the guna of thamas.

Now I know that asking Hindus to accept these connections may invite an amount of discomfort and adjustment, but adjustment of this kind is being asked of all religions at this time. It's the price of the reconciliation and reunification of the world's religions, or more specifically of spirituality.

It'll take a tremendous amount of adjustment for Christians as well to accept that, when Jesus said, "I am the truth, the way and the life," he was not speaking about himself as Jesus, but of the Self, the Christ, the Atman.

When I asked him on *An Hour with an Angel* what he meant by saying that, he responded that he was talking as the "I am." He was "aligning with All, with Source, with Father/Mother One. That is the alignment. And if you, Steve, or listeners, say, 'I am the truth, [the way, and the life]' then you have aligned with that, and you have become that." (10)

If Jesus wasn't speaking as Jesus, then where is the foundation for saying only the followers of Jesus will be saved? It's no longer there.

We'll all need to adjust in the time ahead if we want to release the truth from its metaphorical packaging.

You heard Sri Shankara say that both my conjectures - that Christian and Hindu notions of the Trinity were equivalent and that the Trimurthy was really the gunas - were correct. (See footnote 1.) Hearing him say that was for me the culmination of research that had been underway since 1977.

Given that we're all going to be involved in the work of creating world unity, perhaps I can share more of the impact on me of having Adi Shankara corroborate my research.

I've felt jubilant but very weary as a result of hearing his corroboration. It was as if I had gained the farther shore, at least in my spiritual research, and could now relax my grip on the rudder.

I felt the same way when the Divine Mother acknowledged that Sahaja Samadhi was the level of enlightenment associated with Ascension.

Steve Beckow: I'm trying to understand what level of enlightenment Ascension corresponds to. And I think it's beyond the normal seventh-chakra enlightenment. I think it is what is called — and I'll make this clear to readers — sahaja samadhi. Am I correct?

Divine Mother: Yes, it is beyond what you think of with your seven chakras. What you are doing with the chakra system, even with the thirteen [is that] we have emerged from the Third-Dimensional realm, which is that reference point for the chakra system, into the new. So yes, you are correct, in this question and in this statement.

SB: Sorry, I am overwhelmed to hear you say that. It's wonderful to have that confirmed. Thank you very much, Mother.

DM: It is wonderful for us as well, you know! (11)

At last a critical piece of research had been confirmed. All else is built upon the foundation of key points like these. And there are not many people in the world I can share these matters with. Most people I share them with stare at me with blank incomprehension.

So this is my report on the exchange that happened, this time with Sri Shankara. I report this simply because you also may find yourself in reinterpretive work in the incredible times ahead of us.

Footnotes

(1) Steve Beckow: Let me ask you two questions that you don't need to take a long time to answer. I'll ask them both at the same time. The first is, is what Hindus call Brahman, Atman and Shakti the same as what Christians call the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? And the second is, what is the connection between what Hindus call Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and the gunas or the cosmic forces of rajah, sattwa and tamah?

Sri Shankara: I can answer this very quickly. There are no differences. ("Sri Shankara: Everywhere You Look Will be a Monsoon of Love," June 26, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/sri-shankara-everywhere-you-look-will-be-a-monsoon-of-love/>).

(2) Loc. cit.

(3) "Maitreya: I am Among Many who Return to Walk Among You," June 4, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/maitreya-i-am-among-many-who-return-to-walk-among-you/>.

(4) See the essays attached to "Cross-Cultural Spirituality" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/>.

(5) See "The Perennial Philosophy" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/back-to-the-basics-2/the-perennial-philosophy/>.

(6) Wisdom is a name used by Moses, Solomon, Isaiah and others to indicate the Divine Mother. Blavatsky and Besant use the term "Theosophy" (the wisdom of God) for the "Ancient Wisdom" but it's really another way of saying "the Divine Mother." Here's Solomon on the subject:

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars." (Proverbs 9:1.)

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

"For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

"She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

"Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

"She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her." (Proverbs 3: 13-18.)

(7) See Footnote 3.

(8) Lao-Tzu, *The Way of Life. The Tao Te Ching*. trans. R.B. Blakney. New York, etc.: Avon, 1975, 105 and 53.

(9) The Buddha in Trevor Ling, *The Buddha's Philosophy of Man. Early Indian Buddhist Dialogues*. London, etc.: Dent, 1981, xiii. Again: "There is but one common essence." (The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 283.)

(10) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus on Biblical Mysteries, Dec. 19, 2011," Dec. 21, 2011, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/12/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-1-2011/>.

(11) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>. We discussed the matter again later:"

Steve Beckow: When does Sahaja Samadhi occur?

Divine Mother: It occurs with a more gradual awakening and lifting up. So there is the abrupt "I am not the same," then there is the working and the anchoring, the integration, then there is another jump, and another jump, and another jump. And you don't know it — well, some of you do — but you are leap-frogging. And then you will be there.

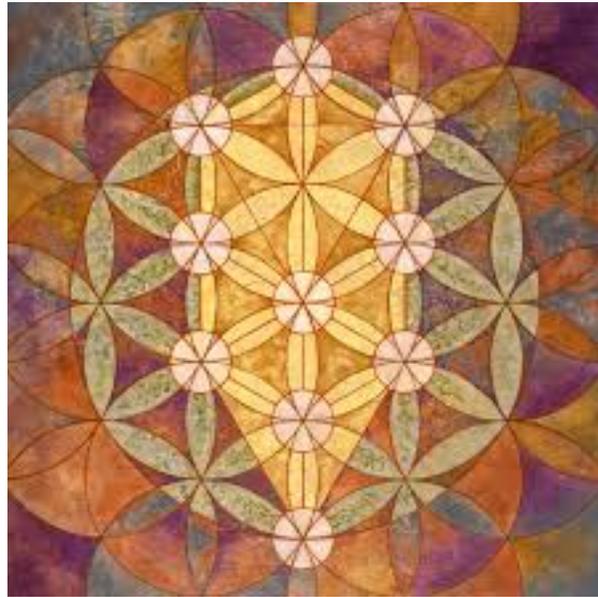
SB: Now, are those jumps equivalent to sub-planes?

DM: You can think of it as sub-planes, dimensional sub-planes, yes. ("The Divine Mother: We are Creating a New Species of Humans," July 12, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/07/12/the-divine-mother-we-are-creating-a-new-species-of-humans/>.)

What is a Global Spirituality?

May 13, 2018

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/05/13/what-is-cross-cultural-spirituality/>



If we're to build Nova Earth, we have to come to peace with our spirituality.

We can't be fighting crusades, holy wars, and jihads any more.

And to come to peace, we try to arrive at a consensus on spiritual verities.

A "global" spirituality aims at arriving at cross-cultural agreement on those verities, such as the existence of the One, the nature of Reality, and the purpose of life.

A global "spirituality" means that we're looking at everything connected to our relationship with Spirit, the Divine, or God – both personally and collectively.

Not simply our time spent in worship but our entire lives.

What are other partial or full synonyms for "global spirituality"?

The Perennial Philosophy, the Ancient Wisdom, the Watercourse Way, Theosophy, etc. – all these terms point to the same changeless Reality that all religions worship.

I've already written about some of its tenets including the purpose of life, the nature of enlightenment, and the nature of the Trinity.

What I want to do here is add a note on cross-cultural spirituality itself from the vantage point of the particular path I follow.

I follow the path of love and awareness.

When I say “the path of love,” I mean actually drawing up love from an open heart, the flow being higher dimensional than the Third. This'll be the outcome of the planetary heart opening or “Event” that we're all anticipating. We'll all know what the inner tsunami of love feels like – and then watch the world change.

When I say “the path of awareness,” I mean making of oneself an object of awareness and remaining self-aware through all that happens.

I don't mean becoming super-sensitive and taking offense at everything. I mean remaining aware of even that when it happens, along with everything else.

Both love and awareness are active practices. Drawing love up from my heart and sending it out to the world is an active practice.

Remaining aware means actually holding myself in my field of awareness always and observing all that occurs. That too is an active practice.

Awareness itself is neither passive nor neutral; however I am passive and neutral when I'm practicing being aware.

Awareness itself is active, just as love is: It dissolves conditions and moods. It's the spiritual solvent that makes the statement come true, that “this too shall pass.”

Taking up these two practices, I apply what I know from cross-cultural spirituality to align with the nature of Reality and the purpose of life. I live my life according to what arises, trusting in the Divine and the Divine Plan.

Let Us Have a Global Conversation

January 23, 2013

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/01/23/let-us-have-a-global-conversation/>



A global conversation is a chat we have as a world. A global conversation is a discussion that arises from the context of our shared characteristics. A global conversation is a conversation about our commonalities and differences.

I'd like to talk here about a global spiritual conversation.

Our prime and inescapable commonality is that we're all God. We're all divine. If God is everything that is, if God is omnipresent, then we must be God too. God must be present as us as well as every other thing. How can the one be true and the other not?

We're all immortal beings whose task in life is to realize our divinity. That task was given us by God so that, when one of us realizes her or his divinity, God meets God.

The realizations “I am God” and “God has become everything” are moments in which the formless God, the One without a second, experiences Itself in the nanosecond of our enlightenment. Bayazid of Bistun captures that moment: “I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, ‘O thou I!’” (1) O thou I: separation vanishes and oneness is realized.

The created form arose from the Formless and merges back into it again. Said Jesus: “I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.” (2) What was he describing if not the journey that all of us make from God to God?

Our shared characteristics start with the fragment of God’s light that we are at essence. It resides in the spiritual heart. Various religions call that light by various names: the Christ and Pearl of great price by Jesus, the Atman and Self by Hindus, our original face and Buddha nature by Buddhists, the firebrand plucked from the burning and the fire always burning on the altar by the ancient Hebrews.

Because all of us are divine, we also share the divine qualities in common. We all know and recognize at some deep level the value of love, bliss, compassion, truth, wisdom, discrimination, patience, detachment and equanimity, etc. That is why those aligned with darkness have such a difficult time when faced with love and truth. At some deep place, they recognize the primacy of the divine qualities.

Although we have different skin colors, different genders, and different cultures, we also know deeply that these differences need not divide us. Under our skin, behind our gender, and outside our culture, we’re all children of God; we’re all One.

And when we come together in the realization of our commonness, we’re able to build a new world on a strong foundation – on the rock of unity, rather than on the sand of separation.

Of course that new world will see all treated as equals. When we remember our divine origin, the divine qualities we share, and our common future as a human collective headed towards abundance, peace, and harmony, how can we not see our common unity and equality?

We’re leaving behind us all that keeps us apart, all that has us compete for the necessities of life, all that has us see our interests as divergent. We’re seeing more and more each day that we live together in one house – this planet – that we’re all of us crew on Spaceship Earth, and that Nova Gaia needs our care and love.

So it's time now to turn our attention to what's out in our world, what doesn't work and never has. It's time to stop our behavior that causes pain and damage, whether to our environment, to our fellow beings of light, or to ourselves.

It's time to awaken to the global nature of the human family, to shake the sleepy dust of ages from our eyes, look to the next person, and perceive our Oneness.

It's time to turn to all our neighbors and have a global conversation for the birth of Nova Gaia, to set all unworkable things right and to put us on the path to human unity, equality, and abundance.

Footnotes

(1) Bayazid of Bistun in PP, 12.

(2) John 16:28.

Having a Global Conversation

April 7, 2012

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/04/07/having-a-global-conversation/>



No, I'm not a megalomaniac or an egomaniac, but I do believe that we need to make a leap in our communications and I believe the time is here to make it.

I'm sure everyone has experienced breaking through to being able to make a speech before the class, perhaps before the school, then maybe on the radio, etc.

Each time we break through to a new level of communication, there's a corresponding expansion of consciousness.

I'm suggesting that the time has come to have a conversation as a world.

No, I don't mean the world conversing with the world. I mean us addressing the whole world in our communications. It's a level of communication but it's also a level of consciousness.

I'm convinced that our former planetary controllers dumbed us down, divided us and conquered, and erected artificial barriers based on language, religion,

nationality, class, color and many other variables. Any variable in fact could be made a barrier and many were.

It's now time, I believe, to begin the slow march back towards addressing matters without those barriers, to address each other as a world.

In doing so we accomplish numerous goals. We roll back the artificial divisions imposed on us by the powers that were. We recognize our commonality and our shared interests. We promote unitive consciousness, We prepare ourselves for Ascension.

What does it look like to have a conversation as a world? I can't pretend to know that. I can only imagine. It means, for me, to start thinking in terms of men, women and children, regardless of location or any other variable.

It means to start thinking in terms of the human condition, of what all human beings want and what all human beings have. It means to dedicate ourselves to seeing that everything on the planet is fairly shared. If there is not enough to go around, then we all share the pain. If abundance flows, then we all share the gain.

Readers of this site will know that abundance is in fact around the corner. You've heard of treasure ships sunk in the sea containing fortunes in gold, platinum, currency and bonds. You've heard of rooms as big as gymnasiums filled with gold. You've heard of funds coming from St. Germaine's World Trust.

You may not be as familiar with gold being brought here from other planets. You've heard of projects starting up worth trillions of dollars designed to kickstart the new economy. Wrap all these reports up and more and put them in a file marked "NESARA" because they are all about NESARA. (1)

So abundance is on its way. Once the cabal has been arrested and removed from the scene, I expect NESARA will begin (not like I know).

In our conversation as a world, let's stay with this one subject. What does it mean that NESARA comes in? Well, it means that our debts will be relieved, our needs will be met, and services will be established such as universal medicare and other aspects of the social-safety net.

But it also means that many of us will volunteer to take the fruits of NESARA to places where people currently exist for under a dollar a day. NESARA will spread from the developed world, if I understand matters correctly, to the underdeveloped world. And we will lead that effort.

Looking at that one subject alone and having a conversation as a world, the task before us will be to work together as a community without borders, without divisions, without separative interests.

Knowing this ahead of time, the work that we can accomplish now is to begin to obliterate the borders in our mind, to cease thinking as Britons, Australians and Mexicans, Americans, Chinese and Russians, and begin to think as sovereign citizens of Planet Earth.

Borders were yesterday; the world is today. National interests were yesterday; human interests are today. National security was yesterday; planetary wellbeing is today.

I invite us to make the leap, first in our minds, next in our speaking, and finally in our actions from a world of nations, classes, and so on, to a world without borders or divisions.

Creating the Context of a Global Culture, 2018

April 2, 2018

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/04/02/creating-the-context-of-a-global-culture/>



The time is approaching when we're going to need to have global conversations.

The very same year that I began conversations with Archangel Michael, he told me:

AAM: You have known that the time would come when we would ask you to work very much on a very global level. And this is the beginning of that undertaking. You have already built a very firm foundation for this to occur and for this we thank and bless you. (1)

More recently he said this about the charities I'll be founding:

AAM: This is you becoming the steward of an organization and of an undertaking of massive, massive global impact/import. (2)

I won't be able to escape – I called it “growing up” earlier. I mean that spiritually rather than chronologically. I cannot do the work being laid out

for me operating from the rather slack way of being I operate from at the moment. There's no better term for it than "growing up."

