

Grandeur Beyond Grandeur: Toward a Cross-Cultural, Intergalactic and Multidimensional Spirituality



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Volume 1

Introduction



The trajectory of us all from God to God is a sacred arc. But because of karma we return to the same place lifetime after lifetime until we learn the relevant lesson. Viewed as past or future, the view would resemble a Nautilus shell.

Franklin Merrell-Wolff: “A certain Sage..., speaking of unfolded Consciousness above the level of the highest human Adepts, said: "We attain glimpses of Consciousness so Transcendent, rising level upon level, that the senses fairly reel before the awe-inspiring Grandeur.” (1)

“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!” (2)

Ask him to go deeper in his description of this grandeur and he might soon run out of words. Then he might simply enter the space and ... end of discussion.

According to Archangel Michael, Franklin Merrell-Wolff reached the Eleventh Dimension, the dimension of mastery, while still in the body. Merrell-Wolff concluded:

“Beyond [the sage's attainment], whatever it may be, there lie further mysteries awaiting his resolution. In other words, We find no conceivable end to evolution.” (3)

“No conceivable end to evolution.” His vision has often inspired me. Hence the title of this book.



The Nautilus-shell graphic reminds me of a particular part of a vision I had on Feb. 13, 1987. (4)

I was driving my car at the time. Pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology, I had been training to be a counsellor and exploring deep listening. I had seen that, when people were listened to long enough, the puzzle that confronted them became a picture.

And so I asked the universe in general if life itself was a puzzle and, if so, what was the picture that life is?

I suddenly found myself removed from time. Everything went black and I forgot about driving my car. I found myself watching a tableaux, a wordless movie, that showed me the entire journey of an individual soul from God to God.

I saw a small golden star, travel from God, represented by a large golden Sun, to the domain of the Mother (mater, matter), there to travel through lifetimes in matter before returning to the Father.

All of this was seen while I was immersed in bliss. Bliss made realization possible. I knew intuitively what I was being shown.

But stop the camera here. Rewind the tape. “... to the domain of the Mother (mater, matter), there to travel through lifetimes in matter...”

The entire journey follows an arc, from God to God through the domain of matter.

But in the part of it that occurs in the Mother’s domain, there’s karma or a reaction to every action. It’s designed to feed back to us how we’re being.

It means that we’re constantly returning, lifetime after lifetime, to the same issue and where we left off with it, to try once again to complete it.

That gives what would otherwise be a simple arc a spiral twist to it, like a heavy-duty electric cable. And it makes the Nautilus the very best representation of the sacred arc of life, with its additional spiritual spiral.

Before the golden star, or Child of God, returned to God the Father from God the Mother's domain, it experienced two enlightenments.

I prefer to believe that the first enlightenment was Ascension to the Fifth Dimension (that is, out of the Third) and the second was the final reunion with Mother/Father One.

There were no words to the vision, until the last seconds. Then I heard in my mind, "The purpose of life is enlightenment." And the vision disappeared.

Thus, the vision demonstrated that enlightenment was the purpose of life and it introduced me to the three actors in the divine drama, which Christians call the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and Hindus call Brahman, Atman and Shakti. (1)



I now knew how the story ended. I knew what the components of the story were, where we'd come from and where we're headed.

And, after a decade of research, I came to know why - so that God could meet God in a moment of our enlightenment. For that reason was all of this made.

All the questions I'd had about numerous things were answered by that eight-second tableau. I found that I could later focus on parts of the vision and the answer would arise in me as if by inspiration.

I wouldn't say that this was the birth of a love for cross-cultural studies. That has always been a characteristic of my study since I was a teenager.

However, the experience validated all my research up till that point and sent me on a quest to really set out a cross-cultural - and now an intergalactic and multidimensional - spirituality.

What the Divine Mother calls her Pause and what the world calls the pandemic has afforded me the time to really dig into the task.

This book is an expansion of all that I learned that day. My life was completely changed. Being unable to persuade the university to let me study enlightenment, I left academia and never returned.

I also left the paradigm of empirical materialism, which set the boundaries of what was acceptable in university study.

I'd rather have washed dishes - and I did! - than postpone investigating that vision.

All the world's religions draw on a common body of truth, known variously as the Perennial Philosophy, the Ancient Wisdom, Theosophy, etc. Once the basic relationship that the Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is equivalent to the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti is accepted, one has the key to unlock the commonality of religions. This book is an expansion on that statement.

Thank you for coming along with me on this journey. The value is that we shall fashion a vision of God and life that works for everyone - truthful, inclusive, and fair.

Footnotes

(1) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness*. New York: Julian Press, 1973, 17.

(2) Ibid., 115.

(3) Ibid., 43.

(4) The vision is also described here: “Epilogue: Eight Seconds Out of Time,” at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/epilog.html>

Preface to Revision 6



Millions have died over the ages in religious wars

Millions of people have been murdered over the ages in the name of God.

Ironic concepts like “holy war,” “death to the infidels,” and “God is with us” suggest that God approves of war and wants one group of worshippers to subdue another.

People have believed that, if they died in battle, they’d go to Paradise, or Valhalla, or Heaven to live with Jesus.

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 ruled this planet used the strategy of dividing and conquering and no grounds for dividing lent itself as well, it seems, as religion.

Now we're tasked with healing those divisions and finding the common ground of religion, a cross-cultural spirituality, that shows the unity of religion rather than its differences.

In this time of global shift in consciousness, when many of us are bent to the task of building Nova Earth, these essays are designed to help build Nova Spirituality.

Over the centuries that spirituality has been called the perennial philosophy, the ancient wisdom, theosophy, anthroposophy, and so on.

The essays that follow are an attempt to restate that philosophy, drawing for illustration on many paths of worship, interchangeably.

They show how different words are used to point to the same three levels of reality that can be found in most if not all religions. It shows how knowledge of each of these three levels is the business of life for every person ever born.

They look at the purpose of and the divine plan for life.

They're written during the course of a busy journalistic career, during which one essay was written each day 365 days a year and published on the *2012 Scenario* from 2009 until 2013 and from then on in the *Golden Age of Gaia*.

They're not polished and were never designed for a scholarly audience. I have no doubt that they'll soon be superseded and I welcome the forward movement of the boundaries of knowledge, which I expect at some point to become almost explosive.

Our knowledge is primitive compared with that of the ascended masters, galactics, and celestials who are guiding this shift and supplying us with as much knowledge as we can accept and assimilate.

They promise many more revelations as soon as we as a civilization open to receive them.

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

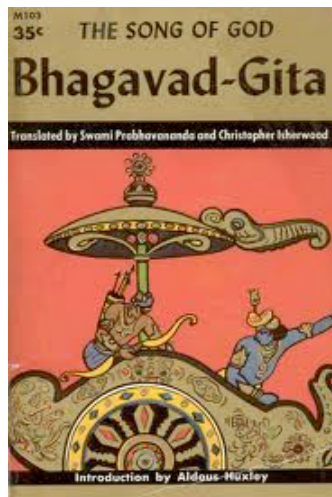
I wish to thank the editorial and management staff of the *Golden Age of Gaia* for working to produce such a wonderful base from which to reach so many people. Thank you to Suzi, Karen, Sitara, Kathleen, and Catherine, as we push the frontiers of knowledge as far forward as we, from our limited perspective,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

⌘ The Perennial Philosophy ⌘

The Perennial Philosophy

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I can't think of a 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 is any topic I find more interesting than that. Please allow me to comment.

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)

A synonym for it is the ageless wisdom or ancient wisdom. Hinduism is actually formally called *sanathana dharma* or (loosely translated) eternal law. That too is a synonym.

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 a divine drama called “Life” and so the phrase “perennial philosophy” becomes extended to take 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 and often become misinterpreted, but originally they were 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 Heavenly Father, Brahman), the Phenomenal (the Divine Mother, the Holy Ghost, Shakti), and the Transcendental within the Phenomenal (the Son, the Atman, the Buddha nature), 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 the idea of the Trinity 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 raises the particular to the general. It takes common elements or common denominators of the Truth contained in each religion and shows how they are 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 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 her 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 current understanding is that that isn't a feature of the 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 the galactics or Earth's ascended masters 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*. I’ll repost it here.

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/> an “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>

The Ancient Wisdom or Perennial Philosophy

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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 Brahman

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, Brahman.

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, but not otherwise. 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

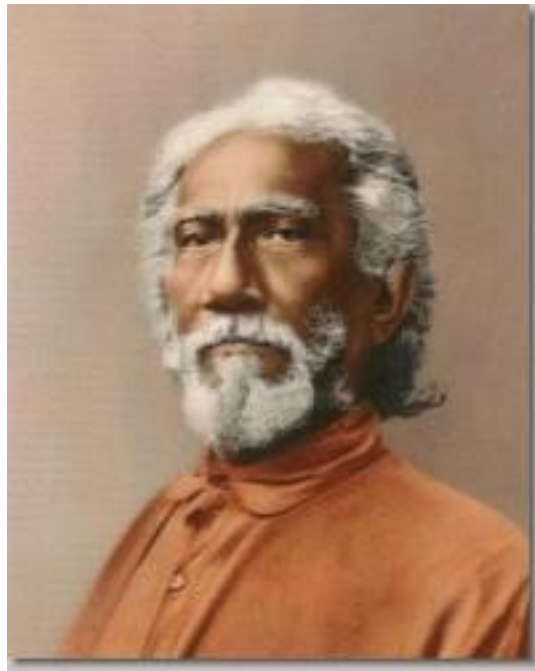
Love is the substratum from which everything is made. Love is the attractive force that holds everything together and the dissolutive agent that releases it again into the general ocean of consciousness. This is not discernible as long as separative or dualistic consciousness reigns but, when it yields to unitive consciousness, the truth of this statement becomes known.

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

An Introduction to the Perennial Philosophy

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Sri Yukteswar Giri

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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)

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 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. If they want others to understand them, they may find themselves limited to a vocabulary that doesn’t convey what they want to convey. Or people who haven’t had their experience being unable to understand it.

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*.

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 explanation of it. Here's one of his statements of it:

“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.” (6)

The Perennial Philosophy is to be found, Huxley wrote, 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.” (7)



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.” (8)

This one great Fact of life is known in a moment of enlightenment.

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.” (9)

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.” (10)

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 question
is life all about?" (11)

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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.

Hazrat Inayat Khan

“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.” (14)

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.” (15)

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. (16)



Annie Besant

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

“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.” (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.

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⌘ Cross-Cultural Spirituality ⌘

New-Age Spiritual Philosophy

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I much enjoy New Age spiritual philosophy. It's infused with the wisdom of the galactics, ascended masters, celestials, and the Mother.

I like the variety of the sources it draws on, the relaxed pace of it, and the manner in which it can explain and help us embrace many of the really new developments in the world.

The existence of angels and extraterrestrials? The existence of other dimensions, other universes? The created aspects of life and life's design? The Divine Plan? How many schools of inquiry have embraced these genuinely new developments today? (Answer: Lots.)

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, at least more so than contemporary conventional religious or spiritual philosophy sometimes is.

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 paradigms are things like flow and the divine qualities. It sees life as a creation and attempts to know the Divine Plan and the design of life as revealed in human affairs. It recognizes the sharing and collaboration that occurs on all the higher dimensions and seeks to be a part of it.

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



We've entered the 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, raising a cover 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 level of existence.

I guess if race-car fans love speed, New Age philosophers love newness, novelty, the unknown, the newly-discovered. They're explorers. They want to know what's just around the next bend. They go where no one has gone before.



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 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.

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 similar 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 means of releasing the old in spirituality and embracing the new.

What Are We About Here?

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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 mentioned that I would reply on the blog.

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, 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've 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/2vsqmmnm> ; 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>‘

God by Any Other Name

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If you'd permit me, I'd like to share a discussion with an Indian 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’d 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 to enlightenment 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 Thakur [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 Sri 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 him.

“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, I think 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’s 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 Luibheid, 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.

Spirituality 101

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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 his own love in a moment of our enlightenment. When one of us realizes his or her true identity, God meets God.

God realizes God in a moment of our enlightenment. 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 lesson until they're learned

(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.

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.



(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 and, so, incessantly returned to until the lessons were gotten. Not always returned to right away, 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.



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 has the effect of eliminating a multiple of itself from the planet.



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. 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 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 skills.

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/>.)

Christianity and Hinduism are One

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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 is called Brahman, Sat-Chit-Ananda (Being-Awareness-Bliss).

Who in Hinduism is the Son? 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 find 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.

Therefore, 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 Entity in the Christian Trinity -- the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost? Who is the Holy Spirit in Hinduism? If you did not 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 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 is the Divine Mother of creation, Prakriti (Procreatrix in Latin), nature, the phenomenal or relative world. Shakti is movement, sound, energy, Aum, the Sabda Brahman [Sound God], 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. Prakriti is Procreatrix. Shakti (energy) is the Holy Spirit (breath). The Divine Mother and the Holy Spirit are one. (4)

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. Enlightenment proceeds by levels. The first level we are destined to know is the Light within our own hearts (the Son or Atman); the second level is the Light within all of creation (the Holy Spirit, the Divine Mother); and the third level is the Light beyond creation (the Father, Brahman).

This does not exhaust the levels of enlightenment by any means. God's Being is Infinite. But I think that the Trinity is the part of Reality that we're destined to know at our present stage of evolution.

Whether one worships the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost or Brahman, Atman, and Shakti, the One God knows it is He Himself (or She Herself, or It, as you wish) that's being worshipped.

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) I learned later from the Divine Mother that the Holy Spirit and Shakti are but small parts of herself:

Divine Mother: Sometimes you tend to think of me as the Holy Spirit, but there is more to me than that, and there is a shade of the Father within there as well. ("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/>.)

Divine Mother: When I have spoken about this with 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. ("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/>.)

That's the Roadmap

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I'd like to offer a roadmap to realized knowledge.

I do so not as a spiritual teacher - a term I reserve for beings enlightened to at least the seventh-chakra.

I'm not a spiritual teacher but a writer interested in spiritual matters. On that basis....

I've said before that people seem to follow a gradient of knowledge. They first get the idea of something. That intellectual knowledge follows its own gradient from getting the message to actively reflecting on it.

At some point, and for various reasons, the individual's comprehension goes beyond the point of simple understanding. They may have an "Aha!" moment and actually find themselves feeling the feelings that the idea points to, getting the "sense" of it, getting it at an experiential level.

Let's face it. Most of us are out of touch with our feelings. That's normal reality in our global society today, in my estimation, some societies more than others.

If we're out of touch, our experiential knowledge is impacted. It's less likely that we'll rise to the gradient of experiential knowledge if we come face-to-face with it, because we wouldn't recognize a breakthrough into it if it happened to us. Or we'd dismiss it as an inexplicable but singular event and carry on with our lives as if nothing happened.

"Well, maybe something a little weird happened ... once...."

But on the awareness path, each of these milestones is appreciated for what it is and how it impacts our overall access to our Natural Self.

If it further obscures our vision or increases our tension, then maybe we should reconsider following that particular path. If it leads to increasing relaxation and love, then let's continue on it. The development of discernment is one of the benefits of the awareness path.

On the awareness path, everything is grist for the mill. And nothing more is asked of one than simple awareness of him or herself, as they go about their daily life.

Those who were actually and consciously aware that they just broke through into the experiential realm on whatever was at issue may enter into and stay awhile in the experiential domain of knowledge. They feel how that is for a while and then the space naturally dissipates. (1) They find themselves back apparently where they were, but wiser.

What does it feel like to break through into the experiential domain? We now find ourselves suddenly knowing through our feelings. We become aware of how we feel about things, what we really want, how others feel, what we sense and intuit and take in energetically. We come alive to our bodies and our senses and get way more information than before much of it from sources we never knew existed.

How does it differ from the intellectual? Imagine the difference between eating a mouthful of dry oats and eating a mouthful of nicely-cooked porridge with maple syrup, milk, and strawberries.

There's no aliveness to intellectual knowledge. There's no conscious awareness. Aliveness, conscious awareness, spontaneity, joy begin to make themselves known - or become sensitive enough to feel them - at the experiential level. They only deepen after that.

The experiential domain is the door into all the other, higher spaces.

So intellectual knowledge is a beginning. But it's poor fare. We need to use intellectual knowledge as a very useful tool - like a large and crude crowbar - but not stop with using it only and use it ever more sparingly and responsibly on the road ahead.

OK, we've felt into every aspect of the experience that we broke through into. We've made all our choices around whatever shakeup the experience caused in our otherwise comfortable lives.

We now want what's next. We're alive to the fact that we broke through into another domain once. We now suspect there's more.

Of course here's where my fantasy and speculation take over. Since I'm not an enlightened man, from here on you'll have to allow me poetic license.

Realization is next, but realization, like love, peace, etc., itself falls along a gradient or spectrum of depth.

We can have a simple "Aha!" moment, as in "Aha! I left my keys over there." That's a very ordinary realization.

Or we can have an earth-shattering recognition of our true identity, such as Bayazid had:

"I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!" (2)

Both are realizations. They fall on a spectrum, a gradient, going ever deeper. But me remembering where I left my keys is pretty small potatoes whereas Bayazid's Self-Realization was evidence of transformation.

The only realizations we're probably interested in are on the deeper end of the scale. And we've got our scuba suits on.

If things were to work out to perfection, (3) then we'd go straight from intellectual to experiential to realized knowledge by a direct route.

But usually it's hit and miss, snakes and ladders, tumble over top of ourselves and find ourselves there nonetheless.

But only a spiritual teacher could say for sure what's so on that matter. In this area, I'm simply speculating.

However I do mean my statement of the relationships to represent a general roadmap, which I'm willing to bet the farm on.

It's based on the study of the enlightenment literature. Someone undoubtedly said it before me: Intellectual knowledge --> experiential knowledge --> realized knowledge. In my view, that's the roadmap.

Footnotes

(1) No experience short of *Sahaja Samadhi* is permanent. It may leave its traces and after-effects, but the space in its full bloom never lasts, unless the person has entered into *Sahaja* - the Natural State. Sahaja is *moksha* or liberation.

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

(2) The fact that the path can be messy at times is why Ramakrishna would say: Run into the lake, jump into the lake, get pushed into the lake. The important matter is to get into the lake of bliss.

That's My Destination

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All we are at one level of reality, as I've experienced, is a point of awareness in a sea of love. (1)

Michael referred to that state when he described us re-emerging from the heart of One:

"When you go home, ... you can reunite in the heart of One. ... [After a rest] you go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!" (2)

On another level of reality, I know myself to be a spirit inside this physical body, pulling the levers and directing the journey. (3)

The point of awareness is nested inside a multitude of bodies each allowing me access to life at a different level of reality.

My astral form is inside this physical body allowing me access to the physical level of reality. I presume it's the same with all the other bodies, each allowing us access to life at a certain level.

The lower level provides a container for the individual. It also imposes limits on the higher-level being such as a loss of psychic powers and memory.

Before we incarnate, the higher level provides the context and rough outline for everything that may transpire on the lower level.

For example, we map out what we intend to accomplish and design our bodies and lives to accomplish those ends. Our incarnations therefore have a purpose defined by our higher-dimensional selves.

When we emerge from that incarnation, we shed the limitations the lower level imposed and find ourselves again in the unlimited context of love and the divine states, which are the flavors of love and which we temporarily left.

For all intents and purposes, there's always a level higher. As the Divine Mother said: "There is always more, more delight, more bliss, greater wisdom, more understanding, more compassion, more love." (4)

There's always a being who has assumed a body on a lower level for learning or service. Until there's not. (5)

So why, at any one moment, can I not choose to be the context rather than the container? Instead of withdrawing into a lower level of consciousness when stressed, why not withdraw into a higher?

If so much of my thinking has already gone out the window to date and so much more is destined to follow it, why not let it all go and withdraw into the higher realm of love, rather than follow the lower "reptilian brain"? Been there, done that, spent a lifetime escaping the resulting bad choices!

If I add to this knowledge the knowledge that we live forever and that I'm not going to escape the carousel by dying this time, then the desire to opt for the higher way of being rather than hang out any longer in the lower increases.

I don't have to be here, in suffering and misery. The power lies within me - and I say that on several levels of meaning - to live a profoundly happy life. That is my destination.

Footnotes

(1) See "Immersed in an Ocean of Love – Part 1/2" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-12/> and "Immersed in an Ocean of Love – Part 2/2," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/>

(2) 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/> .)

(3) "From Here to Eternity – Part 1," September 4, 2014, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/09/04/from-here-to-eternity-part-1/>

(4) "Universal Mother Mary explains the last Universal Law in our series: the Law of Constancy and Continuity," at <https://counciloflove.com/2013/12/universal-mother-mary-explains-the-last-universal-law-in-our-series-the-law-of-constancy-and-continuity/>.

(5) At the 10th Dimension, I believe, we go formless. But even avatars still assume bodies out of service.

The Basis of My Interest in Cross-Cultural Spirituality

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The little golden 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 center of the shell after, this is what you would have seen. Each little pocket is a lifetime.

I'll use the terms which the Divine Mother herself uses. The Father was represented by a shining golden Sun, just as in the graphic above. The soul or spark of life - a small golden star, what Jesus called "the Son" - 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 re-emerge. We are seen again. (2)

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 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. (3) 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) Divine Mother: Now, in this journey — for some of you it is millennia, for some of you it is eons; it matters not — there is a drive and an understanding, an intellectual and spiritual understanding that your drive is to make the U-turn and to come back Home, to return Home to the Heart of One where you are so welcome until such time as you choose to emanate again. ("Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love," October 3, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/10/03/divine-mother-my-desire-is-that-every-being-on-the-planet-falls-in-love/>.)

Steve Beckow: Now, Mother, you have just referred to you bringing them back. You've just referred to mergence have you not, or union? And you're saying that after they return in union, they go back out into the world. Is that correct?

DM: Yes. If they so choose, yes. ("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/>.)

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 is infinite and eternal. Will the day come, in terms of what you think of as time, when you will simply re-emerge? Yes. (“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/>.)

Archangel Michael: And when you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of 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!

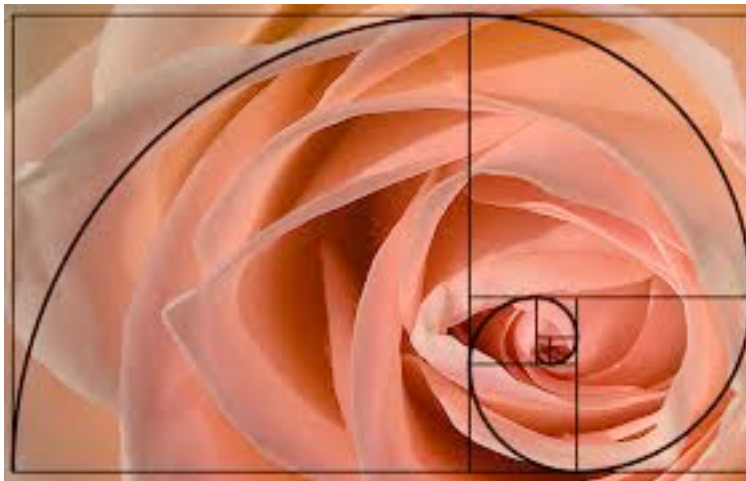
So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - you emerge again. (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/>.)

(3) *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>

A Cross-Cultural View of Spirituality

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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 arises from different premises and lead to different 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 that the One became.

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, still., unknowable. 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 of us.

This Self is said to be buried in the heart. In reality it is the heart. The heart and the soul are the same.

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 have an experience of myself as we meet.

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. We find there never was two, but what a journey we've had with each other in the process of that discovery!

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

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 Sri Aurobindo's ashram 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 created (because we too are God).

We surrender any trace of individuality and dissolve again into the transcendent Sea of Love. ... Or we return for another tour of duty, as Archangel Michael has described on occasion. (2)

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 harming 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.

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.



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

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 begins.

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/>

(2) Archangel Michael: And when you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of 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. (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/>.)

What Questions Would a Cross-Cultural Spirituality Answer?

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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 they 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>

Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 1/2

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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 and 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

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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. Such an outcome was never within my universe of possibility and I am floored looking back on it as how privileged

I was. And how much of a sacred trust it is with me to see that what the Mother and the others said at that time is widely disseminated and clarified, wherever not understood.



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. Maybe even fighting over.

Who is the Holy Spirit? How does God create? What are the Father and Mother? Etc.

I now have confirmation from the highest Source there is that Father, Mother, and All are synonyms - in ways we don't understand, but synonyms nonetheless. When we talk to the Mother, we're talking to the Father, the One. Well, end of story. But knowing a truth of that refinement - what Suzi would call "altitude" - has an impact on us.

To a cross-cultural scholar, building a new theoretical basis for spirituality, this confirmation and others like it 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 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. I can only say: There is no topic more important to all facets of our life than knowledge of the Mother - except perhaps knowledge of our Self.

But then if we had knowledge of the Mother (the fisherman), she would see that we have knowledge of the Self (the fish). As a lightworker this lifetime, I'm a servant of the Divine and for me that means the Mother.

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)

So no condescension and yet delicately handling my ego.

Thank you for handling me so gently. You could have destroyed me. Yay, Mother! Jai Ma!

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 of where we'd learn information such as this except from the archangels and the Mother. How could any doctor confirm it? Even if a galactic ascended master said it, I wouldn't give it the credence I do when it comes from the Mother through a credible channel.

Hearing we had come leagues was like me getting my/our report card. We're seeking a deeper understanding than we've had heretofore: She acknowledges that. What a boost it is to hear from her that she's aware of that.

Since I may never speak to her again, I tend to latch on to every word she says.

Now, as if I weren't dizzy enough back stage at having just been given my report card and lots to think about, she goes on to describe how she and the Father have divided their work. Again priceless, 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 dream-like 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? Give me a minute to digest that last comment.

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 can't 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! I feel immensely honored to be speaking with her and we as a generation are blessed to hear her words.

No other source can provide the same insight and reassurance that the words of the Mother can for me.

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/>

Towards a New, Integrated Spirituality

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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 Arcturian Group through Marilyn Raffaele 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 or “own” religion or spirituality 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, while on a lightwkrker path of sea or service. How confusing is that?

The heart opening I experienced on March 13, 2015 is not the end of the story for me. In the first place, it was temporary. My heart may be a wee bit open but love doesn't automatically flow if it's neglected. It needs tending and attending to. If we don't pay attention to it, it moves on.

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 and boundaries will be left behind.

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 much bigger than that.

Truly the vistas are endless - A cross-cultural, global, galactic, intergalactic, interdimensional spirituality - what have I missed? All of them can be boiled down to three words: What is true.

In my opinion, we lightworkers may wish to spearhead not just a cross-cultural spirituality, but an integrated, direct and unitive spirituality. I think it'll prove a most useful venture.

We'd be helping to awaken the large numbers of people whom we intend to travel along with in this larger Ascension effort. We need to create a more viable, flexible and simpler 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. He got that far without taking the Divine Mother into account.

However the Divine Mother shows up in whatever way the devotee wishes - except on this occasion.

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

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

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The notion of an integrated, direct, and unitive spirituality arose in a conversation between 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 return Home to 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. But that isn't the end. We emerge again, according to Archangel Michael, as and when we're needed.

(1)

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 so that God could meet herself for her own delight.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael: When you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of 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. (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/>.)

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

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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)

If you accept that this world - and all other worlds - was created by a God for a purpose, then what 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 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

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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 so 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 prefer to call the Creator the Divine Mother.

The Created

Every sentient being is essentially like a chocalte-coated 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 samadhi (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 passes beyond the seven-chakra system and reaches the spiritual heart - the end of its journey - the heart opens completely and permanently. We are now 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

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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 mergence 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 our higher-dimensional understanding.

In its most general outlines though, the Plan calls for created life forms to enter into and incarnate in worlds of greater density, which offers them situations designed to give birth 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 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 again 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 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)

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)

Jacob's ladder, the stairway to heaven - these both describe the process of spiritual evolution that the Plan supports. 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

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Now that we've introduced the three leading characters in life's drama, 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 perform work: to offer an account that spans the religions and receives from them their truths, while leaving the rest behind.

That by the way is something we're doing as individuals as well as religions. It's the order of the day.

Integrated

What we want to know is the truth below 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, arranged 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 a heavy price in 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.

Teachings arose that said that no one needed an intermediary between them and God. 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 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 InLight Universal 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 different-colored flowers in a very large garden.

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 mission it is.

We can only do what we intend to do - build Nova Earth, a world that works for everyone - in loving unity.

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

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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 in any way 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 as well: "Whoever it may be, he who has sincere interest can know and see God." (3)

Thus there's no foundation in truth to 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. 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 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 it may involve an event in consciousness such as a heart opening x 100.

When temporary, it leaves its traces like increased confidence, increased ability to love and experience bliss, certainty that one is immortal, etc.

Enlightenment, Krishna has said, is the reward of all action. (4) 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. (5)

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

Ascension is unto itself the attainment of a stage of enlightenment. But of what stage I have no certain knowledge. If we were in the Third Dimension, I'd say that sahaja samadhi catapults us from the Third to the Fifth. But the Mother has said sahaja comes deeper into the Fifth Dimension.

The paradox that situation creates is that, without sahaja, ordinarily we would need to be reborn into the Third. But I cannot conceive that we, being in the Fifth and not having had sahaja, would somehow return to the Third. So it's a gap in my knowledge as to exactly what stage of enlightenment triggers Ascension.

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.]

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

(4) "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.)

(5) "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.)

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

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What have we done here? We at the Golden Age of Gaia and InLight Universal 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 a new, recast spirituality. May we realize that goal in the near future.

⌘ A Global Spirituality ⌘

What is a Global Spirituality? 2018

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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.

Religious Reunification

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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).

This key relationship known allows the storehouse of wisdom of Hinduism to be connected to the same storehouse in Christianity. I've found the amount of knowledge that releases is revolutionary. From what we learn there we can branch out into all the major religions and find equivalences.



The three members of the Trinity 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, the world of matter, *mater*, Mother. By "Phenomenal," I mean the world of matter.

What I wish to do here is to underline that the 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)



The Mother with the Trimurthy within her

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.

Let me mention a second threesome familiar to Hindu readers: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

As Sri Shankara acknowledged to me (see footnote 1), the Trimurthy is a subset of Shakti, the Mother.

One has to realize that Shakti or "energy" is itself the active phase of the passive Father, Brahman.

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 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. I was thrilled.

I felt jubilant as well as weary 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 expansion on the exchange that happened, this time with Sri Shankara. I report this simply because you also may find yourself in reinterpetive 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 rajas, sattwa and tamas?

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/>.)

The Lord Sees only Christians and Non-Christians: Is It So?

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A prominent lightworker has surprised me by implying that only Christians can be the recipients of grace. He recently wrote, in part: “None of the denominations (1) matters. The Lord only sees Christians and Non-Christians!”

Is it true? Does the Lord see only Christians and non-Christians?

My impression is that the Lord doesn't see religious faiths as being separate at all or one better than the other. It's only we who do.

I asked the question of Jesus on *An Hour with an Angel* in December 2011. The belief that only Christians matter comes primarily from Jesus having said

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (2) But did Jesus mean “I Jesus”?

Steve Beckow: One of the teachings of yours that I think may have been misunderstood is the saying, ‘I am the truth, the way and the life.’ Did you mean, ‘I, Jesus,’ as has been interpreted by the Church, or did you mean something else, Lord?

Jesus: It was much bigger than any church or ‘ism.’ And yes, I have said, many, many things that have been misunderstood or misquoted. But that is all right.

“When I have used the term ‘I am,’ I 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,’ then you have aligned with that, and you have become that.” (3)

If Jesus himself has removed the basis for thinking that only believers on him can be the recipients of grace, how can we as lightworkers perpetuate it?

The “I am” can be interpreted as the Self or All-Self, the Source of all existence. So Jesus is saying that the Self is the only way to the Source. That gives rise to the many statements that we must know ourselves to know God.

Here are some of those statements:

Sri Yukteswar Giri

“The highest aim of religion is ... Self-knowledge.” (4)

Ibn Arabi

“To know God is not an easy matter, until one becomes a knower of one’s self.” (5)

Al-Ghazzali

“Knowledge of self is the key to knowledge of God, according to the saying: ‘He who knows himself knows God.’” (6)

Krishnamurti

“Without first knowing yourself, how can you know that which is true? Illusion is inevitable without self-knowledge.” (7)

St. Catherine of Genoa

“My Me is God, nor do I recognize any other Me except my God Himself.” (8)

We speak of enlightenment as Self-Realization, the attainment of the Supreme Self. It’s this “Self” that is God, that Jesus was referring to.

If we really want to know who the Christ is, perhaps listen to mystic John Ruusbroec describe it:

"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." (9)

"It is Christ [the Son, the Self, the Atman], 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 [the All-Self, Brahman], without which there is no light in heaven or on earth." (10)

This light of the Self is the Christ, which Hindus call the Atman and Buddhists our Buddha nature.

This is a time of religious reunification. It's a time to recover the Perennial Philosophy or Ancient Wisdom at the basis of all the world's religions. The Perennial Philosophy is simply the truth of Reality, shorn of all dogma.

It's time to let go of all schemes that see true believers and infidels, members of the tribe and *goyim*, believers and non-believers. None of this contains a whit of truth and has stood in the way of the development of civilization on this planet for millennia. We now know that an elite of planetary controllers used religion to keep his divided and conquered. That will soon stop.

It's time to emerge from the childhood of humanity and be adult enough to see that we were wrong in all our religious divisiveness and it cost us plenty. God loves all sides, equally. Anyone can reach God who puts sincere effort into it.

As Sri Ramakrishna said: "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." (11)

God makes no distinctions among her creations. Only we do. And now, having brought ourselves so much pain and misery with the distinctions we've made so far, surely it's time to stop.

No, we don't need to have something to put in its place. Just stop.

Footnotes

(1) I presume denominations such as Catholic and Protestant or Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, etc.

(2) John 14:6.

(3) “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/> .

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Let Us Have a Global Conversation

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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 circumstances and characteristics. A global conversation is a conversation that speaks to our commonalities.

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 or *hridayam*. 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 does not 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. He was also asserting his beingness as an avatar, a direct descent of the Divine into matter (*mater*, Mother).

Having a Global Conversation

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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 dumbled 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. 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. Germain'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.

We must 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

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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 what I called "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 other ideas of how to use it, the object itself may mean nothing to them. 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 convey culture, but not as immediately and easily as the written and spoken word.

The North American would want 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 meanings.

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 process 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 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

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The notion that we must speak as global citizens 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 global citizens.

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 that speaks to our commonalities.” (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.

“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 of 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.

“It’s time now to turn our attention to what’s out in our world, what does not work and never has. It’s time to stop our behavior that causes pain and damage, whether to our environment, our fellow beings of light, or 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.” (5)

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/>
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Universal Brothers and Sisters, Sovereign Citizens of the World, and Members of Team Earth

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Another task before us once we've gotten a sense of what it means to be human is to achieve the contextual breakthrough of becoming sovereign citizens of the world and members of Team Earth.

I'd like us to consider four propositions as we enter into our global conversation on how to approach this work.

Universal Brothers and Sisters

The first is that we're all related as children of God. We're all universal brothers and sisters. What does that really mean?

Our brotherhood and sisterhood does not relate to the color of our skin, our nationality, our religion or any other external features such as these.

It relates to the fact that we're all fragments of the Divine, or as the prophet put it, firebrands plucked from the burning. (1) Our soul or Self is Light of the One Light, which the religions have called the Christ, the Atman, the Buddha Nature. It's a pearl of great price, a treasure buried in a field, and a mustard seed (God the Child)

that grows into a great tree (God the Father).

It's that Self, which is eventually fully known as the All-Self, that's the essence of our brotherhood and sisterhood. It's as the One Self that we're all related. It's as that Light that we're all children of the one God.



Sovereign Beings

The second proposition I'd like you to consider is that we're all sovereign, plenipotentiary monarchs over our own domain.

When God the Mother birthed us and sent us on our journey from God to God, she made us monarch over the domain of our bodies and our field of awareness. Apparently our domain extends to other worlds, other dimensions, and other bodies but that remains all hearsay to me. I know only this body and this field of awareness and I'm monarch over it. I'm fully responsible for it and have sway over all it does, is and has. And the same applies to you.

So it's as plenipotentiaries, by God's command, that we sit down at the table commonly and treat with each other to build Nova Earth.

Citizens of the World

The third proposition is that we're not only sovereign beings, we're also sovereign citizens of Planet Earth. I don't feel my citizenship any longer to just one country. I'm a citizen of the planet now, as are all of us.



And it's as a citizen of the planet, with no more power than you but no less, that I sit down to treat with you in the building of Nova Earth.

When I invite us to see ourselves as citizens of the world, I invite us to get that context down to our bones, down to the cells in our bodies.

To be sure, we Nova Earthlings, Nova Terrans or Nova Gaians respect the laws of the lands we live in but we center our being in, and act from the state of, being citizens of the world.

Expanding our identity from being a Peruvian or a South African to being a terrestrial citizen is one step in the total evolution of our consciousnesses. It's a desirable one, but by no means the end of the story.

We'll have to abandon it at some point. The purpose of life is not to realize ourselves as Earth dwellers, but to realize ourselves as God.

However, as a useful interim measure that will yield in time to our becoming a galactic being, and then on to wider domains of applicability on our return journey Home, being citizens of the world is a powerful and unstoppable idea whose time has come.

Members of Team Earth

As brothers and sisters, sovereign beings and citizens of the world, we are the team that will build Nova Earth.

As Team Earth, we're charged with seeing to the wellbeing of the planet, her human population, and her animal kingdom.

We're charged with restoring Gaia as far as lies within our power to do so, living upon her in an harmonious and self-sustaining way, and making a home for others that's comfortable, equitable and fair.

A high priority is to build a sense of team that will attract all colors, religions, and paths to the work of terraforming and relieving the suffering that exists all over the globe.



Moreover, we cannot escape our circumstances any more than the souls who said the Sun was at the center of the local system, the Earth was round or gravity kept the stars in place.

We must labor, eat, and sleep. But we labor, eat and sleep as world citizens, as citizens of Nova Earth. And we labor, eat and sleep sharing the gains as well as sharing in the pains.

Some of our brothers and even more of our sisters are being mistreated in many areas of the world. While we obey the legitimate laws of the land we live in, we don't need to obey – and shouldn't – the illegitimate laws, dictates and customs that make children's lives miserable, women suffer in a hundred ways, and nations endure poverty, want, and slavery.



There's one word that rings louder than an atom bomb and that word is "no."
There's one word that's sweeter than an angel's voice and that word is "yes." But
now we need to learn how to use, and when to speak, both of them to greatest
effect.

All that lowers our awareness, dries up our love and confuses our wisdom now
must hear our "no." All that raises our awareness, moistens our love, and releases
our wisdom now must hear our "yes." The matter is no more complicated than that.

As your brother, a sovereign being, and a citizen of the world, by the power vested
in me as a child of God, I declare that all my brothers and sisters on the planet are
free, deserve the necessities of life equally, and merit the acceptance of the world
without exception.

We citizens of the world gather together in communication every day, make contact
with each other and agree to create a world that works.

We citizens of the world, speaking with one voice to have the world work
according to the divine qualities and right conduct, declare a new paradigm that
raises all bars to eliminate inequality, want, and servitude.

We citizens of the world say there's no going back to the way it was. Our global
citizenship is not the crystal ceiling; it's the golden floor. It's not the project's
conclusion; it's only the invitation. It's not the destination of our journey; it's just
the first step on a road we cannot see or know but can only sense and feel.

All of us share humanness and dedication to restoring and revitalizing the Earth in preparation for our final ascension. The cabal is leaving. The galactics are coming. The big push is not far away. Our consciousnesses continue to expand to help us along the way. We're positioning ourselves to carry out what we came to do.

To get that job done, we come together as Team Earth.

Footnotes

(1) Amos 4:11.

⌘ A Cross-Cultural, Intergalactic, and Multidimensional Spirituality ⌘

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

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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. (1) This was way back in the 70s.

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

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.

Both Sides of the Veil and All the Dimensions

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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 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 making sense to all ages, genders, and races.

It needs to explain the mysteries 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 <http://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 well past the twelve dimensions.

Towards a Cross-Cultural ... No, Intergalactic ... No, Multidimensional Spirituality

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If you could look up the spiralling arc of our many lifetimes in matter, it'd look like this. This is the stairway to heaven. This is Jacob's Ladder. Vision, 1987

Here is my contribution towards world peace, a book which demonstrates that all our religious wars have been fought for different names of the one (nameless) God.

Yahweh, Allah, Brahman, what does the name matter? God is God and is probably unconcerned with what name we use, but undoubtedly very much concerned about our human propensity for making war.

Therefore, who are we fighting for? What are we fighting for? What are we fighting about?

Let's connect the dots of our religious traditions and come up with a cross-cultural, and later an intergalactic and simultaneously multidimensional, spirituality. "What you can dream, begin."

I'm game. Here's the book's preface.

Preface

Shortest publishing run in history...

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 for 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 a 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 rules 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.

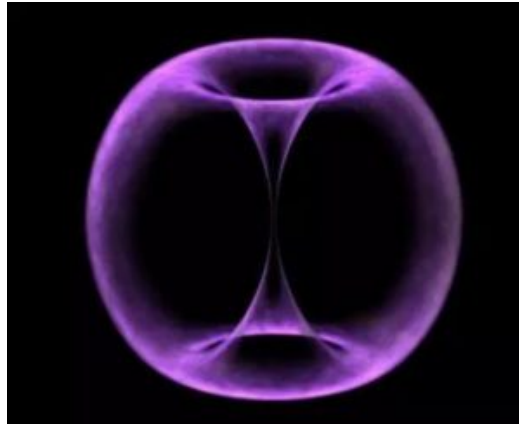
Another way of saying that is that these essays look at the purpose of life and the Divine Plan to accomplish it.

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.

From God We Came; To God We Return

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Time to return to preparation for Ascension.

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. Ours will be a template for theirs.

Michael has mentioned other Ascensions in discussing my next assignment:

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. (1)

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 rise of vibrations to those throughout the Universe. (2)

"Throughout the universe." We tend to think of only our planet and its "history" as having the archangels' attention. But civilizations throughout the universe are embarked on the very same journey from God to God. We are not alone and we are not alone in ascending.

Who knows? I believe we are an Ascension team. We may work together on the next round. We may even rely on records from this round. Wouldn't that be a hoot?

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. (3)

The Divine Mother educates us using the universal laws and the magnetic power of her love.

To think of her coordinating Ascensions throughout the universe boggles the mind.

But ascension, it turns out, is an inescapable part of the great chain of being. Without it there's no forward motion back to God.

It's also the part where a new aspect of God is revealed or a known aspect deepened. The love felt in Third Dimensionality, for instance, is nothing like the love felt on the Fifth. The love felt on the Seventh (in the Ocean of Love) is deeper still. (4)

[I've decided to repost two articles from 2015 on an experience of the Ocean of Love for your reading enjoyment, during these somewhat dismal times.]

You and I know that I regard our gripes and grumbles, leftover baggage, or what I call "vasanas," after Sri Ramana Maharshi, (4) as the densifying agent, which keeps us anchored mentally and emotionally in the old Third Dimension. Matthew would say we're Fourth Dimensional location-wise but denser awareness-wise. (5)

Tomorrow, I'd like to look at a new turn in the cleansing or purification process for me - what started as the search for a vasana turned up a new level of emotional organization.

I have to add a note confessing that I'm not an emotional paragon of virtue. What exploring this new area has shown me is that a speedy exit from our early childhood trauma and patterning is not usually the case. It takes patient digging (or Ascension) to get at the really deeply-buried pain and behavior patterns.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Dec. 18, 2012. (Hereafter AAM.)

(2) AAM, Sept. 13, 2011.

(3) 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."

(4) I experienced the Ocean of Love as the place that the inner tsunami of love emptied into. See "Immersed in an Ocean of Love – Part 1/2" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-12/> and "Immersed in an Ocean of Love – Part 2/2," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/>.

Steve: The space that I call transformative love, what dimension is it?

AAM: It is the Seventh Dimension. (AAM, Jan. 20, 2016.)

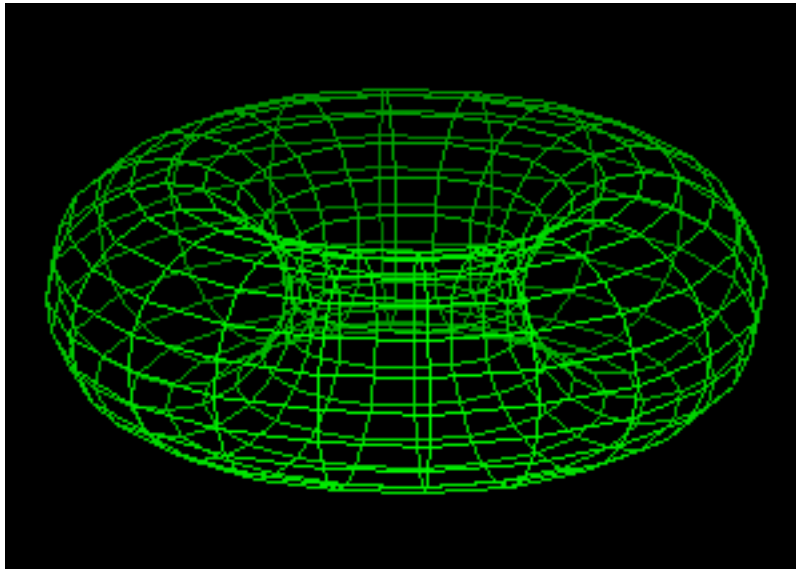
(5) See "Vasanas (Latent Tendencies)," at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=V#Vasanas_.28Latent_Tendencies.29

(6) "Although Earth and all of her residents are in fourth density location-wise, the majority of the populace still is within third density awareness-wise." (Matthew's Message, October 19, 2014, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>.)

The Significance of the Toroidal Field

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The toroidal field, illustrated here, came up in discussion recently at Kathleen's lecture on gender equality.

It has special significance for me following the vision I had on Feb. 13, 1987. May I share that?

That vision followed an individual soul, appearing as a brilliant golden star, which emerged from a large Golden Sun. It went off on a journey that I've described elsewhere, (1) and then returned to the Golden Sun from which it came.

If the toroidal structure were a cake and you took a very thin slice of it, you'd capture the shape of that total journey for one individual, from God to God. It was just as Jesus said;

"I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world [of matter, *mater*, Mother]: again, I leave the world and go to the Father." (2)

Although the saying has other levels of meaning, he just described life at its highest level of abstraction. The graphic illustrates what he said.

Just to be sure, we're not talking about a single lifetime. We're talking about the total evolution of a soul from a spark of God to a fully-actualized being in Reunion.

Although the vision identified the Father, Mother, and Child aspects of God, I'll leave that to discussions elsewhere. (3) Here, I'm more concerned with the toroidal shape of any one person's journey.

The little golden star I watched went out in an arc into the Mother's domain, where it travelled lifetime after lifetime with its brilliance lost. Two enlightenments had it speed back to the Father where it disappeared. The whole of it described a circle, like a slice of the the toroidal piece I referred to earlier.

If you added all the people in the world to the toroidal field, the illustration at the top of the article could very well be what it would look like. And so it looks to me. It captures in a still graphic almost all of what I saw that day.

With one exception. If all the arcs or circles were spirals, then we'd be in complete agreement. The actual toroidal structure of our lifetimes is a spiral as well as a circle, like an electric cable.

I saw the little golden star, with its brilliance lost, travelling through a spiral arc.

Why is it a spiral? I speculate it's because we keep returning to the same karmic lessons each lifetime until we learn them.

In a recent lecture, Kathleen featured a quote which exactly fit what I saw:

"The path isn't a straight line; it's a spiral. You continually come back to things you thought you understood and see deeper truths." (4)

Now just imagine that karma returns us to those things in different lifetimes to have us get them more deeply and we agree.

The graphic below illustrates what it would look like to gaze down the toroidal arc of our lifetimes, always returning to the same (relative) place: (5)



The toroidal graphic at the top of this article captures, for me, life at its highest levels of abstraction and serves as a reminder of what all of us are here to do - come Home to God, fully actualized and fully awakened as to who we truly are. (6)

Footnotes

(1) “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) Jesus in John 16:28.

(3) For more on the Trinity, download *Grandeur Beyond Grandeur: Toward a Cross-Cultural, Intergalactic, and Multidimensional Spirituality* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Grandeur-Beyond-Grandeur-R5.pdf> and *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <https://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

(4) Quote from Barry H. Gillespie, at <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/1093261-the-path-isn-t-a-straight-line-it-s-a-spiral-you>.

(5) Farther along and maybe even more deeply developed, but still missing this particular lesson.

(6) It conjures up for me the common, collective pathway of all our lifetimes - a sacred arc and a spiritual spiral, reaching from God to God.

⌘ The Purpose of Life ⌘

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

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

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

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.

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 once it had achieved a 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.

Behind the wheel of the car again, 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 enroll 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.

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

(2) "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?

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I was referred to a website that posts people's discoveries around the purpose of life. I was moved to send my own, which was subsequently posted there, which I reproduce here.

On Feb. 13, 1987, I was shown, in a vision, what the purpose of life is and the lesson has never left me.

It happened while I was driving my car on my way to work in the city of Vancouver, Canada.

I was at the time registered in a Sociology Ph.D. Program, studying to be a group leader and counsellor.

In the beginning I followed Jay Haley's *Problem Solving Therapy*. But I discovered that, when I offered a solution to the client's presenting problem, they looked at me puzzled, ignored me, and continued on with their story.

After selling my wares for a while with nobody buying, I concluded that these folks wanted to tell their story. I switched over to listening.

I discovered that, when I listened to anyone long enough, the puzzle they faced suddenly became a picture and they'd have a realization or “Aha!” moment.

As I turned the corner onto the main drag, I said to the universe in general: “If our early lives are a puzzle which, when solved, turns into a picture, could it be that life itself is a puzzle and, if so, what might the picture be that life is?”

No sooner had I formed the thought, then everything went black. I forgot that I was behind the wheel of a car. I was filled with bliss.

The bliss allowed me to access much deeper knowledge than otherwise.

I found myself staring at a large golden sun. I intuitively recognized it as God the Father (Brahman, Buddha nature, the One).

Out of it came a small golden star, which then streaked off into space. I recognized it as God the Child (the soul, Christ, Atman, pearl of great price).

I wondered where the small golden star had gone and found that I could follow it. I found it immersed in what looked like a cloud, which I knew to be God the Mother (the Holy Spirit, Shakti, Procreatrix/Prakriti, Aum/Amen, the Word of God).



... coils which I knew to be lifetimes in matter: The view the golden star would see looking backwards or forwards

The golden star, now having lost its brilliance, was journeying down through coils which I knew to be lifetimes in matter.

Suddenly its light flashed back on and I knew that to be a level of enlightenment. Then it left the Mother cloud altogether and raced back to the Father sun, immersing itself in it. I knew this to be a further stage of enlightenment.

I looked over this scene and found the words forming in my mind: “Enlightenment is the purpose of life.” The minute I said this to myself, the vision disappeared.

Here I was back behind the wheel of my car! I'd been away watching the vision for perhaps eight seconds and so I wondered how far I'd travelled during that time. Knowing well the part of Vancouver I was travelling through, I looked from side to side. I hadn't moved an inch in that entire eight seconds. I was removed from time.

I drove to the stoplight at the next intersection and looked over at the worried face of the driver next to me. I wanted to roll down my window and shout, “It all works out in the final reel!”

For the next three days, I was in bliss, seeing divine metaphors all around me. The trees spread their branches to the sky, as if in worship. Their leaves fell off, but the tree did not die; similarly the body falls off but the soul does not die. Birds flew across the sky leaving not a trace, like the soul flying through life and leaving not a trace.

I was mesmerized by the symbolism of the wave meeting the shore, sinking into the sand, and then returning to the sea.

At that moment in my life, I knew that I knew only one thing: That enlightenment was the purpose of life. The purpose of life is that God should meet God in a moment of our enlightenment. I was not certain of anything else.

Bayazid of Boston captured that moment: “O Thou I!” (1) At that instant, God enjoys the delight of meeting itself.

Life is a divine play or Leela, arranged for exactly this purpose: That God should have the opportunity to meet itself in a moment of our enlightenment.

It took ten years of research and ten more of writing to arrive at an adequate statement of what I learned that day in eight wordless seconds outside of time. I've since published the results. (2)

Time does not dim the lessons I learned. Those lessons serve as the basis for everything else I've learned since.

We go from lifetime to lifetime in a process of spiritual evolution which culminates in us finally knowing the full Truth of who we are.

And when we know it, our moment of enlightenment turns out to be a supreme act of service and surrender to God.

Footnotes

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

(2) Steve Beckow, *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*, at <http://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

Up and Down Jacob's Ladder

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I'd like to continue the discussion of dimensionality, looking particularly at the idea of descent rather than ascent.

Terrestrial sages did not discuss it. Michael once said:

"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." (1)

When Jacob dreamt his dream of angels on a ladder that went to heaven, he saw them descending as well as ascending.

There are many examples of such a descent.

An avatar such as Sri Ramakrishna or Lord Krishna is a descent of the Divine into matter.

Lightworkers are for the most part angels and we've descended from our native dimensions (or in some cases from beyond the twelve dimensions, in the Absolute) to participate in Gaia's Ascension.

St. Germaine, whom Michael told me ascended not after his lifetime as Sir Francis Bacon as is popularly assumed, but in Atlantis, (2) descended into matter and lived for hundreds of years before leaving this dimension and returning to his own.

Ashtar once said to me that he would descend from his place, which was beyond the Twelfth Dimension, as far as the Fifth to communicate with us and no lower:

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. (3)

So a descent down Jacob's Ladder of consciousness doesn't necessarily mean a devolution of consciousness. It could be - as in the case of lightworkers - an act of service to others.

Now I'd like to focus on Oneness and the descent into the lower dimensions.

At this dense dimension of physicality into which we lightworkers have descended, we remain One and yet are different. It's not an easy topic to discuss until we introduce the notion of dimensions into the equation.

We are One at our essence. Our essence eternally exists at a level beyond the dimensions, beyond matter (*mater*, Mother), beyond the power of words to discuss.

Sri Ramakrishna described, through his metaphor of the salt doll wanting to measure the ocean, the difficulty of talking about things at that level of existence.

"The nature of Brahman [God, the Infinite] cannot be described. About it one remains silent. Who can explain the Infinite in words? ... Once a salt doll went

to the ocean to measure its depth. But it could not come back to give a report."
(4)

"No sooner did it get into the water than it melted. Now who was there to report the ocean's depth?" (5)

In a second metaphor, he compared the situation to men who scale a wall and see a wondrous sight:

"Once four friends, in the course of a walk, saw a place enclosed by a wall. The wall was very high. They all became eager to know what was inside. One of them climbed to the top of the wall. What he saw on looking inside made him speechless with wonder.

"He only cried, 'Ah! Ah!' and dropped in. He could not give any information on what he saw. The others, too, climbed the wall, uttered the same cry, 'Ah! Ah!,' and jumped in. Now who could tell what was inside?" (6)

Similarly if we merge again with the Father, as the small golden star in my 1987 vision did with the large Golden Sun, (6) who is left to report on the experience? The golden star is gone.

As we descend into matter, not only does our consciousness vibrate at lower and lower rates, but we find ourselves in a different body on each level to allow us to act and interact with others.

On the Third Dimension we don what we think of as a "physical" body. Hindus call it annamayakosha - the food body.

But when we leave the Earth plane after "death," we first find ourselves in an etheric body and then in an astral or Fourth-Dimensional body.

We leave this at some point for a mental or Fifth-Dimensional body (i.e., ascend) and continue on up Jacob's Ladder, eventually reaching formless dimensions.

One could say that the differences among us at the lower-dimensional levels are quite obvious but that they get less and less obvious as we mount Jacob's ladder.

Thus our differences become more and more pronounced as we descend into density or dimensionality and less and less pronounced as we ascend. While it's hard to see how we are One at a Third/Fourth-Dimensional level of density, it would be plain as day at the highest levels.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 17, 2017.

(2) Steve Beckow: When did St. Germaine ascend?

Archangel Michael: You mean WHICH time?

SB: The first time.

AAM: He ascended during the time of Atlantis.

SB: So, it's not true to say that Francis Bacon was his time of Ascension.

AAM: No, he came back, did it again and came back and did it again. This one is QUITE the revolving door. That is why he says he is NEVER coming back. But we know differently! (Archangel Michael in a personal reading, *ibid.*, Jan. 23, 2015.)

(3) "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) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 218. Sri Ramakrishna was speaking only of Brahmajnana or seventh-chakra enlightenment but the same situation applies to complete merger with the One.

(5) *Ibid.*, 102-3.

(6) *Ibid.*, 268.

(7) 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/>

That Which Can Never Be Forgotten

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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 is 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.

God is all that can fill that longing. 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. He dreams and the world arises. He dreams and beings come into existence. I personally love listening to the sages describe God.

Here is 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 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.” (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 is 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-Dionysius, 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 Inifinity," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/09/eternity-infinity/> .

(5) Sri Aurobindo, *The Synthesis of Yoga*. Pondicherry: Sri Aurobindo Ashram, 1983, 395.

Source Knowing Source, Me Knowing Me

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<https://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 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 people become aware that life has a purpose and a design that fits that purpose, some become angry. Considering themselves separate from God, they think that they're being manipulated. They don't want to follow the 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 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)

This driving force is an unquenchable thirst, which some masters call a longing for liberation and others an urge to evolve. It won't let up until we've merged again with God in his/her 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 game, 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” disappears 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 declared the victor as we progress on to a wider and wider game.

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Who Am I?

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These statements appear true to me.

There is no question more important than “Who am I?”

Everything created in form was brought forth from the Formless to help me answer this question.

Every event that happens to me, and every event that does not, happens or does not to help me answer it.

Ascension, transformation, enlightenment, spiritual evolution are just words that point to the eternal unfoldment of my knowledge of who I am.

The created universe is a closed loop designed to carry me from the Formless, who I am, into form and back to the Formless again. Said Jesus: “I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (1)

The same could be said for each and every one of us: We are on a journey out from the Formless into the world, to know our true identity as the Formless, and then leave the world and return to the Formless again.

Down into form we go, physical angels descending Jacob's ladder of consciousness, and then up we ascend returning to God.

Up the dimensions we travel, to the Dimensionless Dimension, at each stage knowing more deeply who we are until we reach full knowledge and the end of our journey. The prodigal child has returned to the Father.

When I ask the question, “Who am I?”, I get an experience of who I am or a barrier to that experience. The whole of my journey is about transcending the barriers to knowing who I am.

It may be that, as long as I am in form, I may never know the whole answer. I don't know. But no duty, I believe, has been laid on me higher than to find out that whole answer. No duty stays with me eternally as the duty of answering that question does.

I cast that question, again and again, and get experience or barrier. Sometimes the experience I get is a little more bliss; sometimes an insight; sometimes a moment of direct knowing.

Sometimes the barrier I get is fear, resistance, or remembrance.

No matter which, no matter what else happens, the duty upon me never lifts to persist in answering the question through lifetime after lifetime.

This eternal duty alone was laid upon me – to find out who I am. As far as I'm concerned, all other temporary duties serve it.

Footnotes

(1) John 16:28.

The One and Only Assignment, Lifetime after Lifetime

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Rumi

God is a Spirit and can only be known in spirit, Jesus said two millennia ago. And knowing God is the assignment we all have in common and the reason why we're here lifetime after lifetime, as my vision from 1987 showed. Rumi phrased the matter this way:

“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

man 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.”
(1)

No matter what else we do, no matter how noble or consequential it is, if we don't know ourselves as God, we haven't accomplished our assignment; we have done nothing.

As our knowledge of our own true nature expands, we move from stage to stage in our spiritual evolution, by what you could think of as Ascension after Ascension.

We are constantly ascending, progressing, or evolving subplane after subplane, plane after plane, and kingdom after kingdom on our return journey to God. And we ascend as the result of increases in our spiritual knowledge – not our material knowledge necessarily, but our knowledge of ourselves as spirits and Spirit.

So to experience, as I do, an increase in my desire for spirituality, an expansion of the thirst for spiritual knowledge, is something whose value I understand and whose onset I welcome. It can always and only be a promising and beneficial thing. As I said yesterday, and I feel it bears repeating: Place spirituality first and everything else will find its natural place.

No matter how interesting, rewarding, and revolutionary NESARA, Disclosure and accountability are, remove “spiritual evolution” from them and they become merely matters of passing interest. For me anyways, it's only their promise in assisting our knowledge of our true nature to unfold that makes them ultimately valuable.

Otherwise they're simply the king's official having been sent into a country to do something he did not do.

Having said that, it's equally true to say that I've grown comfortable in representing NESARA, Disclosure and accountability as being important in and of themselves and will now face a personal minor shift in seeing them through this new lens that's being offered as a result of this post-transition transition.

One transition is no sooner finished than the next begins and all of them opening us wider or opening newer doors than we anticipated beforehand.

That's all I wanted to say for the moment. I just needed to put a bookmark in and say that this fueling of an interest in the spiritual is not a trivial development but might ordinarily go unmemorialized, so unremarkable is it on the surface. But it isn't unremarkable in reality. It's highly significant in its portent.

And with that, I'm simply going to open to it like the uninvited but most welcome guest who dropped into Rumi's humble home.

Footnotes

(1) Rumi in A.J. Arberry, A.J., trans., *Discourses of Rumi*. New York; Samuel Weiser, 1977; c1961, 26.

Let Me Not Forget That

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With everything that's going on, in all this hubbub, what gets forgotten, what falls by the wayside, time and time again is our remembrance of the purpose of life.

I can forget a day's appointment or where I left my keys, but I never want to forget the purpose of life.

I'm not an enlightened man so where do I get off talking about the purpose of life? In the strongest spiritual experience I've had, (1) one which propelled me out of academia and into life as an urban monk, I was actually shown the purpose of life. I was given one jewel from the treasure box buried in the field and have gazed into its depths ever since.

The purpose life could be stated many ways. The way I'd like to state it today is that our purpose in life is for each of us, by our own efforts, with a clear consciousness and not through a mind-altering substance, to know and realize the ultimate Truth – the Truth of who we are, the Truth of our identity, as God.

I'm convinced that God designed life. I think She created design elements of life and divine processes. Among design elements in the Third Dimension are things like birth and death, reincarnation, the full-life review, the Adam Kadmon template, (2) and many others.

Chief among the divine processes is that the Truth will set you free.

Have you ever wondered why you can be in an upset and then suddenly have an epiphany of some event, and seeing that event, the upset is released? The truth has set you free.

Or when a lover's ardor has cooled, you ask them what's going on and, even though they tell you the cruelest news that breaks your heart and sunders the relationship, once the truth is known the forward direction comes to a halt and a new direction begins, whatever it may be.

No matter whether we're talking about the relative plane or the Absolute Plane, the truth applicable to it sets one free at that level.

We are here to know and realize the Truth.

Not to get rich. Not to rack up conquests. Not to see as many countries of the world as possible, not for any other reason. And life responds to our discovering the truth by freeing us from whatever condition propels us in that moment.

I'm inclined to say, but I don't know whether I'd be correct or not, that the truth will free us from karma. It will eventually. The one who knows the truth of his or her being in *sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi* will in fact be freed from karma. The one in whom not a wave arises in the mind – a wave or *vritti* being a thought, which is inherently illusory and hides the truth – is ultimately set free.

In a relative sense there are reasons not to disclose the truth on occasion – not to lie, but not to disclose the truth. If a mind-controlled hybrid supersoldier showed up at my doorstep and demanded to know where my wife was because he wanted to kill her, I would withhold the truth.

Such reasons exist and form part of the drama of life. But, left to my own devices and not having to obey any other social exigency or duty, only the truth matters to me.

And that truth in the end is not the truth of who won the 2000 election or who killed JFK. It's the truth of who I am. And that truth is not the truth of what substance makes up my skin or why I'm allergic to soy. It's who the dweller in this body really is. And that truth can only be found by looking within, where the dweller is.

So, in the last analysis, I'm actually not that much interested in anything at all that lies out there, except insofar as I have a duty to it. There is something in here I'm

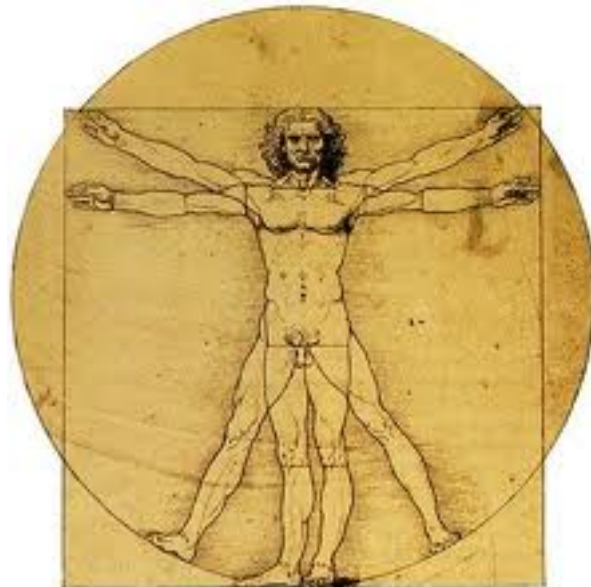
more interested in, a treasure buried in the field of this body, in the heart to be precise - a Pearl of great price, a mustard seed, a something which can't be known for looking, can't be found for thinking, can't be called out, or cajoled out. A something that only responds to (and in fact IS) openness and love, stillness and silence.

That I don't ever want to forget no matter how the outside of me changes. Disclosure doesn't touch that. NESARA doesn't touch that. Let all this panorama outside of me change with the season, but let me not forget *That*.