One of the ways I grow up is to start thinking globally (acting locally).

How does one think about global society? Whenever I want to establish a beachhead of understanding in a new area, I start with the basics.

What's basic to global society? Global culture. Let's start with that.

Anthropologists talk about our "culture." Sociologists talk about our "social construction of reality." They're both looking at the same thing.

What is a culture? In an earlier lifetime as a cultural historian, I defined it as:

"Culture – whether we look at it through time or in the present – may be seen as an organization of ideas, manifest in act and artifact (though consisting of neither), by means of which humans experience their world and take purposeful action. "(3)

Unearth a stringless guitar from the ground a thousand years from now and the finder may use it for a garden pot. Without the idea "guitar" and the ideas of how to use it, the object itself may mean nothing to others. The object is not "culture."

Culture is not acts either. Take a North American and plant him in deepest Africa and he won't understand what the people are saying or doing. The speech and physical actions themselves do not convey culture.

The North American would need to know the meaning of the acts – he would need to know what ideas are behind the acts and what is being transmitted to be a participant in their cultural processes and understandings.

The prime limiting condition on culture is that it must be transmissible. If it were not, it would die in a day.

Culture is not innate. If we were blind and deaf, we might never know culture. It doesn't exist in our genes. It really does live in our minds – *as culture*. And it has to be handed down from parent or teacher to child – by spoken or written language, pictures, etc.

We translate those ideas into the spoken and written word and pass the message along.

We take them and apply them to production processes to come up with things, from flint tools to cellphones. Anthropologists call these “artifacts” – they show evidence of human manufacture. And culture.

All of these are cultural ways, means, and products.

So the very first thing I need to do, in contributing to the building of Nova Earth, is to create for myself – to have the notion cease to be merely a dry intellectual construct and have it come alive for me – the context of a global culture.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Nov. 30, 2011.

(2) Ibid., Feb. 17, 2017.

(3) Changed slightly from the original. S.M. Beckow, “Culture, History, and Artifact,” Canadian Museums Association Gazette, Fall 1975, 13.

Globally, Universally

March 15, 2014

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/03/15/globally-universally/>



The notion that we must speak as globals rather than nationals to end gender persecution is definitely in the wind. Archangel Gabrielle urged it on *An Hour with an Angel* March 13, 2014. (1)

Later Graham, Linda and I discussed what was said and decided that next week, we'd talk to Archangel Michael about acting as globals.

I said on another occasion:

“A global conversation is a chat we have as a world. A global conversation is a discussion that arises from the context of our shared characteristics. A global conversation is a conversation about our commonalities and differences.” (2)

Each time we break through to a new level of communication, there's a corresponding expansion of consciousness. (3)

In speaking globally, we accomplish numerous goals. We roll back the artificial divisions imposed on us by the powers that were. We recognize our shared interests. We promote unitive consciousness. We prepare ourselves for Ascension.

What often holds us back is what we consider to be respect for other religions, cultures, societies, nations, etc. We certainly have seen in the past ample examples of people addressing other religions and cultures and foisting their own self-serving values on them so we do know the excesses we've gone to when we pretend to address the world.

On what basis can we address the world and not fall into ethnocentrism or similar pits? The answer is to base our speaking on the divine qualities and the universal laws.

Human rights as we've conceived them so far have been a stepping stone to a global culture. But they don't go far enough. They reach the level of the individual and the family but they often don't reach the level of the soul. That's because they're founded on the paradigm of empirical materialism which doesn't recognize that we have and are a soul.

Being only materially based, human rights don't pierce as far as love and joy pierce through to, prosperity for all and unencumbered free will that does no harm.

Freedom of assembly and freedom of religion are important. But the freedom to develop as a spiritual being, the freedom to engage with a sacred partner that goes much farther than simply the right to marry the person of one's choice – it's time to move beyond simply human rights to sacred rights and divine qualities.

Only action based on a knowledge of the soul goes far enough to achieve world equality. I said earlier:

“Because all of us are divine, we also share the divine qualities in common. We all know and recognize at some deep level the value of love, bliss, compassion, truth, wisdom, discrimination, patience, detachment and equanimity, etc. That is why those aligned with darkness have such a difficult time when faced with love and truth. At some deep place, they recognize the primacy of the divine qualities.

“Although we have different skin colors, different genders, and different cultures, we also know deeply that these differences need not divide us. Under our skin, behind our gender, and outside our culture, we're all children of God; we're all One.” (4)

Oftentimes the impetus to achieve what we want awaits us having the platform from, the forum from, or the cause to which to speak. A global platform produces global citizens. A global forum invites a depth of being that isn't ordinarily

available to us. A global cause calls forth a way of seeing and being that transcends all separateness and invites oneness in all ways and forms.

The existence of nations has offered a modicum of protection to some. It's been used by others to corral their populations and exploit them. There's nothing inherent in the notion of a nation-state that ensures the wellbeing of its citizens

But the human spirit is universal and acting from a global consciousness is the next step to experiencing the universal in us all. It's time to think globally, even if in most cases we must act locally. It's time to take up the perspective of oneness and act according to the divine qualities and universal laws.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Gabrielle on *An Hour with an Angel*, March 13, 2014, t http://www.blogtalkradio.com/inlight_radio/2014/03/13/an-hour-with-an-angel-archangel-gabrielle-gender-inequality-part-2.

(2) "Let Us Have a Global Conversation" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/let-us-have-a-global-conversation/>

(3) "Having a Global Conversation" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/having-a-global-conversation/>

(4) "Let Us Have a Global Conversation" *ibid*.

⌘ Epistemology ⌘

Points of Awareness in a Sea of Love

October 31, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/10/31/points-of-awareness-in-a-sea-of-love/>



Some statements are so right on, they stop you in your tracks. The Arcturian Group said recently:

"Compassion, service, and a growing awareness of the problems of others are the beginning steps that eventually lead every individual to a state of consciousness in which no one is left out, a consciousness that understands that no one can be left out of ONE." (1)

"A state of consciousness in which no one is left out." What a terrific description of the higher dimensions. There's no difference between a world in which no one is left out and a world that works for everyone, I'm willing to bet.

"A state of consciousness that understands that no one can be left out of ONE."

That particular phrase awakened a stirring memory in me.

If I'm to describe it, I'd have to take a few steps back.

We live our lives in bodies that are separate from each other and from the environment. Bodily integrity is taken for granted but absolutely imperative to physical life.

I'll bet very few people could imagine being in something that takes in everything. If it took in everything, it would take in us. And that would violate our notions of physical integrity. Anyone who thinks that such a world exists or that it's a good thing is crazy, right?

But I've been in a circumstance in which that which is everything took in what I thought to be me.

Three times in my life - May 2014, March 2015, and May 2015 - according to my records, I was immersed run an Ocean of Love. (2)

Everywhere you looked was love. What I, who was looking, was was of no concern to me. The quality of the love I was experiencing wiped such a thought from my mind.

Was I a physical body? Was I a point of awareness? I simply accepted that "I" was "I." All care and concern for myself was swept clean by the tsunami.

In this Ocean of Love, which Michael tells me was Seventh-Dimensional, (3) the Oversoul, Christ Consciousness, I could say:

"Compassion, service, and a growing awareness of the problems of others are the beginning steps that eventually lead every individual to a state of consciousness in which no one is left out, a consciousness that understands that no one can be left out of ONE."

Service-to-others is the beginning step to a state of consciousness in which no one is left out, a world that works for everyone, which understands that all of us are points of awareness in a Sea of Love. (4)

Footnotes

(1) Arcturian Group, Sept. 20, 2020.

(2) See “Love is the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” May 6, 2014, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/05/06/love-is-the-way-the-truth-and-the-life/>.

“Activating the Wellspring – Part 1/2,” March 14, 2015, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/14/activating-the-wellspring-part-1-2-2/>.

“Activating the Wellspring – Part 2/2,” March 15, 2015, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/15/activating-the-wellspring-part-2-2/>

“I Could Get Used to This,” May 16, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/16/i-could-get-used-to-this/>

“Immersed in an Ocean of Love - Part 1/2,” May 17, 2015, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/01/09/immersed-in-an-ocean-of-love-part-1-2/> and “Immersed in an Ocean of Love – Part 2/2,” May 17, 2015, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/>.

(3) Steve: The space that I call transformative love, what dimension is it?

Archangel Michael: It is the seventh dimension. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow, Jan. 20, 2016.)

AAM: The part that ... many would call an oversoul [is the part] that would remain in the Source energy [that is, the higher-dimensional love such as the Ocean of Love I was in later, in March 2015]. (AAM, Oct. 11, 2011.)

The Arcturians through Sue Lie: Seventh [Dimension] is your Oversoul. (Arcturians, March 17, 2013.)

Patricia Diane Cota Robles called it "the Divine Mother's Transfigurative Love.”

(4) Clearly it has not become everything because here am I looking out on things. So there is more to go before all is One and only One. But the relation between the "I" that looks out on the Ocean of Love and the Ocean itself will, some day, I think be shown to be the same as that between Father God and Mother God. The same is true for all of us. These are just my speculations.

Defeated, Decisively

January 27, 2016

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/01/27/defeated-decisively/>



How often do we have the experience of having one of our fundamental conceptions of life revealed as mistaken?

One of our cherished theories. One of our contexts that is so taken-for-granted that it exists in the background of consciousness only.

I had a personal reading with Archangel Michael Jan. 20, 2016 through Linda Dillon and he provided me with that service recently. I asked him what dimensions love, bliss, and ecstasy were associated with and he said Seventh, Eight/Ninth and Twelfth.

I asked him what dimension exaltation was associated with and he said beyond the Twelfth.

Ah, *beyond* the Twelfth? I got up the courage to press on and asked him what lay beyond the Twelfth and he said "they come into sheer energy and return home."

Creak, crack goes my theory.

What do you mean "return home"? First of all, most religious and spiritual sources say that we go from being human to being angelic and up the angelic ladder before returning to the Source so what you're saying upsets a huge apple cart.

Secondly, there are books written on life in the 21st and 30th planes. Are they lying?

"They are misunderstanding the construct of human existence. ... They also want to be higher or better. It is a bit of an ego statement, is it not?" (1)

Oooohhh-Kay.

So a human can return to the Source after it passes through the Twelfth Dimension. Yes. That I did not know and it blows a hole a mile wide in my own previous understanding.

I felt like I'd swoon, watching a theoretical framework featured in the works of such sages as Rumi and Al-Ghazzali crash to the ground. And of course it's in my own writings as well. Here is Rumi:

“I died as mineral and became a plant.
I died as plant and rose to animal.
I died as animal and I was man. ...
Yet once more I shall die as man, to soar
With angels blest; but even from angelhood must pass on:
All except God doth perish.

“When I have sacrificed my angel soul,
I shall become what no mind e'er conceived.
Oh, let me not exist!
For Non-existence
Proclaims in organ tones,
'To Him we shall return.'” (2)

This account by a respected terrestrial sage has now been superseded.

From whom else and where else could one receive this information?

How does it feel to have a core belief explode? After the initial shock, it felt liberating. And I'm closer to the truth today than I was yesterday.

I can validate from my own experience now what Rainer Maria Rilke said.

Whoever was beaten by this Angel
(who often simply declined the fight)
went away proud and strengthened
... from that harsh hand,
that kneaded him as if to change his shape.
Winning does not tempt that man.
This is how he grows: by being defeated, decisively,
by constantly greater beings. (3)

That is such a true statement. Working with Archangel Michael leaves one "proud and strengthened" from that great hand. He once said to me: "Dear heart, do you know who you're talking to?" I had forgotten at that moment but every day I'm getting to know better who it is.

I benefitted by being defeated, decisively by an angel. Some cherished belief or fundamental construct gets exploded at each of our meetings. At some point, will the explosion of belief systems combine or hit a critical mass and some overarching facade crash to the ground, some huge glacier of misunderstanding calve into the sea? I fervently hope so.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.

(2) Anne Fremantle and Christopher. *In Love with Love. 100 of the Greatest Mystical Poems*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1978, 58.

(3) "The Man Watching," by Rainer Maria Rilke, at <https://www.michaelpowers.com/wisdom/rilke.html>

Exoanthropology is Too Big for a Shoebox

July 14, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/07/14/exoanthropology-is-rtoo-big-for-a-shoebox/>



Too big ...

Anthropology focuses on human culture, society, and personality.

Exoanthropology widens the focus to all cultures, societies, and personalities. (1)

It includes civilizations in other galaxies.

It includes those in other dimensions.

It includes past lives.

Such a transformation of paradigm cannot occur within existing contexts, like, for example, empirical materialism. You can't put an elephant in a shoebox. It won't fit.

Empirical materialism holds that only what can be seen, heard, touched, tasted, or smelled is real. But we know that the Third Dimension - which is what we're talking about here - is only a small part of the whole truth.

One cannot describe civilizations of higher dimensions within a paradigm that recognizes only our more limited and constricted one. (2)



...for a shoebox.

One cannot fit unseen beings into a context that recognizes only the seen.

And one cannot look at personality from an exoanthropological standpoint without considering the factor of past lives, karma, soul contract, etc., none of which are entertained by empiricists.

For me, empirical materialism has outlived its usefulness.

It was very useful when science was battling for its very existence against religion.

But I'd like it to yield place now to spiritual disciplines, which alone are capable of taking in such things as extraterrestrial civilizations, higher dimensions, unseen realms, and past lives.

Exoanthropology will face the task of describing and measuring the collective consciousness.

It'll face the task of standardizing languages related to the afterlife dimensions of reality ("the heavens") and to the physical dimensions - One to Twelve.

Having standardized terminology, it could map the heavens, as far as "mapping" is an apt metaphor.

It could investigate what lies beyond the Twelve Dimensions up to final merge with the One.

It could include within its field of specialization the description of a cross-cultural spirituality.

It could interpret matters of law in entirely new ways, human rights yielding to divine rights and including all the kingdoms.

It could explore and catalogue such things as healing modalities in other star systems and dimensions, new intellectual and emotional paradigms, viewpoints, and tools. In art, music, dance, architecture, medicine.

Letting go of the empirical-materialist paradigm - the shoebox the elephant won't fit in - may seem like pulling the ground out from under our feet.

In fact what happens, from my experience, is that we find ourselves no longer oriented towards structures and processes but instead towards flow.

And since the most important things in life and in the higher dimensions are things that flow - like love, bliss, joy, and happiness - I predict that this'll show up like a distinct improvement in the quality of most people's lives.

Footnotes

(1) See "Exo-Anthropology: Anthropology after First Contact," July 10, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/07/10/exo-anthropology-anthropology-after-first-contact/>

(2) "Dimensions" refers to environments existing at different levels of vibration.

For instance, the end of our migration called "Ascension" will involve leaving the Third and Fourth Dimensions of consciousness behind and entering the vibrational field of the Fifth-Seventh.