Footnotes

(1) Found here: "Epilogue: Eight Seconds Out of Time," at <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/epilog.html>

(2) The template of the galactic human, whether reached by mammalian, reptilian, cetacean, insect, or other evolutionary line. We are most used to thinking of it terms of Leonardo's depiction of its male version:



Mammalian version of the Adam Kadmon template

⌘ The Divine Plan ⌘

Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life

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The Self, soul or 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 Father 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.

Mother/Father God's Plan of Enlightenment

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If you were to look up ahead of you while in the sacred arc or behind you, the view would look very much like this 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, until we learn them.

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, evidently, 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 postponing their enlightenment until they complete their agreements. So perhaps 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.)

Archangel Michael: 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.

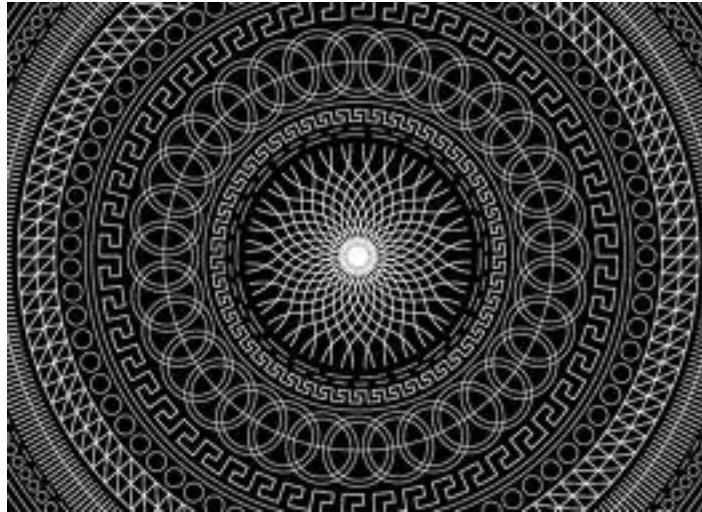
Steve: So you really have to meter it out to us, so to speak, so as not to send us flying off into some other pursuit?

AAM: That is correct. (AAM, March 10, 2017.)

Life is a Journey to the Center

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I'm using this time to explore the center, that mystical, endlessly rewarding area of our being that holds for us all promise and reward.

How many of the masters said to follow the middle path, seek yourself in the center of your being, look for yourself in your heart, and so on? How many spiritual texts talk about the many bodies built up around the center of our being which, as Jesus said the other night, is at essence light?

No matter what you think of these times, or the journey of this life, it remains only a chapter in a longer story - the story of a leavetaking of the prodigal child from Home, a wandering in the world, a growing up, and a triumphant return Home - wiser, realized, and blissful.

This is not just a voyage of discovery, but a passage from total unknowing to total knowing. It's a journey through portal after portal, the one we approach being simply one of them and, for most of us here, not the first we've passed through.

And whereas our travels in the world are extensive, this inner journey is intensive. It requires finer and finer distinctions of what we tend to regard as a finite point, which is in reality an infinite kingdom - call it what you will - the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of the Heart, the inner Self, the God within.

I sink down into it. I return to it again and again. I hold myself to it. I follow the middle way, deeper and deeper into the center. I explore the outward paths less and less every year and more and more the inward place in the center where I know "I" live.

And as I move deeper and deeper into it, I become more adult, more measured, more of all I truly am. There is no waiting in that center. There is nothing lacking. There is in reality no leaving it. All that I seek outside is to be found there. And all I want, all I desire is waiting for me. I am waiting for me. There.

Meet Me in the Middle

March 20, 2013

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How many messages have we read that predict a major energetic wave or spiritual opening somewhere around the Equinox?

Here for instance is Aisha North's source:

"Tomorrow is the beginning of a brand new phase in everyone's lives, so today is a day to begin to prepare for that. ...

"What we are talking about, is what will come hot on the heels of today's lull, namely a huge influx of energy that will literally take your breath away." (1)

Or Denise LeFay:

"This is the first Equinox after the 12-21-12 Expiration Date and Shift Point, and because of this it is very important because it's delivering the start of some NEW higher frequency blueprint energies into this dimension, which obviously means much of humanities consciousness.

"These NEW energies are ones that have not been present on the old lower frequency Earth world and reality we all incarnated into so this is a great

and grand improvement that's finally beginning in this dimension on March 20, 2013." (2)

But, let's face it, whether or not a strong wave comes at us, our overriding assignment in the face of closings and openings, downloads and upgrades remains the same. That assignment is to keep our balance.

But what is balance?

Most people think of balance in terms of scales. If I put ten pounds of lead on one side of a scale and ten pounds of gold on the other, the scales are in balance.

But that's not what is meant by balance in the spiritual sense of things.

Balance, spiritually speaking, is remaining in the center, the heart, the stillpoint. Here's Sanat Kumara discussing the matter on *An Hour with an Angel* this past Monday (March 18, 2013):

"The point of balance is one that is very important. And it is especially important as you are transversing out of the Third, even the cleaned-up Third, to the Fifth. You as a population — and I am talking about the history of Earth — have tended to think in extremes, either or, duality/polarity. It's either good or it's bad. And what you tend to do is run back and forth.

"We do not want you to do that. We want you to stay in the center-point of your balance, which is the center-point, the still point of your heart, and to operate from there." (3)

Think of it: what did the Buddha advise? Letting go of craving, aversion, and ignorance. Ignorance is the local self, the false "I." Craving and aversion is leaning towards and leaning away from. It's liking and disliking. It's grasping and pushing away. If we don't get what we want, craving and aversion lead to frustration, irritation, anger, etc., all of which means losing the balance of the mind.

The balance of the mind is called equanimity, tranquillity, detachment. When we're equanimous, our minds are still. God is stillness, is it not so? When we're equanimous, we're in a godly state of stillness. "Be still and know that I am God," the psalmist said. (4) God is to be found in stillness and silence, and when the mind is still and silent, the mind is balanced.

What is being referred to is stillness of the mind or, if you prefer, stillness of the heart, not stillness of the body. The absence of desires that compete with God for our heart and cause the mind to stir. God cannot be realized except in the still

mind. Having no thoughts or desires arise in the mind because we remain still and in the center, in balance, is what is being referred to here.

What is being referred to is silence of the mind. When we're balanced and in the center, the mind does not clamor. It's the silence that arises from the mind rather than the sound that arises from outside that's in question.

When we stray out to the peripheries of desire, going wildly up or down, we're said to be unbalanced. The peripheries are where imbalance resides; the center is where balance resides. So remaining in balance means remaining in the center.

Here's another way of saying the very same thing. Detachment sees us remain in the center. Detachment means detachment from all desires that pull us or our attention away from God.

It was said that the Lord our God is a jealous God. Is God actually jealous? I sincerely doubt it. A lesson on detachment is contained in these words.

Mother/Father One has decreed that we cannot have a desire for anything else but God and realize God. "I am all that a man may desire without transgressing the law of his nature," Krishna said. (5) The purpose of life is to realize God and to do that we must love God above all else.

What was it that Jesus said? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (6) He said that to teach the same lesson of detachment from all that leads away from God and attachment (or devotion) to all that leads us to God.

It's only when we let go of all competing desires other than for God (or for the divine qualities, or for the love of people, who are embodiments of God) that we're enabled to realize God. And letting go of all desires other than for God leaves us detached and in the center. All roads lead to ... the center. And all states resolve themselves in balance and return to their original stillness and silence.

We satisfy the Buddha's condition as conveyed to the man who said "I want happiness." Eliminate the "I" and the "want" and you're left with happiness. We do so by remaining in the center, in balance.

I think this view of balance as remaining in the center and in stillness may be a very hard notion to get. Very few people seem to have gotten it. Instead we seek an equal amount of one thing and an equal amount of another and then think we're in balance when we're not.

We think we must have sorrow when we have happiness. We look for some loss when we realize some gain. All the time we're entertaining this notion of balance, when this notion has no relationship to balance in the spiritual sense.

The ascended state is unalloyed happiness, joy, bliss. One can be in total bliss and still remain balanced, in the center, in the heart. Therefore balance and total joy are not anomalous but natural.

Remaining detached and equanimous in the center, in the stillpoint, in the heart, "in which" (and these words are metaphoric) the Self or Light of God "resides" - that is balance.

This "Middle Way" is what the Buddha discovered after having been a Prince for years and then an ascetic for years. He discovered that life in the middle is where enlightenment is to be found. And, I think, it's where our maximum benefit from all these energies, downloads and upgrades is to be found as well.

So no matter what happens over the equinox, whether we have a tsunami of love sweep the Earth or experience a huge download or an energetic upgrade, or find that nothing happens at all, what I encourage us to do is to remain in balance, detached, equanimous, in the middle, in the center - no matter what.

You know where to find this lad. It'll be easy. Meet me in the middle. Let the wave carry me away. Let there be no wave at all. My home is in the center, in the heart.

Footnotes

(1) "Aisha North: The Manuscript of Survival – Part 286," March 19, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/03/aisha-north-the-manuscript-of-survival-part-286/>

(2) "Denise Le Fay: 2013 Vernal Equinox," March 20, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/03/denise-le-fay-2013-vernal-equinox/>

(3) "It Is a New Day: Sanat Kumara on Pope Francis, the Process of Ascension, the Earth's Place in Ascension, Etc.," March 19, 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/>

(4) Psalm 46:10.

(5) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c194, 80.

(6) Matthew 22:37.

The Center: This Means Something....

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All my life I've been attracted to the frontiers of knowledge so I've drawn a lot of opposition to myself and a fair amount of ridicule. I remember vividly saying to myself as a young researcher that, if someone else had already written a book about something, then I didn't want to write about it.

Let me have a crack at something new. Let me explore the frontiers of knowledge.

Oftentimes I was into something so new that I was told it didn't exist. There was no such thing as “cultural history” in the 1970s so no to a dissertation in cultural history. There was no such thing as enlightenment as an empirical subject in the 1980s so no to a dissertation on enlightenment.

No to contemporary conservation (1) at museums. No to opposition to automation. No to protest over shipping jobs overseas. No to 9/11, life after death, angels, flying saucers. No, no, no, no, no.

But I could have let the whole thing go and come back within the box. I could have had a cushy career, but I never did. Well, except once and that was a career I couldn't seem to shake even by initially turning it down. (2)

Perhaps minus the last instance, I'm willing to bet, the same could be said for many of us.

So we're probably most of us used to opposition and many of us to ridicule.

I'm not saying that, in 3D, we can avoid disagreements. Something tells me that goes along with the territory.

But it's the degree of disagreement that, as the years pass by, seems to hold the key for me. I'm more and more coming to see the importance of the center – the almost mystical significance of it.

Somehow the extent to which I can disagree while only minimally leaving the center seems to me increasingly important with every passing year. Vitally important.

I used to wonder about myself: Are you a man of the left? For some years I thought I was and then I realized, no, I'm really a man of the center – at the most, a little left of center – as little left as I had to go when disagreeing with someone on the right.

Counter to everything intuitive in me, I'm more a man of the center in relation to the divine than in anything else. I'm more likely to be a man of the left in terms of politics, economics, law, human rights. But in spirituality I'm lost, speechless, absorbed in contemplation of the center.

The worst possible thing in spirituality, it seems to me, is to be off-center, which I think of as “self-righteous.” The ego is off-center and the ego has little place in spirituality. (I originally said “no place” but that seemed off-center.) Equanimity exists in the center and isn't spirituality about developing equanimity - at least towards anything worldly?

Egolessness is associated with the center. But a little ego to defend a righteous being who's being attacked, I allow myself that.

I don't understand it. I trip myself up so often by being left of center, by being off-center, at times when I'm not sure if it's right ... or should I say, dharmic?

I haven't solved this one. And maybe I won't until the Fourth Dimension, or Fifth.

But every year, I find myself more interested in the center, more absorbed in it. It holds my attention more than it did. It grips me. I'm staring at the mashed

potatoes, like Richard Dreyfus in *Close Encounters*, muttering to myself, “This means something.... This *means* something....”

Footnotes

(1) When I joined the National Museum of Man's History Division, I noticed that they collected old artifacts. But they could only get old objects, bent out of shape, a shoe here, a piano there. I suggested that they collect them new. I was given permission by the assistant division chief to create a “contemporary conservation” collection if I could do it without funding. I did create the collection, and it's now the largest at the museum, but the division chief continued to oppose it.

However the Museum Director loved it and to help me out came down to the division and enthused about it to the chief. The chief begrudgingly got behind it but got his revenge a few months later by not extending my contract.

Contemporary conservation is now practiced by many national museums.

(2) I was appointed a Member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada without taking an exam. But I turned it down because my employment prospects were more stable where I was. Then, when I was laid off where I was, I applied again and this time wrote an exam with 500 other people and still got the job. When I went for my interview, I was interviewed by a person I had known since I was fourteen (speak of preordained). I even contemplated not accepting the job if it wasn't God's will and rolled the dice. The dice said yes. I would have turned the job down if they had said no. Now I see the value of having had that job, writing 1500 human-rights decisions in eight years, and now doing this work. Writing those exacting documents, each of them overseen by the Federal Court, was excellent training. It's clear to me that I was meant to have that job.

Not a Word

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We're all of us watching for what arises inside as a result of the energies gradually increasing and washing over us and the planet. I can really only share what's happening with me.

The thing I'm most aware of at this moment is the gentle rise of a spiritual focus. I could phrase that as a falling away of interest in matters that don't seem important to me. That would cast it as a dropping of attachments, a cessation. That would be OK.

But it also has a quality not simply of being a dropping away of something as a rise of something else.

Recently I wrote an article (1) about how the sense of interest in the center of our being – you can call it the “heart” if you wish – continues to grow. Last night I had become aware that I possess a treasure map, and in fact the only treasure map worth having.

I “know” that the treasure we're seeking is buried in plain sight. It's right there in the center of our beings. If anyone is “looking” for it, that's where it's to be found. I feel it in every bone of my body.

One could ask, what is the center of our being? It isn't a difficult thing to contemplate. Whatever for you is the center of your being will lead you there – I

believe. Various spiritual masters have pointed to our commonsensical knowledge of this. They tell us that when asked to point to ourselves, we point to our heart – not the physical heart, and not the heart chakra, but the spiritual heart or hridayam, two finger-widths right of the breastbone.

All our bodies – physical, etheric, astral, mental, and so on – coat or envelope the soul at their center.

I could cite quote after quote that says or implies that God built the human body through the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit and then entered the body and dwelt in the heart as the spark of light known as the Self, Atman, Christ, pearl of great price, or treasure buried in a field. (2)

The return to God is an ascension to higher and higher dimensions which can also be seen as a shedding of one body after another until we are simply the soul itself and nothing else, which we then merge in the One and conclude life's journey.

Where I'm at at the moment is knowing at some deep level that I hold in my hands right now the map to the lost ark of the covenant, the mystery of mysteries, the place wherein the lost treasure is buried. It's buried in the center, the heart, the throne room. The light always burning on the altar is the flame in the heart, the soul, the Self.

Upanishads: “The ancient, effulgent being, the indwelling Spirit, subtle, deep-hidden in the lotus of the heart, is hard to know. But the wise man, following the path of meditation, knows him, and is freed alike from pleasure and from pain.” (3)

Ibn-Arabi: “The people of perfection are they who, paying attention to their breathing, become like guardians to the Treasury of their hearts.” (4)

Master Hilarion: “Look for it and listen to it first in your own heart. ... It may be hidden over and utterly concealed and silenced -- but it is there.” (5)

Just this knowledge, without even having connected to what lies hidden in the heart, calms me and stills me. Interest in other matters falls away. I can't remember what I was doing, what I used to value, what distracted me until now.

It isn't as if something comes in to take its place. I simply feel complete, done with everything, not seeking, not desiring.

I don't even seek Ascension. I know that you know that I believe that most people reading this are already ascended and have come back here to help others for whom the experience is novel.

It isn't unusual to say we've come back to help. Every angel who attends us is a higher being who has come back to help. Helping those in lower densities is a universal phenomenon for residents of higher dimensions.

But I can say that I have no interest in whether I ascend or not. Even, for the moment, my desire to serve has fallen away. There is a complete demobilization occurring at this instant. There's nothing that needs to be added to me and nothing that needs to be taken away.

And not a word more that needs to be said.

Footnotes

(1) "Life is a Journey to the Center," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/life-is-a-journey-to-the-center/>

(2) For instance:

"When we consider Brahman [the All-Self] as lodged within the individual being, we call Him the Atman [the 'individuated' Self]." (Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 74.) [Hereafter BG.]

"You are a principal work, a fragment of God himself, you have in yourself a part of him." (Epictetus in Jon Winokur. *Zen to Go*. New York: Penguin, 1988, 58.)

"Wisdom [the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit] hath builded her house, she hath hewn her seven pillars [chakras]." (Proverbs 9:1.)

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (I Corinthians 3:16.)

"Smaller than the smallest, greater than the greatest, the Self forever dwells within the hearts of all." (Swami Prabhavananda and Frederick Manchester, trans., *The Upanishads. Breath of the Eternal*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1957; c1948, 18.) [Hereafter UPAN.]

"In the heart of all things, of whatever there is in the universe, dwells the Lord." (UPAN, 27.)

"The Atman ... dwells in the heart of every mortal creature." (Sri Krishna in BG, 88.)

"The Lord lives in the heart of every creature." (Krishna in BG, 129.)

"In every heart you are." (Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, i.

(2) UPAN, 17-8.

(3) Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 41.

(4) Ascended Master, probably the Master Hilarion, channelling through Mabel Collins, channel. *Light on the Path and an Essay on Karma*. Wheaton, IL: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974, 24-5.

Volume 2

**⌘ The Child of God
- Christ, Atman, Self ⌘**

I am the Light of the World

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Merry Christmas (2010) to everyone as we celebrate the birth of one who was, in more than one sense, the Light of the World.

The main respect in which this could be said of Jesus is that he incarnated the Light of the world. When he said, “I am the Light of the world,” (1) he was referring to the Light of the immortal Self, known to Hindus as the Atman, to Buddhists as our original face. Hindus referred to the Light as Brahman-within-the-individual, God-within-the-person. Christians referred to it as the only-begotten Son.

It is the Prince of Peace, the Messiah, the Savior of humanity and all life.

Jesus talked about this mystical Light throughout his ministry, calling it the Pearl of great price, the Treasure buried in a field, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, the measure of meal that leavens the whole loaf.

His parables were discussions of how, once we saw the Son of God in meditation, we would sell all other desires, meditate on it, and buy the whole field. That is, when we concentrated on it alone, the Christ Light became the Light of the Father, transcending all of creation and bestowing on us eternal life.

To the spiritual seeker, it would prove to be the Good Shepherd, the only door to the Kingdom of Heaven, the eye of the needle.



Jesus embodied it. He was it while others only saw it. But even merely seeing it changed one's whole life, as Jan Ruusbroec, the 14th-century mystic, tells us:

“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)

Ruusbroec sells all that he has - all his other desires - and retains only the desire to contemplate this Light, until it becomes for him the Light of the Father, as he reveals here:

“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.” (3)

Richard Rolle, Ruusbroec's contemporary, depicts the fate of the mystic who has become “perfectly converted to Christ”; i.e., has followed the Light of the Christ to the Light of the Father.

“When a man is perfectly converted to Christ, he will hold in contempt all things that are transient, but keep a tight hold on his longing for his Maker – as far as is given to mortals, who have to allow for the corruption of the flesh. And then, not surprisingly because of this vigorous effort, he sees with the inward eye heaven open, as it were, and all the inhabitants there.

"Then it is that he feels that warmth most sweet, burning like a fire. He is filled with wonderful sweetness, and glories in jubilant song. Here indeed is charity perfected, and no one can know what it is like unless he lays hold of it; and he who does never loses it. But lives in sweetness and dies in safety.” (4)

The sixth-century mystic Pseudo-Dionysius also knew this consummation and described it in similarly glowing terms.

“In time to come, when we are incorruptible and immortal, when we have come at last to the blessed inheritance of being like Christ, then,

as scripture says, 'we shall always be with the Lord.' In most holy contemplation we shall be ever filled with the sight of God shining gloriously around us as once it shone for the disciples at the divine transfiguration.

"And there we shall be, our minds away from passion and from earth, and we shall have a conceptual gift of light from him and, somehow, in a way we cannot know, we shall be united with him and, our understanding carried away, blessedly happy, we shall be struck by his blazing light. Marvellously, our minds will be like those in the heavens above. We shall be 'equal to angels and sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.'" (5)

To guide us to this blessed consummation is the reason why Jesus chose to be born.

The Light of the Christ is the Light of the world, the Light of the Son, one with the Light of the Father. This is what Jesus meant when he said "I and the Father are one." (6)

The Light of the Father is greater than the Light of the Son, as Jesus said: "My Father is greater than I." (7) The Light of the Father resides in our heart and we reside in the Father since God is everything, which is what Jesus was pointing to when he said: "The Father is in me, and I in him." (8)

Jesus also said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (9) Meditating on the Light is the way to God. The Light of the Father is the truth of life. And knowing that truth deeply, in the experience of sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi (10) – that is the state of enlightenment that is sahaja or natural. It frees us from the need to be born into physical matter again, the sense in which it bestows "eternal life." (11) Thus the Light of the world is the way, the truth, and the life,

Jesus knew that the masses would not understand him or his disciples and, misinterpreting what they said, might turn on them and rend them. Therefore he advised his disciples not to cast their pearls before swine.

He himself could not find among the elders of Israel people who understood the mystical truths he taught, asking Nicodemus, "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" (12)

On another occasion, he spoke a parable to his disciples, who thought they knew what he said, but they showed by their response that they did not.

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

"His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb." (13)

But Jesus has spoken a proverb, which had several layers of meaning, as all his proverbs did. Besides the obvious one which the disciples apprehend is another in which Jesus is declaring that he is an Incarnation of God, a descender to Earth and not an ascender like the disciples.

A third level of meaning is that all life comes from the Father into the world and then leaves it, upon final enlightenment, and returns to and merges with the Father again. This is not at all the plain speaking the disciples thought it was.

That he incarnated the Christ Light is not the only level of meaning in which Jesus could be said to be the Light of the world. His incredibly-profound, epigrammatic teachings made him the Light of the world in a pedagogical sense too.

His parables were designed to last for centuries, providing nugget-like texts which enlightened masters could use to introduce their longer explanations of mystical secrets to initiated students. They were not designed for the masses who had ears but could not hear.

So many who hear his teachings retain a lasting impression. I remember reading of a Zen master who, upon being told a few of the teachings of Jesus, said, ah, this man is not far from satori.

He commands the respect of earthly sages - and of galactics. When SaLuSa wants to explain what will occur for us in 2012, he uses Jesus as his example.

“You are soon to be released from your temporary quarantine on Earth, and allowed to experience the freedom of the Cosmos. By then you will have achieved a level of Christ consciousness, and will be expressing yourselves through Unconditional Love.

“This is the reason the Christed Ones such as Jesus came to Earth, to show you what could be achieved by living in Love and Light. The Earth is a great testing ground for those who aspire to reach such levels.” (14)

When he wishes to reassure us that the galactics will be joined by the Masters, he again uses Jesus as his example.

“The Masters ... wait in readiness to return to Earth. You might say that the big guns are waiting to appear to you and that is correct, as the truth will sound be more acceptable when it comes from those who are familiar to you.

“Jesus and many Angelic Beings such as Archangel Michael will address you and the words will carry a powerful energy, that will

leave you in no doubt that they come to you with Love and Light.”
(15)

And when he wants to lay out what the galactics are here to teach us, he once more uses Jesus as his example.

“Jesus came not to start a religion, but show by his example the way Man should live. He was the perfect example of One who lived his word, and when he preached love that is exactly what he was - Love Incarnate.

“There is nothing else in your lives that is of such importance, and it starts by loving Self and then others. Since you are All One, why would you treat another part of yourself any differently from anyone else?

“Your principal lesson is to be able to express Unconditional Love, and when you can do so you can claim to have found the Way. We know that it is not easy to suddenly view life quite differently to what you have been used to, but if you are to progress you will need to change your beliefs.” (16)

I'm not convinced that SaLuSa used Jesus as an example simply because SaLuSa may have been sent to speak primarily to westerners, the vast majority of whom are Christians. I think he, like so many other spiritual figures of whom I'm aware, is genuinely inclined to be reverential toward Jesus because Jesus calls out that level of respect from so many who hear his teachings.

Thus, Jesus was the Light of the world in many profound respects. He incarnated the Christ Light at its most expansive. His life was a standard of perfection in its outworking and his teachings so perfect in their truthfulness

and aptness that all who hear him, to the best of my knowledge, pay him deference.

The universal regard in which Jesus is held is testimony to the truth of his statement that he was in a deeply-meaningful way the Light of the world.

Footnotes

(1) John 8: 12

(2) John Ruusbroec in James A. Wiseman, *John Ruusbroec. The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1985., 147.
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(4) Richard Rolle, *The Fire of Love*, trans. Clifton Wolters. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1981; c1972, 106-7.

(5) Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 52-3.

(6) John 10: 30.

(7) John 14: 28.

(8) John 10:38.

(9) John 14: 6.

(10) To learn about this level of enlightenment, go to this webpage and search on “sahaja”: <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/fdl/e1.html>

(11) We are eternal no matter at what stage of enlightenment we may be at. But we also need to be reborn into matter until such time as we achieve sahaja and liberation. Achieving liberation is what is meant by Jesus's special use of the term "eternal life."

(12) John 3: 10.

(13) John 16:28-9.

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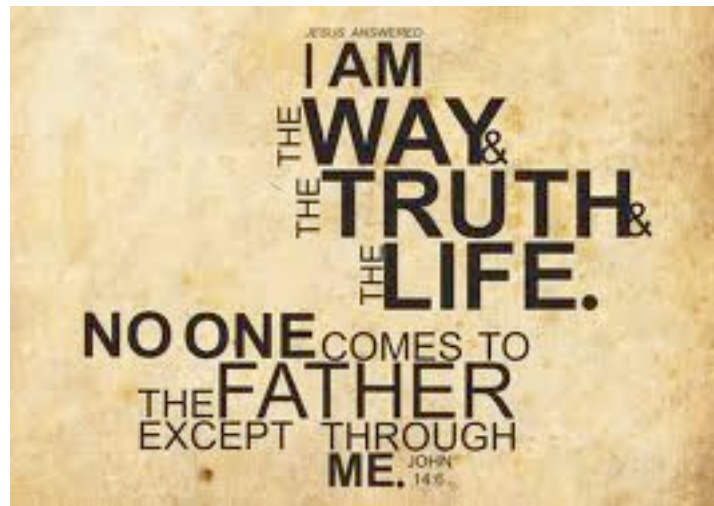
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Speaking as the Self, I Am the Way

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Speaking as the Self - which Christians call the Christ, Hindus the Atman, and Buddhists the Buddha Nature - and not as Steve, I can say "I am the truth, the way and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

If you were speaking as the Self, you too could say, "I am the truth, the way and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

When I asked him what he meant by saying I am the truth, the way and the life, Jesus 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." (1)

In a sense my twin flame, and your twin flame, and the twin flame of us all as the Self could be said to be the Divine Mother. In this world, which is like angel food cake, there are two ingredients mixed together: matter and consciousness.

Matter is the Mother, who encompasses all matter though she is only pure consciousness, and the consciousness that is embedded in matter is the Self, which, at our essence, is you and me.

Matter is an illusion but consciousness is the Reality.

Matter and consciousness are mixed together to form the world and consciousness is given the task of knowing itself beyond matter, of disentangling itself from the mix and seeing through the illusion.

I am given the task of knowing myself as pure consciousness, a consciousness which is in fact everything. That pure consciousness is formless, transcendental, imminent in everything. It is in fact the Father.

That is my mandate, my assignment, my task in life. And it's also yours. To seek, find and return to the Father.

Ascension is achieved in a level of enlightenment called sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi, (2) in which I know myself permanently as the Father (pure consciousness which has become everything).

My knowing myself as the Father becomes my natural state and I know that forever, without the knowledge ever leaving me. My heart is opened permanently and there is no more separation between my heart and the Heart of all, that the Father is.

That is the end of duality. That is also the point of liberation from ever needing to be born again into the world of duality.

There are levels of enlightenment beyond that. Ascension to the Fifth Dimension is just the first step, away from duality or separation from God. But there are many steps beyond that on the return journey to God.

Twin flames are reminders of the original division into matter and consciousness. They remind us that the world is a mixture of the two and that we must know ourselves as One. The fusion of the twin flames is said by some to be a precursor to Ascension, but of that I know nothing. It may turn out to be so and it may not. I don't know.

But I will know myself as pure consciousness. Of that I have no doubt.

It's my conjecture that pure consciousness, known as being everything, is realized in stillness and silence. Pure consciousness itself, compared with our material reality, is ultimate emptiness, (3) ultimate stillness, and ultimate silence.

Ordinarily I'd expect pure consciousness to be known in passive meditation. But we're lightworkers and we're here to serve. Though passive meditation can and will benefit us, I still don't think that we as lightworkers will be asked to know Reality through passive meditation, but through the active meditation that service is.

But whether that's true or not, remains to be seen.

Footnotes

(1) "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/>.

(2) 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? ...

DM: Yes.

SB: It does?

DM: That is correct.

SB: Oh, eureka! Thank you, Mother! I'm so happy to have that confirmed. ("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/>.)

(3) “Touch ultimate emptiness.” (Lao Tzu, *The Way of Life. The Tao Te Ching*. trans. R.B. Blakney. New York, etc.: Avon, 1975, 68.)

What is "I AM" in Simple Language?

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"I AM that I AM. Tell them I AM has sent me unto thee."

A member of the Golden Age of Gaia discussion group asked for an explanation of "I AM" in simple language.

The difficulty in putting "I AM" in everyday language is that what's being referred to is a mystery so elevated that there probably isn't any language at all that can convey it, simple or complex.

Language itself is based on an act of freely and arbitrarily bestowing meaning upon a word-symbol. I see before me this organism which has roots, a trunk, branches and leaves and I say I'm going to call this a "tree." But the next person says "Non, non, c'est un arbre."

Tree? Arbre? Who says one is correct and the other is not? The naming is free and arbitrary. One word wins acceptance among a group; another may not. That's all that determines why one continues to be used and another may fall into disuse.

But there already has to be an organism with roots, a trunk, etc., before me before I create a word for it. And all description of it proceeds in a metaphorical way.

That is, it takes something existing and unknown and uses something existing and known to know the unknown. But God, the I AM, cannot be said to be existing in the way we understand "existing." And it can never be known in the way we understand "knowing."

For example, take "the Light of God is brighter than a thousand suns." We imagine what a thousand suns look like and then say we know what the Light of God looks like. But of course our knowing is very approximate and may not, in the end, be adequate at all. It's just often the only avenue open to us if we want to communicate.

In the case of "I AM," someone has felt the need to point to that which precedes everything created. That which is being pointed to has no form. It's in no ordinary way sensible. It cannot be "known" under any conventional circumstances or in any conventional way. It is the greatest mystery that will ever confront us (if there even is an "us").

And they've chosen a symbol for it: "I AM." Others might call it God, or Father/Mother One, or the Source.

The thing being pointed at (which is not a thing) is not known by repeating the symbol attached to it: I AM.

The symbol used to represent it does not yield its meaning by dissecting the symbol itself.

The whole business of discussing it, which is something only beings of a certain level of consciousness can do in the first place - beings who use symbols - does not in and of itself yield knowledge of it.

So everything connected with knowing what the "I AM" is in simple language comes crashing up against all these difficulties.

However, as long as you allow for them, then in the simplest language I can find, the "I AM" is the one subject of all experience, the One who plays all parts, the One who created all this, allows it to persist for a time, and then plunges it back into formlessness again, whence it came.

The "I AM" is the One before which there is no other, no second. There is only the One playing all parts, inhabiting all forms, providing the substance of all forms, etc.

The "I AM" is the essence of everything, that which observes all thoughts and deeds and experiences all experiences, and that which all life tends towards in its evolution and returns to in its absolute end.

That is the very simplest way I can convey the matter. The effort to convey it, to capture it, is doomed to failure. The most we can hope for is to fail better each time we attempt the task, to inspire ourselves and others more with each failure, because it always remains our task, failure after failure, to continue on towards the realization of That.

That goal of realizing It remains our purpose or mission, lifetime after lifetime - in matter and beyond. It never ceases to be the goal of our lives, even though we're doomed to fail in it (almost) every time.

Points of Awareness in a Sea of Love

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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.

On Feb. 13, 2015, my heart opened and I found myself in the midst of an inner tsunami of love. That tsunami filled first the room I was in and then burst its boundaries and became everything, an Ocean of Love.

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, (2) 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. (3)

Footnotes

(1) Arcturian Group, Sept. 20, 2020.

(2) 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.)

Patricia Diane Cota Robles called it "the Divine Mother's Transfigurative Love."

(3) 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.

This is the Christ

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Jesus called himself the Christ and he spent much of his time teaching about the Christ. What is the Christ?

Jesus calling himself the Christ, for me, means Jesus acknowledging his possession of Christ consciousness. But, whereas strictly speaking, Christ consciousness is associated with the level of enlightenment we'll achieve at Ascension, I'd imagine Jesus's own consciousness embraced levels very much higher than Fifth Dimensionality, possibly higher than the human realm of twelve dimensions.

His attainment would have been less than that attained by Sananda Kumara, who overlit Jesus in his ministry and for whom Jesus is regularly mistaken (they actually are separate individuals. Otherwise, it seems to me, there would be no sense in Sananda overlighting him). (1)

Jesus called the Christ by many names: the savior, the messiah, the Son of God, the Prince of peace, the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field, the measure of meal that leavened the whole loaf, the mustard seed that grew into a great tree.

In most of his tales of the son of the landlord, the son is the Christ, the landlord the Father. When he talked about “I and my Father” being one, but the Son being less than the Father, and the Father being in him and he being in the Father, he was also talking about the Christ.

We often think that to discuss Jesus at all is to proselytize and descend, down the ladder of certainty, into belief, which is lower on the ladder than the natural knowledge that comes from enlightenment. Belief doesn't have very much experience, truth or reality in it. It's thought-based rather than experientially-based.



But the Christ, the Son, the treasure buried in the field *is* Reality. It isn't a matter of belief. And belief in it, while it draws one to it by the Law of Attraction perhaps, does not substitute for knowledge of it. Only knowledge of it enlightens; belief does not.

Many sages have experienced the Christ and come to know that they too are the Christ. We always are the Christ but we simply aren't aware of it. The Christ is our soul, our Higher Self. It *is* who we are, were and always will be.

Other religions know the Christ by different names. Hindus call it the Atman or Self. Buddhists call it the Buddha nature or our original face. It doesn't matter what name is used. The Christ or Self is known to all religions.

So what is the Christ? The Christ is, metaphorically speaking, a Light of the Father's Light, a fragment of the Father, a flame in the heart, a firebrand plucked from the burning. It's a Light brighter than a thousand suns.

John Ruusbroec saw it and exclaimed: "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." (2)

This Son of God will lead one to the Father, he tells us: "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." (3)

In *An Hour with an Angel* in January 2012, I read John Ruusbroec's quote to Jesus and asked:

Steve Beckow: 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: All right, now, can you – 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. But it's 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. (4)

The Son is the Father and the Father is the Son: they are not different. No one can enter the Kingdom of the Father save through the Son. No one can know the Supreme Self unless they first know the individuated Self.

The Light of the Christ, when meditated upon, finally becomes the Light of the Father so it is through the Christ that we "see" the Father. That is how the Christ is the gateway, the door to the Kingdom, the good shepherd, etc. That is also what is meant when it is said that the Christ brings all his flock to the Father.

Once they see the light of the Self (or find the treasure buried in the field of the body), if they settle down into meditation on that Light, leaving all other desires behind than to know its greater identity (sell all they have), they will penetrate into that Light until it becomes the Light of the Father (they will have bought the field).

The Christ or Atman, according to Shankara, "is infinite wisdom," (5) "unending, unalloyed bliss." (6) It is often called the witness and the motivator of every action, as Sri Krishna does here.

"The supreme Brahman [God] in this body [i.e, the Atman or Self] is also known as the Witness. It makes all our actions possible, and, as it were, sanctions them, experiencing all our experiences." (7)

It is, as Jesus said, "the light of the world: he that followeth me [i.e., the Christ] shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (8)

And he shall have the light of life when the discrete Light of the Son becomes the transcendent Light of the Father, as Ruusbroec predicted it would.

Lin-Chi, or Rinzai, knew it and called it "The clean pure light in a moment of your mind -- that is the Essence-body of the Buddha lodged in you." (9) Zoroaster knew it and said of it:

"Happy is the man to whom you come mightily, O Fire, Son of Ahuramazda ["Wise Lord"], friendlier than the friendliest, more adorable than the most adorable! Through Thy Fire, O Lord, we draw near to Thee and Thee alone!" (10)

It is birthless and deathless, beginningless and eternal, as Moses acknowledged: "The fire [the Christ] shall ever be burning upon the altar [of the heart]; it shall never go out." (11) And Jesus: "The Son abideth ever." (12) And also Shankara:

"The Atman is birthless and deathless. It neither grows nor decays. It is unchangeable, eternal. It does not dissolve when the body dissolves. Does the ether cease to exist when the jar that enclosed it is broken?"
(13)

So this Light is who Jesus embodied and the subject on which he expounded from the day he began his ministry until the day he surrendered it again to the Father.

And it is consciousness of this Christ that we shall attain on our Ascension. We shall become like Christ and we very well may do greater than he did in the world, so to speak. But we shall not *be* greater than he. We'll have only taken one step on the path that he trod to completion. The rest of the journey awaits us.

Footnotes

(1) The question of whether Jesus and Sananda are separate beings is not a settled matter. I plan to do more research on the subject soon.

(2) John Ruusbroec in James A. Wiseman, *John Ruusbroec. The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1985., 22.

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(4) "Transcript of an Hour with an Angel, with Jesus, Jan. 16, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/the-2012-scenario/the-masters-return/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-jesus-jan-16-2012/>

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(6) Ibid., 56.

(7) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 103.

(8) John 8:12.

(9) Lin-Chi in Burton Watson, trans. *The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-Chi [Rinzai]. A Translation of the Lin-Chi Lu*. Boston and London: Shambala, 1993, 24.

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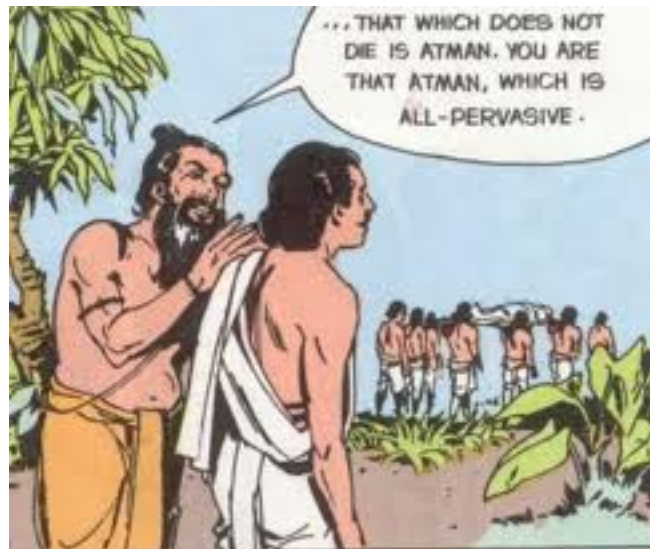
(12) Jesus in John 8:35.

(13) Shankara in CJD, 53.

A Note to Hindu Readers on "the Christ"

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<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.

Since the gunas are a subset of Shakti, by extension so is the Trimurthy. And that seems to coincide with the famous Vedic story of the gods being unable to lift a straw which Brahman caused to be immovable, does it not? Brahman is superior to the gods. So is Shakti and the Atman.

I think the Christian Trinity of Father, Son (or Christ) and Holy Ghost is equivalent to the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. (For more on that see, <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/>>Christianity and Hinduism are One" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/>.)

If I may paraphrase Jesus for a moment, he said that he (speaking as the Christ Intelligence) 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 way, the truth, and the life, 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. 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 vanish.

Footnotes

(1) Not Mahashiva or Mahavishnu, which is really a way of referring to Brahman.

The Christ and Ascension

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A reader asked the following questions:

(1) Of late, I seem to be coming across a lot of info about the Christ energy and light. In your articles on the return of the masters, one quote stood out for me: Jesus only had one harbinger, but the Christ of the New Age is going to have several million harbingers. Did this mean one harbinger vs. the millions who would welcome Jesus now? Or does this mean that instead of one body, Jesus, the Christ light would be in millions?

(2) Does Ascension mean accepting the Christ in us all? Unification with God, completely?

(3) Will we all then be "Christ" or "Christed"? What are the characteristics of Christ consciousness? Total embodiment of blessings/virtues? Surrender to connection/oneness with God? Light quotient?

Let me walk through your questions one at a time. One of the difficulties in answering them is that terms like "Christed," "Christ Consciousness," and even "the Christ in all of us" are used differently by different sages or else interpreted differently by different religious spokespeople.

If I were to ask another sage for a definitive answer, I might receive what amounts to another interpretation to add to what already exists. And since I haven't experienced Christ consciousness myself, I have no firsthand knowledge to fall back on.

Keep in mind that Jesus himself told us during *An Hour with an Angel* interview that, when he said "I am the way," etc., he was aligning with the Father, the All in all.

“When I have used the term ‘I am,’ I 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,’ then you have aligned with that, and you have become that.” (1)

First of all, the Christ is the soul, what Hindus call the Atman or Self. It's a fragment of the Father. It's one with the Father, while the Father is greater than it. It's in the Father (who is everything) and the Father is in it (that is, in the human body, as the divine spark or soul in the heart).

Second, there are indeed levels of enlightenment but which one is Christ consciousness is not agreed upon by all sages so I don't use the expression very much myself.

I've heard people describe the enlightenment that occurs when the kundalini reaches the fourth chakra as Christ consciousness; when it reaches the sixth chakra; and when it reaches the seventh chakra.

None of these levels of enlightenment corresponds to that which we attain upon being firmly anchored in the Fifth Dimension (see below for a discussion of it).

That level sees the kundalini double back on the spiritual heart-aperture or hridayam, after which the heart opens permanently. It's a higher level of enlightenment than the others I've named. Shankara may be describing it here:

"[The Self] is realized within one's own heart as existence, knowledge and bliss absolute. Realize this Atman within the shrine of your own heart." (2)



Paradigms of separation have led to mutual suspicion

I don't know what the qualities associated with Christ consciousness are because I've never been able to nail down the level of enlightenment it is. For the same reason, I cannot say what light quotient "Christ consciousness" corresponds to.

The harbinger of Jesus was John the Baptist. But all returning ascended masters and us newly-ascending masters are the harbingers of the Christ, no doubt.

Does Ascension mean accepting the Christ in us all? That depends what you mean by "the Christ." Accepting Jesus? No. But I don't think you mean that. Taking "the Christ" as one's savior? Not if that were meant in any kind of religious way.

Accepting the existence of the soul? Yes. Without that, one simply considers oneself the body and that would not allow the expansion or assimilation of truth needed for enlightenment.

The Christ light is not only in millions of bodies. It's in every body. The light of the soul shines out from us all. Seeing it is enlightenment (one stage of it, that is). Witness these sages of all religions:

Bodhidharma:

"If, while you're walking, standing, sitting or lying in a quiet grove, you see a light, regardless of whether it's bright or dim, don't tell others. And don't focus on it. It's the light of your nature." (3)

"If, as in a dream, you see a light brighter than the sun, your remaining attachments will suddenly come to an end, and the nature of reality will be revealed. Such an occurrence serves as the basis for enlightenment." (4)

Meister Eckhart:

"When God touches the soul with truth, its light floods the soul's agents and that man knows more than anyone could ever teach him." (5)

Jacob Boehme:

"A wonderful light arose within my soul. In it I recognized the nature of God and man." (6)

Hilarion:

"When you have found the beginning of the way, the star of your soul will show its light." (7)

Krishnamurti:

"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 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
happy,
Nothing

supremely
for I had seen.
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." (8)

Here is mystic John Ruusbroec identifying the Christ with that light:

"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." (9)

"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." (10)

So, as long as we stay away from narrow religious interpretations, I have no problem with the statement that the Christ light shines out from us all.

Notice the many ways that Jesus described the Christ: as a treasure buried in a field (the field is the body); a pearl of great price; a great fish among fish; a mustard seed (the Son) that grew into a great tree (the Father); the Prince of peace, the savior, and so on.

All of these descriptions describe something about the divine spark, the fire always burning on the altar of the heart, the firebrand plucked from the burning.

You've asked what level of enlightenment Ascension is.

The ascended level of enlightenment is called sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi and constitutes liberation from the need to be reborn into the dualism of the Third Dimension. I confirmed that assertion with Archangel Michael:

Steve Beckow: What level of enlightenment does Ascension correspond to? I think it's beyond the normal seventh-chakra enlightenment. I think it is what is called Sahaja Samadhi. Am I correct?

Archangel: Michael: Yes, it is. (11)

And I also confirmed it with the Divine Mother:

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. It is beyond, because what you are doing with the chakra system, even with the thirteen, 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: It's wonderful to have that confirmed. Thank you very much, Mother.

DM: It is wonderful for us as well, you know! ... Now, you understand that most people – and yes, you will do a good job of explaining – have no conception of what this really means.

SB: Well, you know that I have a website that discusses Sahaja Samadhi at length. ... If I take that material and present it to readers, would that be adequate?

DM: That will help. (12)

Sri Ramana Maharshi describes sahaja as "the state in which awareness is firm and one-pointed, even when objects are sensed." (13) He associates it with the state in which "the screen [of awareness is] permanently exposed. This is Self-realization, Mukti, or Sahaja Samadhi, the natural, effortless state." (14) He continues:

"When the waveless ocean of the external and the steady flame of the internal Nirvikalpa are realized as identical, the ultimate goal, the Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi is said to have been reached." (15)

"Remaining permanently in the primal state without effort is Sahaja." (16)

Granted that sources like Saul speak of "full consciousness" and "unification with God," what they're referring to is in fact neither "full" consciousness nor "unification" with God, but definitely a stage toward it.

But I'd imagine it's probably easiest and wisest for them not to make so fine a distinction when they're addressing a world audience, many of whom are just awakening.

So the Christ is very much an intimate and essential part of Ascension but not in the way many people think. It's the soul or Christ or Atman, which is our essence, and our expanding awareness of it is what Ascension is all about, whether Ascension to the Fifth Dimension or Ascension to every dimension beyond that.

Footnotes

(1) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus on Biblical Mysteries, Dec. 20, 2011," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/world-disclosure-day/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-20-2011/> . I assume Jesus meant that, if I were to say I was the truth, and know that to be true absolutely, then I too would be speaking as "the Christ."

(2) Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, 68.

(3) Bodhidharma in Red Pine, trans., *The Zen Teachings of Bodhidharma*. Port Townsend, WA, Empty Bowl, 1987 , 16.

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(7) Ascended Master Hilarion, channelling through Mabel Collins, *Light on the Path and an Essay on Karma*. Wheaton, IL: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974, 15.

(8) Krishnamurti in Lutyens, Mary. *Krishnamurti: The Years of Awakening*. New York: Avon, 1975, 171-2.

(9) John Ruusbroec in James A. Wiseman, *John Ruusbroec. The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1985., 147.

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(11) “Archangel Michael: Detailed Instructions for Dec. 21, 2012 and After,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/12/archangel-michael-detailed-instructions-for-dec-21-2012-and-after/>

(12) “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> .

(13) Ramana Maharshi in Vasistha Ganapathi, ed., *Sri Ramana Gita*. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanashramam, 1977, 27

(14) Ramana Maharshi in S.S. Cohen, *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 82-3.

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(16) Ibid., 89.

⌘ The Divine Mother - Shakti, Holy Spirit ⌘

Introducing the Divine Mother – Part 1/2

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The Divine Mother incarnated as Mary, Mother of Jesus

Evidently, there's been a large increase in readership since 2012.

It suggests to me that it's probably time to walk through the basics ... of what this site is about, to be sure, but also of what's happening outside us that's by no means the usual, normal, etc.

No, not the manipulated news in the mainstream press, but the version of events put out by the Company of Heaven and Earth's own saints and sages.

For me personally, there's no other place I'd rather start than with the Divine Mother. What motivates me to give first place to the Divine Mother?

I start with the Divine Mother because she's the active and necessary cause (the Father is the inactive and sufficient cause) of all that we see around us, all that we are, and all that we do to realize our potential.

If we want to ascend, if we want to know God, we have to work with or go through the Mother, as Swami Sivananda makes clear:

"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." (1)

That's a very general statement. Plumbing its depths reveals the Divine Plan for life (spiritual evolution), the nature of material reality, and the nature of the One. (2)

A vision I had in 1987 (3) showed me the purpose of life and the relationships among the Trinity. It identified who the three members of the Trinity were, without religious baggage, without even words.

The flood of bliss I felt at the time "brought all things to remembrance" - allowed me to know without thought or words what I was seeing. Observing the exponential increase in the ability to know that bliss brings was not an inconsequential feature of the vision.

Tomorrow, we'll look at what the vision showed me and what value lies in knowing/realizing the Divine Mother.

(Concluded in Part 2, below.)

Footnotes

(1) Swami Sivananda in Swami Sivananda Radha, *Kundalini Yoga for the West*. Spokane: Timeless Books, 1978, 25.

(2) Which are examined here: "Spiritual Essays" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/>

(3) Described here: "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/>

Introducing the Divine Mother – Part 2/2

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(Concluded from Part 1.)

The vision I had on Feb. 13, 1987 showed me the purpose of life and the relationship that prevailed among the Trinity of Divine Beings. I'd never have arrived at that knowledge without its help.

Let me summarize what I learned.

It showed me that God is all there is - omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, etc.

If there were no physical reality - which takes in all twelve dimensions - no differentiation into individual beings, no appearance of another to the One, then we'd just speak of "God" and there'd be no Trinity.

But, apparently, the formless, all-present God wanted to know itself, not an easy task when one is all there is, filling every nook and cranny of existence. You can't step back from the camera and have your picture taken when you fill up the whole universe and beyond.



So God resolved to create a *leela* or divine play to accomplish that task. He decided to create the world, us, laws that govern both, a material dimension in which fragments of itself could grow and learn their true identity, resulting in enlightenment.

Twentieth Century Christian mystic Beinsa Douno explains why: “Why did God desire to create the world? So that He might be made manifest.” (1)

And why did God desire to be made manifest? Says Sufi Sage Ibn Arabi: “I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be known, and I created the creation so that I be known.” (2)

And why does God want to be known? Explains Paramahansa Ramakrishna: “The Godhead ... has become these two [God and the devotee] in order to enjoy Its own bliss.” (3)

All the time, it's only God who plays all roles. Said Franklin Merrell-Woolf: “This space I produce that My Glory shall be revealed yet I alone Realize that Revelation.” (4)

To achieve its plan to become known and enjoy its own bliss, God began by dividing itself in two - which ancients came to call the Father and the Mother.

The Father is the Transcendental Void, silent and motionless, empty of all things material, the Source of everything that is and is not. (5) The Mother is the breath of God (*spiritus sancti*), the primal force, the universal creative vibration called Aum, Creator, Preserver, and Transformer of all individuated beings and material environments (universes).

Hindus illustrate this
Shiva. She's active; he
The Mother is the active

recumbent body of
passive face.



The active

her (Shiva)

Because the Mother is
Mother) that we can

two (Father and

She leads us to the Father

To leave the dream world we inhabit, we have to do three things: (A) Know and realize ourselves as what Jesus called the Christ and Hindus the Atman; (B) Know and realize the Mother, the Dream Weaver of this realm of divine illusion, of instructive smoke and mirrors designed to show us who we are; and (C) Know and realize the Father, the transcendental, love-filled void from which all material things arise.

The relationships that prevail among the Trinity, as seen from the standpoint of the individual, are illustrated in Hildegard of Bingen's vision, below.

In that depiction, the Son/Christ, is inside the Mother's creation (brown, ringed area), but connected to the Father (grey, ringed area), which, as the conditioned or personal God, is shown located within the unconditioned God or Godhead (blue). That for me is an accurate representation of the relationship that prevails among the figures of the Trinity.

The one thing represented in Hildegard's vision that I neglected to take note of in mine was the Godhead, denoted by the blue in her depiction and denoted by the black sky, the background for everything that was happening, in my vision. I simply took it for granted.

Let me offer an example of a sage realizing the Mother. Ramakrishna's non-dual guru, Totapuri, only accepted the existence of the formless Transcendental God (or Brahman). However, one day, the Divine Mother announced herself to him and altered his life.

"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 [Father, God] that Totapuri had been worshipping all his life." (6)

When we know the Mother, we've achieved cosmic consciousness or what Hindus call savikalpa samadhi, trance state with form remaining.

The next step for us is to have transcendental consciousness or what Hindus call Brahmajnana (God-Realization) or nirvikalpa samadhi, trance state in which form yields to formlessness and realization of the Father. Then we've had our first taste of transcendental knowledge. It will not be our last.

Each time an individual mounts another step of enlightenment in the stairway to reunion with the Divine, God meets God. For that purpose was all of life created.

Because the Father is silent and still and only the Mother speaks and moves, you'll be hearing the archangels, ascended masters, and galactics say that they "report" to the Mother, serve her, carry out her Plan, etc.

The Mother is known to all religions. Why do all seek to know her? As Totapuri showed us and King Solomon testifies: "She is more precious than rubies; and all things thou canst desire are not to be compared with her." (7)

Swami Nikhilananda sums up all we know about her:

"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." (8)

This article is intended as a contribution to a cross-cultural spirituality, which itself is a contribution to building Nova Earth.

Footnotes

(1) Beinsa Douno, "Life is the Musical Manifestation of God," *The Wellspring of Good*. Downloaded from <http://www.beinsadouno.org/lib/sg.htm>, accessed 21 Feb. 2005. , n.p.

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

(3) Swami Chetananda, *They Lived with God. Life Stories of Some Devotees of Sri Ramakrishna*. St. Louis: Vedanta Society of St. Louis, 1989, 126.

(4) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness*. New York: Julian Press, 1973, 18.

(5) The term "Father" is often used to refer to both the conditioned and the unconditioned God, God with form and the formless Godhead, the personal and impersonal God, *Siva* and *Mahasiva*. The Divine Masculine is associated with stillness and silence.

(6) Notice the implication by an avatar (Sri Ramakrishna) that even at the highest levels of reality, bliss continues to be sought after. That persuades me again that we don't transcend these states but go deeper and deeper into them.

(7) "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." (Swami Sivananda in Swami Sivananda Radha, *Kundalini Yoga for the West*. Spokane: Timeless Books, 1978, 25.)

(8) Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 31. [Hereafter GSR.]

(9) Proverbs 3:13 and 15.

(10) GSR, 30.

On the Divine Mother at Navaratri – Part 1/2

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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 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.]

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 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.

(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.

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(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. ...

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

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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 Trtansformer of the worlds, it's safe to say that the gunas 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 (Trimurthy) = Creator, Preserver, Transformer =
Rajas, Sattwa, Thamas (Gunas) = 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/>

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(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.

Mother, Who am I Speaking to?

Oct 17, 2012

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The Trimurthy is a subset of the Mother

In this edition of An Hour with an Angel, the Divine Mother confirmed for me some of the most basic principles and phenomena of existence. I was beside myself with joy.

Who am I speaking to, Mother? Who are you?

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

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're 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.

SB: Thank you, Mother. You've anticipated some of my questions.

The Father is the stillness, and you are movement. I think Jesus once said that to his disciples. (1) And the Father does not speak, if I am correct. But you are the

Voice in the Silence, the Voice of one crying in the wilderness, as the Father is metaphorically represented as being. Is that correct?

DM: It is correct in your understanding and at this time. Now, that does not mean that differences cannot be experienced and created, and ways in which for you to experience the Heavenly Father be brought forward. But yes, your assumption and your understanding are correct.

SB: Is it also correct to say that you're as close to the Father as one could get in terms of realization without losing consciousness of the world?

DM: I exist, and I only use that word because it is a word that you understand. I exist in and of and beyond your world or any world. And you can think of it as existing in different realms or realities. So, am I unified? What you call as close to the Father as can be? Yes, I am.

SB: All right.

DM: But I am also with you as well. So I literally bridge the realities.

SB: And if were to add to you and the Father the Father's light embedded in the body that you created, then we would have the Third member of the Trinity, would we not, the child of God?

DM: Yes. That is correct.

SB: So that is the Trinity. Now, you're known to all religions, and I know that you've said something else about this which I'll get to in a moment. You're known to all religions as the Holy Spirit, Shakti, Prakriti/Procreatrix, Aum/Amen, the Universal Creative Vibration.

You once said to me that Shakti, the Holy Spirit, was only a small part of you. Can you explain what you meant by that? Is Shakti only limited to a certain dimension, universe or realm?

DM: No. No. When I have spoken about this with 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.

SB: All right. Thank you.

DM: And as you shift, that understanding is also expanding. As you ascend that understanding and your capacity to have greater experience with and of me, and even of the Father, of the Trinity, of the One, will also expand.

So, is that not something to anticipate and to look forward to?

SB: Oh, yes. Is it correct on my part to say that Shakti is equivalent to the Holy Spirit?

DM: Yes. That would be a very good statement of clarity.

SB: All right. Thank you. So, with Ascension we will have a much more expanded experience of you and of the Father. Is that correct?

DM: Yes. That is correct. Now, it is hard — and I wish to make this straightforward, understandable, and yet I do not wish to simplify that which is unknowable - but as you go through this Ascension, as you go through this Shift, as you go through this portal, your capacity for understanding and experiences, and experience which is different than experiences, also grows. So your understanding, your state of beingness expands.

Now, each of you have been expanding enormously, oh, for years, but certainly at a very rapid rate within the last year. So yes, your reference points right now for your experience of me, and for that matter of the Father as well, and even of the Company of Heaven, is limited to some of your reference points in the Third dimension. And it is hard for you to transfer those into other realms because your touchstone, your experience of being in form, has been primarily — and I say *primarily*, not exclusively - in the Third realm, in the Third dimension, even within those twelve planes. (2)

So, understand this. The greatest gift not only to you but to us, to all of us, is that our connection, our unified being will be more closely aligned. Now, you have done a wonderful job. And when I say that I say that with full understanding that there is still much debris upon your planet to be cleansed. But I say this to you who are listening this night. My beloved ones, children of my heart, of my being, you have done a wondrous job of letting go of the old Third-dimensional paradigm.

You have cleansed at levels that have been unknown in thousands and thousands and thousands of years. And often you will turn to me and you say, “Mother, this is not happening fast enough.” And I look at you, I observe you, I smile. And I think,

and I say unto thee, “You have done work of thousands of years in a very brief period of time.”

So, are you anxious to move forward? Yes. But do not underestimate what you have already accomplished.

SB: Thank you, Mother. I have two questions that are a little bit difficult, but if there are any difficulties I’ll explain them to readers on the 2012 Scenario site. The first is so far we’ve been talking about the Formless Transcendental Father, and yet the term *Father* is also used to refer to not only the Formless Father but the Father in Form.

It’s very difficult to make this clear, I know, but oftentimes we’ve had Father Yahweh on *Heavenly Blessings*. Can you explain to us the difference between Father Yahweh and the Formless Father, the Transcendental?

DM: When I have said to you that I am a bridge, that there is a part of me, a portion of me that is unknowable, that you still have no idea of, so it is with what you call the Heavenly Father.

Now, Yahweh is an expression that is available for the human beings to have a knowing and to have the clarification of some of this energy. Can we say the energy that you can experience? Because, dear heart, we do not give you the totality of our being because, well, you would fall over dead.

SB: [laugh] And fry the circuits of this network.

DM: That is correct! And so Yahweh comes so that there is a voice and an energy and a way in which the human collective can know that portion of the energy of the Father that is available to them at this time. So it is the highest vibration of that Father in form, as you would call it, although it is really without form, but the form that you can give it within your hearts, your minds, your energy fields. Does this explain?

SB: Yes, it does. I found that very helpful.

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.

DM: 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. It [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.

SB: Okay.

DM: And you have all been climbing!

SB: [laugh] Thank you, Mother. Now, here's the last difficult question. I promise I'll make all these terms clear to the readers and listeners.

DM: I know you will, dear heart.

SB: Thank you, Mother.

DM: For you have the gift of clarity, and very often the gift to make the translation into understandable terms for my beloved ones.

SB: Thank you, Mother. 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?

DM: Yes, it is beyond what you think of with your seven chakras. It is beyond, because what you are doing with the chakra system, even with the thirteen, 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!

SB: Is it? How so, Mother?

DM: As we move beyond what you think of in your realm as emotion, that does not mean that the pervasive love and joy is not felt as we participate, witness, move and assist and beckon you forward.

SB: Thank you for that. Now, you said that the experience, the enlightenment experience is beyond the 13 chakras, but you didn't actually say yes or no to my question of whether this experience corresponds to *sahaja samadhi*.

DM: Yes.

SB: It does?

DM: That is correct.

SB: Oh, eureka! Thank you, Mother! I'm so happy to have that confirmed.

DM: Now, you understand that most people - and yes, you will do a good job of explaining - have no conception of what this really means.

SB: Well, you know that I have a website that discusses *sahaja samadhi* at length. If I — and that's from Sri Ramana Maharshi, more or less — if I take that material and present it to readers, would that be adequate?

DM: That will help.

The Mother's Pattern is Reflected Throughout Creation

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Aum - A reflection of the Mother's Pattern

I'm finding myself at the moment feeling the desire to go deeper within and look at some more spiritual matters.

In particular, I'm becoming more and more aware of how the Mother's Pattern of creation, preservation, and deconstruction can be seen beneath all material creation and its processes. (1)

We're either adding something to the space, preserving it, or eliminating it. Natural processes - but natural only to this dimension - see us be born, mature, and age. This isn't the case on any higher dimension.

The process of ageing is an example of deconstruction that humbles. As one by one the faculties wane, one loses pride, adventurousness, skill, and so on. That either opens the heart or else, one way or another, brings one low.

In my view, this world exists only as a teaching tool to provide us with situations that help us remember who we are. (2) This is a school for the learning of identity. As Mike Quinsey put it the just other day, "Earth ... is really a school of learning." (3)

We always were, are, and for a very long time yet will be, asking ourselves who we are before we come upon the answer.

The way the Mother teaches is, I think, by using the three universal processes to open the hearts of her divine-spark children until the love flows. The love that then flows takes us back, in stair steps, to the Mother/Father One. This is the Pattern of the Mother at its highest level, in my opinion.

I asked the Mother if I was correct in the connections I was making among the phenomena, all of which simply reflect her Pattern:

Steve: [I'd like 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 [Akar Ukar Makar or AUM] that you are at your essence. Is that correct?

DM: That is correct. It [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. (4)

All of these entities, with different names and conceptualizations, are the same divine power of love, creating, preserving, and deconstructing. So here we see different names used for the same divine powers.

Again and again the opportunities arise to open our hearts because of the nature of the Mother's pattern and, on one of these opportunities, we take the chance. The heart opens (as it will) and we follow the issuing river of love, in stairsteps, (5)

back to the Mother/Father One. At this moment, that's the way I see our homeward journey.

From God we came; to God we return. And in the moment of enlightenment that marks our return, God meets God. Mission accomplished, nursed along and helped up stairsteps by the forces born of the Mother's Pattern.

Footnotes

(1) The Mother's Pattern is creation, preservation, and deconstruction. It = love building, love preserving, love dissolving = inbreath, pause, outbreath = rajas, sattwa, thamas (gunas) = Akar, Ukar, Makar (Aum) = Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva (Trimurthy). Reality at all levels except the One is so organized.

(2) On this subject see *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <https://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf> and *Grandeur Beyond Grandeur: Toward a Cross-Cultural, Intergalactic, and Multidimensional Spirituality* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Grandeur-Beyond-Grandeur-R5.pdf>.

(3) "Mike Quinsey's Higher Self Message, Aug. 26, 2022," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/08/26/mike-quinseys-higher-self-message-aug-26-2022/>.

(4) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part ½," Oct. 17, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.)

After I added to the equation, I asked Michael as well for confirmation:

Steve: I've read part of this quote to the Divine Mother. She's verified it but I've added things to it. So I'd like to read it to you again and ask if it is correct.

Creation, preservation, transformation = rajas, sattwa, and thamas = Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva = Akar, Ukar & Makar of AUM [= inbreath, pause, outbreath].

Archangel Michael: That is quite the expression, Sweet One, and, in that tradition and in that understanding, the answer is correct.

Steve: It is not even discussed in other traditions.

AAM: No, it is not. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, April 2, 2020.)

(5) Michael discusses why here:

Archangel Michael: In terms of human comprehension in this moment we need to feed or allow the opening of the understandings to the human Collective – we’re talking about the broad Collective now – to be in ‘bites’ that they can chew, swallow and integrate. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Andrew Eardley through Linda Dillon on April 15, 2016.)

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. (“AAM on Truncated Experiences,” March 21, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/03/21/aam-on-truncated-experiences/>.)

One could also see the stages of enlightenment as being stairsteps: Stream-entering (fourth-chakra enlightenment); Cosmic Consciousness/Savikalpa Samadhi (sixth chakra); God-Realization/Brahmajnana (seventh chakra); Ascension (Sahaja Samadhi, Vijnana, buddhahood, liberation, full and complete heart opening beyond the seven-chakra system); etc.

Intro to It's All a Journey of Love

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The Divine Mother as Mary, the Mother of Jesus

I've drawn all the messages from the Divine Mother through Linda Dillon that I could find and compiled them into one book.

Download your copy here: <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Its-All-a-Journey-of-Love-3.pdf>

Clicking on the URL will automatically download it.

The "Introduction" follows.

Introduction

Who is the Divine Mother?