There are twelve dimensions to the human domain. After that we get into uncharted territory.

Exit Homo Sapiens; Enter Homo Universalis

February 24, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/02/24/exit-homo-sapiens-enter-homo-universalis/>



I'm working on a book on the time of separation and, as always, different revelations and discoveries occur in the process.

Many of them are on who Gaians are, who Gaia is, and what Planet Earth is. (1)

To look at subjects like these, we have to leave "present" and "past" behind and talk about vast sweeps of non-discrete time and space. Here's an example.

The evolution of the human species. We can't talk about that as an historical or biographical event. We have to discuss it in evolutionary or developmental terms - in broadbrush sweeps.

We think of evolution as a purely-physical matter. But the physical body is only half the equation. Far more important is the spirit that enters the body and operates it - and does so for its own spiritual unfoldment through learning.

Evolution is therefore not simply a physical matter; far more important is the evolution of the spirit, on its universal and timeless journey from God out into the world and back again to God.

Within this evolutionary context, Ivo of Vega makes a startling statement. He begins by telling us that "the collective mindset has been degrading over many millennia." (2)

“Negativity in and of itself, without the [ascending] positive polarity entwined with it, is doomed. ...

"The nature of negativity on planet Earth is simply descending into morbid toxicity. If you do not see this now in your fashions, with their skulls and crossbones, you are being subjected to a poisonous mindset by mind control and buying into it, no less." (3)

Then comes the shocker. For people of low vibration, "this is an extinction event."

"On planet Earth, only certain types of DNA will evolve or ascend. Other types of DNA will not. Homo Sapiens is slated for extinction. Homo Universalis will prevail." (4)

Well, that statement takes a little getting used to.

Homo universalis, I assume, is the ascended physical being we're becoming. Speak of speeded-up evolution.

Is it the first time one of our star family has discussed an extinction-level event in Earth's history?

No, it's not. I recall reading one in SaLuSa years ago. Apparently homo sapiens (us) displaced Cro-Magnon Man, as SaLuSa related to us:

"You do not exist by some freak of nature, and are not the result of natural selection, but purposefully and lovingly created to exist in your environment. You are a special species of Humans that have taken over from Cro-Magnon Man, and have been genetically engineered to allow for a speeding up in your evolution." (5)

Let's stop the camera here for a moment. We heard how many scientists and religious folk are going to have their views challenged and many may leave as a consequence. Well, how many views are challenged by what Ivo and SaLuSa have just said?

Natural selection is not the chief determiner of evolutionary direction. Species are created, genetically engineered by off-planet civilizations. Evolution can be speeded up. Just a sampling of the paradigmatic impact of what we'll soon be hearing.

Our microscope is at its broadest range at the moment. Let's focus in a little more and look at a discrete time and space. Evidently galactic civilizations were in touch and worked with us but around 1200 BC felt they had become ignored and so left the Earth.

Historians interpret that event as an invasion of the sea peoples because Mediterranean civilization collapsed - or was seriously affected - soon after.

Here's Archangel Michael on that event:

Archangel Michael: There was a great deal that happened in that area that you would term 1200 BC. First of all, during that time many [galactics] returned home and we do not just mean to the Sacred One [God] but also many returned to the ships and there was a cleavage, a breaking of much of the partnership and co-creative partnerships between your star brothers and many civilizations.

There was also a similar time, a rise of what you can think of as darkness, what we would term as a resurgence. ...

They were no longer welcome and they no longer saw that their creativity and guidance, input and that sense of community was welcome.

Steve: Twilight of the Gods

AAM: That is correct. (6)

Returning to the demise of homo sapiens as a species, we can see that the rise and fall of even species has no lasting impact on the eternal being.

This lifetime I'm a Gaian. Last lifetime I was an Arcturian. Before that perhaps an Andromedan. The spirit goes where the lessons lead.

Homo sapiens, homo universalis, Gaian, Arcturian ... all are just environments - bodily or ecologically - for the soul to advance in knowledge until it reaches the consummation of knowing completely who it is. (7)

So not only did the galactics create the species homo sapiens, but they shared the planet with us until no longer welcome. Can you imagine a history of Earth that included facts like these? (8)

Footnotes

(1) Earth is the physical planet or body; Gaia is the archangelic inhabitant of the physical body.

"Can you imagine, just for a moment, when this beloved archangel Gaia came to me. ... and said, Mother I know that you are birthing and creating a planet of infinite love for the experience and the expression, the tangibility of love and I wish to participate ... in this creation.

"And of course I have said yes in exalted glee for this mighty archangel was saying to me I will change my form, a form of incredible might, of power and wisdom, and most certainly of flexibility. ... I will do this.

"And I have said to her, alright, thank you, but you will be a mighty archangel still. ... And so we have created this phenomenal planet. Throughout the multiverse and the omnivore and the galaxies, why do you think this planet is so attractive to so many? It is because of the diversity, the beauty, and the love.

"From the tiniest grain of sand, to a droplet of water to a distant horizon, this planet and all the kingdoms upon her have been created to have that experience of love." (Divine Mother through Linda Dillon on Saturday Conference Call, April 6, 2019.)

"You are angels in form dancing upon a planet which is an archangel." ("Video and Transcript ~ Archangel Gabrielle: Cooperation Comes Before Love," April 11, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/04/11/video-and-transcript-archangel-gabrielle-cooperation-comes-before-love/>.)

(2) "Ivo of Vega: The Nature of Negativity," through Sharon Stewart, February 22, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=317874>.

(3) Loc. cit.

(4) Loc. cit.

(5) SaLuSa, Aug. 25, 2010.

(6) Steve Beckow, "Archangel Michael: What Happened to Civilization in 1200 BC?," Golden Age of Gaia, November 24, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/11/24/290782/>

(7) OK, OK, I won't leave you hanging. But the intellectual answer has no power. It has to be realized knowledge - down to our cells - to complete our universal assignment of knowing our true identity. The intellectual answer is that you are God.

(8) And we'll have access to devices and facilities that will allow us to see what really happened such as the Akashic records and the "Looking Glass," a galactic tool for visiting past and future.

A Tightrope Between Accuracy and Comprehensibility

June 16, 2012

<http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/06/16/a-tightrope-between-accuracy-and-comprehensibility/>



As we Starseeds turn to the task of explaining what on Earth is happening and explain it to widely-varying audiences, many at different levels of comprehension, we encounter some difficulties that we need to watch for and avoid.

One predictable pitfall is the equating of various non-equatable interpretations with each other.

The very simplest way I could put the matter is that, if we critique the arguments of a person who says that the end times will culminate in doom and gloom by comparing them with those of a person who says that everything is maya or illusion, what we are doing is comparing a person arguing from the relative level of existence with one arguing from an absolute level.

If we aren't careful in how we approach this task, we may end up as confused as we've made our readers be.

Gloom and doom happen on a physical or Third-Dimensional level. Everything being illusion is a viewpoint characteristic of the highest Transcendental or Absolute level of existence, not characteristic of the physical or Third-Dimensional level. In answering questions, we need to sort out the various levels or dimensions that are being discussed.

Let me illustrate by referring to a saying I cited some time earlier: "Die before you die." Two deaths are being referred to. As long as we think both are physical deaths (Third Dimensional), the saying will not yield its meaning.

But when we see that a spiritual death (death of the ego, a higher-dimensional event) is being discussed alongside a physical death (death of the body and Third Dimensional), the saying yields its meaning: Cause the death of the ego before experiencing the death of the body, if you wish to be enlightened.

We absolutely have to remember that what life looks like on the relative plane is different than what it looks like on the absolute plane (if the absolute could be said to be a plane, which it really can't be).

Many, many a ship of interpretation has foundered on these rocks.

As we discuss dimensions of reality more in the time ahead, we'll experience yet more confusion, I think, because life viewed from each higher dimension - Fourth, Fifth and beyond - I would imagine, will look radically different than life viewed from this Third-Dimensional one.

So a lot will depend on us identifying what level of reality and understanding the people are speaking from whose arguments we're looking at and what level of reality our arguments are being pitched from.

It may be fine to assess the arguments of one who interprets physical reality from an absolute standpoint, providing we identify what we're doing and providing we assess them on their own terms (although how many of us have that understanding? I certainly don't), but one can readily see that it won't yield fruitful results to try to reduce an argument from an absolute level to a relative one so as to compare and contrast them. They are apples and oranges.



Everyone can encounter problems of communication

That having been said, a second necessity plays upon us Starseeds who have signed on to be interpreters of the new reality from a terrestrial standpoint, and that is the necessity to explain things in comprehensible language, language that our readers can understand.

And our readership is the widest possible or imaginable because everyone will want to know what's happening and we have only a few short weeks or months to do the explaining when that time begins.

We often hear our sources admit that they are using language suitable to our understanding. When I called the Father the "conditioned Brahman," the Divine Mother chastised me in the following manner:

Steve Beckow: When you use the word "the Father," are you referring to the conditioned Brahman? And if you are, could you tell us about your aspect as the transcendental Absolute?

Divine Mother: Many who listen do not understand ... these terms.

SB: Yes, I realize that.

DM: And part of my desire is to make [myself] very clear, [so] that people do understand. So, ensure, beloved, that you do make these terms very clear for your readers and listeners. (1)

This was a great revelation to me. Up till this time I was beginning to think that some of what our sources were saying was not muscular enough.

But the Mother revealed that they were aiming their talks at a level that the majority of listeners could understand. If we terrestrials did this, others would accuse us of not understanding things properly. But the Mother speaks for comprehension and doesn't care what Earthly reviewers may think.

Sanat Kumara also revealed this same intention:

"I try to use language that is completely understandable, not only to you, my beloved Steve, my beloved Graham, and my beloved Linda, but to all of our listeners; I try to use language that will make common sense to each of you." (2)

The galactics too practice this measured and responsible approach to communications. Witness SaLuSa:

"I am SaLuSa from Sirius, and on behalf of the Galactic Federation I am always pleased to present my views to you. They are measured for your enlightenment, as we do realize that they cannot meet each of you at your own level of understanding." (3)

Since the time the Divine Mother chided me, I too have tried to make what I say more comprehensible, sacrificing a fastidious desire for accuracy to the need for comprehensibility.

The need for comprehensibility is one factor to pay attention to and the need to sort out the levels of reality we are discussing is a second factor. The needs of the two do not always correspond.

The assignment for us Starseeds as interpreters of events and the new approaching reality is to walk this difficult tightrope between accuracy and comprehensibility.

Footnotes

(1) "Transcript of the Divine Mother on An Hour with an Angel, May 7, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/transcript-of-the-divine-mother-on-an-hour-with-an-angel-may-7-2012/>

For the promised explanation of the term "conditioned Brahman," see "The Father and the Father ... by the Mother" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/the-father-and-the-father-by-the-mother/> and "An Introduction to Enlightenment and the Trinity" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/enlightenment/an-introduction-to-enlightenment-and-the-trinity/>

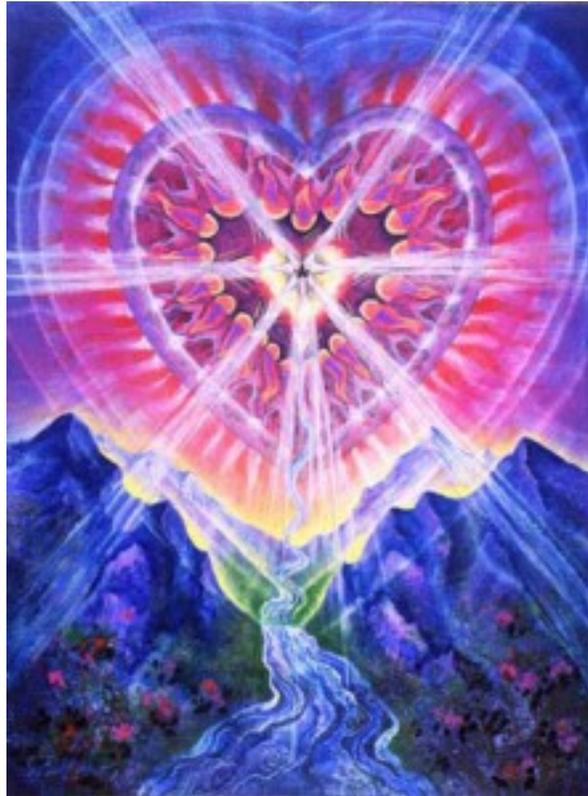
(2) "Sanat Kumara on the Purpose of Life, the Universal Law, and the Longing for Liberation," June 6, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/06/sanat-kumara-on-the-purpose-of-life-the-universal-law-and-the-longing-for-liberation>

(3) SaLuSa, Sept. 9, 2009, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

Is the Heart the Seat of the Soul?

June 23, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/06/23/311109/>



It was my experience that the Self was to be found in the "seat of the soul." That is, the Self or soul "resides" in the deepest reaches of the heart.

I found it after descending, in meditation, down into the heart as far as I could possibly go on Sept. 18, 2018. I'd literally reached the back wall of the heart. And there was the Self, innocent and pure.

I don't want to go into the whole story of how the experience was truncated so I wouldn't go off to a cave. The important thing is the treasure map: The Self is to be found in the heart. Seek it in the heart. X marks the spot.

A few days later, Archangel Michael confirmed my experience:

"You have journeyed to the depths of your soul, to the depths of your core. ... And you have discovered, not lack, not criticism, not error, but beauty. Underneath the dross is the full beauty, the power, the gentleness, the sweetness of who you are." (1)

Are there any other statements from the Company of Heaven that also confirm the heart as the seat of the soul? It'd be useful to show that looking upon it that way is not a mere figure of speech but an actual reality.

Yes, Matthew Ward confirmed it in 2008: "Your heart [is] the seat of the soul." (2) And the soul is the same as the Self. So your heart is the seat of the Self.

On another occasion, in 2017, he quoted the God of this universe:

"In one of God's talks with my mother, He told her, 'The heart is the seat of the soul.' The composition of the soul is the energy of love and it is in the heart area where the love sensation is felt. It's with good reason that you say, 'I love you with all my heart,' and add little heart symbols to love notes and send heart-embellished valentines to people especially dear to you." (3)

Matthew confirms it implicitly in another of his messages:

"The spiritual level on which you will change your leaders from being darkly-ruled themselves to people worthy of being leaders – true leaders with spiritual integrity – is within your hearts. That's your usual depiction of where love resides, is it not?

"Actually, the sensation of love is a province of the soul, but it has strong physical effects at the heart that instantly spread throughout your entirety to uplift you in spirit, mind and body." (4)

Is that not pretty much the same as saying love is found in the heart; it must flow; and we get to experience it as it flows through us?

Matthew informed us that focusing on the heart as the seat of the soul can bring us spiritual rewards, which certainly coincides with my experience:

"Remembering that the heart is the 'seat of the soul' and envisioning yourself as a glowing star [i.e., the Self] can fill you with the sensation of BEing part of the celestial spheres." (5)

It can also leave you drowned in an Ocean of Love. I believe that everyone's experience is custom-tailored to their own spiritual beliefs and ideals. Certainly mine have been.