In her eternal form, the Divine Mother is not an ascended master. She is not an archangel or seraph. She is not a god among gods.

She is the active face of God.

As long as the One remains passive, ancient sages and the Mother herself have called that divine state of consciousness God the Father.

When the One stirs and brings objects into creation, preserves them for a time, and transforms them, the ancients called that state of consciousness God the Mother. Sri Ramakrishna explains:

“When I think of the Supreme Being as inactive -- neither creating nor preserving nor destroying — I call Him Brahman or Purusha, the Impersonal God. When I think of Him as active — creating, preserving, and destroying — I call him [the Mother,] Sakti or Maya or Prakriti, 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 are one.” (1)

The Mother *is* the Father, as Sri Ramakrishna emphasizes:

“O Mother, Thou art verily Brahman, and Thou art verily Sakti. Thou art Purusha [Divine Person, Father] and Thou art Prakriti [Creator, Mother]. ...

“Thou art the Absolute, and Thou dost manifest Thyself as the Relative.” (2)

The Mother herself uses this naming convention:

"Consider with me for a moment what the Mother Energy is. There are reasons why you have this paradigm, this archetype.

"It is the Mother Nurturer. It is the Mother Disciplinarian. It is the Mother who ‘course corrects’ you as you grow. It is the Mother who sees you grow into the truth of fulfillment, the evolution of your maturity on every level.” (3)

She differentiates herself from the Father by identifying herself, as Sri Ramakrishna said, with movement:

Divine Mother: I am known as ... dynamic action, as movement, as constant change, as fulfillment. Sometimes you tend to think of me as the Holy Spirit, but there is more to me than that. ... I am known by the movement

within you and the movement within your Earth, within all things, within all universes. (4)

Here go more of my theories into the wastebasket. The Mother is much more than the Holy Spirit. Note to self: Update the file.

When she says “It is the Mother who sees you grow into the truth of fulfillment, the evolution of your maturity on every level,” she's just acknowledged a hugely significant fact for me. I have to back up a moment to get to it.

From a vision I had in 1987, (5) I know that the individual soul journeys from God to God. I know that the purpose of that journey is for God to meet God in a moment of our enlightenment.

For that purpose, the One stirs itself to create a world of matter, *mater*, Mother.

This created world of matter is a school in which we Children of God, the third member of the Trinity, learn our true identity as God. Solving that puzzle is what the Mother has created all of this for.

And here, the Mother has just acknowledged this interpretation. One theory down and one theory up.

She has acknowledged that it is she who raises the divine Child to full awareness of its true identity as God. She then, metaphorically speaking, conducts the Child to the Father. We are hearing reality affirmed at the very highest levels.

Meanwhile, the One is unknowable. The One does not speak. The One does not stir - in material terms. Love flows in the One, I'm sure. But material things do not.

The Mother is all of God we'll ever know - for two reasons. One, God exists beyond knowledge. Thus we cannot “know” the One. Two, if we fully “knew” the One, we'd have merged with it, at which point “we” would cease to exist. Who then would be there to “know” the One?



The Mother is known to all religions - as the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to Christians, Wisdom to Solomon, Shakti and Kali to Hindus, Aum/Amen, Procreatrix/Prakriti - the list of her names goes on and on.

No matter what form of God we worship, we're really worshipping her.

She tells us that she is much bigger than Shakti, so big that we could not imagine it.

Divine Mother: When I have spoken about ... Shakti, I have spoken about a part of me. ... She is not the totality of my being. My being is bigger than you can fathom, dear one. ... 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. (6)

Ancient sages would have fasted forty days and forty nights in the desert to catch even a whisper from the Divine Mother, the sight of her hem as she passed by, or a taste of her bliss.

Today, Linda has presented us with several hundred pages of the Mother's teachings. I don't know about you but I'm going to be poring over these pages. The number of spiritual verities she's confirmed or clarified for me is like the California gold rush was to miners. (7)

This generation has been incredibly fortunate to have this unfettered access to the Divine Mother and I hope it continues.

Linda's channelings are the clearest I've heard. I have no illusions about the challenges of channeling the Mother. I was told that Linda meditates hours before channeling her. And frequently she says that the Mother converses with her during the night.

I see in this book that Linda has been channeling the Mother for more than twenty years. My hat's off to her for valor and determination. It's been a pleasure working with her on InLight Radio and in personal readings.

May we all ascend together and find in our new vibratory home fulfillment of all we've been seeking. May the Mother's talks here smooth our path. And may she and the archangels be there to welcome us and introduce us to that answer to everything awaiting us there - the inner tsunami of endless love.

Footnotes

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(3) "Transcript ~ The Divine Mother: New Year's Message 2017," December 29, 2016, through Linda Dillon, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/12/31/new-years-message-2017/>.

(4) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me," *ibid*.

Surprised at her informality? Consider this:

Archangel Michael: We do not want anything capitalized. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Aug. 12, 2016. Hereafter AAM.)

Steve: I didn't know if I was being too familiar.

Archangel Michael: You know what? We want you to be familiar. (AAM, Jan. 3, 2017.)

(5) I had a vision of the entire life journey of an individual soul from God to God. A description of it appears here: "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/>

(6) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me," *ibid*.

(7) For example, the Mother has confirmed for me, in full or in part, the following spiritual connections. To a student of cross-cultural spirituality, these are like my foundational principles:

God the Father, God the Child, and God the Mother = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti = Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Creation, preservation, and transformation = The three Gunas (Rajas, Sattwa, and Thamas) = The Trimurthy (Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva) = AUM (Akar, Ukar, and Makar) = a subset of the Divine Mother.

Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi, Vijnana = Nirvana, Buddhahood = Salvation, Redemption, and Rapture = mukti, moksha, liberation = Ascension, Fifth Dimensionality.

Where else could I get this level of confirmation? I could not. The Mother is the last word.

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I am Love, Change and Constancy

April 20, 2013

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I'm listening to the Universal Mother's channeled message through Linda Dillon on April 20, 2013 (1) and some of the things she says beg comment.

She begins by calling herself 'Mother of love, Mother of change and Mother of constancy.' How can she be things which seem contradictory?

The Universal Mother (she is not a "she") is the Transcendent Father (he is not a "he") having entered into the world of the dream, of form, of impermanence. She is the universal, primordial creative energy known to us as Aum/Amen, the Word of God, Shakti, the Holy Spirit that moves upon the waters, etc. (2)

She calls all things into being, holds them in form for a while, and then releases them back into the formless "emptiness" that the Father is.

Oh, my gosh, I hear some people saying. He's talking about the three gunas or cosmic forces (rajas, sattwa, and thamas or creation, balance, and transformation). Well, yes, I am. The three gunas are a subset of the Mother. Aum is a sine wave and creation (a-kar), preservation (u-kar), and transformation (m-akar) are its constituents (A-U-M). They correspond to the gunas.

Oh my gosh, someone else says. He's talking about Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Well, yes, the Divine Mother has actually told me on *An Hour with an Angel*, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are just personifications of the three cosmic forces that the gunas are. (3) And she is the source of the gunas.

Love is the attractive force (rajas) that draws all matter together. So the Mother is certainly the Mother of love.

And constancy is the balancing and preservative force (sattwa). So the Mother is certainly constancy.

And change is the transformative force (thamas). So the Mother is certainly change. These are three phases of her energetic beingness.

It's the Mother who takes the Father's intentions and makes them manifest in the dream. It's the Mother who creates this school of learning that the world is and raises the Child of God from ignorance to knowledge.

It's the Mother who accepts the Child as a seed from the Father, nurtures it in her womb of matter (*mater*, Mother), teaches it once it has awakened, and brings it back to be reintroduced to the Father when it's ready. The story of birth and life simply repeats the universal, timeless drama, as it was undoubtedly meant to do.

The Mother is all we can "know." The Father cannot be known. You cannot touch or see the Father. But you can touch and feel the Mother. The Father cannot talk or be heard. The Mother is the Voice in the Silence, the Voice of one crying in the wilderness. The Father cannot be seen. Anything you see is the Mother. (4)

The Father can only be known in unknowingness, when the Christ (or Child of God) has subdued all desires for the world, bends its knee to the Father, and surrenders its very Self to Him, that things may be all in all.

Then it is seen that the Child is the Father, the Mother is the Father, and the Father has become everything.

These ways of speaking are conventional. They will likely change in the new culture that will arise. I have not had the wit to figure out new ways of speaking but I invite others to do it.

They reflect the usage patterns of sages of old, but admittedly they are gender-biased. Nonetheless the realities they point to are not gender-biased. The realities, as far as I'm aware, are true, critical for all of us to know, and the object towards which we all journey. When known, the object disappears and we are left only with the Subject and journey's end.

Footnotes

(1) "The Divine Mother Speaks of Change and the Constancy of Her Love for Us," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/04/the-divine-mother-speaks-of-change-and-the-constancy-of-her-love-for-us/>

(2) See "The Nature of the Divine Mother" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/>

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

(4) I am talking about the formless God, the Transcendental, the Void, not the personal God or God-in-form. The difference is between what Matthew Ward calls the Source and what he calls God. Or what sages call Godhead and God.

⌘ The Heavenly Father ⌘

A World Where Only God Exists

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One thing all spiritual paths share is that they all lead to awareness - awareness of who we are - Self-Realization, Self-Knowledge, Self-Recognition, etc.

It's no secret. I can say it: Who we are is God.

But, as far as we're concerned, that may remain an idea, something intellectually known. As such it doesn't ring the bell. It doesn't fuel a bonfire of Self-Recognition.

We have to at least feel something before it moves us to act, never mind realize.

When we realize who we are, in that moment of recognition, in that stillness of mind and openness of heart, God meets God.

If God did not desire to meet Itself, in a world where only It exists and fills every illusory and created Being, none of this would be here. Collectively, as the multiverse, we're the holodeck on which a particular voyage and drama of Self-Realization is being enacted. (1)

The various paths call this enlightenment, illumination, salvation, buddhahood, Ascension. It's a basic act of realizing who and what we are, the Truth of our existence.

Love may be the means, but the drama of life culminates in a moment of ecstatic Self-Realization ("O Thou I!") ... in a world where, it becomes clear, only God exists. (2)

I imagine that, when I realize I don't exist, I'll break out in laughter. But who then laughs?

Footnotes

(1) See *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*, at <http://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

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

Reducing the One through Comparison

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From God to God

Any metaphor a writer uses for the One runs the risk of the reader reducing the One to the object of the comparison.

If I say the One is lawless, you may immediately see a Western movie dark-hat gunslinger.

How useful is that to the "knower" of the unknowable? It might trigger a realization if we're lucky. But it'll be hit and miss.

It isn't the same as waiting at the bus stop for the bus, to use a metaphor.

I say the One is lawless because no law can bind the Maker of the law.

And Sri Ramakrishna reminds us: "He who has made the law can also change it." (1) That is, the Father is above the law. Although he is its Source, she creates, preserves, and transforms it. (2) The Father is untouched by it.

That's why she's "the Voice of One crying in the wilderness." He's the wilderness in which her voice - Aum/Amen - reverberates, calling all creation into being through patterned movement and sound. (3) He is wild and lawless - *in a manner of speaking*.

We tend to project our dualistic ideas onto the Father. That's why Sri Ramakrishna might say:

"The world consists of the illusory duality of knowledge and ignorance. It contains knowledge and devotion, and also attachment to [lust and greed]; righteousness and unrighteousness; good and evil. But Brahman [Father God] is unattached to these.

"Good and evil apply to the jiva, the individual soul, as do righteousness and unrighteousness, but Brahman is not at all affected by them." (4)

If one knew the love that exists on the higher planes, how it could be that Brahman ignores duality would be instantly seen.

Something much greater - something always-already universal and unconditional - has taken away all memory of separation and division.

Meanwhile we persist in trying to fit the One into the hopelessly-confining aspects of our Third-Dimensional mental world. However educational it may be generally, for the aspiring knower of God, who's drilling down through the layers of illusion, it seldom seems to work.

For the aspiring knower of God, and I'm speculating, it's as St. John of the Cross says: We have to approach without foothold, without benefit of the familiar.

Without a foothold you must seek Him out – no face nor form,
alone – tasting there something I don't know
that one may come on randomly. (5)

In seeking God out, we're saying that we want to see and know and accept God on God's own terms. The two operations - reduction and "knowledge" - are different.

One is "like this" and the other is "as is." The one involves actively finding a comparison. The other involves passively emptying and stilling the mind.

In the course of it, we abandon, not our possessions, but our attachment to them. Whatever "possesses" us besides God we must let go of internally for now.

God, we're told, is a jealous lover. We must love God with all our hearts, all our minds, all our souls.

It has to be complete, I'd imagine, to move Heaven and Earth. It has to be total for there to be a transition from existence with individuation to ... existence.

But again, I speculate. Thank you for allowing it.

Footnotes

(1) Sri Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 817.

(2) We do not want anything capitalized. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Aug. 12, 2016.) I treat "the One" as a proper name.

Steve: I didn't know if I was being too familiar.

AAM: You know what? We want you to be familiar. (Ibid., Jan. 3, 2017.)

(3) Akar - creation, rajas; Ukar - preservation, sattwa; Makar - transformation, thamas.

(4) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 152.

(5) St. John of the Cross in Willis Barnstone, trans., *The Poems of Saint John of the Cross*. New York: New Directions, 1972; c1968, 87.

⌘ The Divine Qualities ⌘

My Heart Belongs to ... the Divine States

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Having experienced this space of peace for a while now, I'm becoming aware that this space has always been there.

I recognize it. I think we'd all recognize it. It's existed in the background, just not recognized, until I had a much deeper experience of it. Then it ... unfolded, is the best word for it.

Again I attribute the deeper experience to the Porlana C and Tsunami of Love energies, being ramped up prior to the Reval and Disclosure. We're simmering in the pot.

It's hard for me to write because I have to leave the space of peace long enough to write the next note down and then hope I can go back into it. When I'm in it, not a thought stirs in the mind.

So far I've been able to regain it.

If we were discussing the overburden - the constructed self, vasanas, conditioned behavior, etc. - we'd be talking about digging down into them, having the thought in the back of our minds that eventually we'd reach the bottom and be free of them.

I have the attitude that doing this is work, necessary but not enjoyable,

But when I think about going deeper and deeper into a divine state like love, bliss, or peace, I'm again digging, but this digging, in my mind, will guide and bring us Home at last. I smile at the thought of sinking deeper into these states, which I hardly think of as "work."

The feelings I have in approaching both are entirely different.

A rush of thoughts is coming up so I'm leaving the experience of peace and just writing. But again I feel it in the background and I sense that I could recapture it again if I wanted to.

Does this dichotomy between drudgery and the divine not illustrate the maxim that the basic spiritual movement is to "Turn from the world to God"? Detach from worldly things like the overburden and attach to godly things like the divine states?

Krishna said that I am all that a man may desire without violating the law of his nature. God is all that we may desire without inviting karma. God and all things divine, including the God in everyone. These desires for God and the divine will not invite karma. (1)

Hanker after any of the sensual pleasures and objects and we crank up the mind and lose our peace. It isn't bad or wrong. It just doesn't bring peace.

Buckminster Fuller used to say that we can never deal with the opposition by eliminating it. We need to build new structures that will make it obsolete. Similarly here, the opposition to the mergence of the Natural Self is the constructed self we put in its place and the ego that directs the show.

We can't escape from it by trying to eliminate it; that just makes it stronger. We have to make it obsolete by coming out of our psychic shells altogether. Transparency deconstructs the constructed self.

Archangel Michael keeps offering us a standard by which to judge the wisdom of behavior we're about to engage in: "Is it of love?" I'm beginning to get the depth of his suggestion. I find myself more and more these days stopping from saying this and doing that because I see that they're not of love, but simply self-serving.

I don't have anything to put in their place and I feel embarrassed catching and exposing myself and leaving myself with nothing to say. But I'm starting to see how much that I say and do is actually *not* of love. I'm willing to pay the price in awkwardness to make the shift in allegiance.

I'm shifting it from one who wanted to feel self-important to one whose heart belongs to the divine states.

The next step will be to actually put love in place of the unloving, self-serving things I spent my time doing ... OK, perfecting ... earlier.

Footnotes

(1) They actually do invite karma, but Ramana Maharshi thinks of it as non-binding; it doesn't stand in the way of our unfoldment.

"Vasanas which do not obstruct Self-Realization remain [after Self-Realization]. In *Yoga Vasistha* two classes of *vasanas* are distinguished: those of enjoyment and those of bondage. The former remain even after *Mukti* [liberation] is attained, but the latter are destroyed by it. Attachment is the cause of binding *vasanas*, but enjoyment without attachment does not bind and continues even in *Sahaja*." (Ramana Maharshi in S.S. Cohen, *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 89.)

We Seek the Best Feeling We Know of – Part 1/2

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I've said a few times that that our lives seem to be spent seeking the best feeling state we know of.

What we spend our money on, our time, trips abroad, plans, worries - is tending to how we feel, how we want to feel, what circumstances will have us feel the way we want to feel.

Everything revolves around feeling the way we want to feel - happy, blissful, loving, caring, etc.

We really do seek pleasure and avoid pain.

So, instead of spending \$6,000 on a trip to Hawaii looking for a "magic moment," during which we might feel these ways, why not cut to the chase and go directly to and for the feeling?

Where is the feeling to be found? Where everything good is found - in the heart.
(1)

The heart is like a doorway. When the door is opened, we walk into another realm - a higher realm in the sense of more finely vibrating.

All the more subtle feelings vibrate more finely. If we're rough and ready, we don't feel them. We have to slow down and soften up to feel them.

We walk into a higher realm of love initially. Later it becomes bliss. But in the beginning it's a tsunami and then an ocean of love.

OK, cut, cut, cut. Back to us in our everyday lives. I think that whatever we're seeking turns out to be the best feeling we know of - whether it is, love, bliss, peace, abundance, mastery, joy, etc.

For me it's bliss. You substitute whatever it is for you, but let me use bliss as my example of the difficulty of discussing the very states that we all seek.

My heart was opened in 2015 and so I know that bliss resides in it. Michael would say bliss is actually everywhere but the heart is as good a place as any to seek and find it. OK, OK. I'm just a newbie.

For me it's bliss that I seek and I found it in my heart. The minute I mention the subject, I'm drenched in bliss.

I can also draw it up on the in-breath and breath it out to the world on the out-breath. That's how I fill myself up with it when I wish.

My door is open a crack compared to what it was five years ago. But that's still enough to be able to contact and feel bliss.

(To be concluded tomorrow, in Part 2.)

Footnotes

(1) Not the heart chakra. The spiritual heart, two digits right of the breastbone. The heart is perennially closed; the heart aperture (hridayam) remains shut. It opens when the kundalini reaches the fourth chakra and then closes again after a time. It opens permanently when the seven-chakra system has been transcended and one experiences sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi or buddhahood; i.e., Ascension. Ascension is therefore a permanent heart opening.

We Seek the Best Feeling We Know of – Part 2/2

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(Concluded from Part 1, yesterday.)

But if you asked me what bliss is? Or what bliss itself feels like? I'd have to say I can't find words for it.

Can you tell me what water tastes like? Probably not, eh? In the same way I haven't been able to say a word about how bliss itself feels. Only its effects on me.

In terms of its effect, my whole mood is lifted way up, away from being touched by any internal discordant note.

It dissolves all worry, fear, hope, plans, all thought. It brings me into the present, without a care in the world. And I feel as if I'm going to burst with satisfaction, joy, and fulfillment.

But there's something more.

It has me fall in love with myself to such a deep extent that I see nothing more to do than to rest here in this love. After all, I am here and the one I love is here. What's left to do?

That's why the Mother truncated my experience of Self in 2018:

"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!’” (1)

Precisely true. Bliss leaves one with nothing more to do than to simply sit in it. Nothing more is wanted or needed. Time does not exist. Only the present moment of supreme joy and fulfilling self-love exists.

I've never found a word in the English language to describe any of the divine states unto themselves. Without comparing them to something else, that is.

And I refuse to reduce the higher-dimensional to lower-dimensional terms. Philosophers call that reductionism. I'm not going there.

My attention is fixed on the higher-dimensional states themselves. As Sri Ramakrishna once said, I didn't come to the mango grove to count mangoes; I came here to eat them.

Bliss therefore is the best feeling state I know of and I see in my life that all my efforts are bent on having more of it.

No, I'm not buying a Lamborghini or traveling to the Taj Mahal to enjoy a moment of bliss. I'm going right to the source - my heart - where it flows freely. Right here, right now.

Footnotes

(1) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

The Overall Significance of Mastering the Divine Qualities

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We have a phrase “dawning awareness,” which directs itself to explaining how knowledge unfolds. Dawning awareness may refer to the process of inspiration from our guides, remembrance of knowledge blocked by the encumbrance that the physical body is, or simply the progressive growth of understanding as one thing is seen after another.

I'm watching the process of “dawning awareness” happen with me in relation to my understanding of the significance of the divine qualities in the total life journey from God to God. The divine qualities include such things as truth, love, peace, equanimity, courage, determination, persistence, humility, compassion, etc. They are the qualities that God is or has.

I began by seeing the significance in relation to ascending that the practice of reflecting the divine qualities in our lives has. Then it became clear that the divine qualities were the new paradigm itself. Then it became clear that replicating the divine qualities in our lives was indispensable to building Nova Earth.

But now I'm seeing that living more and more closely to the divine qualities is much more significant than simply as an approach to Ascension or even building Nova Earth. It's the practice that describes how all souls continue to evolve throughout the whole of their journey from God to God.

The increased purity that results from living the divine qualities more deeply and expansively is what distinguishes a more evolved being from a less evolved being no matter where they're placed on Jacob's ladder of consciousness, whether we're talking about a human or an angel, a bodhisattva (1) or an elohim, (2) a planetary logos (3) or a solar logos. (4)

Far from being central to ascending or building Nova Earth, I'd imagine that living the divine qualities more and more closely is the practice that distinguishes us from the dawning of self-awareness itself until mergence with God through total Self-Realization at the end of existence.

Climbing the ladder of dimensionality not just from the Third to the Fifth, but from any dimension to the next more expansive is I think determined by the extent to which we've mastered the divine qualities.

Thus when we first make the choice for ourselves that our lives will see us master the divine qualities ever closer, we've taken, I believe, perhaps the most important step we'll ever take in our evolutionary development.

It isn't a step which simply places us on the Ascension path or that will see us eventually build a world that works for everyone. It's a step that will see us eventually return to and merge with God, which is the object of all our lives.

And saying this for myself is perhaps the most important thing I can say to myself of anything I've said so far. This understanding is the most revolutionary of the understandings that have gradually dawned for me, as they dawn for us all.

While up till now I may have been unconsciously working on mastering the divine qualities, from this moment on, I suspect that that learning will no longer be haphazard but self-conscious and firm. This learning shows up for me as as important as Ascension itself or the accomplishment of building a world that works for everyone because, once one has realized the importance of mastering the divine qualities, the rest follows and simply requires more time - or whatever the higher-dimensional equivalent of "time" may be.

I feel an immense satisfaction at this moment from having seen this matter, a peacefulness and resolution of issues, questions, and search.

A tremendously-important and urgent question has just been answered for me and, unlike on so many occasions on which it yields to a flurry of other questions, no other question arises to take its place.

Footnotes

(1) Buddhist term for a being who has elected not to go into Nirvana before all beings go into Nirvana.

(2) A exalted being who creates worlds.

(3) The being who is charged with the administration of a planet.

(4) The being who is charged with the administration of a solar system.

What is the Relationship Between the Divine Qualities and Nova Earth?

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Edited version

What is the relationship between the divine qualities and Nova Earth? To answer that question we have to look at what we mean by the two terms.

And before we do that, we need also to establish why the subject is important in the first place.

So let's begin, as we so often do, by discussing the purpose of life because the importance of the divine qualities arises as a facet of realizing and accomplishing the purpose of life.

I maintain, and you're welcome to disagree with me, that life is a journey from God to God. Its purpose for us is to realize our identity as God, after which we merge again with the Divine. Its purpose for God is to afford God the opportunity to meet and experience him/her/itself (God has no gender) in a moment of our enlightenment.

God is singular, the universal subject, one without a second. Because God is all there is, God must be us and we must be God. Our sources acknowledge this; for instance, the Arcturian Group:

"There is only one omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient Consciousness.... Everything embodied within this Divine Consciousness is manifested outwardly in forms consistent to the state of consciousness of the individual.

"God manifests as Divine life individually manifesting Itself. That is the truth of oneness, all are alive with the one and only Life there is. ... God, Source, Divine Consciousness, is all there is, and is embodied within and as you. You are its manifested expression, animals also express this life as do all living things, for It is the only life there is.
" (1)

The only way the One can meet itself is through a moment of our enlightenment. Every time one of us realizes who we are, God meets God.

We created beings journey up Jacob's ladder of consciousness. Prodigal children, we've enjoyed the world and eventually return to the Father/Mother One free of worldly possessions and attachments. Our return to God concludes a journey that took us from unconscious awareness of our identity as fragments of the divine to conscious awareness of it.

"In the eternal life of the soul," Matthew Ward tells us, "Ascension [in general] is spiritual growth, soul evolvment, and each soul experiences this in many places in the universe while 'Ascending' into the Oneness of All—a return to our Beginning." (2) Right now we focus on the stage of that long journey that takes us from the Third Dimension to the Fourth and finally to the Fifth.

Matthew describes our Ascension as "actual movement from one energy placement into a 'higher,' or lighter, placement." (3) What causes us to shift to a higher placement is a rise in our vibrational frequencies.

Matthew explains how this upward shift in frequencies comes about: "The glories of the Golden Age will be available only to the souls who absorb the light that will enable physical survival along Earth's ascension journey into the high frequencies of fifth density." (4)

SaLuSa agrees with Matthew that the future of all “is bound by the degree of Light that you have drawn to yourself, and whether it is sufficiently high enough to enable you to ascend.” (5)

What happens when we assimilate light? Matthew tells us that "it is the light within a body that transforms its carbon-based cellular structure into the crystalline form that enables the body to live in the high vibrations of energy planes beyond third density." (6) "That is why persons who choose to live in the light can ascend with Earth and those who choose to cling to their dark ways cannot." (7)

Nova Earth refers to Gaia and her inhabitants in the Fifth Dimension. According to Matthew, for us to "go along with Earth [to the Fifth], you need a 'travel ticket.' Getting it is as easy as choosing to live in godly ways." (8) What Matthew calls "godly ways," we call the divine qualities. By that term we mean the actual attributes of God.

One of the tasks before us is to discover what these divine qualities are. We can probably agree that some of them are love, truth, peace, compassion, generosity, freedom, equality, tolerance, impartiality, equanimity, and so on.

The more godlike we are, the more refined our vibrations are. If we want to raise our vibrations so that we shift our point of perception from the Third Dimension to the Fourth and thence to the Fifth, then we must align our thoughts and actions with these divine qualities or “godly ways.”

We have to leave behind the crude and coarse behavior of the Third Dimension. We have to leave behind dualistic or "dark" ways such as self-servingness, competition, greed, hoarding, and the like, trading them for unitive or godly ways like compassion, cooperation, generosity, sharing, etc.

Our divine nature is not something we acquire. We always already have it. It's simply concealed by the overburden of lies, perpetrations, self-interest, and other behavior tolerated in Third Dimensionality but uncondusive to life in the Fifth.

In fact if we act in Fifth Dimensionality as we did in Third, we'd probably feel unable to tolerate the more refined atmosphere and need to retreat from it in short order, were we to win entrance to it by some temporary but superhuman spiritual effort.

Anyone who's had a spiritual experience after a moment of telling the truth deeply only to lose it the very first time they told a lie will know what I'm talking about. We may reach Fifth-Dimensional heights on occasion but we cannot stay there unless we tell the truth, love others, keep the peace, and generally live in godly ways.

So the relationship between the divine qualities and Nova Earth is that living as the divine qualities refines our energy levels, helps convert our bodies from carbon-based to crystalline, and is our passport to Nova Earth. Living as the divine qualities is our assurance that we can remain on the Fifth Dimension once we succeed in shifting our point of perception from Third-Dimensionality to Fourth and thence to Fifth.

That makes mastering the divine qualities, as far as I can see, the first order of business for me and the most vital subject for us to explore and understand.

Footnotes

(1) The Arcturian Group, Oct. 7, 2012, at <http://www.onenessofall.com/>

(2) Matthew's Message, May 23, 2006, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>

(3) Matthew's Message, Oct. 22, 2008.

(4) SaLuSa, October 20, 2008, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(5) Loc. cit.

(6) Matthew's Message, Jan. 4, 2012.

(7) Ibid., Aug. 13, 2010.

(8) Ibid., Dec. 21, 2008.

The Exploration of the Divine States

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I'd like to continue the discussion we've been having about the divine states.

We may find that we have to rewrite, relearn, and reprogram the way we "be with" them.

In my experience, they need to be recognized to be fully experienced.

It'd be as if bliss, love, peace, mastery, abundance, etc., were people passing by and, until we call out their name, they don't turn and interact with us. They keep on going without us feeling a thing.

That's exactly the way I encountered peace - as if it was a face I saw from a passing train. When I recognized it, it transmitted its experience of peace to me.

Bliss the same. I saw it as if it were a person standing perhaps ten feet away from me at a gathering like a party. It was passing me by but when I recognized it - it was almost as if I had said telepathically, "Oh, you're Bliss" - it came into me and filled the inner space with itself.

Now where in a textbook could I read about this? Someone help me out please?

There's no ongoing, serious discussion today of how to "be with" something like bliss or love or peace.

Perhaps until now we've had no ideas about how to access them.

Perhaps we think we need to meditate for years before we "realize" this state.

Perhaps we think this state is only for high yogis and ascended masters.

I predict that the time will come when we'll have everyday discussions of subjects like bliss as more and more people experience them.

If we recognize a divine state and merge with it (not as hard as we've thought), we've just secured our future better than any insurance plan could.

We will have found - it turns out - precisely what we've always been looking for. We just didn't know what it was. But now we do.

It turns out that the divine states are what we've always been looking for, the real treasure in life. Any one of them affords a lifetime of delight.

Once found, once recognized, we'll have found the switch and turned it on. After that, the divine state will be found to flow by itself, in and from the heart.

Now someone prove me right or prove me wrong - I don't care which. But let's get the exploration of these subjects underway.

Nurturing the Divine Qualities

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The divine qualities are a cornucopia of heavenly delights

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Some people are shopping in organic supermarkets. Some in health-food stores. Some in farmers' markets.

I shop at the divine qualities supermarket. I'm rapidly falling in love with it.

Never mind a dash of cinnamon on my ice cream. I'd like a wisp of bliss with....

Somehow I never get by the "with...."

I've become enthralled with exploring the divine qualities. This is a reformed troll under the bridge speaking. Until recently, I had no use for any of these, except if you got way deep down, under my defenses, and I confessed to really caring.

But open enjoyment of the divine qualities? That would ruin my grumpy old f@rt image.

But now, given you sheltering me from the compromises of the modern office, amid which my writing would not survive, I can explore the divine qualities and help find paths.



I know this - the divine qualities - is it. This is paydirt, Shangri-La, the Promised Land.

We're not migrants to this land. We're original inhabitants.

The divine qualities are a way of talking about our original nature. We ARE originally innocent, pure, peaceful, joyful, blissful, compassionate, and all the other virtues. They describe how our deepest Being, our Soul, relates to ourselves and our environment.

But the divine qualities are not a place to get to. They're a place to come from, which is muffled by the overburden of vasanas or core issues we carry around with us.

We already have peace, joy, and love. Now we need to enter into interaction, from them. That will be a great leap for some. It is for me.

Best to take baby steps, whatever that looks like for you. To spur you on, however, I'm here to say you can be a troll under the bridge and still end up experiencing the divine states. And it takes work.

Every minute of every day, I have to choose love rather than being right, winning, or putting someone down. Every time I do, I hail it as a victory, given where I want to go and what I need to prepare for.

The first ten years of this blog for me were about clearing vasanas. The next ten years will be about reconnecting with our original divine qualities and nurturing them.

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Water It with Stillness and Feed It with Silence

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This is an entry in my Ascension ethnography.

Jesus said:

"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." (1)

I need encouragement because going inward in a time of external chaos and mayhem feels counter-intuitive.

And yet we're here to anchor the light, are we not? And anchoring the light involves internal operations, rather than external.

I can't speak to "anchoring the light." That's a matter for a spiritual teacher and I'm a writer, not a spiritual teacher.

I value solitude. I value silence. I value going inward. Spiritual teachers address crowds and talk to people day in and day out. That's definitely not me.

Going inward can be just for a moment. One slow and deep breath. But it seldom is.

I notice that, having valued silence and solitude for so long, I now definitely seek it out and continually return to it. Others like to play loud music. Some have to have a radio on. To each his own with love and tolerance.

But I watch myself every day, doing everything I can to make my space silent and still.

I've now committed to the divine qualities and still refuse to fully embrace the fact that I'm by temperament a monk. If I'm committed to the divine qualities, they tend towards stillness and silence anyways, among other qualities (joy, bliss, love, etc.).

It can't be an accident that one week I commit to the qualities and a week or two later I am magnetically attracted towards stillness and silence. SaLuSa tells us:

"There are no accidents or coincidences. Every occurrence and every opportunity that you experience during Earth life has been prepared or allowed for before you incarnated." (2)

Why pretend that I'm sociable when I no longer am? I used to come to office parties, stay for ten minutes, and then sneak out the back door. I just wanted to get home and be back in quietude.

All the bliss that others get from social interaction, I get directly from my heart when I water it with stillness and feed it with silence.

The longing for liberation is strong. (3)

I am not sociable. And I'm progressively getting less so. To turn my back on it would be like injuring myself. Just as I committed to the divine qualities, I now commit to the quiet life.

Granted that "full" enlightenment would nullify my soul contract, and so is not an option I choose any more than my guides do, I'm still driven to push my edge as far as is allowable. Give me as much as my contract permits, for the highest good of all.

Now a new puzzle, a new paradox arises. Previously I was fully committed to my publishing. But the minute I start to allow myself to move further toward a life of meditation and stillness, I say to myself that I'll have to take a break from publishing so many books.

The Mother was right. (4) I tend to let go of my service contract when I go more deeply into meditation and other solitary pursuits. Hmmm....

Ahhh, but here is where my study comes to my aid: Through study I know that there are no accidents. Nothing is by luck or fortune. All is brought to us except our response.

If that's so, then me feeling drawn to stillness and silence can't be an accident either.

I surmise that, as a lightworker and a journalist, I'm being asked to live a life that's as much into unfoldment as possible while still staying alert and alive to the outside world. I'll be that's what I'm supposed to be doing.

I suppose I'll stay in the middle therefore on this as well as most other things: As much unfoldment as my service contract allows and the rest full out on getting the message out there.

Footnotes

(1) "Jesus Sananda on Unconditional Love," March 28, 2015 (2003), at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/28/jesus-sananda-on-unconditional-love/>.

(2) Saul, July 22, 2009, at <http://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>.

(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.)

(4) Divine Mother: 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!' (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

Next Divine State

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Download a copy of our new booklet, Extraordinary Love, here: <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Extraordinary-Love-R4.pdf>.

Why do I live in anticipation of something rather than in appreciation of what is?

Just try on those two spaces. I actually don't want to experience anticipation again before I finish experiencing appreciation because I'm enjoying the latter so much.

I notice that experiencing appreciation makes me an open channel, through which love can flow. My heart is still open a crack and the love that arises is nourishing.

I feel like a child for saying this. It must be obvious to everyone else, but expressing appreciation allows me to love another in a socially-acceptable way. Any way of expressing love is welcome. Love must flow and I experience it as it passes through me on its way to the world. So having a way to express it has more value to me than you might guess.

OK, let me switch to anticipation. Oh gawd, right away I feel depressed. I'm in the middle of World Wait III. Or is it Word War III? Switching into anticipation mode has me feel depressed, sad, powerless. Eeeek! I'm going to throw a Sooooooon grenade at you! Your intel guru sucks. How long have we been at this?

We are the generation who has specialized in waiting and yet has still carried on in whatever felt like service.

Wow. Let me ditch anticipation.

But when I switch to appreciation ... oh my heavens, it's an altogether different picture. Immediately the love begins to rise in my heart.

As an aside, this is a good example of how we ordinarily make so little karmic progress in any one lifetime. Seventy-four years of age and I'm only now appreciating appreciation? What? Have I been dawdling? Where have I been?

Well, as you well know, I've been hanging out on the negative side of life, wondering how I could revenge myself on my erstwhile-violent father. I've only been on the positive side of the ledger for maybe the last two years.

So, yes, I'm only now taking baby steps in areas like trust, forgiveness, togetherness, agreement, etc. So, yep, I haven't really tried on appreciation and given it a test run until this very moment.

It offers me a way to express love, I see. And that is incredibly valuable and welcome. I like this. I'll take it.

Next divine state.

Run into the Lake. Jump into the Lake. Just Get into the Lake of the Divine Qualities – Part 1/2

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This article answers the question: How will I, as a lightworker, manage a large project? How will I host a radio show? How will I paint a large mural?

I had a remarkable development happen around ten minutes ago. Yes, I raced for my laptop. Around 8:15 am, Aug. 31, 2021. And here I am in the midst of the experience.

You remember I said that so much depends on whether we recognize something? If bliss arises and it's unrecognized, it leaves. If bliss arises and it's recognized as bliss, it immediately expands and takes up the whole space, as if to say "Yes!" The genie is out of the bottle. We find ourselves immersed in it.

Well, a few minutes ago I just experienced such a life-changing event. An immersion. A baptism.

Ten minutes ago, I was getting ready to go to Costco. I have a number of things I need to do today and so I was planning things out. I'd now gotten everything arranged and felt quite satisfied.

I looked at my emotional field, my mental field. All was satisfaction, except....

Imagine that my whole field of emotions was lemon-yellow flowers. There was one strand among all that yellow which was a different color. It stood out from all the rest.

I had to feel into it to know what it was, it was so foreign.

When I did, I recognized it as something I haven't known since my very earliest years - confidence.

It immediately expanded and took up the whole space. I'm immersed in it now. I never considered whether confidence was a divine quality. Just as I never considered that abundance or mastery were divine qualities. But they all are.

Remember I'm an Ascension ethnographer by self-decree so I'm connecting dots here, some sociological, some spiritual.

This experience, happening right now, is an event in understanding (what sociologists call *verstehen*), verifiable only by me. Consequently you either accept my version or not but no further proof is forthcoming. (1)

This experience allows me to confirm my distinction between a feeling and a divine state. A feeling arises in and is associated with a part of me - my heart, my stomach, my throat, my head. But a divine state is like jumping into a lake. It completely surrounds you. You're immersed in it.

Run into the lake, jump into the lake. Just get into the lake, Sri Ramakrishna said. (2)

We're not really immersed. The feeling is more like a blotting paper soaking up water. I am "full" of confidence at this moment, so to speak.

What's happened, I think, is that we've triggered a remembrance of a state of being that is ours naturally but which we've covered over with persisting defensive measures like *vasanas* (core issues), behavior patterns, and other counterproductive creations. It's the overburden that needs to go, with nothing put in its place.

Usually something catastrophic happens in the course of which we either see or realize our original pure and innocent state in the form of a particular divine quality (for me in this case, confidence)

But it doesn't have to be that way if we'd only watch for those subtle appearances of the divine state among everything else happening in our emotional field. Once we see it, we try it on to find out what it is and bingo! It expands. Game over.

Yes, it subsides. All experiences short of sahaja samadhi or Ascension do subside, at least somewhat, over time. But we're left with a residue.

This is a clever plan on the part of the Company of Heaven because it gives us the evidence and encouragement that things are happening (in my case a burst of confidence). But it leaves us in a state of reduced experience of the divine state, where we can still manage to interact with the world. (As lightworkers rather than lightholders, we need to remain able to navigate in this world.)

So it accomplishes both indisputable encouragement and increased capacity for the job. I say this is how the Company of Heaven is going to make leaders and managers of us.

(Continued in Part 2, below.)

Footnotes

(1) I will not debate my findings with empirical materialists, I'm afraid, or submit them for academic approval. The academic paradigm of empirical materialism is too small for me to achieve the understanding and results I want, such as enlightenment.

I cite St. Bernadette:

"Each of you is truly facing this dilemma: Where is the proof? This is one of the reasons why this Council of Love has asked you to focus on the Blessings and Virtues, because the proofs, the landmarks, the markers have become internal rather than external.

"This is something new for you to learn; this is a quality of Nova Being. You are learning a new way of measuring proof and it is from within." (St. Bernadette on Prudence in Linda Dillon, *The New You: Emerging into then Brilliance of Humanity's Heart Consciousness*. Port St. Lucie: 2013, 189.)

(2) "You see, the thing is somehow or other to get into the Lake of the Nectar of Immortality. Suppose one person gets into It by propitiating the Deity with hymns and worship, and you are pushed into It. The result will be the same. Both of you will certainly become immortal." (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Nikhilananda, Swami, trans. *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 217.)

Immortality = No necessity to die and be reborn. Sri Ramakrishna is discussing Ascension.

Run into the Lake. Jump into the Lake. Just Get into the Lake of the Divine Qualities – Part 2/2

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(Concluded from Part 1, above.)

So my job now is to describe confidence as clearly as I can, in just a few words.

Well, until now, I've been using bravado, image-management, other-direction (character formation in response to what others say), etc., etc., to navigate my world.

There's always been a tinny ring to it. Something wasn't quite right. And I never knew what.

I think of the Tinman in *The Wizard of Oz*. I always had a tinman quality to me.

My brother had things right. But I never knew what it was about him that that was. Well, I now see it was confidence.

How is confidence different from the bravado I see I've used until now? For one thing, there's no effort involved in being confident.

But in bravado, there's a heck of a lot of stage and prop management, management of our lines and looks, watching the way we walk and talk, on and on it goes. All of that goes out the window now. It isn't needed.

In confidence, all of that falls away with nothing needed to replace it. I repeat: *With nothing needed to replace it*. Confidence itself ... and here again I search for words ... is felt as a substantial addition to oneself which allows ... not quite fuels ... us to walk through life without the very questions and urgencies that not having confidence gave rise to.

"Substantial addition"? It lends substance to our words. It adds weight to our opinions. We seem confident in ourselves, in the outcome, etc. Use it for negative purposes and I guarantee that it'll disappear and we'll be back to image and stage management by bravado, which other people recognize at some level.

"Without the questions"? The very questions bravado addressed have disappeared along with the situations in which bravado was called for. "How am I going to do this? What will I say?" All the rehearsals and soul-searching are gone with nothing but confidence to replace them. And confidence is more than enough to have one stride forth positively.

Confidence is not a Third-Dimensional feeling. It's wrap-around. It's enveloping. Soon I'll lose awareness of it but, while I'm in it, it's ubiquitous, all-embracing.

That's why we need to put nothing in its place to replace bravado.

That's why Da Free John could say his space was the space of no dilemma. Yes, I see it now. There are no dilemmas in confidence, only steps to take; no problems, only situations.

That's why Lao Tzu could say do nothing. In the space of confidence, I do nothing to address what I would have been addressing in the other space by doing a great deal, constantly.

Remember I said I now know how we're going to manage the large projects expected of us later on? The Mother or her legions would bestow on us as much light as we need to wake up our hidden capabilities.

I'm describing one instance of it as it happens.

I look at myself. There's no cold chill running up my spine. There's no feeling of dismay such as in "How am I going to do this?"

There is just a warm nowness in which whatever shows up is fine.

A very thorny problem just came to mind and the solution was instantaneous. I get to see that it wasn't that I had no solutions; the solution was right there in front of me. It's that I lacked the confidence to just put forward the obvious and take the consequences.

Not courage, but then my courage always came married to bravado. I haven't tested my confidence out in a situation calling for courage so I don't know what's so right now.

This space could last minutes, hours, days. A residue of it will, I'm sure, stay with me. But for however long it lasts, I love it. Divine states like this make life worth living.

Who cares for a Lamborghini, compared with a wonderful, nurturing space like confidence? Doesn't a person buy a Lamborghini because he wants a space as satisfying as this? Does it work?

Notice: I did not get this space from another. We might want to stop seeking love, peace, bliss, and now confidence outside ourselves altogether. We have them already. Just let go of the overburden of vasanas, behavior patterns, etc. Or recognize the wisps of confidence and bliss as they pass through our emotional field.

Run into the lake. Jump into the lake. Just get into the lake of the divine qualities.

Contacting the Divine Qualities through the Heart

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*Imaginative representation of the heart as a portal to the higher dimensions -
which it is*

If the heart door (or hridayam) is a portal to the higher dimensions, as I believe it to be, then it follows that through that door we should be able to contact the divine qualities.

For most of us the hridayam remains closed. But soon we'll experience a mass heart opening and access will thereafter be possible.

Access to what? The divine qualities.

Here's an example. I'm sick and I was surfing Youtube. I hit upon westerns I used to watch as a kid. And I asked myself what it was that I liked so much about them.

And it was that the hero always won. There was always hope. There was always courage in defence of the right and just. On and on my conditioning went.

I felt strong when I watched the western heroes triumph. But looking at things from a more advanced age, I now see that the very quality I'm looking for - strength, in this case - exists within the higher-dimensional realm of the open heart.

In other words, I can summon that quality up from my heart. If I'm ever going to experience it, this is where it's going to come from.

The heart itself, Michael once told me, is multidimensional, but it can be considered to be seventh-dimensional. (1) Just being in the heart is to temporarily experience these higher levels.

Once our hearts open permanently and fully, we'll have ascended. we'll be in our sahaja or natural state - Moksha, mukti, liberation from birth and death.

At that time, we'll have unimpeded access to all the divine qualities. For now we have to draw them up from our heart.

But doing so, I believe, is priming the pump and inviting our archangels to give us the experience we're seeking. Since we're lightworkers, that probably won't be an experience so deep that we forget our soul contract.

Each of these experiences, Michael said, is a step up. We don't go from kindergarten to Ph.D. in one week. Management has everything under control, if I can jest, and is proceeding according to Plan.

Footnotes

(1) Steve: Returning to the heart, it doesn't exist on the physical, obviously. What dimension does the heart exist at or is it multidimensional?

Archangel Michael: It is multidimensional but if you want to find a home for it, it would be in the seventh. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Dec. 5, 2018.)

Love is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

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I've just had a spiritual experience that I made notes of as it happened. Thank heavens, I did. I was just lying down reading something. Had I not written it down, I'm not sure that I'd have remembered it.

Do I know how long it will remain with me? No, I don't. Every spiritual experience before sahaja samadhi is temporary so this one may leave. So I'd best leave a record.

I was lying down reading when I suddenly found myself in a blue setting, the Mother's blue, and just as suddenly the blue wall burst. It was like a chocolate that had caramel inside. It flowed everywhere.

Only this was love. It was ambrosia. It was the living waters.

Was this a part of the tsunami of love? The Mother's blue, her wall bursting? I think it a safe bet to say yes. Just one version of it though, I'm sure.

Let me pick up where I began making notes:

At this moment, I'm seeing love everywhere.

And I see that love is everything and love has become everything.

And I am a part of that everything and so I must be love.

At this moment I recognize it. I'm aware of it. I experience it.

My essence is love. For however long the moment lasts, I know that I am love.

Love is everything of value. Everything that exists. Every reward we could ever want or would ever ask for. It satisfies completely.

Love is the way, the truth, and the life.

I am love. Everything is love. Love has become everything.

Submerged in Love

March 14, 2015

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This article requires a little explaining. This morning (Friday, Mar. 13, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.) I had a spiritual experience, which still continues with me late into Friday evening.

Not surprisingly, since this has happened before, I had a scheduled reading with Archangel Michael three hours later.

Two hours into the experience, I wrote the article that follows. It was written before I had my conversation with AAM, to record as much as I could discover about this remarkable space.

Archangel Michael called it a "heart opening," and "the beginning" and "a part of" Ascension. Did I say I was ascended? No. But the space itself is exquisite, wonderful, and so I record it here.

I slipped into a spiritual experience a short while ago (at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, Mar. 13, 2015) (1) that began so subtly that I knew I had to make a record of it.

Imagine becoming successively drunk from drinking one glass of sake after another. Only you haven't drunk anything. I hadn't taken so much as an aspirin. The event was clearly inner-initiated. It had no "external" cause.

I became aware of something which I thought of as "an influence" creeping up my legs and torso, which put me in a mood of love and calmness.

After the mood came to my awareness, I acknowledged to myself that it seemed like the Divine wished to communicate. (2) So I surrendered to the communication. I allowed it to continue, unhindered.

And almost immediately thereafter, in an outward sweep of the experience, it blossomed, or mushroomed, or expanded into a deep sense of love, joy and stability. (3)

I believe it was meant to be a showing, a greeting, a demonstration of what emergence onto another plane of consciousness may be like. (4)

I think there's some correlation between it and the exercise that I've been doing of breathing up love and sending it out through the Third Eye. (5) I think doing that exercise may have released this energy.

Calmness predominates. It's what allows the experience of all the other qualities. But calmness without love or joy would be like a dark night to the soul. We of this generation are spared that fate. We've been given the complete cleansing and purification treatment during the Mother's baptisms and tsunamis.

I'd like to think that this state I'm in right now is what awaits us. But I don't know.

What's different about this experience from others?

(1) It just crept up on me, from nowhere, for no reason. It wasn't an Aha! It wasn't even a dawning awareness. It was an influence that saturated me.

(2) It announced itself so subtly. I was reminded of the scene in *The Ten Commandments* where the Destroyer's green fog surrounds the Egyptians. That was about the feeling here as well - something almost creeping up on me. I had to become aware of it and then work my way through ideas to discover what it was or might be. I had never experienced it before.

(3) It wasn't just one thing; it was several. I felt love, bliss, stability, OKness, (6) a propensity to joy, and a stillness of the mind. Usually I only feel one - love or stillness or bliss.

(4) It lasted. Here I am (now approaching ten hours from when it began) and the experience of being submerged in love continues. Usually it begins to subside very soon after the experience and slips away. But this demonstrably remains. In fact some time ago, it increased. It's now stable. That's the opposite of an experience's usual progress.

(5) It can be maintained in action, which is a first for me. Usually with bliss, I can't move a muscle. This new mobility while in a spiritual experience also may be an indication of our collective progress.

In this space, all is forgotten and forgiven. In it, there isn't the possibility of error. There are only dramatized moves that don't need to be dramatized. But they themselves are part of and embedded in a wider drama of need/hurt/revenge that so many of us are caught in. (7)

It would take years to emerge from this desert we inhabit by ordinary processing. The jump to a higher space accomplishes the task instantaneously.

This space doesn't care about allegations or legal arguments or even matters of principle. Why? Because human beings are known to drag principle into the service of their own self-interest.

It cares only about the presence and the primacy of love.

That's as far as I can take the reporting and analysis. I have no idea however long this will last. It's lasted far longer than I'd expected, as of right now. Is it permanent? I don't know that either. Is it wonderful? Superb.

[It lasted from March 13, 2015 until Sept. 28, 2015, at which time it became bliss.]

Footnotes

(1) The vision experience I had in February of 1987 also happened on a Friday the 13th.

(2) It was surrender or drown.

(3) Archangel Michael later described it as a "heart opening." 2021: In fact my hridayam exploded and I was flooded by an inner tsunami of love. I seem to have shied away from using the word or description here. Or else two hours into the experience I'd forgotten the initial explosion, such would have been the impact of existing in a tsunami of love.

- (4) AAM actually described it later as "the beginning" and "a part of" Ascension.
- (5) AAM later confirmed that there was a connection.
- (6) Original innocence.
- (7) Which is probably why our relationships so often don't work.

Ground Every Thought and Action in the Divine Qualities

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We've all just shared an in-depth look at the economy that existed from 1982 to the present. (1) It was based on social Darwinism. It portrayed the market as red in tooth and claw and set firm against firm, country against country.

It's now being brought down.

And, as it is, many of us lightworkers are unable to find work, are sinking under debt, and have used up our savings. And so the kind of lightwork seen in the Occupy Movement, for example, is not as much in view now. Everyone not prostrate is helping those who are.

You can imagine that abundance will come as shock paddles to a patient whose heart has stopped beating. The victim will probably spring back to life, sit straight up in bed. All of a sudden possibility is here again. Liberation from wage bondage and debt slavery is here. Life can begin again.

And when it does, and this is my purpose in writing these pieces, we financial wayshowers will primarily have only ourselves to fall back upon.

We'll be busy. We'll be stressed. We'll have our eye on the ball.

We won't have time to watch videos, listen to audiotapes, read books, or attend lectures. It'll be showtime.

So what's the one thing we should remember when we forget everything else in the whirl of business?

Ground every thought and action in the divine qualities.

That's it.

I could stop here and say no more.

Grounding in the divine qualities is what the Illuminati didn't do. And nothing of their structure will last.

As one of you, I assert that basing our actions on the divine qualities is the first thing to do when we think of doing anything. It's the one thing to keep doing. And it's the last thing to abandon doing.

It doesn't matter if it's intellectual, experiential or realized knowledge of these qualities that's guiding us. Each state of knowledge yields dividends.

Guide every thought and action by these qualities. Is this of love? Am I being generous? Is this compassionate?

That alone would save us from going awry, in my estimation. Not like I know because I'm on the same ride as you.

Act according to what we know, what we've learned about, what our deepest understanding is of the divine qualities. Love, generosity, integrity, compassion, sympathetic joy, on and on - what we learned in kindergarten and may have forgotten.

This generation can do this. This generation can transform business from being an act of predation to being a symphony of cooperation and community. We can do it.

We can overturn all the injustice of pension loss, wage freezes, lost benefits, no medicare, color bars, glass ceilings. None of these are of love and none of these will go forward with us.

This generation can build a financial structure that works for everyone. The key to it is not our business plans. It isn't even our management style. (Most of us will

make mistakes in the beginning.) It's following the divine qualities - managers, workers, all of us.

OK, so we haven't been doing it so far. Perhaps start now.

In capsule form?

- Base everything we think and do on the divine qualities, to the extent that we can.
- Don't blame ourselves or anyone else for missteps.
- Focus on the next time instead of the last time.
- When we fall into disagreement, go back to the last point of agreement and begin again.
- Stay together.
- And keep going forward. Valor is the willingness to stay with it to the end. No matter what, stick with it.

This is the path I'll be following.

Footnotes

(1) "The Illuminati Economy - Part 1 - Introduction," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/07/22/illuminati-economy-part-1-introduction/>; "The Illuminati Economy - Part 2 - The International Economy," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/07/23/the-illuminati-economy-part-2-the-international-economy/>; "The Illuminati Economy - Part 3 - Dooming the Economy," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/07/24/illuminati-economy-part-3-dooming-economy/>; and "The Illuminati Economy - Part 4 - Their Downfall," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/07/25/the-illuminati-economy-part-4-their-downfall/>.

Spiritual Maturity and the Divine Qualities

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In observing that I believe spiritual maturity will be the next planet-wide baseline of social behavior, I'm expressing a wish more than an observation. I'm "putting it out there" as something to be achieved, as much as saying that I think it will be forthcoming.

What is the relationship between spiritual maturity and the divine qualities?

In my view, the person who's successful in following the divine qualities in their life is a spiritually-mature person. The two are synonymous.

The divine qualities include such godly ways of being as love, compassion, courage, integrity, impartiality, unity, harmony, and so on. They're the qualities that we think God has. I'm not sure we can *know*. We're always faced with talking in estimates.

I'd imagine that our knowledge of what qualities God actually has just grows and grows so anything I or perhaps anyone else says on the matter is definitely subject to being revised and even discarded either soon or eventually.

Anything said about God has to be by successive approximations. In fact anything said about God may have the shortest shelf life of any statements made about anything. So do know that I know that. I can't think of another area in life where there are guaranteed to be no "experts" but this must be one of them.

But at the same time, I believe there's no more fruitful area for contemplation than what the divine qualities are or may be. How can one lose from focusing one's attention on a subject like that? I cannot conceive of how.

Spiritual maturity could be said to be the commitment to live life according to the divine qualities. How far we get in our contemplation may depend on how successful we've been in clearing out our leftover vasanas (habit and reaction patterns) and exiting the constructed self. The constructed self is the persona we create in reaction to the trauma we've suffered in life to see that we don't suffer that trauma again.

As we emerge from our "old business" in life, we stand a better chance of being able to (1) live by the divine qualities and (2) act in a manner that can be described as spiritually mature.

I don't particularly hold myself up as a person who behaves spiritually mature. I'm an aspirant in that area along with everyone else, I think. I could point to any number of lapses and failings. But I do aspire.

A further baseline might be enlightened behavior. As soon as we contemplate that as a baseline, we'd have to be specific about the degree or level of enlightenment we're talking about. There are many levels. I just mention it now as a possible further baseline.

The baseline of spiritual maturity is a lesser baseline than that of enlightenment. What I'd like to see is an entire planet in which the population aims at living lives that are at least spiritually mature. That for me would be a world that works for everyone - or would soon lead to it.

To see that arise, I'm willing to speculate on what would need to happen, but not as a show stopper; instead as a show opener. I fully expect what I say here overtaken in a very short time.



Nelson Mandela

The first achievement that would bring us closer to that goal would be that we're no longer subject to being swept away by our emotional reactions to things. Not me, there!

The second achievement would be that we've left aside judging others. Hmmmm.... That's an admirable goal.

The third achievement would be that we reliably commit ourselves to behavior on our part that reflects the divine qualities and to avoid behavior that does not.

The fourth achievement would be that we're able to place our caring for others alongside or even ahead of our caring for self, except in those areas where caring for self represents a wise, necessary, or advisable matter. So standing aside from greed, looking out for Number One, complacency about the lot of others.

There are undoubtedly other achievements that would be desirable but let me stop here and allow others to add to that list or argue for the exclusion of any from that list that turn out to be ill advised. This is not a matter that can be settled once and for all. This is a subject for deeper and deeper contemplation.

Moods and Divine Qualities

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The equivalent of our moods in a dualistic dimension (3rd, 4th) are the divine qualities in a higher dimension (5th-12th).

I used to think of the divine qualities as being like things you could put in a pigeon hole, the hotel boards that featured dozens of little cubby holes in which you put a message?

In this cubby hole was peace. In that one bliss. Here, joy. There, love. They were all separate and distinct.

But now I see them as similar to our moods. One minute we're blissful; the next minute we're joyful; the next.... and so on.

I used to think that some people "possessed" the one divine quality of peacefulness; others were characterized by the one quality of joy. Someone once taught me that people could achieve only one of the divine qualities in a lifetime. And I believed them.

But, no. Higher-dimensional people are each "possessed" of all the qualities; they have access to them. Whether or not they spend time in them is a different matter,

but they could if they wanted to. I saw this when I lived in love for six months in 2015.

The opportunity before us now is to ascend Jacob's Ladder to higher consciousness, to a unitive dimension (5th and higher) at which point we'll have access to all the divine qualities.

After the six months in love, I spent a further 3-4 months in bliss. When in love or in bliss, I wanted nothing else. Just more love or bliss. I'm not sure I ever moved from love when I was in it or from bliss when I was in it. There was nowhere to go to, no reason to go anywhere.

Bathed in a tsunami of love and later drowned in an ocean of love, one lacks for nothing.

There is a state that Franklin Merrell-Wolff called the "High Satisfaction." I was not in such a high state. (1) But I like his term; in this lower-dimensional version, I was still highly satisfied. There was nothing more I wanted - except to share it.

So, no, I don't believe that saints - or aspirants - for instance, can only develop one divine quality in this particular lifetime. We know it gets easier and easier to achieve enlightenment as the energies rise.

In my opinion, Ascension, now or later, will bring all of the divine qualities to us.

Footnotes

(1) Steve: A question about Franklin Merrell-Wolff
. What level of Enlightenment or dimension did he achieve?

AAM: He primarily operates in the 7th to the 11th

Steve: Okay because he speaks about the transcendental and I don't know if he's pointing to Brahmajnana [3rd Dimension], which is the first taste of the transcendental, or beyond the 12th Dimension [i.e., THE Transcendental]?

AAM: No, he did not travel beyond. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020.)

I was not operating from the 7th dimension during the 9-10 months I was in love and bliss. So I came nowhere near even the starting point of Merrell-Wolff's journey. I did have one truncated experience of the 7th at a meditation retreat years

earlier, an experience of what the Arcturians and Michael called the 7th-Dimensional Oversoul. I had only one word for the way I felt then: Regal.

Like Learning to Walk Again

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I'm amazed to find myself saying that, in the midst of so much chaos and upheaval, I can feel any of the divine states.

I mentioned some time back the two miracles that happened that still have me woken up. (1)

Going on in the background to that is just a generally-increased feeling of wellness and well-being which, I find, I can make become any divine state I focus on.

Divine states have to be recognized in us, in the fragmentary or wisp-like forms in which they initially appear to us, for them to blossom and fill us up.

Why that is, I have no idea. That's just been my experience with bliss and peace. Recognize who they are and they burst forth and fill the space. Don't recognize them and they go on their way. Not their time.

The reason we ... excuse me, I ... don't make a transition from one divine state to another is that the thought never occurred to me to try.

This afternoon, when I was feeling a wave of bliss, I decided to see if I could make a transition to peace and I was able to. The experience of peace then became my focus, but was that because spiritual physics made it so? Or my own beliefs and

programming? Does it have to be one way or another? So many questions crossed my mind afterwards.

Going on in the background of my mind was a quotation from Michael that fuels this inquiry: He once raised the possibility with me of holding all the divine qualities at once:

"Those human beings, particularly those in the higher vibrations, [are] learning to hold all the divine qualities and to be operating from all the divine qualities at once." (2)

At the time it was all I could do to imagine what it'd be like to feel any one of the divine qualities. But, as the vibrations rise in intensity, I'm beginning to see how he's only really describing the ascended state.

The questions remain: If we feel bliss, must we keep the dial fixed on bliss? Or can we afford to change it to love or peace or abundance or mastery without losing the space altogether?

And, if yes, can we then turn the dial back again? How much control have we over our enjoyment of the divine states when we experience them? How much choice have we, above saying yes or no?

It's like learning to walk again.

Footnotes

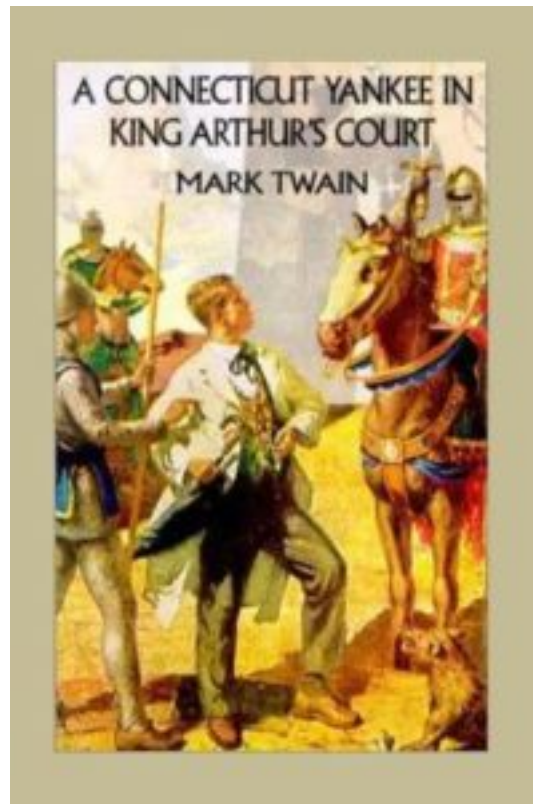
(1) "A Tale of Two Miracles," April 20, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=319885>.

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 4, 2019.

Connecticut Yankees in King Arthur's Court

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What we're saying here about love could also be said about any of the divine qualities. (1)

In past years, I've had brief experiences of peace, abundance, mastery, bliss, ecstasy, and exaltation and none of them was anything like I'd have thought they'd be if I had given the matter any thought. Which I did not until the moment I unexpectedly experienced them.

Just as one might find it difficult to imagine what true or unconditional love might feel like, so I never would have thought what peace felt like. And let me take that as an example to cover all instances.

I've told the story before that peace felt like granite, solid and substantial. I was surprised to hear Archangel Michael describe it as being like that, given that I'd described it that way to myself.

First let, me record the incident in which I experienced this higher-dimensional form of peace. I apologize for the length of the description, but I think it important.

"While lying down, I had an experience of watching my thoughts and feelings flow by me. Later, Archangel Michael, in a personal reading, told me that I was 'interdimensionally travelling.'

"I felt as if I were on a train, watching it slowly leave the station and looking at the faces as they passed by. I suddenly saw a red-headed man who had remarkable composure. I was struck by it on a spiritual level and took a mental snapshot.

"As soon as the man was recognized, it was as if he shot an energetic dart at me. A bond was made.

"Immediately I found myself sinking into a deep, deep sense of peace.... I said to myself: 'I know this depth of peace that this man has shown me. It's the Natural Self.'

"I ended up in a place that was absolutely solid. It was as if I were standing on a slab of granite. ... I would have expected downy softness.

"The solidity of the ground under my feet probably reflected my own inner stability, which seems to be a gift of true peace when it becomes permanent.

"This peace passed understanding in the sense that the mind was so still I'd have to describe it as inactive, archived, taken offline. There was no such act as understanding going on because the mind was decommissioned.