Looking upon the Self at the seat of the soul filled me with an immense sense of well-being, purity, and innocence that was entirely new to me and definitely a step upward. In Buddhist terms, I was looking at my original face.

And it was temporary. Michael advised me if I wanted to remain in service, then "visit; don't stay." (6)

Finally, Michael speaking through Ronna Vezane suggests that the heart is where we'll find all good things:

"Within your Sacred Heart Center you will find wisdom, compassion, patience, and most important of all, unlimited Sacred Love. ... This very moment, as you move into your Sacred Heart Center, you can experience the profound love and compassion of our Father/Mother God and the Supreme Creator. ...

"We have stressed over and over again, one of the greatest challenges, yet one of the most important tasks to be accomplished in order to step onto the spiral of Ascension, is to maintain a focused point of awareness within your Solar Power Center. In doing so, you will maintain an open passage into the Sacred Heart – thereby allowing the Creator Light to flow freely to and from you." (7)

Thus it's by no means a mere figure of speech to think of the heart as the treasure box containing the spiritual wealth we seek. The treasure is to be found two digits right of the breastbone.

Take your awareness on a journey as far into the heart as you can go and see what awaits you there. You have the map. You have the right address.

Footnotes

- (1) “Archangel Michael Explains What Happened at Xenia,” September 22, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/09/22/archangel-michael-explains-what-happened-at-xenia/>.
- (2) Matthew's Message, May 21, 2008.
- (3) Ibid., April 2, 2017.
- (4) God in Matthew's Message, July 4, 2013.
- (5) Ibid., March 10, 2009.
- (6) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, May 6, 2013.
- (7) Archangel Michael in "Ronna Vezane ~ Integrating Your New Divine Blueprint," January 2, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/01/02/ronna-vezane-integrating-your-new-divine-blueprint/>.

New Way of Thinking of the Heart

August 30, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/08/30/325681/>



The Self is found in the seat of the soul, inside the heart Credit: Ute Possega Rudel

I'd like to wave a magic wand and change the way we think about the heart.

At present we think of it as a closed structure - a box, a treasure chest, a throne room, etc.

It has that aspect, but I'd like us to imagine it in a different way, for what it produces.

I'd like us to imagine it as a door. And it's a door into the higher dimensions.

I'm only speaking with regard to the divine states. I'm not discussing any other element of our multidimensional personalities.

I can't say I'm only talking about how we feel for this reason. A feeling is something that happens inside us. It's localized in a part of me - my heart, my throat, my stomach.

A divine state is something that includes us, something that envelops us, uplifts us, sweeps us away. We're drenched, immersed, awash in it.

A feeling is *in* us; *we* are in a divine state. For me that's the difference between the two.

Just staying with the door for the moment, the "door" of the heart, the heart aperture, is called in Sanskrit the hridayam. When it's closed we're simply Third/Fourth Dimensional. When it's at all open, we experience higher-dimensional love and want nothing more than to share it.

The heart is more than that however. Back in the late 1980s I saw the inner universe inside the heart. In 2018 I saw the Self at the very deepest part of the heart, the seat of the soul. I think the heart is our agreed-upon meeting place with Mother/Father God. In fact I'm sure of it.

For now we open the door of the heart and then close it. But with Ascension the door will be permanently opened, forever and ever. Bringing with it all the gifts of the higher realms, which for me will be the divine states of love, bliss, and ecstasy.

Seeing Life as a Learning Experience

May 5, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/05/05/seeing-life-as-a-learning-experience/>



*"... something about the awareness path to alchemical transformation. ...
Gutenberg's latest." Credit: rightwritings.com*

Because I regard all of life as a learning experience - the primary lesson to be learned being who we are - I create hypotheses for me to test out, which then become theorems.

Often I resolve to test a thought out because it persistently repeats itself in my consciousness.

Approaching life in this manner keeps me endlessly busy in a supremely-useful activity.

The first hypothesis I ever created, which later became for me a theorem, was that awareness varies inversely proportional to muscular tension in the body.

As tension increases, awareness decreases. As tension decreases, awareness increases. That makes the case for relaxation.

The most dramatic demonstration of this theorem for me was when a fire broke out in a planetarium.

I should mention that my mother died in a housefire. I came to consciousness in the planetarium with a man shouting at me to sit down. So tense was I that my awareness that I had gotten up out of my seat and was making for the exit was absent.

I've proceeded from that first theorem, for the most part not noticing this process of creating them and then testing them out.

I imagine there's a certain amount of past-life bleedthrough in this approach, from a life as a mathematician, a life I asked Michael never to ask me to repeat (too dry).

My latest theorem - and it's very hard to test out - is that what motivates the overwhelming majority of people is how they feel.

I've been wrestling with that one for years. I'm now at the place with it where lately I've been taking responsibility for how I feel and doing what Suzi calls "raising my vibe, going for altitude."

I've been spending meditation time consciously drawing love and bliss up from my heart and sending the love out to the world or simply sitting in the bliss.

In that state, I realize that love and bliss are constantly available to me from the supermarket of my heart, on a 24/7/365 basis, home delivery. It's just that I distract myself and forget.

So let's stop the camera here. We took a persistent thought and recast it as an hypothesis or theorem, in order to try it on, test it out, see what it brings.

In this case, it's made me more aware that I'm responsible for how I feel and it's motivated me to take steps to feel the best I can, without attracting undue attention to myself for having left the herd (if I have).

Hmmm.... Approaching life this way makes it endlessly fascinating. What can I learn from this today? What does this reveal about my life? Group life? Human life?

Each new day I'm in the classroom. What will observation of self reveal today?

Oh oh. Here's a new hypothesis arising: A practice of continuous self-observation will quietly process vasanas without the need for extra effort, in the ordinary course of simply living life. Hmmmm.... Fascinating. I wonder....

Hmmmm....

Spirituality and Growth

May 11, 2021

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/05/11/spirituality-and-growth/>



"This means something" Credit: Close Encounters of the Third Kind

There exists a spectrum to how spiritual evolution is accomplished.

At one end is what can be purely called "spirituality"; at the other, what can be purely called "growth."

What's the difference between the two as Gaians practiced them?

Well, of course, everyone will have their own opinion and that's as it should be. In my opinion, the difference between them is that growth works through the body to enlightenment and spirituality focuses more on what's beyond the body and attaining that.

Spirituality doesn't ignore the body but the interest of spiritual people seems to lie more on what's beyond it, beyond our everyday life, our senses, our memories.

Growth work doesn't ignore God and the Self. It sees such measures as releasing muscular holding patterns and the belief systems that causes them as pathways to Self and God.

Some spiritual people view growth people as being crude and elementary. Some growth people view spiritual people as having their heads in the clouds.

I personally think it's purely a matter of preference and both are valuable approaches to spiritual evolution.

Maybe you like the way you feel when you have a full breath release in rebirthing or a full body release in bioenergetics. And growth work is what you want to stay with for now.

Maybe you did growth work earlier and had a peak experience, which gave you a taste of bliss. You heard that bliss is higher-dimensional and now want to know - what is all this?

This means something, you find yourself saying, over and over. And it does. It means the world.

What Makes Our Work Different from That of the Classical Sages?

November 30, 2019

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/11/30/what-makes-our-work-different-from-that-of-the-classical-sages/>



From 1976, the year I "graduated" from a three-month encounter group which introduced me to spirituality, until 2008, the year my friend Len Satov introduced me to the notion of Ascension, I studied the works of terrestrial sages on enlightenment.

I also studied the communications of people who had passed over into the spirit realms.

From 1977 onwards, I'd studied most of the world's versions of the perennial philosophy. I knew, from my 1987 vision, (1) that enlightenment was the purpose of life.

However, as of 2008, I began to see things from a different perspective. Such matters were introduced into my thinking as dimensionality.

Moreover, I gradually became weaned from the idea that this lifetime was about personal enlightenment and came to accept that it was about the enlightenment of the whole world.

In 2018, I said to Archangel Michael, who entered my life in 2011:

Steve Beckow: [Ascension teachings are] very different from classical theory.

Archangel Michael: Classical theory has served you well. Now you are on a new course. (2)

On another occasion, during a discussion of heart openings, he said:

"You are in a time of individual and collective Ascension that has never occurred upon your planet or elsewhere so many of the historic and accurate understandings with regard to heart openings have shifted, can we say, expanded." (3)

As he implies here, these two subjects were new to spirituality: dimensionality and global entrainment.

In 2017 Michael explained how terrestrial sages did not teach dimensionality:

"Now [in olden times] that sense of bringing others along wasn't defined by dimensions. It was more a teacher/student, sage/novitiate relationship. So the framework was very different.

"What you have now, is the knowingness that you are, for purposes of explanation, moving forward dimensionally, flowing back and forth, and that sense also of the flow throughout dimensions, that you can flow back and forth, that it was not restricted, that it wasn't that you arrived at Heaven's Gate and that was it, this flow is new.

"Well, it is not new but it is new to human thinking." (4)

We have the examples of Jesus and the Buddha as to how dimensionality was handled previously. After his crucifixion, Jesus said that he was going back to his Father. He didn't say he was ascending the dimensional ladder and going beyond them to the Transcendental.

Moreover, upon his death, or mahasamadhi, the Buddha is represented as going through many "stages" and "spheres" to Parinirvana. Here's how his ascent of the dimensions was described:

"Then the Master entered into the first stage of meditation. Rising out of the first stage he passed into the second. Rising out of the second he passed into the third. Rising out of the third stage he passed into the fourth. And rising out of the fourth stage of meditation he entered into the sphere of the infinity of space.

"And passing out of the sphere of the infinity of space he entered into the sphere of the infinity of consciousness. And passing out of the sphere of the infinity of consciousness he entered into the sphere in which nothing exists.

"And passing out of the sphere of nothingness, he fell into the sphere of 'neither-perception-nor-nonperception'. And passing out of the sphere of 'neither-perception-nor-nonperception' he entered the sphere of the 'cessation-of-perception-experience'. ...

"Then the Master, passing out of that sphere, ... continued in the reverse order through the spheres and the stages of meditation, to the first stage; from this he passed again to the second stage, then to the third stage, and then to the fourth stage of meditation. From the fourth stage of meditation the Master passed immediately into [Parinirvana]." (5)

Absent is the mention of dimensions. However, the same message is conveyed using the metaphor of "stages" and "spheres," which probably reflects what the writer of this passage (not the Buddha, who had passed away) thought his listeners could comprehend.

Our discussions of dimensionality, therefore, are one way in which the discussion has changed from that of classical sages.

A second way in which it has changed is the movement from a discussion of personal enlightenment to one of global enlightenment, with accompanying movement from a discussion of personal sadhana (or spiritual practice) to one of global wayshowing and entrainment.

Remember that the Divine Mother told me, after my fourth-chakra sight of the Self at Xenia on Sept. 18, 2018, that personal enlightenment was not to be my goal (and, by extension, our goal) in this lifetime.

"Let me be very clear.... If you had seen the light as it actually is ... yes, a million, billion suns ... you would have simply departed. ...

"We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed - yes, with us, for yourself, for the service you are providing - you would have departed and simply said, 'I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!'" (6)

Michael said the same thing on another occasion:

"If you were completely involved in your [own] full awakening, you in very great likelihood would not be forming a platform [GAoG] with me. You would be off somewhere in an ashram meditating. ...

"Ground yourself. Be human and love the experience of being in form."
(7)

Personal enlightenment will arrive with planetary Ascension for the lightworker wayshowers of this generation. It's not, unto itself, our agenda - ahead of that event.

Instead we participate in the entrainment of the world's population, to have them follow us to Ascension. This accent on entrainment, Michael tells us, distinguishes our work from those of classical sages:

"The sense [is] that, yes, you are not looking for students or followers. What you are truly doing - yes, as pathfinders - you are showing the way, but you are also bringing along the collective in entrainment.

"Now the sages did not think of this, of their journey as a process of entrainment, of bringing the entire collective along. You do. And when I say 'you' I mean the current thinking and body of understanding and knowing in the lightworker community. So the fundamental premises have changed." (8)

The fact that we'll retain our physical bodies, combined with the mass aspect of Ascension, mean, as St. Germaine reminded us, that "all the rules have changed."

"You have decided to maintain form. That doesn't mean we're going to have you punished by not allowing you access to the 7th. That is the old paradigm. 'You can't come here, unless you die.'

"Well, that's not true! That's what enlightenment and Ascension is about. You can go as far [as you like], you can go and feel and be the Love that is the 7th Christ consciousness. You can have it all and then you pull it into your physical form so that you are a walking, talking, working, creating Christ-conscious Being." (9)

These two changes then make our work different from that of classical sages. The changes open up vistas that were not developed in classical philosophies (though they may have been metaphorically referred to). In fact, they make the work of all the work of one and the work of one the work of all.

Footnotes

(1) See "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 20, 2018.

(3) Ibid., Aug. 3, 2015.

(4) Ibid., Feb. 17, 2017.

(5) The actual term used, which is, I believe, Pali and Theravedin, is "Parinibbana." Description of the Buddha's mahasamadhi in Trevor Ling, *The Buddha's Philosophy of Man. Early Indian Buddhist Dialogues*. London, etc.: Dent, 1981, 204-5.

(6) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

(7) Archangel Michael, *ibid.*, May 6, 2013.

(8) Archangel Michael, *ibid.*, Feb. 17, 2017.

(9) "Transcript: Heavenly Blessings – St. Germaine on Where to Look for Results," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 15, 2014, at <http://goo.gl/OxNpnG>.

⌘ Biographical ⌘

My Journey

Dec. 20, 2012

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/site-matters/my-journey/>



This article covers the career of the 2012 Scenario from its inception in late 2009 to Dec. 20, 2012. After Jan. 1, 2013, it became the Golden Age of Gaia, the name being the suggestion of Stephen Cook.

I've just been reading through Stephen's transcript of his interview with Archangel Michael and I emerged bubbling with laughter and joy.

And I began to think back over the wonderful years of this journey.

It began for me, and pardon me if I wax a bit nostalgic, when I watched a Youtube video called *In Plane Site* in July 2007. On that day I realized that 9/11 was an inside job and something snapped inside of me.

I'd retired earlier that year from the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada where I sat as a decision-maker on refugee claims.

While I'd written dictionaries of enlightenment under a pseudonym, and had a previous career as a writer on a particular spiritual leader (he's since fallen from

grace), again under a pseudonym, I'd never attached my name to much and had never published anything for payment.

But writing on 9/11 demanded that I come out of the closet, or what I wrote would have no impact. So I began to expose the conspiracy that underlay 9/11 and to take the cabal behind it on.

From there I graduated to the exposure of the omnicide promised by the cabal's knowing use of depleted-uranium weapons.

A year later (on August 29, 2008) I went on a trip to Bellingham, WA, with Len Satov and my wife D'Arcy, to see Mother Meera who was visiting the Pacific Northwest. My wife is the scout in the family and introduced me to Len (and Adyashanti and Andrew Cohen, etc.)

D'Arcy had already told me about Jean Hudon, who put out such a valuable compendium on a regular basis. So I already knew a little about what was happening. But Len brought me into the picture on the Mayan Calendar and what was expected Dec. 21, 2012.

My wife and Len decided to stop in to the duty free shop at the border, which, as it turned out, added perhaps two or three hours onto our trip because there was such a huge and slowly-moving line out of the shop and back into traffic.

But it gave Len a chance to tell me absolutely everything to do with Ascension. And I said to Len that I would do what I've done so often – I'd start a website on it (First Contact: <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/fc/fc-index1.html>) and see what I could turn up. I have to thank Len and D'Arcy for making me aware of all this.

The website led me to Mark Huber, who, like Jean, put out all-points bulletins on what was going on. Pretty soon I was doing my first compendium for Mark of his own coverage of the 2012 scene and not long after he asked me to open up a discussion group for him.

All of us had been huddling on an existing discussion group up till that time but there were a couple of really negative types on that group and we were looking for more satisfying digs.

While Mark gave us “intel” on what was happening, I began writing articles on Ascension, which I’d been studying as enlightenment, and on emerging as leaders in the New Age fast approaching. There I met many of you, many of whom remain readers of this blog and members of the second discussion group.

And then I fell sick and had to leave the first discussion group. Really, really sick, with colitis, for six dreary months. And so I had to stay in the apartment with no ability to answer email in a timely manner. Some of the members of the old discussion group assisted me to start a blog, which I named the *2012 Scenario*.

There have been so many people who’ve helped over the years with this site – I can’t remember everyone – Ann Pomazal, Natasha Beckow, Melinda Carter, Pat Donworth, Laura T., Ryan Vaughan, Casey Plummer, Stephen Cook, Anthony Morrison, Suzi Maresca, GD, Vina Vongsaykham, Alice Cull, Sage Hawkwynde, on and on the names roll.

No one that I can remember ever complained about the fact that it was all volunteer, that nothing was ever charged for, that no one sought credit, that we worked every day of the week, etc. I can’t believe what a blessing it’s been to know and work with all of you.

I cannot forget to thank the Observer Corps – Roth (actually Fay), Janis, Julie, Genele, Gene, Shaunie, Ramona, Jeannie, and so, so many others – who helped us find the stories we print. And I have to thank Ellen and Mary on transcription! Without you, we could not have done this.

We held World Disclosure Days, World Freedom Days, tried to bring in NESARA funds and faced never-ending postponements, Disclosure dates that never happened, and grew as wary of predictions as anyone else.

Our darkest day was the day we heard that the Neptune expedition would not go ahead. Of course I had been inept in my organization of it and doomed it from the get-go, but everyone else worked very hard, only to find our hopes dashed.

No one was probably as disappointed as Linda Dillon was. Poor Blossom, who had suffered through her own espousal of Oct. 14, 2008 as a massive decloaking, only to find the galactics postpone that event as well, seemed to know best of anyone what we were going through.

But, as Morgan Freeman said in Deep Impact, “we survived.” But I get ahead of myself.

Len and I had been getting together at Starbucks and he’d been sharing his personal readings with this incredible medium on the East Coast, Linda Dillon.

And maybe a year after I first heard of her, I awoke from a dream I had of meeting my twin flame, I called her and asked for a reading myself. After meeting Annastara and my other guides – Windthrow, Phoenix and White Cloud – I was told that someone wanted to speak to me.

It was Archangel Michael.

A discussion group member, Betty Salye, had told me in 2009 in a channeled reading: “Now we leave you with this thought. You have an intricate connection with the one called Michael and his ‘sword of truth.’” And this came to mind when I first spoke with him. He very gently and gradually woke me up to what I was doing here and our past relationship. Of course all this sounded way far out to me.

He told me about my eight past lives on Earth. He told me what I was here to do and how we’d do it together.

There arose a close co-operation between Linda and I, both of us comforting each other after many slams from various quarters that followed on from the Neptune incident and other times.

We started meet-ups at this time.

In late 2011, I was approached by Les Martz to assist a friend who needed \$6,000 worth of urgent dental repairs which could prove fatal if she could not find the wherewithal to get the repairs done. Would I assist to fund raise?

At first I said no and then I discussed it with you and, before I could even make up my mind, Lawrence Vendetti (Vendo) sent in a \$1,000 cheque and I knew it was meant to be.

So I now said yes and there began the Lightworkers Fun, renamed to the Hope Chest. We were at the time the only charity assisting lightworkers and the support that you the readers gave so many people who faced homelessness, the loss of

electricity and heat, the loss of their car, or similar situations has inspired us and warmed our hearts.

Soon after founding the Hope Chest, we were approached by a NESARA custodian (she doesn't like her name used) and asked to start the Bridge Fund. Another team arose and has gone through several incarnations, but, as you see, NESARA too did not eventuate. All these efforts gradually petered out. But Michael reminded me that we were getting needed experience thinking these matters through.

That NESARA custodian started out a wealthy person and spent her entire substance supporting the effort through the past year. Some day I hope her story can be told. And others also supported the effort liberally, allowing members of the team to remain out of normal jobs to work the project.

In late 2011, Graham D broached the idea of starting a radio show. I had already done one interview with this really bright and irrepressible light in Australia named Stephen Cook, who gently nudged me out of the closet on the subject of the galactics and got me over the I-just-sealed-my fate-and-future stage of things.

Graham suggested interviewing me on a weekly basis and I suggested interviewing Archangel Michael instead. Fortunately Graham did not consider that a whacko idea and *An Hour with an Angel* began, with Linda channeling the Council of Love. (Rosy bore the cost for InLight Radio all this time.)

Graham, who is a joy to work with, expanded his radio shows, with Geoff West, Stephen Cook, Suzi Maresca joining us and soon we covered six days of the week. Then, tired of waiting for Disclosure, Graham took up a chance remark I made that we should disclose the presence of the galactics ourselves, and organized and produced *I Know My Galactic Family is Here. Do You?* (In two weeks, by the way.) Luisa Vasconcellos's global team of transcribers translated the video into many languages, making it perhaps the only worldwide disclosure event that we've had prior to Ascension.

And on top of all this, Sierra Neblina organized us to do a conference which all the InLight Radio team, but mostly Stephen, worked tirelessly to bring about. We made our mistakes, it being our first time doing this, but the conferences themselves, or more accurately, the love fests, made it all worthwhile. We so much

enjoyed meeting all of you and only wish there could have been no costs involved so we could have met many more of you. But we will – after Ascension.

Thank you to all lightworkers everywhere, those we've agreed with and those we haven't. Thank you to the celestials and galactics and ascended masters. Thank you to everyone who has brought forth this wonderful release from duality and are opening wide the doors for us into the New World.

I hope that everyone walks into the Light of Ascension and has a day so transformative that it wipes away all our tears and leaves us in bliss forever.

I Feel Fully Self-Expressed

September 29, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/09/29/i-feel-fully-self-expressed/>



Credit: virtuesforlife.com

Would you allow me a personal reflection for a moment?

I live in a paradoxical situation where my readers know more about me than most of my friends.

I don't mean this as a criticism. It makes sense.

Local conversation might go like, "What did you do today?" And I reply with a litany of what I did.

None of it says anything about who I am in the matter.

In here I say who I am in the matter. Is that a bad thing?

In here I can be myself. I have only me to report to for what I say. I can speak freely.

I don't think we appreciate this aspect of the Internet. It's communication we control, where we can be ourselves and speak freely. (1)

Some people use it to troll and harm others. Too bad. But that will go.

The attitudes below those kinds of actions will not equip the individuals to accept and integrate the higher energies. (2) I predict that the trolls and hackers will influence events less and less.

Meanwhile, when we return to peace and harmony, the Internet, this internal space, can be used to achieve full self-expression.

I can speak to that because I feel fully self-expressed as a result of writing. And this level of connectivity available from the Internet makes this level of writing possible - and rewarding.

Feeling fully self-expressed is not about number of publications or whether it made the bestsellers list (I've never sold a single book).

From my vantage point, just like mastery and abundance, full self-expression is a space, a state of being. And, that being the case, it's higher dimensional.

Realization is the usual doorway into it. Sometimes an experience can be powerful enough to catapult us in. But these days, for me, it's becoming easier to breathe the space up from my heart.

When I breathe it up, I feel uplifted, satisfied, fulfilled. I recall Andrew Cohen saying it isn't having the object of desire that proves satisfying and uplifting. It's the momentary cessation of desire.

Yes. In me, it's the cessation of the desire to seek "more" in order to reach a point I think of as "fulfilment." I already feel fulfilled.

I've done enough in the service of my own agenda of proving my self-worth. That doesn't mean I won't continue in service of the Mother. Of course I will. It just means that the other self-demeaning script is now out of the way.

How wonderfully liberating. I feel fully self-expressed. Is that not the object of the inner game of writing?

So we can add writing as another path to the same higher-dimensional space that we've already known as love, bliss, peace, mastery, and abundance. In this case we know it as full self-expression. Another door in.



This space is for me unlike the others - i.e., it has its own flavor - in this respect, that work-related vasanas have been a big part of my life.

My self-worth issues arose because my Dad used to call me a lazy, no-good good-for-nothing. Consequently I became a high-volume producer to prove him wrong.

Having reached the place of feeling fully self-expressed, all of those nagging issues and upsets (which make up the vasana) are now released.

I never even suspected their existence. (3)

I've satisfied myself that I've adequately disproven the allegation that I'm a lazy, no-good, good-for-nothing. I've done enough. I can now stop serving this unseen agenda and now with my full attention serve the agenda of the Mother.

Footnotes

(1) Of course what we say leaves a record that personnel officers can read in an employment-related search. It often becomes easier for retired folks to speak their minds in this environment.

(2) The structures of muscular tension in the body will prevent awareness from expanding; dark beliefs will prevent the seeing of what's real; the burden of past perpetrations will weigh the will to good down.

(3) More proof that all upsets are coming up for release. We're being squeezed like a tube of toothpaste.

Getting Out of My Own Way

July 2, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/07/02/getting-out-of-my-own-way/>



Workshop area at Cold Mountain Institute

My life is a workshop in awareness.

My agreement is to remain aware of myself.

My process involves observing, noticing, and sharing.

Viewed from a cultural-historical standpoint, my notes are an Ascension ethnography - a biography or narrative of one person's slow and gradual, and sometimes sudden, Ascension process.

Right now, I'm noticing the impact of the "hollowing-out" event I just went through. So flattened was I that I could see what I'd been building, below awareness, in what Werner Erhard called "the background of obviousness."

I saw my self-importance, arrogance, and pretense. I couldn't stand the sight of it.

And it's the impact of that sudden awareness of facade, of empty posturing that I wanted to write about.

There's been a change in me as a result of this dawning awareness. It's very hard to put in words. I feel more self-confident. I feel more capable. I feel more down-to-Earth, grounded, present.

A lot of the flutters in my stomach are gone. I'm not protecting an image now. Doing so sets up an elaborate network of inner sensors and analysts that make the mind busy and noisy forever.

I'm not seeking anything. Large amounts of money will be passing through my hands (as through yours) on their way to fund - in my case - universal basic incomes in countries that want them. The Reval is just the beginning, apparently.

And I don't feel a desire for anything in return, more than my living expenses. There's nothing (very much) I want.

Grief took me to such a low level that nothing mattered any more. I got to see my striving for security, recognition, validation, etc., in relief and it was all empty and vain.

None of it had the inherent value that, for instance, love and bliss do.

On the awareness path, the focus of activity lies in raising things to awareness. Once they're up to awareness, they usually take care of themselves.

I theorize that awareness is not neutral, as we may think it is; it's dissolutive (apparently I invented the word). It dissolves emotional blockages and muscular tension. The truth has set us free.

When my self-importance was raised to awareness, I had a conscious experience of it. That was freeing.

And I got to see its downside as well, like the way I felt when I was behaving self-importantly. I certainly didn't feel loving. I felt self-righteous, brittle. If awareness is dissolutive, self-importance is corrosive.

As the realization unfolded, I felt an increased degree of genuine self-confidence. It was a deep and solid feeling. Don't ask me how it's all connected. The "upgrade" didn't come with a manual.

Please see the irony in this: The less self-important I am, the more confident I am. Should it not be the other way around? The more self-important I am, the more self-confident I am, right?

It turns out not to be the case. The more I stand aside and get out of my own way, the greater my sense of competence and capability. It makes sense. The more the ego stands aside, the more the Self, the Higher Self, our guides, etc., can reach and guide the everyday consciousness (the spirit operator of the body).

Michael once asked me to "dream big." (1) I feel more capable of doing that after being hollowed out.

He also said: "You have reached a point in your heart, in your being, in your life, in your consciousness where you are realizing ... the magnitude of our partnership." (2)

Yes, I am.

So a diminution of the ego results in an increase in self-confidence, which allows us to take on the exact same assignments that the ego craved. The ego would not have been able to meet the demands of those assignments whereas the everyday consciousness freed of the ego can. (3)

I now feel comfortable contemplating the road ahead where two weeks ago I'd have felt nervous. If you'd have asked me a month ago how I'd get to this place from where I was, I wouldn't have had any idea.

There's less of me around now and I feel much better for it. (4)

Footnotes

(1) "We want you to dream big." (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, July 1, 2016.)

(2) Ibid., Aug. 17, 2018.

(3) As much as anyone can ever be free of the ego.

(4) This process is an instance of personal cleansing, from which I've emerged with less of myself around.

Hands on the Dials of Enlightenment

April 15, 2020

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/04/15/hands-on-the-dials-of-enlightenment/>



What I write is every bit as much guidance and inspiration for me as it may be for anyone else. I seldom know what "I" am going to write next.

To begin with, what is your spiritual path?

My spiritual path, as most readers probably know, is the awareness path. The fundamental agreement is to remain aware of myself in all my phases and activities. (1)

In choosing it, I had to take into account my preference that my path be portable. So no rituals that would require me to cart around a lot of baggage. Nothing that'd be dependent on location or time. I needed to be able to engage in it wherever I was, whenever I wanted to.

It also had to be something that promised to lead to enlightenment.

Have people, in fact, attained enlightenment by the awareness path?

Many, many sages.

The Buddha attained enlightenment by Vipassana meditation, which focuses awareness on sensations on the body. The aim is to reach a point where awareness has dissolved all the sensations and the mind is quiet. This was enough to carry the Buddha from Brahmajhana (seventh-chakra enlightenment) to what he called Nirvana (what we call Ascension).

Awareness worked for Bodhidharma, who emptied his mind by staring at a blank wall and remaining aware of what arose. Zen masters used awareness to achieve enlightenment. Awareness is at the heart of Taoism.

Ramana Maharshi's Self-Enquiry and the Growth Movement of the 1970s were all about self-awareness.

What's the difference between "awareness" and "presence"?

For me, "awareness" and "presence" are the same thing. One cannot be present and not aware. One cannot be aware and not present.