"Of course the experience passed, as do all, short of Ascension." (2)

Michael surprised me by describing peace as granite on several occasions. I don't have the original comment from 2015, but I have four from later:

2017: "In coming to this place of peace and of knowingness, of the substantial nature of who you really are, what you are doing - and this is why I want to talk about it - is the anchoring, like your granite, of what the Mother has made, what the Father has made." (3)

2017: "This day, this night, this afternoon, I have given you - I have activated peace within you. Receive it, sweet ones. I do this on behalf of our beloved Sacred Divine Mother. And, I do this on behalf of each of you. Treasure this and allow this granite to blossom." (4)

2018: "There are so many divine qualities that do feel amorphous, light, airy, like a spring day. And yet peace (you have this expression), you can take it to the bank. It feels like ballast. It feels like granite because it is solid. And dare I say immutable. That is why I continue to keep emphasizing that that peace [is] within, that rock-solid granite [lies] within." (5)

2017: "So, when you think of things that you should do, are supposed to do, might do, and it doesn't ignite that fire of excitement, and that granite of peace, then you are being given an important piece of information, which is 'look elsewhere.' Is that clear?" (6)

Crystal clear.

But only once one has experienced this deep sense of peace. If you'd have asked me beforehand whether peace would feel like granite, I'd have laughed.

Just as in the case of love, which didn't feel at all like what I might have thought it would before experiencing it, so peace surprised me as well.

So we stand to be surprised when we experience any of the divine qualities. They're not simply *more* love or peace; they're altogether different and unexpected.

We're all going to be Connecticut Yankees in King Arthur's Court: finding ourselves in an environment which, at first blush, will be totally unfamiliar, and feeling our way along.

This is the new world which we stand on the threshold of discovering. And these are the conditions we'll meet when we start to build Nova Earth. We'll be aided by the divine qualities in ways we cannot, at this moment, predict.

Footnotes

(1) Love is not seen as a divine quality but as the Divine itself. The divine qualities are seen as the forms that love takes.

(2) "The Peace that Passeth Understanding," July 18, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/07/18/the-peace-that-passth-understanding/>.

(3) 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/>.

(4) Loc. cit.

(5) "Transcript: Archangel Michael – Peace is Breaking Out Upon Your Planet, May 3, 2018," May 15, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/05/15/transcript-archangel-michael-peace-is-breaking-out-upon-your-planet-may-3-2018/>.

(6) "Transcript ~ Archangel Michael: You Have Chosen to Be the New Paradigm of Love, May 31, 2018," June 7, 2018 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/06/07/transcript-archangel-michael-you-have-chosen-to-be-the-new-paradigm-of-love-may-31-2018/>.

Love and Unity Arise in the Same Space

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I'm moving out from my beachhead of understanding now. (1)

My beachhead is that I realize, from current events, that polarization does not work. I'm now open to human unity. I now foray out from that point seeking an understanding, experience, and realization of unity.

This foray into examining love and unity is based on my feeling a rise of the higher form of love and noticing how it induced in me the feeling that I was one with everyone and everything.

I saw at that moment that love and unity co-exist in the same space.

I know it may be hard to see that. We have pre-existing beliefs attached to both of these words. "Love" looks a certain way. "Unity" works a certain way.

But when we're in higher-dimensional love, we're offering ourselves as a channel for this higher love to flow out to all universally. And as it flows, our boundaries fall away - and, it's my prediction - we become one with everything.

I've been in that kind of love and felt that oneness. I don't mean I've realized it. Becoming one with everything in enlightenment terms equates to Brahmajnana or seventh-chakra enlightenment. I cannot claim to have had that experience. (2)

I mean that there is an experience of higher love, whatever dimension we may be on, where love and the experience of spiritual union with all other people arise and occur simultaneously.

You can probably imagine it. Imagine you love everyone - that you are sending love up from your heart and out to everyone. If you reach a high enough place with it, you'll feel one with everyone. The two - love and unity - become one at a certain, more heart-open level of existence.

OK, I see now. The light of understanding has gone on.

Until now, I've been perceiving "unity" as an amorphous kind of thing. It's connection but it's also a mass and it's also.... I've had no clear idea what unity is.

But now I see it. Unity - like abundance and mastery - is a space. I've been looking for it in all the wrong places. My beliefs have veiled it and sent me down the wrong track.

Unity is an experience, a feeling (but more). It's a space and when one enters it one finds love there as well.

Unto itself, unity leads to higher and higher dimensions, known by higher and higher spaces or states. I can follow unity as far as exaltation. I can't get back to the Father on it yet, as the small golden star did in my 1987 vision. (3)

Unity is a space I can live in. While in this space, I feel no fear. Fear is absent. If I were to feel fear, I imagine I'd have vacated this space.

I must sound like an astronaut on the Moon making her first observations. "The ground is grey. There are little rocks."

There's no holding in the musculature of my body that I'm aware of. Deep breathing is easy. Oh, here is bliss as well. Feeling the bliss exerts an upward pull; needing to write exerts a downward pull. I'm right where I need to be to fulfill my mission.

OK, that's a foray out from my beachhead of understanding into the further understanding, experience, and realization of unity and its co-existence with love.

Footnotes

(1) See "How Paradigmatic Breakthrough Works," June 7, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/06/07/how-paradigmatic-breakthrough-works/>

(2) I had a truncated experience of it. But that would be like comparing a movie to real life.

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. ...

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, or 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.)

(3) See the progress of the small golden star in “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/>

Freedom as a Divine Quality

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For me to take steps to realize the magnitude of our planetary project, I first have to resolve all situations for me that remain unresolved. I need to be complete.

Otherwise I don't have a solid foundation from which to venture forth.

Taking a look, the first thing I see is that all of my book publishing is to prove to my Dad that I'm not a lazy, no-good good-for-nothing.

I think I can move on from that vasana (or core issue) now.

Other vasanas just keep coming up. Committing to the divine qualities is raising them, like squeezing water out of a sponge.

Let me complete with what I've done so far.

I've written over the years on automation, racism, vasanas, cross-cultural spirituality, refugee matters, etc. What is the theme that unites them all?

Freedom. Freedom from persecution. Freedom to be.

Freedom from being displaced and dumped economically. Freedom from being discriminated against. Freedom from our own knots in consciousness.

This desire reflects how life was for a boy who listened to his Dad sock his Mother and was later dissociated for the next fifty years when his Dad shouted at him from inches in front of his face, all at age seven. (1) I used to think of myself as the Humpty Dumpty Man

We all have our story.

Of all the fields I've gone in and out of to recover myself, what's produced the best results for me personally is spirituality. I've been deeply privileged to have one spiritual experience seemingly after another. Each one is deeply satisfying. And each one is like a finger, beckoning me on. I'm a fish on the line. Permanently.

I'm married to the divine qualities; primarily, love and bliss.

This path is not at all austere. When the love arises from my heart to fill my field of awareness, I'm blessed beyond belief.

That love having filled me up, nothing more is wanted. Soon enough we'll all be in the experience.

Where it looks austere is that we lose our taste for external pleasures. That's because nothing external can compete with what arises from our very own hearts.

I can't say it often enough: The love we experience then turns out to be all that we were ever seeking.

No, we don't get love from Ralph or Mary, not in copious amounts anyways. We get it from our very own hearts in an endless flow. Go directly to source.

So the thread that runs through my writings is freedom from what holds us back, freedom to emerge, freedom to blossom - and most of all freedom to love.

To take the next step (whatever it is), I'd first have to see, experience, and get this unifying thread and underlying theme. I'd first have to get freedom as a divine quality.

Footnotes

(1) For me the pinnacle of the ability to protect another person's freedom was to act as a refugee adjudicator, with the power to grant a person refugee status or not. In this field, one is a human-rights decision-maker. The theme again is protecting freedom.

With my abused Mother in mind, I specialized in gender issues.

The Beauty of Stillness and Silence

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Remaining aware of everything means remaining as the witness.

The witness is usually, in spiritual circles, a synonym for the Self. The Self merely observes and is unchanged. Remaining as the witness, therefore, is remaining as the Self.

Only Mother/Father God - whom the Divine Mother acknowledged in *An Hour with an Angel* on Jan. 4, 2018, was the Godhead or Parabrahman - is beyond the Self. (1)

Please remember that, while we remain neutral in our awareness, awareness itself is not neutral. It is dissolutive. (2) If we "paint" an unwanted condition with our awareness, so to speak, and let our awareness simply rest on it, the condition will dissolve. Hopefully leaving no residue.

In light of these two considerations, I consider remaining as the witness - also known as remaining self-aware - to be an evolved spiritual practice.

Kathleen approaches the same goal of knowing the Self by contextualizing it as achieving balance. By forgiving everything and other practices, she has achieved balance, in my very biased opinion.

I'm approaching it from the vantage point of self-awareness. It's just because I resonate to that path. Zen, Vipassana, enlightenment intensives, encounter groups - all share the same focus on self-awareness. (3)

Awareness is like a perpetual, cleansing waterfall. The longer the time I'm able to maintain awareness of myself, the greater the cleansing and healing effect.

As my awareness rests on me, I come to a time when I don't think of myself as being restricted to a form or body named Steve.

The "I" that I remain aware of begins to loosen up, shift, and change. It becomes more like a cloud or space.

When I became the witness earlier today, I noticed less drama and more spaces. The space of love. The space of bliss.

I also was aware that the duration of my experiencing had grown from the last time I felt in touch with myself. When love and bliss came, after I breathed them up from my heart, they stayed a little longer.

Occasional solitude is such a valuable gift. I fear it'll become a very scarce commodity in the times ahead. Let me never forget the beauty of stillness and silence.

Footnotes

(1) Beyond God is the Godhead. So, for other students of cross-cultural spirituality, here is the relationship between the Self and the One, stated in the language of several spiritual traditions: Christ ---> God (the Father) ---> Godhead; Self ---> All-Self ---> One; Atman ---> Brahman ---> Parabrahman.

(2) I'm led to believe the word is not in the dictionary. I may have made it up. For me, it means "dissolves something, a solvent."

(3) There are so many synonyms for it. Staying with the "Now" or the "moment"" is one. Remaining with one's self/the self/the Self. "Being with" oneself. Knowing the ways of the self. Self-Knowledge. "Getting in touch with" one's self. On and on go the ways of describing self-awareness and its aims and ends.

We Are, All of Us, Innocent and Pure

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I've been talking endlessly about love five years after experiencing it in its higher-dimensional form.

But something I very seldom talk about is the experience of our natural purity and innocence, that happened for me in late 2018.

How liberating it is to know that we are, underneath it all, innocent and pure!

We may by now have a hard outer shell around us, but, when the shell comes off, what's inside is innocence and purity.

I was at Xenia on Sept. 18, 2018, by the kindness of a reader, and I'd watched something horrible on Youtube the night before. I don't even want to talk about it, I was so shocked by what I saw and heard. (1)

The next morning, we were due to leave Xenia in a couple of hours. I was meditating, trying to get to the origin of the horror I was feeling so as to complete that vasana.

I imagined myself going down an elevator of a hundred floors. But strangely enough, as an aside, when we were perhaps a quarter of the way down, we left the

realm emotionally connected to the vasanas (core issues) far above us. I said to myself that vasanas are only "skin deep." And so it seemed as we went deeper.

Finally I was let off at the bottom and immediately found myself in a tunnel which again went on and on. How we were travelling I know not. We just were.

And it ended at a place where shone ... now I'm about to describe a truncated or toned-down experience so be prepared ... a translucent Light. No, for me it was not brighter than a thousand suns. The Mother wanted to keep me here, on the planet and in my chosen role, she later told me, and so toned the experience down. (See 2)

The sight of the Light was not what impressed itself on me as much as the way I felt. It was as if this was the Light's communication to me: I felt innocent and pure. I was swept away by feeling these states. I never knew this about myself - that I was innocent and pure. I was overwhelmingly relieved by the realization, by the certain knowledge.

It answered the age-old fear that we all have that we were born in evil, in original sin. No. We're born in original innocence. In the Middle Ages, I could be burned at the stake for saying this.

We are originally innocent and pure. And you could usefully choose to see Ascension as climbing out of the density we've been in, mounting the stairway to a better vibrational place. (3)

It was so wonderful to have that question be settled. And it wasn't until it was answered that I became aware of it how universally there had been a "nagging self-doubt" or a "lack of self-worth" in the back of my mind. It had colored everything, but I never noticed it before.

Now I see that there are no grounds for either nagging self-doubt or a lack of self-worth. Both are truly unnecessary.

The truth is that, underneath our protective shell, we are, all of us, innocent and pure. (4) And in going forward, we are in fact agreeing to return to that original state.

I need to keep getting this at a deeper and deeper level. Not just as an idea, but as an experience and a realization: We are, all of us, innocent and pure.

Footnotes

(1) I think I can at least get up the stomach to refer to it now: It was a video of really horrible things being done to a child, allegedly taken from Anthony Wiener's laptop. [Frazzledrip.]

(2) Steve: The 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.)

(3) Let me not forget to add that the Light of the Self resided at the deepest part of the heart - the bottom of the heart or the seat of the soul, aptly named. Seek it inside the heart.

(4) Both innocence and purity are divine states of being or divine qualities. Both words have other meanings that aren't useful here but they're still the best words I could find to describe how I felt in the presence of the Self.

A Longing for Bliss

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My assignment is to go up with everyone else and write about it.

In my opinion, all of us have been liberated in other lifetimes or we wouldn't be here operating as lightworkers in a planetary Ascension. We wouldn't be reading this blog or others like it. So we are all of us going up with everyone else.

I call the writing an Ascension ethnography. (1) My path is the path of awareness. (2) And I'm here till the end. (3)

What my version of ethnography means for me (4) is that I have to write about what's right here in front of me and hope that it's helpful to others.

This mode of writing isn't about being in one's head. The awareness path is more experiential and realizational than intellectual. (5) It's concerned with the here and now - the only time in which any real work is done.

This mode of writing is not about narcissism or self-servingness. It's about noticing, discovering, and sharing one's personal truth.

It recognizes that the purpose of life is for God to meet God in a moment of our enlightenment. Self-Realization thus becomes the aim of the awareness path, consistent however with our service agreements.

It values our feelings and the divine states, which we aim for by clearing ourselves of the obstacles to their enjoyment. (6)

Sometimes it leads to a discovery. Sometimes it gives rise to a vasana or core issue.

With that by way of introduction, let me begin by saying that I notice that my acuity is increasing.

The other day I was down to watching internal events. I began to write an article as it was happening and was interrupted. Too bad. I'd never been aware to that degree before.

What I'm aware of right now and it's the reason I'm writing is stress. I'm watching my reaction to stress. The issue is secondary; stress is stress.

I experience it as a heightened pulse in my neck. I assume that reflects an increased heart rate and blood pressure.

My hands are nearly shaking - a tremor rather than a trembling. This only happens when I feel stress.

What needs to be factored in of course is that I'm an urban monk. What would be normal stress for another person is not normal for me. I wouldn't go so far as to say I'm hypersensitive; that would be an exaggeration. But I'm sensitive to stress.

I probably prefer more peace and quiet than most people. Others are up skiing and ...

... now bliss has arisen. This is why I don't strap on my boots and take my skis and gloves and spend an entire day on the slopes.

This is what it's all about. And bliss seems to arise more often in a quiet life than in a busy one.

Love and bliss is what it's all about, in my books.

The longing for liberation (7) shows up for me as a longing for bliss. Because it's very much stronger than any desire, I tend to simply abide in it. That puts the onus on me to manage it so as not to interfere with my service agreement.

Footnotes

(1) In my view of the matter, an ethnography includes biographies, narratives, first-hand observations, and other primary inputs to broader structural and functional studies.

(2) See *Transformative Awareness and the Constructed Self* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Transformative-Awareness-5.pdf>

(3) Archangel Michael : There is much to be said for Everyman, and that is part of the role you play. Yes, you are a pillar. You are an anchor. You're [a monitor] but you're also playing the role of Everyman – with curiosity, with exploration, with insight. So our desire is not to separate you from the collective. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Nov. 11, 2015.)

I remind you that you are a pillar [and] that you [are] not [to] venture too far ahead of where people are, both individually in terms of your smaller circle but also in terms of the collective. (AAM, Jan. 18, 2020.)

(4) I declare myself free of disciplinary boundaries. I'll write on any subject I want to. Let the reader decide.

(5) Obviously communicating our discoveries is intellectual.

(6) Our core issues. Download *Vasanas: Preparing For Ascension by Clearing Old Issues* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Vasanas-Preparing-for-Ascension-R8.pages.pdf>

(7) See "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>

On the Nature of Bliss

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Craziness reigns in the world but I remain focused on the inner world.

Since bliss will be our lot at some future time, hopefully not too far away, I'd like to look at what our sources have said about the nature and experience of bliss.

And this time, rather than looking at higher-dimensional celestials and galactics, I'd like to look at Earth's own sages.

Nonetheless, most of the people consulted here turn out to be either avatars or else ascended beings.

Sri Ramakrishna and the Buddha are examples of the former; Sri Ramana Maharshi may be an example of the latter. We don't know his background except that he experienced sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi, which is Ascension, spontaneously as a young man.

The Buddha tells us that “[the] Highest Reality is an exalted state of bliss.” (1) I must take his word for it. But certainly bliss of a less exalted kind is still unimaginably delightful.

Others agree with him. Sri Ramakrishna, for example:

“The bliss of worship and communion with God is the true wine, the wine of ecstatic love.” (2)

He adds:

“If a man enjoys the Bliss of God, he doesn't enjoy the world. Having tasted divine bliss, he finds the world insipid. ... Can worldly pleasures and sex pleasures be compared to the bliss of God? If a man once tastes that bliss, he runs after it ever afterwards. It matters very little to him then whether the world remains or disappears.” (3)

I can certainly vouch for that. Here I am running after it ever afterwards. And my taste for worldly things just keeps falling away. Most of my taste/desire for food, drinks, etc., for instance has subsided a great deal.

Having tasted bliss, the pleasures of the world pale. I'm running after the former, caring little, really, whether the outside world persists or disappears.

“Sex pleasures” are seen to be about the pursuit of bliss anyways. Orgasm is bliss. I go more often for the experience directly, in the heart, now that I'm aware of it.

Bliss arises when external desire ceases. Most of the time we experience bliss when we attain an object of desire. We think attaining the object has caused the bliss, but bliss is known when desire stops, as it does for a short time when we obtain the object we desire. Sri Ramana explains:

“When the object of desire is obtained, the intellect becomes steady for a moment and turns inward. Then the bliss of the Self is reflected on it and this gives rise to a delusion that there was bliss in the object. But when other objects are desired the bliss vanishes.” (4)

So it isn't desire or possession of the object of desire that allows the bliss to emerge, but the cessation of desire.

No matter how much bliss we get by this process of obtaining objects, it's still small compared to what we get from going within, says Mata Amritanandanayi:

“The happiness that we get from worldly objects is only an infinitesimal fraction of the bliss that we get from within.” (5)

By “within,” she means the opened heart. It opens when the kundalini reaches the fourth chakra.

Paramahansa Yogananda demonstrates the truth of something that Archangel Michael shared with me. First Yogananda:

“When the divine joy comes, immediately my breath is still and I am lifted into the Spirit. I feel the bliss of a thousand sleeps rolled into one, *and yet I don't lose my ordinary awareness*. This is universally the experience of those who go into the superconscious state.

“I feel the bliss of a thousand sleeps rolled into one, and yet I don't lose my ordinary awareness.” (6) [My emphasis.]

As if in agreement, Michael has said:

Archangel Michael: Let me really shock you tonight and say to you that *you can be in form, in your human form* - as you think of your enlightenment journey - *and still be connected, consciously, in that place of full connection to the heart of One*.

SB: Oh, that is a shocker! (7) [My emphasis.]

I'd never have suspected that we'd retain ordinary consciousness and experience this much bliss. But I'm certainly open.

Franklin Merrell-Wolff also warns us of a state where we're so intoxicated with bliss in the 8th-9th Dimension that we forget to go on to real mastery in the 11th:

“Conceive of the intensity of the bliss raised beyond all relative imagination, and far beyond the power of any physiological organism to endure, and then regard it as not lasting merely for a moment or a brief period, but extending with unbroken continuity indefinitely; then something of the Bliss-aspect of Nirvana may be apprehended. Is it so surprising that many become 'God-intoxicated' and fail to go to the winning of real Mastery?” (8)

Bliss lies at a lower dimension than mastery (9th vs 11th).

Let me stop there and pick up in another article.

Footnotes

- (1) The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 287.
- (2) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 94. [Hereafter GSR.]
- (3) Paramahansa Ramakrishna, GSR, 756-7.
- (4) Sri Ramana Maharshi, *Jewel Garland of Enquiry (Vichara Mani Malai)*. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1996; c1977, 9.
- (5) Mata Amritanandamayi, *Awaken, Children!* Vallicakavu, India: Mata Amritanandamayi Mission Trust 1, 8.
- (6) Paramahansa Yogananda, *Man's Eternal Quest and Other Talks*. Los Angeles: Self-Realization Fellowship, 1976, 161.
- (7) 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/> .
- (8) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness*. New York: Julian Press, 1973, 29-3 .

Mastery is the 11th Dimension; bliss is between 8th and 9th, as Michael explains:

Steve: What dimension is bliss?

AAM: It is between Eight and Nine. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.)

I'm relying on a brief experience of mastery I had in, I believe, 2015, which Michael confirmed in a passing comment later:

“When I have said ‘spiritual currency,’ you’ve had a glimpse of this in the knowing of mastery and abundance and so you know it isn’t about money. It is about spiritual currency. And I say to you, ‘congratulations.’” (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Aug. 2, 2015.)

A Touch of Bliss has One Forget Everything

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Too small....

We wouldn't try to drain spaghetti through a tea strainer. The tea strainer is too small. The spaghetti would fall over the side. The strainer could not hold it.

By the same token, when we look at divine states like peace, love, and bliss, I don't think we can appreciate, understand, or know them when looking at them from this Third/Fourth Dimensional mind.

Our 3/4D mind is simply not big enough, expansive enough to allow us to encounter these states as they are.

The energies will be rising high enough to have us begin to experience them at some point in the future. Then the cat'll be out of the bag.

We may see that we've had momentary glimpses of them. We may find that we experience wisps of them but then dismiss them as the result of momentary thoughts - rather than a divine state coming calling.

"No, I'm not ready yet to surf that wisp into a sea of bliss. Such a thing is not in my memory banks or spiritual inbox." And away bliss goes, to come again another day.

In the time of my writing this article, bliss has come calling. And, knowing what it is and what can happen, I welcome it and invite it to stay.

In response, it expands and I say I am "uplifted" by it. Immediately I drop everything and simply rest in it.

But that's the problem. Resting in bliss, one doesn't want to do anything.

It's more than not wanting. All thought of doing anything simply vanishes from a mind filled with bliss.

How does the world look from this angle? I couldn't say. I have no thoughts of the world, no room for it. Bliss has filled me up and pushed out of my awareness bubble all other thoughts and feelings.

Thus are the Mother's and Michael's fears illustrated. The Mother once confided that if I had seen the Self as it is at Xenia - brighter than a million, billion suns -

"...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!'" (1)

There's no denying the truth of that statement. A touch of bliss has one forget everything.

After Abundance and Ascension, resting in bliss will no longer be a problem. Everyone will have the freedom to choose how they'll live their lives and living in the experience of total peace and upliftment will be seen as a hugely positive thing.

In my young adulthood, if one meditated overly much, one could be told to get a job. Werner Erhard appeared right: The world at the time of the Vietnam War seemed hostile to transformation. (2)

But that won't be the case after Ascension. Every individual is on a return journey to God. In a post-Ascension world, people who concentrate their efforts on Self-Realization will undoubtedly receive *encouragement*, rather than *discouragement*.

Footnotes

(1) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

(2) We didn't talk about the Deep State then. It was the military-industrial complex and secret societies.

All Dilemma Vanishes

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At a time like this one gets to see one's attachments. If I stand to lose them, I try out how that might be.

I find that I'm not attached to money. Not attached to my apartment, books ... my archive of work over the years? Yes, somewhat. But when I look deeper, I see naw, I'm not even attached to that.

Remember what the basic spiritual movement, in my estimation, is: To turn from the world to God. (1)

Well, in this imaginary check-in, I see that I've turned from the world to a greater or lesser degree.

The second part is to turn to God. How am I doing there?

I've most definitely turned towards the divine states, which are our way of experiencing God at this level of reality. No need to take a vote. Hands down.

I'm turned towards every state I've (usually briefly) experienced: love, bliss, ecstasy, peace, etc. Each one of them is vote-changing - and different.

Whenever I experience a divine state, I'm usually amazed at what I find. (2) I can truly say I had no idea of what any of them would be like - none whatsoever - before I found myself in them.

And I studied enlightenment for 20 years so you'd think I'd have taken in something about the divine states. But, no, I did not. I was always focused on the little golden star (the Christ, the Atman, me and you) in my vision. (3)

Above Top Secret: Pssst! Follow the yellow brick road - follow the divine states. I think they lead back to God. Deeper and deeper into your favorite divine state.... What's not to like?

God in my life is my family and friends. God is love and generosity. God is resting in bliss.

I hope some day God absorbs "Steve" or permanently fills me up. I think they'd call that Ascension.

I'm more and more turned towards the divine vs the mundane with each passing day. That seems consistent with the continually-rising energies hitting Gaia and our slow and gradual Ascension. (4)

After I wrote "Take Me First," I was given my reward. I saw that my ability to drop into a meditative state once I started had greatly increased. My ability to tap into love and bliss has also expanded.

This development addresses requests I had of Michael that I'd have what I needed (like memory, for instance) when the time came to take on the bigger role he was requesting of me at the time. I see what just happened as an instance of how the Company of Heaven gives us what we need to play our parts.

I haven't tested my memory. I'm too drenched in transformative love at this moment to care to do so. Or anything else than write.

Anyone wondering how "I" can make a difference, little shrimp that I am [***not***], this is "how." Acting from this higher-dimensional love is what will have your life work and the lives work of everyone on this planet who can survive in the more refined vibrations.

The love that I'm experiencing right now flows out in all directions. Love is by its nature unconditional..... It's we that are conditional, not love.

In this love, you can move mental, emotional, and spiritual mountains. Correction: There are no mountains in this love.

When we all experience what I'm experiencing, all questions, all dilemma, all concerns will vanish.

And so it is.

Footnotes

(1) On this fundamental topic, see "The Basic Spiritual Movement," June 12, 2009, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/spirituality/back-to-the-basics-2/the-basic-spiritual-movement/>

"The Basic Spiritual Movement x 2," February 20, 2014, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/02/20/the-basic-spiritual-movement-x-2/>

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Also download *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) Because it doesn't fit my pictures. Peace being like granite? Love being as ... the word "satisfying" seems weak ... as it is. Bliss, like every sense meeting its "forever favorite" and never tiring of it. Don't get me started.

(3) For a description of the vision, 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/>

(4) Might they be melting glaciers as well?

The Impact of Bliss on Knowing

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I'm swaying to the music at my neighborhood coffee shop, which is like an office for me.

The bliss returned at 1:30 this afternoon. Now at 2:30 I'm blissful enough not to hide my enjoyment of my music without caring who sees me. I'm gradually coming out of my shell, my hidey-hole, around bliss.

But what I wanted to record here is that bliss has a remarkable effect on a person's ability to know. I've had my profoundest realizations under its impact.

For instance, the 1987 vision of the total journey of a soul from God to God established for me that "Enlightenment is the purpose of life." (1) That whole experience was steeped in bliss. In it, the realizations were coming fast and steady and I knew that bliss was the reason.

It was bliss that allowed me to look upon the figures in that wordless movie and say to myself, "That's the Father, Brahman." "That's the Christ, Atman." "That's the Holy Spirit, Shakti."

Of course longtime readers will recognize those statements as the seed concept that allows for the integration of the spiritual teachings of many religions - creating a

cross-cultural view of spirituality. The fact that Father, Son and Holy Ghost = Brahman, Atman and Shakti is the Rosetta Stone of religions for me.

Aldous Huxley called the cross-cultural fundamentals of spirituality the "perennial philosophy." Others called it the "ancient wisdom." It's the truth underlying all religions, what their originators were really pointing at before their followers had a go at their teachings.

Today the perennial philosophy is freely available to us from channeled sources and a plethora of ancient texts now sold at bookstores throughout the world or available on the Internet. But this availability is a recent phenomenon, consistent with the rising energies in this Sat Yuga or Golden Age.

On two other occasions, bliss spurred realization. Both were about the nature of Light. In the first, in 1986, which I called the Flame in the Heart, I broke through to the transformed space of bliss. What caused the breakthrough was recognizing that love and light both came from my heart.

And I also saw that I'd been seeing the advent of Light in a certain way all these years. Breaking through to this space, I expected to see a brilliant and discrete Light, the Light of the Self, the Christ or Atman. But instead all I saw was ... well, just what I saw, but ever so much more vividly and distinctly.

And then I realized that what I saw *was* Light. Light did not have to be brilliant. To think otherwise is to limit Light.

As a follower of the path of awareness or consciousness, I realized I might never see a brilliant Light (although others will). I aim to deepen my awareness of exactly what's before me - we might add nowadays, on whatever dimension I'm operating on at the moment. We get what we expect to see.

It isn't a question of one viewpoint (Light as brilliance and Light as what we see) being right and the other wrong. Both are right, depending on the person, their path, and their expectations.

But it isn't that insight that I want to draw attention to, as interesting as it was, but the accompaniment of bliss, which made the knowing possible. If I had not been experiencing bliss, I daresay I would not have realized what I did about the Light. Bliss heightens everything - whether the senses of the seer or the sight of the seen. Bliss unfolds our capabilities so that we have a wider net, a finer discerning instrument, and contact with higher inspiration.

On a third occasion, in around 1990, my wife and I were ... well, let me be discrete ... but at the exact moment when I was feeling love, I was also aware of Light and I instantaneously tracked both love and light again (as in the Flame in the Heart) back to my heart. (2)

At that moment, I experienced another explosion of bliss that left me unable to remember my own name but knowing with certainty that I was God.

I called that experience the Silver Bullet. It certainly anaesthetized my lower self for the duration (about an hour).

Again bliss was what I found myself in and then, under its influence, I realized that I was God. (3) I knew that with the same certainty that I know I have a hand. Bliss was the midwife and catalyst of that experience as well.

Add to the earlier discussions, then, this research note that bliss, to paraphrase the Bible, brings all things to remembrance. As a result of these experiences, my working hypothesis has become that bliss brings about the unfoldment of our innate capabilities.

Footnotes

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

(2) Yes, I did realize way back then what transformative love was but the realization did not remain with me for long, I'm afraid. If you'd have asked me then, I'd have said that I experience perhaps minutes of transformative love a year - perhaps less.

(3) No, I don't consider this enlightenment. It was a transformational or peak experience and only lasted perhaps an hour.

The Absence of Pain

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I was under the impression that I'd only been in a state of ecstasy once before.

Now I find an article actually recording an experience in *late* 2015 - I remember an experience in *summer* 2015 - which I'd forgotten.

If we're going to map out the Ascension journey, to assist the newly-awakened, then I need to re-introduce items like this into the public record, so to speak.

Every description of an experience of higher-dimensional love, bliss, or ecstasy will be helpful to those who come after us.

Seeking love, bliss, and ecstasy are activities of a follower of the path of awareness. If you worship a deity or meditate or practice a sadhana such as renunciation, please substitute your own emphasis.

This account was posted in Dec. 2015:

The Absence of Pain

Dec. 7, 2015

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I'm going deeper and deeper into my own consciousness.

It's as if my consciousness is imploding into itself, structures are collapsing, and belief systems are exploding.

I'm experiencing a collapse of what I'd call a "self" or an "ego." (1)

And I welcome it. I remember that, earlier this evening, I asked for it. And now it arrives, barely an hour later, I'd say.

Every image of collapse, destruction, and explosion is flashing across my mind. Everything about me that could collapse is collapsing.

The old is falling away and the new is being revealed. Only it's happening rapidly, almost in fast forward.

What keeps us in the Third Dimension is negativity. But what would keep us in the Fifth Dimension is not positivity. That's itself a part of duality.

It's contextuality. Contextuality is an appreciation of the whole, a universal consciousness. It takes in everything. Examples of contexts are peace, love, health, and completion.

When we can think from a universal standpoint and love from the same, then I think this world will work.

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I'd call the space I'm in at the moment "ecstasy." Thirty years ago I did the drug ecstasy. And the space ecstasy presented then is the space I'm in right now, without the use of any stimulant.

It's predominant characteristic is depth, profundity, fullness. (2)

It's almost as if I'm on a scenic tour of the transformed space - be it Fifth Dimensional or otherwise. Each day, more of it's revealed.

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I'm still in the space of ecstasy, some hours later.

I tried making a smoothie for a friend in this space. I'm in utter abandonment of thinking. Could I even slice an apple?

It was very hard to concentrate. Every act I didn't like to do I could have resented. That would've been my Third-Dimensional response. But instead of that, I did it out of love for my friend.

There are rules of the road for ecstasy, just as for love and bliss. And I'm finding them out by experience. This is all brush-clearing.

I feel buoyed up so high that it would've been hard to imagine this space if told about it previously. I'm not trying to suggest that it's a high enlightenment. It isn't. (3)

It's a high subplane, if you will, of the transformed space. So I mean "comparatively" buoyed up, short of enlightenment.

There were several times today I thought it would take a turn towards enlightenment, but it didn't.

And so I've continued to simply hold myself open to what is an unfolding experience.