It's an educated guess on my part that one must be here now (be present or aware) to trigger enlightenment.

That having been said, it's also my considered opinion that awareness is not the only thing going on around our enlightenment.

Another factor is that the Mother and our team of guides play a very large role in everything to do with our experiences of enlightenment. This is not something that's widely taught, but it follows from my own history.

How many times have I heard the Mother and Michael say that they toned down an enlightenment experience so that I wouldn't leave the path of service? Fourth-chakra, seventh-chakra and even seventh-dimensional experiences were all toned down. (2) This proves that they manage our enlightenment experiences.

I define as enlightenment any experience triggered when the Kundalini reaches at least the fourth chakra. It's the Mother and our guides who moderate it, like technicians operating a hydroelectric dam." Increase the flow." "Cut back now." Hands on the dials of enlightenment.

I further define enlightenment as realization plus bliss. In a truncated experience, the bliss is usually missing. Being aware of that, one sees that it's the bliss that lends realization its potency.

Bliss lifts us up to a vibrational level where the realization is ... orgasmic, really; where it can work its full effect, sink in the deepest, and touch us most profoundly.

Without bliss, realization is more or less like watching a movie. It lacks potency, the force to have us fully reap the benefit of it.

Where is all this headed?

The whole game of life that the Mother and the archangels are assisting us with is about awareness. To see why this is so obliges us to remember the purpose of life.

The purpose of life is for us to become *aware* of our true identity. (I'll say why in a moment.)

Sure, I can *tell* you what that is. But intellectual knowledge is not very powerful. The answer is: Your true identity is God. Now did hearing that split the atom for you? Not unless you blissfully realized it, rather than just reading it.

Why does it matter that I learn my true identity?

Because every time a person realizes that they're God, God meets God in that moment. God has the experience of Itself when we realize our true identity. For the purpose of this meeting was everything created - for us to get who we truly are and for God to have an experience of Itself.

Discovering our true essence is an exercise in *awareness* which results in *certain knowledge*. And it's knowledge that is the end of the road, the goal of all experience. (3)

I personally think that every experience including and past the fourth chakra is one of these moments in which God has an experience of at least an aspect of Itself.

It might be a vision experience. It might be a heart opening. It might be an experience of Light. Whatever it is, we realize an aspect of God - probably a "bite-sized piece" - so that we're not overwhelmed. (3) Even the overall process of

enlightenment itself - in which each isolated experience is sudden - can as a whole be seen as gradual.

To summarize, my path takes as its object the event and process that takes us to the very heart of existence - awareness. It sets its sights on becoming aware of who we truly are, in service to the God we meet in that moment.

Footnotes

(1) The mainstream media mocked us as the "Me Generation," as if self-awareness leads to selfishness. In fact it leads to increasing freedom from core issues, greater openness of heart, and increased compassion for others.

(2) Fourth-Chakra Intervention

Steve: The [fourth-chakra sight of the Self] experience at Xenia, Mother, was that truncated?

Divine Mother: Slightly, yes.

Steve: I had the thought [it was]. ... The Light I saw should have been brighter than a thousand suns. The fact that it wasn't suggests to me that the experience was truncated. ...

DM: It was not is brilliant as possible, let us put it that way.

Steve: Alright... And again, the reason is to keep me in sync with my readers?

DM: It is to keep you in sync with your readers... But let me be very clear about that. If you had seen the light as it actually is, yes, a million, billion suns... you would have simply departed. ...

We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed - yes, with us, for yourself, for the service you are providing - you would have departed and simply said, "I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!" (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

Seventh-Chakra Intervention

Steve: [Emptiness of mind] was followed next by what appeared to be the kundalini completing its circuit at the seventh chakra. Is that in fact what happened?

AAM: Yes. Now it is part of the reset button. Think of it in this way. If you are installing, say, a new program, or you had an old program that kept stalling out three quarters of the way full and you were frustrated as all get out with it. And you are asking for the fullness of the program to come online so you turn off your computer and you restart it.

That is what you did.

Steve: Hmm, interesting! Ordinarily you would experience Brahmajnana at that point but I felt that it had been muted, toned down.

AAM: When you use the term “dramatic enlightenment experiences”[as I did earlier], you are talking about Nirvana. You are talking about the unity of all with One.

It is not to say that you will not experience that, but you cannot (well, you can if you wish; it is a choice to) simply remain in that state of unity, of One, and be fully conscious, in service, in action....

So, it *is* a toning down, if anything. It really is the middle ground. ...

You know that enlightenment is right there in front of you. It is yours to access. But if you are in service, you will not choose to live there. ...

You can think of it as keeping two feet firmly on the ground. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012. Hereafter AAM.)

Seventh-Dimensional Intervention

Steve Beckow: I had an experience at a meditation workshop in which I felt regal. It was a partial experience. Can you tell me what that part of me was that I accessed.

Archangel Michael: ... Your highest Self, your Oversoul, is very regal.

SB: So that was an experience of the Oversoul.

AAM: Yes. (AAM, Sept. 13, 2011.)

The Arcturians through Sue Lie: Seventh is your Oversoul. (Arcturians, March 17, 2013.)

On Truncation in General/Reason Why Ascension is Gradual

Steve: Now, when an experience is truncated how am I to look upon it? That you wish me to write about it as far as I have experienced it? That we're illustrating things in bite-size chunks so as not to overload people? That you don't want us to be fully ascended because we'll stop fulfilling this service contract if we are?

Archangel Michael: What you have seen is that you have been given bite-sized pieces of energy, of energy bumps, of input of what you can digest and handle and truly bring to fruition. If you are in the process of expansion, you don't go from Grade 3 to a PhD in a week. ("Archangel Michael on Truncated Experiences," March 21, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/03/21/aam-on-truncated-experiences/>.)

What Michael has just said, I assert, holds true for all our Ascensions. We're being given small servings of energy to digest and manifest. They know we cannot jump from Grade 3 to a Ph.D. in a single bound. This is why Ascension is for the most part gradual, with some sudden "energy bumps."

(3) Which is why discrimination is so important. But that's a separate conversation.

(4) To repeat: "You have been given bite-sized pieces of energy, of energy bumps, of input of what you can digest and handle and truly bring to fruition. If you are in the process of expansion, you don't go from Grade 3 to a PhD in a week." ("Archangel Michael on Truncated Experiences," *ibid.*)

⌘ Appendix ⌘

On the Nature of the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit



The spiritual Phenomenon called the Divine Mother has always been deeply interesting to spiritual seekers. Known to sages and saints throughout history, it is the Divine Mother whom we in the West address as the Holy Spirit and Mother Nature. In India, Hindus address Her as Shakti, Maya, Kali, and Durga. She is also known as Wisdom, Aum, Amen, the Word of God.

By whatever name we refer to Her, She is an actual Entity that exists and can be directly experienced. In this paper, I present a number of conjectures about Her identity based on the recorded experiences of these saints and sages.

The Mother's nature is one of the unfathomable mysteries of life. Nothing can be said about Her directly or positively. Almost everything that can be said of Her must be couched in metaphors; She is described in terms of waves, clouds, lights, fire, voices, music, though She is none of these. I know of no other way to discuss Her than metaphorically.

Her existence preceded language. Therefore it stands to reason that She operates without recourse to or dependence on words. As I am led to believe, no amount of intellectual understanding can substitute for a direct and personal experience of Her.

The subject of the Mother's identity can be very dense. Even arriving at the generalities presented here required the matching of many pieces of a large and complex spiritual puzzle. In the end, all of it must remain guesswork on my part.

If we mean to follow the case as set out here, we will have to suspend disbelief, at least until the full argument has been stated.

Every name used in this essay, unless otherwise stated, is a name by which the Mother has been known to an enlightened master. Towards the end of the essay, a list of these names is given. Because all refer to the same Entity, I could have chosen any one of them as definitive. In fact, I have chosen to follow Sri Ramakrishna's practice and refer to this high power as the "Divine Mother."

If, after finishing this article, you wish to pursue the subject further, the best source to turn to is the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, the recorded conversations of the Mother's greatest devotee. While most sages knew a single facet of the Mother, the Avatar of Dakshineswar scaled the lofty peaks of enlightenment by several routes and displayed a sublime, multi-faceted knowledge of the Mother which offers a standard of comparison for other accounts.

The Mother is neither a female nor a person

To arrive at a notion of the Mother, we must first put aside our anthropocentric ways of thinking and realize that She is not a person, and not a female either, but an agency, a power in the universe which can only be understood as it is.

Avatars and enlightened saints and sages, who refer to the Holy Father and Divine Mother, find themselves in a position of needing to speak about entities which are one at the absolute level of existence and apparently two at the relative. To differentiate between them, they draw upon a metaphor of gender, as Kabir and Lao Tzu illustrate:

Kabir: "The formless Absolute is my Father, and God with form is my Mother." (1)

Lao Tzu: "Nameless indeed is the source of creation [i.e., the Father],

But things have a mother and she has a name." (2)

Both Kabir and Lao Tzu are differentiating between an absolute realm where name and form are not to be found and a relative plane where they are. The former is designated the Father; the latter, the Mother.

However, down through the centuries, using the gender metaphor has given rise to a difficulty. We ordinary people, lacking the knowledge that accompanies enlightenment, project onto these two high powers stereotypes and conclusions, likes and dislikes proper to actual males and females and improper to these genderless sublime entities. The Divine Mother becomes anthropomorphized into a woman, leading us to distort Her true nature and enmeshing us in a web of imprisoning thoughts.

Not a female, the Mother is nonetheless the necessary cause of gender; not a male, the Father is its sufficient cause. Not a person Herself, the Mother is the source of personhood; not a person Himself, the Father is the source of existence itself.

If we truly wish to approach an understanding of Her Nature that may help us realize Her, we must be vigilant against taking the gender metaphor farther than its usefulness permits.

The term “Mother” refers to the relative plane of existence; the term “Father” refers to the absolute

Understanding some basic distinctions about Her will require us to think in vast terms. Sri Ramakrishna hinted at this to his devotees: “The macrocosm and microcosm rest in the Mother's womb. Now do you see how vast She is?” (3)

One of Sri Ramakrishna's translators and biographers, Swami Nikhilananda, explains: reality has two levels, one of which may be called the absolute, acosmic, or transcendental level and the other the relative, cosmic, or phenomenal. (4) It was these two levels of Reality that saints and sages wished to speak about by using the metaphor of a cosmic male and female.

According to Swami Nikhilananda, at the phenomenal level, one perceives the universe of diversity and is aware of one's own individual personality or ego, whereas at the transcendental level, differences merge into an inexplicable non-dual consciousness. Both these levels of experience are real from their respective standpoints, though what is perceived at one level may be negated at the other. (5)

Thus, the Mother, coterminous with this relative plane of existence, includes all things, all creation, all manifestation, all matter. The Father, the source of creation, remains ever no-thing, un-created, un-manifest, im-material.

On the relative plane, the Divine Mother creates all there is, preserves it for a time, and then dissolves it into the formless Father again

According to the saints and sages we shall hear from, it is the Mother who operates the world; that is, who creates, preserves, and destroys everything there is.

As Swami Nikhilananda observes, She is "Procreatrix [cf. Prakriti], Nature, the Destroyer, the Creator." (6) His remarks echo ancient texts. Of Her the *Upanishads* declared: "Thou art the creator; thou art the destroyer by thy prowess; and thou art the protector." (7) In the *Bhagavad-Gita*, Sri Krishna addresses Her as Maya.

Maya makes all things: what moves, what is unmoving.
O son of Kunti, that is why the world spins,
Turning its wheel through birth and through destruction. (8)

This knowledge is not privy to Hindus alone. The avatar Zarathustra taught that the Mother was in sole charge of "the management of the bodily and spiritual worlds." (9) Solomon also knew that Wisdom "operates everything." (10)

Swami Nikhilananda used various metaphors to suggest how She operates:

She projects the world and again withdraws it. She spins it as the spider spins its web. She is the Mother of the Universe, identical with the Brahman of Vedanta, and with the Atman of Yoga. As eternal Lawgiver, She makes and unmakes laws; it is by Her imperious will that karma yields its fruit. She ensnares men with illusion and again releases them from bondage with a look of Her benign eyes. She is the Supreme Mistress of the cosmic play, and all objects, animate and inanimate, dance by Her will. Even those who realize the Absolute in nirvikalpa samadhi are under Her jurisdiction as long as they live on the relative plane. (11)

She is metaphorically called the Voice in the Wilderness in the Bible because no law, no principle of organization, no structure can apply to the formless God. Only the Mother has form; as such She gives Voice to God and cries in the "wilderness" that the Father is.

The Mother made the body

Having created the universe, the Divine Mother dwells within it, as King Solomon, an enlightened devotee of the Mother, suggests: “Wisdom [Solomon’s name for the Divine Mother] ... penetrates and permeates everything that is, every material thing.” (12) Sri Ramakrishna agrees: “After the creation the Primal Power [the Mother] dwells in the universe itself. She brings forth this phenomenal world and then pervades it.” (13) The Avatar of Dakshineswar confided to his devotees that “the Divine Mother revealed to me that it is She Herself who has become man.” (14)

She made the five material bodies (or *pancha kosas*) by which we act and know. Solomon cryptically comments that: “Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn her seven pillars.” (15) It is my impression that the “seven pillars” are the seven chakras. St. Paul too was referring to Her role as the body's creator and indweller when he said: “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God [the Mother] dwelleth in you?” (16) In Sri Krishna’s words: “Every human being is essentially a soul [the Child of God or Atman, one with the Father], covered with a veil of maya [the Mother].” (17)

Let us pause with this mention of the immortal soul. We now have three eternal actors in our divine play. We have the Father without form, the Mother with form, and the immortal soul, their offspring, which the prophet Amos called “a firebrand plucked out of the burning.” (19) What is the divine drama in which all three are engaged?

If we look at events from the standpoint of the immortal soul, then it could be said, as I have done elsewhere, (18) that the purpose of life is enlightenment. The purpose of life is that the undying soul should travel out from God, into the world, where, after eons of spiritual evolution and enlightenment, it will learn that it and God are one. The purpose of life, viewed from the Creator’s standpoint, is that God should meet God, and, through that meeting, enjoy His own bliss. (20) The Father created the Mother, who went on to create trillions of forms – prodigal children, embodied souls - which left the Father and travelled in the realm of matter, until every form comes to know itself as God.

These three actors could be called the Transcendental (the Holy Father), the Phenomenal (the Divine Mother), and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal (the immortal soul or Child of God). If we alter their order, we have what Christians call the “Trinity” – the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We explore the Father and Mother in this article. The immortal soul is the unrealized “Son of God,” (21) the treasure buried in a field, the Pearl of great price, the Prince of peace, and the mustard seed that, upon realization, grows into a great tree. (22) The point at which Christianity and Hinduism intersect is right here, at exactly this same Trinity, which Hindus know as Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

The Divine Mother made the body and the Holy Father hid a fragment of Himself within its heart (the Child of God), which the Mother has raised and educated until the divine spark realizes its true identity.

The Mother arises from the Father and merges in Him again.

The Mother arises from the Father and falls back into Him again. She is like the clouds in the sky; the Father is the sky from which the clouds emerge and into which they melt again. Sri Ramakrishna tried to convey Their relationship by using the metaphor of impermanent waves forming on the ocean of Satchidananda:

These waves [arise] from the Great Ocean and merge again into the Great Ocean. From the Absolute to the Relative, and from the Relative to the Absolute. (23)

It has been revealed to me that there exists an Ocean of “Consciousness” without limit [i.e., the Father]. From it come all things of the relative plane [i.e., the Mother], and in it they merge again. (24)

Paramahansa Yogananda also used a wave metaphor to describe the Mother: “The storm-roar [the Mother] of the sea [the Father] creates the waves [materiality] – preserves them for some time as larger or smaller waves -- and then dissolves them.” (25)

While the great ocean of consciousness is formless, the waves, which are a part of it, have form. Nonetheless waves and ocean are one. “That which has form,” Sri Ramakrishna asserted, “again, is without form. That which has attributes, again, has no attributes.” (26) “Water is water whether it is calm or full of waves. The

Absolute alone is the Primordial Energy, which creates, preserves, and destroys.” (27)

Sri Ramakrishna describes how the relative plane emerges from the absolute and falls back into it again.

Brahman [the Father] may be compared to an infinite ocean, without beginning or end. Just as, through intense cold, some portions of the ocean freeze into ice and formless water appears to have form, so through intense love of the devotee, Brahman appears to take on form and personality. But the form melts away again as the Sun of Knowledge rises. Then the universe [the Mother] also disappears, and there is seen to be nothing but Brahman. (28)

She is energy, movement, vibration; the Father is an inactive, unknowable void

According to Swami Nikhilananda, the essence of the Divine Mother is *shakti* or energy; in fact, *adyashakti* or the primordial energy. “Maya, the mighty weaver of [the mysterious garb of name and form],” he said, “is none other than Kali, the Divine Mother, She is the primordial Divine Energy, Sakti.” (29)

What is Shakti and what is Brahman? What is the Mother and what is the Father? Sri Ramakrishna says the distinction between the two is the same as distinction between the static and the dynamic:

When inactive He is called Brahman, the Purusha [i.e., the Supreme Person]. He is called Sakti, or Prakriti [the Primordial Energy], when engaged in creation, preservation, and destruction. These are the two aspects of Reality: Purusha and Prakriti. He who is the Purusha is also the Prakriti. (30)

He equates the static Father with the impersonal God, Nirguna Brahman (or the Father without attributes), and the dynamic Mother with the personal God, Saguna Brahman (the Father with attributes):

When the Godhead [the Father] is thought of as creating, preserving, and destroying, It is known as the Personal God, Saguna Brahman, or the Primal Energy, Adyasakti [the Mother]. Again, when It is thought of as beyond the

three gunas [the three qualities of the phenomenal world – sattwa, rajas, and thamas, or balance, energy, and sloth], then It is called the Attributeless Reality, Nirguna Brahman, beyond speech and thought; this is the Supreme Brahman, Parabrahman. (31)

Sri Ramakrishna revealed the secret meaning behind the statues of Shakti and Shiva that show Shiva lying recumbent while Shakti dances on His body.

Kali stands on the bosom of Siva; Siva lies under Her feet like a corpse; Kali looks at Siva. All this denotes the union of Purusha and Prakriti. Purusha is inactive; therefore Siva lies on the ground like a corpse. Prakriti performs all Her activities in conjunction with Purusha. Thus She creates, preserves, and destroys. (32)

Thus the Father is “immoveable and actionless” (33), a profound stillness in which we discover Sat-Chit-Ananda, or Being, Awareness, and Bliss Absolute. The Mother is the movement in this stillness, the voice in the silence, the primordial, active energy in the eternal tranquillity of the Father. It is this relationship between the dynamic and the static that Jesus hinted at when he called the totality of God “a movement and a rest.” (34)

Bernadette Roberts stressed the Father's stillness when she called him “the 'still-point' at the center of being.” (35) Lao Tzu emphasized it when he asserted that: “The Way [the Tao or the Father] is a Void.” (36)

Empty of name and form, qualities and attributes, and quintessentially tranquil and still, the Father is in the end inconceivable. “What Brahman is cannot be described,” declared the Godman of Dakshineswar. (37) Because ego is subdued for a time upon attaining the Father, leaving no observer to observe, no thinker to think, “no one has ever been able to say what Brahman is.” (38)

The essence of the Mother is a universal creative vibration, symbolized by the sacred syllable 'Aum,' which calls matter into being, sustains it for a while, and then releases it back into the general dissolution of the Father

Hindus symbolize the primal power - the Mother as vibration or energy - by the sacred syllable – or rather vibration - 'Aum.' Sri Ramakrishna makes this

connection when he equates Aum with the Divine Mother, exclaiming: “O Mother! O Embodiment of ‘Om.’” (39)

Paramahansa Yogananda identifies “Aum,” or “Amen,” with the Holy Spirit: Christians are familiar with the Amen from *Revelation*: “These things saith the Amen [the Mother], the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.” (40)

The ancients, not versed in the polished language of modern times, used “Holy Ghost” and “Word” for Intelligent Cosmic Vibration, which is the first materialization of God the Father in matter [i.e., the Mother]. The Hindus speak of this Holy Ghost as the “Aum.” (41)

Holy Ghost, Aum of the Hindus, the Mohammedan Amin, the Christian Amen, Voice of Many Waters, Word, are the same thing. (42)

Yogananda links “Aum” and the “Holy Ghost” to the primordial energy:

“The Bible refers to Aum as the Holy Ghost or invisible life force that divinely upholds creation. ‘What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which we have of God, and ye are not your own?’ (I Corinthians 6:19.)” (43)

Now we know the Mother, Shakti, the Holy Ghost, as Aum. Aum creates, preserves and destroys.

The cosmic sound of Aum creates all things as Nebulae, preserves them in the forms of the present cosmos and worlds, and ultimately will dissolve all things in the bosom-sea of God. (44)

Nature is an objectification of Aum, the Primal Sound or Vibratory Word. (45)

Sage Vasistha made the same point in the *Yoga Vasistha*. The form of his teaching is similar to Sri Ramakrishna’s, that waves or vibrations arise out of the Ocean of Sathchidananda.

When the infinite vibrates, the worlds appear to emerge. When it does not vibrate, the worlds appear to submerge, even as when a firebrand is whirled

fast a circle appears. And when it is held steady, the circle vanishes.
Vibrating or not vibrating, it is the same everywhere at all times. (46)

Theosophist Annie Besant propagated this view as well:

The source from which a universe proceeds is a manifested Divine Being, to whom in the modern form of the Ancient Wisdom the name of Logos, or Word, has been given. The name is drawn from Greek philosophy, but perfectly expresses the ancient idea, the Word which emerges from the Silence, the Voice, the sound, by which the worlds come into being. (47)

Have we any representations of the birth of the Mother? A recent article in *What is Enlightenment?* magazine relates a vision of the author, Maura O'Connor, a student of the Kabbalah. In it she was taught by a rabbi, Moses de Leon, the following:

Emptiness, what the kabbalists call *ayin*, exists far beyond concepts or language. It is like a pure ether that can never be grasped by the mind. ... Emptiness is the ultimate mystery, the *secret* of the Cause of Causes, and it brought everything into being. ...

I must tell you of the great rabbi, Isaac Luria. Luria was a visionary like none other: he lived during the fifteenth century in the holy town of Galilee.... He spent his life ceaselessly contemplating the source of the universe, the primordial emptiness we call *ayin*.... He recognized that in order for the latent divinity of *ayin* to manifest its glorious potential for life, a cataclysmic contraction had to take place. ...

Luria understood that the absolute nature of this emptiness meant that it was so pervasive, nothing else *but* it could exist. In order for life to become manifest, a seismic contraction of emptiness *in on itself* had to occur, creating a space in which divine emanation was possible. ...

Following this immense contraction, God's first cosmic act was the emission of a single perfect ray of light. This beam pierced through the void and then expanded in all directions. Think of it as God's first breath ["spirit" = "breath"] exhaling into the abyss after eons of slumber and filling it with His divinity. This is how the universe was born. (48)

This first perfect ray of Light is the Holy Spirit or Divine Mother. Its expansion in all directions is the birth of the universe. What we may be hearing is a vision of the creation of the universe -- what scientists call "the Big Bang."

Ultimately, She is one with the Father

This Light, this vibration called "Aum," the Divine Mother, is one with the vibrationless Father. Patanjali states: "The Word which expresses [God] is "Om" (49) "Oh, Lord, dweller within," says Shankara, " "Om is your very self." (50) Or the *Upanishads*: "Om is Brahman, both the conditioned [Mother] and the unconditioned [Father], the personal [Mother] and the impersonal [Father]." (51)

Krishna, speaking as God, declares:

I am ...

Om in all the Vedas,

The word that is God. (52)

Three Hindu masters – Swami Yukestwar Giri, Swami Sivananda, and Paramahansa Ramakrishna explain the relationship between Brahman and Shakti, or Father and Mother, by using a fire metaphor.

Swami Yukteswar Giri, guru to Paramahansa Yogananda

[The] manifestation of the Word (becoming flesh, the external material) created this visible world. So the Word, Amen, Aum [the Mother], being the manifestation of the Eternal Nature of the Almighty Father or His own Self, is inseparable from and nothing but God Himself; as the burning power is inseparable from and nothing but the fire itself. (53)

Swami Sivananda

Just as one cannot separate heat from fire, so also one cannot separate Sakti [Mother] from Sakta [Father]. Sakti and Sakta are one. They are inseparable. (54)

Paramahansa Ramakrishna

Brahman and Sakti are identical. If you accept the one, you must accept the other. It is like fire and its power to burn. If you see the fire, you must recognize its power to burn also. ... One cannot think of the Absolute without the Relative, or the Relative without the Absolute. (55)

“Sakti is Brahman itself,” concludes Swami Sivananda. (56) Sri Ramakrishna agrees: “Brahman is Sakti; Sakti is Brahman. They are not two.” (57) “[Brahman and Sakti] are only two aspects, male and female, of the same Reality, Existence-Knowledge-Bliss-Absolute.” (58)

When we speak to the Divine Mother, we are speaking to the Holy Father. Sri Ramakrishna teaches: “It is Brahman whom I address as Sakti or Kali.” (59)

She plays a central role in enlightenment

As we have seen, the Mother is portrayed as leading the Sons and Daughters of God to a final meeting with the Father, in what is the culminating event of many lives. As Jesus did, so have we all come from the Father into the world. We are all prodigal children wandering in the domain of matter (*mater*, Mother), until we realize our true nature. Many metaphors are used to suggest how this realization of true identity happens. The Mother is depicted as withdrawing Her veil of phenomenal reality and revealing the Father. She is portrayed as leading the Child of God to the Father.

Hindus, like Swami Sivananda, advise us to beseech the Mother’s help in our attempts to reach the Father.

It behooves ... the aspirant [to] approach the Mother first, so that She may introduce Her spiritual child to the Father for its illumination or Self-realization.” (60)

The knowledge of God as the Child, the Mother, and the Father constitutes three discrete levels of enlightenment. When we know this Trinity in full, we have completed the human leg of our journey back to God.

Let us examine the Mother as bringer of enlightenment and object of enlightenment.

There is a passage in *Proverbs* where the Mother (as “Wisdom”) is represented as speaking directly. Her words are consistent with what we've learned about Her so far:

Doth not wisdom cry...

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

I was set up from everlasting [that is, before time], from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. (61)

Why are they blessed who keep Her ways? Because God the Mother will enlighten those who follow Her commands.

We see evidence of this throughout the *Bible*, as the Mother enlightens those who “keep Her ways.” Hebrew kings and prophets were baptized with the Holy Spirit . Here She brings enlightenment to the disciples of Jesus upon the Day of Pentecost, after his death.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all of one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (62)

Sri Yukteswar explains the significance of this event. “Being baptized in the sacred stream of Pranava (the Holy Aum vibration)” the spiritual aspirant “comprehends the “Kingdom of God.” (63)

For many years I believed that Islam recognized only Allah, the Father. But recently I have found a passage in the *Koran* which demonstrates that its author acknowledges the Mother or Holy Spirit as well. The passage concerns the Holy Spirit enlightening the worthy in the penultimate experience of illumination, immediately prior to God-Realization, symbolically preparing the Child of God for meeting the Father. The *Koran* says:

Exalted and throned on high, [Allah] lets the Spirit descend at His behest on those of His servants whom He chooses, that He may warn them of the day when they shall meet Him. (64)

The Divine Mother or Holy Ghost enlightened the 12th-Century German saint Hildegard of Bingen, who testified:

When I was forty-two years and seven months old, a burning light of tremendous brightness coming from heaven poured into my entire mind. Like a flame that does not burn but enkindles, it inflamed my entire heart and my entire breast, just like the sun that warms an object with its rays. (65)

Following this experience, Hildegard could not stop from singing the praises of the Holy Spirit or Divine Mother:

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is a Burning Spirit. It kindles the hearts of humankind. Like tympanum and lyre it plays them, gathering volumes in the temple of the soul. The Holy Spirit resurrects and awakens everything that is. (66)

The Mother manifested to Sri Ramakrishna as clouds of consciousness and bliss:

Suddenly I had the wonderful vision of the Mother and fell down unconscious. (67)

It was as if houses, doors, temples, and everything else vanished from my sight, leaving no trace whatsoever. However far and in whatever direction I looked I saw a continuous succession of effulgent waves madly rushing at

me from all sides, with great speed. I was caught in the rush, and panting for breath I collapsed, unconscious. (68)

I did not know what happened then in the external world -- how that day and the next slipped away. But in my heart of hearts there was flowing a current of intense bliss, never experienced before, and I had the immediate knowledge of the light that was Mother. (69)

And She appeared to Ramakrishna's doubting non-dualistic guru Totapuri, who until that moment refused to accept Her reality:

Suddenly, in one dazzling moment, [Totapuri, saw] on all sides the presence of the Divine Mother. She is in everything; She is everything. She is in the water; She is on land. She is the body. She is the mind. She is pain; She is comfort. She is life; She is death. She is everything that one sees, hears, or imagines. She turns “yea” into “nay”, and “nay” into “yea”. Without Her grace no embodied being can go beyond Her realm. Man has no free will. He is not even free to die. Yet, again, beyond the body and mind She resides in Her Transcendental, Absolute aspect. She is the Brahman that Totapuri had been worshipping all his life. (70)

She is the kundalini energy in the body and, when that energy rises from the muladhara chakra to the sahasrara, Shakti is said to merge with Shiva. This is another way in which the Mother can lead the aspirant to the Father. Swami Sivananda says: Shakti “leads the individual from Cakra to Cakra, from plane to plane and unifies him with Lord Siva in the Sahasrara.” (71)

Sri Ramakrishna and his disciples used to sing a song whose aim was to invoke the kundalini to rise, so that Shakti would meet Shiva at the sahasrara.

Awake, Mother! Awake! How long Thou hast been asleep
In the lotus of the Muladhara!

Fulfil Thy secret function, Mother:
Rise to the thousand-petalled lotus within the head,
Where mighty Siva has His dwelling;
Swiftly pierce the six lotuses
And take away my grief, O Essence of Consciousness! (72)

As each chakra awakens under the influence of our growing spirituality, the Mother is heard to “knock at the door,” in Paramahansa Yogananda’s words.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock (sound through Om vibration): If any man hear my voice (listen to Om), and open the door, I will come in to him.” (Revelation 3:20). (73)

Many aspirants, prominent among them Franklin Merrell-Wolff and Da Free John, were led to Brahmajnana (or God-realization attendant upon the spiritual energy reaching the seventh chakra) by the kundalini. Here is how Dr. Wolff described it:

The Current is clearly a subtle, fluid-like substance which brings the sense of well-being already described. Along with It, a more than earthly Joy suffuses the whole nature. To myself, I called It a Nectar. Now, I recognize It under several names. It is ... the 'Soma,' the 'Ambrosia of the Gods,' the 'Elixir of Life,' the 'Water of Life' of Jesus, and the 'Baptism of the Spirit' of St. Paul. It is more than related to Immortality; in fact it is Identical with Immortality. (74)

Da Free John called it this “current of immortal joy.” (75) His energetic experiences with the Divine Energy or the Shakti are unusual. His process, which ended in God-realization, began one day when:

I could feel and hear little clicking pulses in the base of my head and neck, indicating the characteristic Presence of the Mother Shakti. (76)

The Mother knocks at the door and Da Free John hears Her and invites Her in. Meditating in a Vedanta Society temple in Hollywood, which he found to be a very powerful centre of Shakti:

I felt the Shakti appear against my own form. She embraced me, and we grasped one another in sexual union. We clasped one another in a fire of cosmic desire, as if to give birth to the universes. Then I felt the oneness of the Divine Energy and my own Being. There was no separation at all. The one Being that was my own nature included the reality that is all manifestation as a single cosmic unity and eternal union.

The sensations of the embrace were overwhelmingly blissful. It exceeded any kind of pleasure that a man could acquire. And soon I ceased to feel myself as a dependent child of the Shakti. I accepted her as my consort, my loved-one, and I held her forever to my heart. (77)

This proved to be his penultimate experience before God-Realization, the “harbinger” of the Father. He returned to the temple the next day but nothing happened. He simply sat in the temple. In a moment, he became aware of his true nature.

In an instant, I became profoundly and directly aware of what I am. It was a tacit realization, a direct knowledge in consciousness itself. It was consciousness itself without the addition of a communication from any other source. I simply sat there and knew what I am. I was being what I am. I am Reality, the Self, and Nature and Support of all things and all beings. I am the One Being, known as God, Brahman, Atman, the One Mind. (78)

Withdrawing Her veils, moving us onward by her evolutionary coaxings, teaching us in Her school of matter, liberating us through the rising of the kundalini – there are many ways that the Mother leads the prodigal child to the Father.

No other spiritual agency has received the attention She has, under such a variety of names, and yet has been so little understood

The Divine Mother has been known to sages throughout the centuries, around the world, in religions from Advaita to Zarathustreanism. But the myriad names She has been called and the lack of integrated studies of Her have sometimes proved confusing.

I'd like to summarize the names I've found linked to the Mother. I've given one or two references for each use, though many more could have been given. This list has been derived by starting with undoubted epithets like “Holy Spirit,” “Divine Mother,” and “Shakti,” and then noting what other synonymous terms are used by the same enlightened source.

These are full or partial synonyms for the Divine Mother:

Adyasakti (or Ancient Power) (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 218 and 460.)

Ahunavairya (Zarathustra in GZ, 8-9.)

Amen (Revelation 3:14; Shankara, CJD, I;

Sri Yukteswar Giri, HS, 23 and 24; Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 237n and 363n and SCC, 1, 17 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Amin (Paramahansa Yogananda in, 237n.)

Aum or Om (UPAN 50 and 53; Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 299; Sri Yukteswar Giri, HS, 24; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 143-4, 237n, 363n, 484, and 487n and SCC, 1, 15-6 and 19 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Breath of God (Job 33:4; Solomon in APO, 191.)

Comforter or Comforter Spirit (Zarathustra in GZ, 217; Jesus in John 14:16 and 14:26 and 15:26; Hildegard of Bingen in IHB, 9; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 144n and 363n and SCC, 1, 19.)

Cosmic Power or Energy (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 116; Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 2, 22; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25.)

Cosmic Sound (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 237, SCC, 1, 15 and 17 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Cosmic Vibration (Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 1, 15-6, 17, and 56 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Creator, Preserver, and Destroyer (UPAN, 37; Zarathustra, GZ, 187, 227 and 240; Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 32, 107, 135, and 653; Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 1, 15-6.)

Divine Mother (Lao Tzu in WOL, 53, 72, and 105; Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 32, 107, 136, 200, and 299; Swami Sivananda Sarasvati in KYW, 25; Nikhilananda in VIV, 24; Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, LAS, 1, 15, 21, 22, and 28; Da Free John in KOL, 132; etc.)

Divine Power (Sister Vandana, NJ, 190-1.)

Durga (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 216.)

Embodiment of Om (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 299.)

The Fashioner of all things (Solomon in APO, 191.)

Holy Ghost (Jesus in Matthew 12: 31-2; John 14:26 and 20:21-2; Paramhansa Yogananda, AY, 143-4, 363n, and 487n and SCC, 1, 15-6 and 19 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Holy Spirit (Solomon in APO, 195; Zarathustra, 217 and 227; Luke 11:13.)

Holy Vibration (Paramahansa Yogananda in SCC, 1, 56.)

Hum (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 237n.)

Kali (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 107 and 634; Nikhilananda, “Introduction,” to GSR, 9-10; Nikhilananda, “Vivekananda” in VIV, 24; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 10, 40n, and 41.)

Kundalini (Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25 and 30; GSR, 182.)

Logos (Annie Besant, AW, 44; Vivekananda in Nikhilananda, VIV, 422.)

Matrix (Lao Tzu in WOL, 105; Sri Aurobindo, SOY, 3.)

Maya (Sri Krishna in BG, 80; Shankara in CJD, 49; Sri Aurobindo, UP, 27; Nikhilananda, HIN, 42-3 and 45; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26.)

Mother - See Divine Mother.

Mother Nature, Mother of nature (Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 10 and 41; Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, CML, 19; Nikhilananda in GSR, 9-10.)

Mother of the universe (Nikhilananda, “Vivekananda” in VIV, 24.)

Natural Law (Solomon in Proverbs 1:8-9, 3:1, and 6:20; Jesus in Matthew 12:31-2; St. Paul in Romans 8:2; Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, CML, 18-9; Krishnamurti, AFM, 25.)

Nature (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 40n and 41 and SCC, 1, 33; John Redtail Freesoul, BI, 11-2.)

Noise of many waters (David in Psalm 93:3-4; Ezekiel 43:1-2.)

Personal God or Saguna Brahman (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 32, 149, 218 and 277.)

Power of God, Power of the Lord (Solomon in APO, 191; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25.)

Prakriti/Procreatrix (Sri Krishna in BG, 103, 104, and 106; Sri Aurobindo, UP, 27; Ramakrishnananda, GDI, 1 and 8; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26; Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 32 and 123; Nikhilananda, “Introduction” to GSR, 9-10; Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 1, 33.)

Prana (UPAN , 35-8; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 484; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26.)

Primal Energy, Primal Power (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 116 and 135; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25.)

Primordial/Primal Energy (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 107 and 242.)

Relative Plane (Sri Ramakrishna, GSR, 653.)

Saguna Brahman See **Personal God or Saguna Brahman**.

Shakti (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 116; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25-6.)

Sound-Brahman, Shabda Brahman, or Pranava (PR in GSR, 263; Swami Vivekananda in Nikhilananda, VIV, 422; Sister Vandana, NJ, 190-1.)

Sound of many waters (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 267-8.)

Sphota (Swami Vivekananda in Nikhilananda, VIV, 422; Usha, RVW, 74.)

Spirit of the Bridegroom (St. John of the Cross, CWSJC, 580.)

Spirit of God, Spirit of the Lord (Genesis 1:2; Exodus 35:31; Isaiah 11:2; Ibn Arabi, KK, 15-6; Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 142 and 143.)

Spirit of Truth (Jesus in John 14:17.)

Spirit of Wisdom (Zarathushtra, GZ, 13 and 187; Exodus 28:3 and 35:31; Deuteronomy 34:9; Isaiah 11:2; St. Paul in Ephesians 1:15-7.)

Spouse (St. John of the Cross in CWSJC, 75.)

Syama (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 271.)

Voice in the Silence (Annie Besant, AW, 44; Mabel Collins, LOP, 22.)

Voice of many waters (St. John in Revelation 14:2; Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 17n and SCC, 1, 19.)

Voice of one that crieth in the wilderness (Isaiah 40:3.)

Wisdom or Sophia (Zarathustra, GZ, 187 and 227; Solomon in Proverbs 3:19 and 9:1 and APO, 191 and 195; Isaiah 11:2; Jesus in Matthew 11:19; John of the Cross in CWSJC, 75.)

Witness (St. John in Revelation 3:14 and Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 143-4 and 237 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Womb of God, Womb of Brahman, womb of wombs; Brahmayoni (Sri Krishna in BG, 106; Sri Ramakrishna, GSR, 870; Yogeshananda in VSR, 41; Sri Aurobindo, SOY, 3.)

Word (Hermes, DPH, 8 and 17; Zarathustra in GZ, 8-9; John 1:1 and 1:3; Annie Besant, AW, 44; Sri Yukteswar Giri, HS, 23 and 24; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 143-4, 237n, and 363n, SCC, 1, 19 and SCC, 2, 22.)

The Mother will always be incomprehensible and Her significance will remain immeasurable

One day we shall be able to say with Solomon: “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom... She is more precious than rubies; and all things thou canst desire are not to be compared with her.” (79) But though we merge with Her and reap all the rewards of doings so, we can never know Her as long as we are human.

Only those who have achieved what Jesus called everlasting life, the immortality that the experience of *vijnana*, (80) or stable and permanent realization, confers

reach a high enough vantage point even to begin to inquire into, let alone understand, Her mystery. Even then, they can only marvel and say, with Shankara:

[The Mother] is neither being nor non-being, nor a mixture of both. She is neither divided nor undivided, nor a mixture of both. She is neither an indivisible whole, nor composed of parts, nor a mixture of both. She is most strange. Her nature is inexplicable. (81)

Footnotes

For Bibliographical references, see FDL Bibliography, at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=FDL_Bibliography

(1) GSR, 150.

(2) WOL, 53.

(3) GSR, 106.

(4) HIN, 29; VIV, 24.

(5) HIN, 29.

(6) GSR, 9-10.

(7) UPAN, 37.

(8) BG, 80.

(9) GZ, 187.

(10) APO, 192.

(11) GSR, 30.

(12) APO, 191.

(13) GSR, 135.

(14) Ibid., 231.

(15) Proverbs 9:1.

(16) Corinthians 3:16.

(17) BG, 103.

(18) See "*The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*" at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/purpose.html>.

(19) Amos 4:1.

(20) See "The Divine Plan" at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/divine1.html> and "Is There a Plan to Life?" at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/plan.html>.

(21) "If you will know yourselves, then you will ... know that you are the sons of the Living Father." That is, if you were realized, you would know that you are Sons of God. (Jesus in GATT, 3.)

(22) See "Christianity and Hinduism are One" at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/hinduism1.html>. xx

(23) GSR, 353.

(24) Ibid., 359.

(25) SCC, 1, 16.

(26) GSR, 271.

(27) Loc. Cit.

(28) Sri Ramakrishna cited in Nikhilananda, "Shankara's Philosophy of Non-Dualism," CJD, 18-9; cf. GSR, 191.

(29) GSR, 30.

(30) Ibid., 321.

(31) Ibid., 218.

(32) Ibid., 271.

(33) Ibid., 104.

(34) GATT, 29.

(35) ENS, 10.

(36) WOL, 56.

(37) GSR, 102.

(38) Loc. Cit.

(39) GSR, 299.

(40) Rev. 3:14.

(41) SCC, 1, 16.

(42) Ibid., 19; HS, 24.

(43) AY, 363.

(44) SCC, 1, 16.

(45) AY, 155-6.

(46) CYV, 45.

(47) AW, 44.

(48) Maura O'Connor, "A People's Revolution of Enlightenment: Kabbalah," WIE, Issue 27, Nov.-Feb. 2004, 86-7.

(49) HTKG, 39.

(50) CJD, i.

(51) UPAN, 40.

- (52) BG, 71.
- (53) HS, 24.
- (54) KYW, 25.
- (55) GSR, 134.
- (56) KYW, 26.
- (57) GSR, 271.
- (58) Loc. cit.
- (59) Ibid., 734.
- (60) KYW, 25.
- (61) Proverbs 8:1, 22-4, and 32.
- (62) Acts 2:1-4.
- (63) HS, 15.
- (64) KOR, 160.
- (65) IHB, 9.
- (66) Loc. cit.
- (67) VSR, 13.
- (68) Loc. cit.
- (69) Loc. cit.
- (70) GSR, 31.
- (71) KYW, 26.
- (72) GSR, 242.
- (73) Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons, Number 29, 3.

(74) PTS, 31.

(75) KOL, 157.

(76) Ibid., 132.

(77) Ibid., 134.

(78) Ibid., 134-5.

(79) Proverbs 3:13 and 15.

(80) Sri Ramakrishna: “There is a stage beyond even Brahmajnana, After *jnana* comes *vijnana*.” (GSR, 288.) Ramana Maharshi calls it *turiyatita* and *sahaja* [permanent] *nirvikalpa samadhi*:

Sahaja [samadhi] is also *Nirvikalpa*. You are probably meaning [*Kevalya*] *Nirvikalpa*, which is temporary, while the *Samadhi* lasts. The *Sahaja Nirvikalpais* permanent and in it lies liberation from rebirths. (GR, 88.)

[The] Heart is the seat of *Jnanam* as well as of the *granthi* (knot of ignorance). It is represented in the physical body by a hole smaller than the smallest pin-point, which is always shut. When the mind drops down in *Kevalya nirvikalpa [samadhi]*, it opens but shuts again after it. When *sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi* is attained it opens for good. (GR, 96.)

This is the final goal. (SE, answer to question 40.)

This is the “final goal” in the sense that it frees an individual from the need to reincarnate in physical matter again, but it is not the final goal in terms of subsequent enlightenments. See “Enlightenment is Virtually Endless,” at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/endless.html>.

(81) CJD, 49.

For Bibliographical references, see FDL Bibliography, at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=FDL_Bibliography