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I now feel routinely and totally free of emotional trauma and pain at this moment. No vasanas (or core issues), in other words. (4)

They could come rushing in in an instant, but right now I'm pain-free.

This breath that I take, I take without the memory of past upsets or any trace of resentment or regret.

I call this "back to innocence." Original innocence, rather than original sin. That's the feeling. (5)

I feel fresh and pure.

I turn the ordinary method of breathing around and breathe into myself profoundly, as deeply as I possibly can. And then I breathe out ecstasy. I go as high as I possibly can. And I repeat this.

Again I marvel that these are events in consciousness. Not a Light for me. Not a vision of the Beloved. But a continual expansion in consciousness, with the rewards of love, bliss, and ecstasy and the absence of pain that they have - so far - brought. (6)

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Paramount to this space is how relaxed I feel. I feel totally at peace with myself and the outside world.

And it turns out that I'm the only person I absolutely have to be at peace with. Ups and downs with other people I can endure. But I cannot manage being at odds with myself.

The absence of peace within my self makes me right away a breeding ground for mayhem and chaos.

But it takes real work to maintain peace with my self. Any judgment could start a war. Any blame, resentment, regret. (7)

All of it, I earlier called "negativity." (8) All of it now has to be put aside to keep the peace within my self.

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Having chosen the path of consciousness or awareness, I now find my reward in constantly-expanding. consciousness.

This validates what the Arcturians said: "Where your attention is, there you are also. ... attention is how you connect with realities." (9) I connect with the reality of love, bliss and ecstasy through awareness of my internal states.

It also validates the notion that we can walk any path to Ascension. Any path that elevates our consciousness and hence our frequency will do.

I feel totally different than I did even a day ago. (10)

I feel ... well, it's always that I feel more of what I did then. These are obviously areas of life I've been working on and working out and I'm now reaping the benefit in these areas.

I feel confident. So obviously I've been working on issues of confidence.

I feel strong, peaceful, free from desire.

I feel content, satisfied. (11)

What more could anyone ask?

And yet I know there's always more.

Footnotes

(1) The Divine Mother predicted this would happen as a result of her Tsunami of Love:

"Love will sweep you and the planet, and in many ways, dear heart, that is Ascension. Because what it also does is [it] implodes greater consciousness." ("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/>.)

It implodes existing structures and allows for new growth or "greater consciousness."

(2) Total satisfaction, total completion, fulness. This description is the same.

(3) It might ordinarily be. But, as lightworkers who need to continue to serve, chances are the experience will have been toned down. An example: I witnessed the kundalini completing its circuit in the seventh chakra but the experience lacked bliss. Bliss is what lifts us up and causes realizations. Without bliss, I may as well have been watching a movie. I asked Michael about it and he said I needed to keep both feet on the ground, to serve.

(4) Absolutely. My life as a drama is over. Chapters closed. Accounts all balanced. At the same time, I feel ultra-sensitive to other people's drama right now and have more or less isolated myself, while in this state.

(5) Definitely. Original innocence uncovered, the overburden of vasanas or core issues having been removed. Insist on holding onto resentments, my life has shown me, and you postpone the day of uncovering your original innocence. That's the price we pay.

(6) God will appear to the devotee in the form the devotee wishes. I'm a follower of the awareness path so God shows up for me in a way I appreciate - as love, bliss, ecstasy ... and even exaltation.

(7) I was aware of this in my current experience of ecstasy (July 31, 2021 and following). Any judgment, just as the *Book of Nothing* says, will stand between me and ecstasy. I saw this when I had a conniving thought and suffered for it.

Most Taoist and Zen sources, I think, would say any judgment or preference and we have opened an immense chasm between us and the Tao/Nirvana/Ulimate Emptiness or, as we choose to see it, higher dimensionality via Ascension.

(8) I arrived at this point this time as well: The experience of ecstasy is powerful enough to jackhammer me out of negative behavior and thought patterns and shift me over into the positive. Heaven knows how long it would take me to do that under my own steam.

(9) "Transcript ~ "The Arcturians on AHWAA: Ascension is a Multi-Dimensional Activity," Channeled by Dr. Suzanne Lie, November 26, 2015, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=269824>.

(10) Yes, I felt totally different after the events of June 7, 2021 and again after the onset of ecstasy on July 31, 2021. I did not recognize the me that was here after these two events. It instantly showed me "how we're going to do this." We'll be given a tune-up, let's put it that way.

(11) What did I say after June 7? I feel confident, competent, balanced, self-trusting, peaceful and desireless. The space described is the same.

A Realization-Rich Space

January 15, 2016

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Our weekly InLight Radio call today was enough to blast me back into the transformative love I'd been feeling, and, for a short while, bliss.

Following it, I had a meeting about the Michaelangelo Fund. I noticed that business went better with bliss. So many things became manageable. Distinctions appeared in the moment to me. I rolled with events, without a scrap of resistance.

There were times when I could have resisted or postured or pretended. But now I knew that doing so would cost me this space. And I didn't. I declared my completeness instead.

Everything goes better with bliss. Everything is more enjoyable. I can now see how business will be conducted a ways down the line. Knowing bliss means knowing how we'll proceed.

The realizations that come are not the robust and overwhelming kind that I imagine lead to enlightenment. But the less robust and intense kind that result in an "Aha!" but are at the same time equally as rich as the space deepens in ability to commit.

Let me call this the "normal" realized space, the space that's available short of Ascension. It sees a degree of realization arise which sheds light on something but doesn't result in a deep, permanent and generalized unfoldment of consciousness. The latter would be supernormal, superconscious, to use Paul Ferrini's term. (1)

When I'm in the space of transformative love, realization is dynamic, an ongoing process. The flow incorporates realization. It's flavored with realization.

I can't believe I'm writing this. And I could only do it with your support and encouragement.

Each article I write seems to go a little farther than the last - or at least that's the sense for me. It's an unfoldment, to be sure. But believe me, in my own mind, I'm walking the skinny branches.

Transformative love is a realization-rich space. I can no longer detect the difference between myself and the normal-realized state. I act from that space and don't need to give a second thought to the process. Nice while I'm in that space. Very often I'm not. (But getting back there *is* getting easier.)

I saw today that transformative love and completion arise together. Completion brings peace and equanimity. In that calm space, transformative love arises.

I had the image in mind of a person flying through the air next to a glass building. They can see their reflection in the glass and the reflection flies along with them. In the same way, transformative love and completion fly together. Or perhaps flow together. In exact harmony and synchronicity.

And when one leaves, the other leaves as well.

I worked with completion today in one of the meetings. I found myself in circumstances that I could have become irritated with. I now reminded myself that if I chose to get irritated I'd lose the space of completion. And I declared myself complete again, from within the space of transformative love - so, from a normal realized space - and did not become irritated.

If I keep working with completion, I'll create a new neural pathway and a more constructive behavior pattern. I'll reprogram myself in a way of my conscious choosing and for a definite, useful purpose. And when I need to alter that program, I will.

Footnotes

(1) "The third stage is Super-Conscious Knowledge. It is the state of total surrender of all intellectual solutions, all need to control or plan. It is characterized by conscious unknowing. It is the state of the divine person, or co-creator. You are living at a time when stage two is coming to closure and stage three is being born." (Paul Ferrini, *Silence of the Heart*. South Deerfield, MA: Heartways Press, 1996, 23-4.)

Activating the Wellspring – Part 1/2

March 14, 2015

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/14/activating-the-wellspring-part-1-2-2/>



Reading with Archangel Michael and Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, March 13, 2015, the same day as my heart opening.

AAM: Greetings, I am Michael.

S: Greetings, Lord.

AAM: Welcome, welcome, welcome, to you, beloved friend, ally, anchor, communicator, bringer of news.

S: Thank you.

AAM: And, yes, your heart is open. The opening is, and will, and shall continue.

S: You mean permanently, Lord, really?

AAM: Yes.

S: Oh my! Please!

AAM: Because, you have said yes!

S: Yes, I have. I definitely have said yes.

But you must give us details because I think other readers will want to know what just happened, and what the consequences are. Can you talk about it for a little bit for the sake of others?

AAM: Yes, we will talk about it.

As I, and we, have relayed, many are either at, or through, or back and forth through the Ascension portal. Now, we don't want to talk about this strictly in terms of Ascension.

Because what you are doing is anchoring the higher vibration of divinity, of the Mother, of the Love, of the One into your sacred being, into your consciousness, into every fiber and level of your being.

The feeling, the experience - because it is so much more than a feeling - the knowingness is actually very simple. It is love. In that, there are the elements of joy, of peace, of calm, of serenity...of simply being.

This occurs, not merely because you have asked for it, but because you (and this does apply to the collective) have done your, can we say, your homework, your due diligence. (1)

What we mean by this is simply, think of it in spatial reality, time and space reality: you have created the space for this [energy of love] to, not only pass by you like a passing breeze or a rain, but to anchor within you because there is a sense of this spaciousness within thee.

S: I understand.

AAM: When one is clinging to core issues, to fear, to lack, to limitation - you know the list - there is not that sense, not only of spaciousness, but of acceptance, allowance, readiness and even permission. Because as you know, we continually say that we will never override your free will.

So, if the will, either actively or subconsciously, is actually choosing to still engage in the issues or the drama, then although we are standing at readiness and still penetrating you, that open door is not there.

S: So, the open door was there with me?

AAM: That is correct.

S: Did the exercise of bringing love up from my heart and sending it out through my third eye to the world play a role at all in this?

AAM: Yes, it did.

S: Could you talk about that for just a bit, please?

AAM: One of the strongest or the ultimate expressions of love, of willingness to not only participate in love but to be the love, is in the sharing. To say that you are love, or are loved, or you love this, that, someone... but [then] you keep it within you, you hoard it - and we do not necessarily mean that in a negative way - sometimes the feeling is so blissful you do not wish to actually take the next step quite yet, in terms of sharing.

The ultimate experience is in this sharing. This is what we speak of when we speak of sacred union and partnership. How can you possibly be in any form of partnership with humanity, with the Star-beings, with us, with any being, if you are not sharing.

So what you do when you bring the love up and out, when you begin to send, to share; it is as if you have in fact activated what we call the wellspring. The visual you may think of is the volcano.

It is not that you empty out. It is that you discover that that wellspring is SO full and overflowing that it is a steady stream. That steady stream does not ever, ever (think of what I say!)... it never has to cease!

S: It is hard for a human being to get that, you know. We keep thinking, "Oh no, someone's going to turn the wheel and it's going to stop."

AAM: You tend to think of start-stop; of full-empty. But it is not the case. What you are doing is plugging into the ever present flow of the Mother's energy, of the love.

S: Remarkable, remarkable. We human beings want to know where this fits in the scheme of things, and what its relationship is to this over there. Is there a name for this kind of experience I just went through? And still am, actually... And will be.

AAM: Yes, and will be. This is what you call part of your Ascension process and it will simply grow and expand.

S: What growing and expanding means is exactly what happened this morning, right?

AAM: That is exactly correct. Then it begins to expand in what you can think of, in every body - mental, emotional - because there is no separation. So the physical attributes that are one and the same with love begin to come forth as well.

S: Okay, can we just go back over that for a second? I'm trying to get my mind around that. So this transcendental wave of love that is coming to us is impacting all our bodies in all dimensions, the mental, causal, all the other bodies?

AAM: That is correct.

S: They are going forward together. Now I think you suggested there is an impact on the physical body or our everyday awareness from this. Is that what you were saying?

AAM: Yes, because you cannot be in this intensity (and do not turn it down whatever you do!)....

S: No, gosh! Why would anyone want to do that?

AAM: Well, we are often surprised!

What happens is, then you begin to see with different eyes. Then you begin to see more clearly. Humans have a tendency to think, "Oh, now I am seeing with my third eye," "Now I am seeing with my fourth eye," "Now I am seeing with my fifth eye." It is not like that.

There is the inner vision, the experience of the inner vision which allows you to truly see what is, but you also began to see that, energetically. You will see more with your eyes. You will see orbs, different colours, bigger fields, etc.

S: Telepathy may also expand?

AAM: Exactly. Telepathy, communication ability. So think of your physical communication, your writing, your oral you, your telepathic, your soul-to-soul communication, your communication above and below begins to expand, your cellular structure, because it is vibrating at a different rate.

Your cellular structure begins to regenerate because it is filled with what you think of as life force. It is a truly love force. So everything begins to shift. You begin to see that you can be the truth of inter-dimensionality.

S: Yes, a sense of certainty arises, a sense of stability and solidity.

AAM: And you realize that it's a solidity that is not solid at all!

S: No, I know! I was thinking of that even as I said it! Yes, absolutely.

AAM: It is a sense of knowingness. And, yes that stability means there is simply no space for the sense of doubt or uncertainty or even concern or fear.

S: Also, issues just disappear! There is no need for forgiveness because I can't remember what the issues were! In this wave of love, this submergence of love, and I really do mean submergence, like I am under sea.

AAM: You do not need to remember.

S: No, no need at all! I wonder why I felt the need! (Laughing)

AAM: It was part of what we would refer to as the old human traits.

S: It is all a question of deprogramming, is it not?

AAM: In many ways, yes. What you are doing, is what you think of as deprogramming, unwinding the old programming; hitting the literal delete button; not simply saving it somewhere where you can go back and pick at it later. Yes, it is the reprogramming, the rebooting of your entire system.

S: I think people may not adequately realize, (oh, how can I say it; is so hard to talk about these things, they are so new to me) that forgiveness itself is tied to memory. If there is no memory, there is no need for forgiveness of anything. There are other factors too. This love does something to me that has me not be interested in the drama and the other things.

AAM: Because it does not serve. When you are thinking about forgiveness, think of it as a step along the way.

So when you have done your forgiving; and the most important part is forgiveness of self, then you can create if you choose, situations where you wish to keep score. But the larger question is, why? Why would one even choose to do that?

So often we hear the humans (to myself, to Gabrielle, but mostly to Yeshua or to the Divine Mother) begging for forgiveness. Now, understand that forgiveness is always granted, because it is an act of mercy. It is an act of love. But does the Mother have need to forgive? Does she keep a tally sheet? No!

S: No, as competent as she is!

AAM: As competent as she is, it would be far too lengthy!

So, no, it is not a trait. It is a plea for help. And that plea, of course, is always heard.

S: There is another aspect I would like to talk to about for a minute, and that is that I think people hearing a discussion like this might say to themselves, "That's all fine and dandy for you to say. You're living in the experience of love." And, that's true; it's true that it was very hard to deprogram while not living in the experience of love and it is very easy to think, "I don't even need to deprogram in this space."

AAM: It is difficult to reach this place, only because the human program as you are calling it (and this is an excellent term) is one that thinks, or feels (but it is [the] mental/emotional [body] that thinks) that, "That [outcome] is above, or beyond".

When we suggest that there is a need to create this sense of spaciousness, so often what we hear is a resistance that says, "Well, I have already done my clearing. I have already done my forgiveness. I have already asked for help."

But if you are not in this sense [space] of the love and knowing full well, beyond any shadow of any doubt in any realm, this is what you desire, this is why you are here to create - this sense - then simply go a little further, my friends. You do not walk alone. And the journey is guaranteed!

There are very few guarantees, but when you keep going, you will arrive!

S: Thank you!

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Footnotes

(1) "As you remember to be loving, and demonstrate Love in action, your energy field changes to reflect and extend that Love to all with whom you connect in any way at all. And so by changing yourselves, you are changing the world and dissolving all that is not in alignment with Love." (Saul via John Smallman, Nov. 23, 2014 at <http://johnsmallman.wordpress.com/2014/11/23/you-are-all-spiritual-beings-and-nothing-can-change-that> .)

Activating the Wellspring – Part 2/2

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(Continued from yesterday)

Later in the same reading of Feb. 13, 2015, I returned to the topic of the spiritual experience that I was in the middle of (and still am) because I wanted further reassurance.

AAM gives a lot more information on this space or state of being, which he described earlier as a "heart opening" and the beginning stages of Ascension.

Steve Beckow: So, I need more reassurance. You are reassuring me that this space that I'm in right now will not suddenly disappear tomorrow. This is the baseline now, is that correct?

Archangel Michael: That is correct. Hold it, love it. Allow it to grow. Cherish it. Do not think for one moment, "Oh tomorrow I'll wake up tired, grumpy and wasted." Do not go there, dear heart.

S: It seems to be affected by breathing. Breathing helps. It seems to cause it to expand. Is that an accurate observation?

AAM: It is the letting go.

S: The letting go. So in breathing in, am I letting go of the tension? (1)

AAM: You are letting go and you are bringing in. It is as simple as that. But of course it is not.

Breathwork, as you well know, (2) has always been the most straightforward and one of the most powerful of tools. It is the essence of life. You cannot live without your breath.

But what people have not truly, fully understood (just like they have not understood the space between the letters of each word, not understood the space between each atom and cell of their body), the breath, the air, the oxygen, the compound that you are breathing in is the love force. (3)

Now what happens, (this is something for you to share) is that you are breathing love force, quite literally, from the Divine. Then what happens, or what has occurred, in what you think of as your past (now the key: do not go and live in the past), is that it has passed through what we would call the denial filter.

The denial filter is your filter that has been filled with the constructs of the old Third: fear, control, sense of lack of worth, sense of lack of love... It passes through that. You can even think of it as being like a filter that is in your sinus, the top, the back of your throat. And it passes through the denial filter, so when you bring it in, you are only getting a minimal part of what is being offered.

S: And that's our programming.

AAM: That is the programming.

It is like when someone says to you, even when I say to you, "I love you" and then you immediately put all these restrictions or limitations on it. So often among humans it is, "Oh, you love me because..." and it is not [so]. It is simply ... love.

S: Yes, yes, yes. And when one sees that, it's such an amazing thing to realize. That real and transformative love has no object except as we call it into service. But unto itself, it has no preference, no partiality.

AAM: None.

S: So, what is next? What do you want me to do next?

AAM: What is next is the anchoring, the allowing of this sense of unity to simply expand and anchor, expand and anchor. Go higher, go deeper, go broader and, celebrate, sweet angel.

S: The predominant way I go broader, etc., is by writing, right?

AAM: That is correct!

S: I share my space. I share what's happening...

AAM: It is our platform!

S: Okay. Very good. Thank you for that. Anything else I haven't touched upon that I should know about?

AAM: You are in your process of expansion, of allowing, of becoming, of accepting the sweetness of who you are.

Often you have said to me, "Oh Lord, I am a warrior." But beloved, you are so much more!

Allow every aspect of your being - the poet, the lover, the artist, the child, the adult, the elder - let it ALL be [expressed].

Let it all come to flower and share it all. Demonstrate and share and show what is possible. (4)

For this I thank you.

S: Thank you, Lord. Thank you ever so much.

AAM: I love you, dear heart.

S: I love you, Lord.

AAM: Farewell

Note: Already one reader has written in saying she had a similar experience: "Dear Steve

“On Friday I felt this loving energy expanding out from my chest. I felt secure and I knew this was the time to give birth to the new, to grow and do my part. I have been waiting for this all my life.

“Sometimes I had this experience only for a short time. If now as Archangel Michael said, it's going to be permanent we literally have the sacred fuel that we need to do what we came here to do.

"The experience may be permanent but its intensity or fulness does wane. It can be brought back to its fulness by breathing in love from the heart (or from the air) and breathing that same love out to the world, as AAM discusses in the reading.”

Footnotes

(1) Muscular tension in the body is the cause of lowered awareness. Awareness varies inversely proportional to tension in the body. The Divine Mother said on last week's Hour with an Angel: "Density of the human form is caused by unloving emotions." The bands of muscular tension we create by our counterproductive programming are this density. (“Transcript of the Divine Mother: Density is Unloving Emotion; Love is Lightness of Being,” March 6, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/06/transcript-of-the-divine-mother-density-is-unloving-emotion-love-is-lightness-of-being/>.)

(2) I've done rebirthing, bioenergetics, vipassana, and probably several other practices with some relationship to breathwork. So, yes, I do know the power and importance of the breath. If I have the time after the Reval, I'd like to do some work reviving these almost-lost arts.

(3) So I don't need to be drawing love up from the heart. Love is the very air we breathe.

(4) Would you agree that this is about the clearest example of a mission being assigned that any of us may have ever seen. It is and was for me.

Experience Receding

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Even the flowers worship the Divine

One of the things about ecstasy is that it's so decisive, so conclusive. Our life as a victim is over. No question about it. Done, just like that.

How much is enough? The total and absolute satisfaction I feel in ecstasy is enough. It's enough to have me smarten up in every respect. It's enough to have me sit up and pay attention. It's enough to inspire me to act where nothing else might.

And it has absolutely nothing to do with anything out there. It's entirely an inside job.

I may never make it to Kovalam Beach in India again. I may never have another coffee milkshake like I had at the bar of the Fontainebleu Hotel at age eight; it was a big deal. I may never drive another TR-4 or satisfy any other lingering desire.

And yet I am unequivocally satisfied and complete when in ecstasy.

"When in ecstasy...." The experience is steadily receding. And with it goes my memory of what happened. I'd probably have to consult the written record myself now.

I'm not holding onto it. I know that doesn't work.

I'm also not holding onto any claim to knowledge as a result of it save that which arises in the moment.

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The Consciousness State of Ecstasy

August 15, 2021



I've gathered together recent explorations of ecstasy into one place (below).

Ecstasy is part of the ladder of consciousness (love, bliss, ecstasy, and exaltation).

Each of these probably-moderated experiences apparently raises our vibration somewhat and prepares us for ultimate Ascension.

Soon NESARA/GESARA will be here and people can turn their full attention to their spiritual unfoldment.

Download your copy of The Consciousness State of Ecstasy here: <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/The-Consciousness-State-of-Ecstasy-10.pdf>.

Introduction

We're told that numerous technologists and technicians are working behind the scenes making med beds, replicators, Tesla free-energy equipment, etc.

Meanwhile, in front of the camera, so to speak, numerous spiritual students are investigating the contours of consciousness to find a way of talking about our spiritual journey.

Their work is done for the many people in the population who will have no idea what's going on or what's happening to themselves.

These wayshowers and pathfinders explain what Ascension involves and how it feels to experience the higher states.

Here we primarily investigate the divine quality called ecstasy. I surprise myself often when writing a booklet like this. I find all manner of things that I'd forgotten.

For instance, I think there are as many as four accounts of time spent in exaltation in this book. Exaltation is apparently a higher state than ecstasy.

I'd only remembered the original incident, when I was on my way to a local coffeeshop and entered this sublime state for a few seconds. But there were several more that happened after that. Thank heavens, I wrote them down.

The deeper I go into consciousness, the more I remain in the moment and the more I forget almost everything. Sooner or later, I'm going to have to stop resisting being solely in the moment.

Be that as it may, I assert, as a result of my own explorations so far, that there's a ladder of consciousness, and it goes beyond the Fifth or even the Seventh. It consists of these stair steps: love, bliss, ecstasy, and exaltation.

I know. We're used to thinking of dimensions. But for me, a student of awareness, I'm far more interested in how I feel than what the road sign says.

Love, bliss, etc., are all just names we've given to deeper and deeper forms of love. As love grows in intensity from what we think of as "love" to bliss to ecstasy and finally to exaltation, we find ourselves turned outward some of the time and inward some of the time - unpredictably. It makes it hard for others to be around us.

Bernadette Roberts found in her spiritual practice a time when she had to be intensely alone. But then, at a higher level (which I think was Ascension for her), she needed to be around people. I personally am in the intensely insular phase.

Ecstasy, which is the main theme of this booklet, is so conclusively satisfying that whatever one has going on with themselves, it's instantly taken care of and the decks are cleared.

It's as if we suddenly received word that the King was coming aboard our ship, on a surprise visit. Everything is hidden under a tarp and we stand at attention.

Ecstasy is like that. In the face of it, we throw a lifetime's resentments overboard in a heartbeat and stand at attention.

However. One is infinitely more sensitive, in this space, and will avoid people whose vibrations are too dense and hard to tolerate.

Apart from that, recovery from all the grumbles and groans of our lives takes less than a second; ecstasy is irresistible.

It's the great peacemaker. The space of ecstasy is completion, fulfilment, satisfaction. One is left without any material wants.

So no craving and no aversion, two of the three pitfalls the Buddha warned us about? All that's left is the third - ignorance of our true identity.

Having said all this, I look back now after the exploration has concluded, and regard it as a toned-down experience of ecstasy, as I discuss in "The Quandary of Ecstasy." If this had been a full-blown Twelfth-Dimensional experience, I believe I would have burst my body and never have returned.

You've seen Michael and the Mother truncate most other experiences. I fully expect to hear that this one was as well.

Ecstasy is another of our launch pads - like detachment, stillpoint, and normality.

Ecstasy brings us, not to stillpoint and rest, but to complete satisfaction and rest.

Stillpoint sees the "I" of "I want" quiet down; ecstasy sees the "want" of "I want" quiet down. Both prepare the launch pad for whatever comes next.

Look how far in to the study of consciousness we've gone from the early days of reporting how we felt. Then sharing with each other authentically. Then seeing how all of this worked in relationship.

Then reaching the end of work life and beginning the life of the forest-dweller, burrowing into consciousness. And then the experiences - all road markers - start.

That's my fantasy about my own journey. Never quite made the forest but nothing fascinates me more than plumbing the depths of awareness or consciousness.

Back in the Treasure Chest

December 21, 2015

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Continuing my ethnographic record of an experience, I find myself for a second time in what I can only describe as an "exalted" state.

I know that that word has heavily-negative connotations in our society, but there's no other word for it.

I'm a Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's court here.

But there's no remedy for that either. I must forge ahead.

How can I describe feeling exalted?

Well, it actually feels perfectly natural, perfectly normal, but it's perfectly natural at all times and in all places. Especially in the places where it counts most.

Its primary impact on a person is to bring to their attention the need to be responsible for their participation. I hear the phrase: "Unto whom much is given, much is expected."

I also hear: "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (1)

It'd be inconceivable to feel exalted and act like a child, give in to the ego, or depart from the divine qualities. The two would be incompatible.

One could only feel exalted because one is rock-bottom firm and secure in the knowledge that, ultimately, all is OK, all is taken care of. One's belief in it would have to be unshakeable.

I'd say that thereafter, being in that state, one would be an open invitation to exaltation.

I actually do have an unshakeable understanding that it's all going to work out in the final reel, born of the 1987 vision. (2) It's the time between now and then that worries me, not the outcome. And I think my assurance that all works out goes back further than this lifetime.

But our society frowns on a discussion such as this. I don't think it's ready to entertain that there could be a space, a domain, a state of being called "exaltation." It sounds too elitist, smacking of a nobility or upper class.

And having the notion accepted isn't a battle I want to fight, quite frankly. There are more important issues like coming together as a peaceful world and putting an end to gender persecution globally. Those are love-battles worth winning.

Therefore, what follows is not an example of a peak experience disappearing. It's an example of choosing not to sail in that peak space just yet, for the greatest good.

Let's put this one back in the treasure chest and bury it again for a while. We know there's a treasure buried in that field - that one, right over there - and we know we own the field. The treasure isn't going anywhere.

It all works out in the final reel. It all turns out in the end. Everything works towards an ultimate good that resolves all conflicts and dissolves all pain. At this time of year (Christmas), we can exalt in that knowledge.

Footnotes

(1) St. Paul in I Corinthians 11.

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

Peace and Stillness

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Credit: Kathleen Mary Willis

When one feels desireless, it's like an empty theater when the curtain rises and the audience falls silent.

There's space in the hall. You can hear someone cough, a handbag snap shut.

Then whatever arises arises.

The really subtle feelings now can be felt. Peace is like a big barge that pushes everything else out from in front of it. I've said - and Michael has as well - peace is like granite:

Steve Beckow: (Laughter). I had an experience of deep peace some years ago. I think it was about 2015. And I was surprised to find that peace was so substantial. It felt to me as if I were standing on a granite rock and I remember saying that to myself. And then I remember a couple of years later you actually used that word, [saying] that peace was like granite. ...

Archangel Michael: There are so many divine qualities that do feel amorphous, light, airy, like a spring day. And yet *peace* (you have this

expression), you can take it to the bank. It *feels like ballast. It feels like granite* because it is solid. And dare I say immutable. That is why I continue to keep emphasizing that that peace [is] within, that rock-solid granite [lies] within. [My emphasis.] (1)

Here again, with desirelessness, we find the mind inactive. Gosh, that's not quite accurate. The mind is quiet but it can become active at will. There's just no background noise, no chatter or constant comment.

It's as if peace were waiting for me to quiet the mind before making its appearance on the stage of my attention.

I realize there are degrees of stillness. I be as still as possible....

Now the experience of peace expands. I'm now sitting in a very solid state of meditation (which I leave to make notes and then return to again - that I can return, in itself, is noteworthy).

Peace is like a strong foundation. I'm too enamored of the experience of peace itself to want to build on it yet. I resolve to remain in this peaceful space and see what develops.

Footnotes

- (1) "Transcript: Archangel Michael – Peace is Breaking Out Upon Your Planet, May 3, 2018," May 15, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/05/15/transcript-archangel-michael-peace-is-breaking-out-upon-your-planet-may-3-2018/>.)

"While lying down, I had an experience of watching my thoughts and feelings flow by me. Later, Archangel Michael, in a personal reading, told me that I was “interdimensionally travelling.”

"I felt as if I were on a train, watching it slowly leave the station and looking at the faces as they passed by. I suddenly saw a red-headed man who had a remarkable composure to him. I was struck by it on a spiritual level and took a mental snapshot.

"As soon as the man was recognized, it was as if he shot out an energetic dart at me. A bond was made. And I said to myself: “I know this depth of peace that this man has shown me. It’s the Natural Self.”

"Immediately I found myself sinking into a deep, deep sense of peace, way down deep. I ended up in a place that was absolutely solid. It was as if I were standing on a slab of granite.

"Later again, in *An Hour with an Angel*, Michael also described peace as being like stone and I remarked that that was my experience as well. I would have expected downy softness.

"The solidity of the ground under my feet probably reflected my own inner stability, which seems to be a gift of true peace when it becomes permanent.

"This peace passed understanding in the sense that the mind was so still I'd have to describe it as inactive, archived, taken offline. There was no such act as understanding going on because the mind was decommissioned.

"Of course the experience passed, as all do short of Ascension." ("The Peace that Passeth Understanding," July 18, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/07/18/the-peace-that-passeth-understanding/>).

Here Michael calls peace granite again:

Archangel Michael: So, when you think of things that you should do, are supposed to do, might do, and it doesn't ignite that fire of excitement, and *that granite of peace*, then you are being given an important piece of information, which is 'look elsewhere.' Is that clear?" ("Transcript ~ Archangel Michael: You Have Chosen to Be the New Paradigm of Love, May 31, 2018," June 7, 2018 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/06/07/transcript-archangel-michael-you-have-chosen-to-be-the-new-paradigm-of-love-may-31-2018/>.) [My emphasis.]

To Love All and be Peaceful Throughout

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Odysseus listens to the sirens' song, his compatriots having sealed their ears with bees wax

I've been on my own journey, trying to understand what Archangel Michael has asked of us.

At times I've felt like Odysseus (Ulysses) lashed to the mast, that he might listen to the siren song (the song of his own desires) without going mad and throwing himself overboard.

The dissonance was high and I didn't see how I could carry on. What was the way through?

One reader wrote in that she didn't want to read a bland blog. Neither did I want to manage one.

The breakthrough came for me when I read two quotes. One was from Saul through John Smallman:

“If everyone on Earth who is in an environment of violence, hate, and oppression, refused to engage and instead moved away, then the violence would wind down quite rapidly as those willing to fight, or looking for a fight, would find themselves seriously short of opponents.” (1)

And the second was from Hilarion:

“It requires a dedication from those who stand for change, to desire to stand in peace while making a statement and it has become important for these people to not be in reaction to those elements who try to make the whole gathering look violent. It requires awareness and discernment on the part of the peaceful protesters. It requires huge self control of every member of the peaceful gathering.” (2)

What I took away from these two quotes was that we're not being called upon to shy away from calling out violent, hate-filled, and oppressive behavior. What we're being asked to do is to observe the divine qualities in doing so.

Chief among these is peace. “It requires a dedication from those who stand for change, to desire to stand in peace.” This is the key to the road that lies ahead. Peace itself can only come from universal love. This then is the challenge: To oppose oppression while remaining loving to all and being peaceful throughout.

Universal love and unbroken peace. Was this not what Gandhi taught? Was this not what all saints have taught? Once I saw this, the dissonance that I was in up till then subsided; my stress fell away; my resistance melted. I found myself at peace again.

Michael asked us, if we want to participate in accountability, let it be personal accountability, personal responsibility. And, yes, that's the most enduring contribution we can make. That's the contribution which promises no residue. It's the trackless path.

So I'm now through my inner conflict and on the other side. I now know what's being asked of me and the blog and all of us, really.

To oppose rape and murder and war, but to do it from a position of love and peace.

I listened to the siren song of my own desires, which was to fight, fight, fight. And that siren's song has now faded away and I'm left in peace and love.

Footnotes

- (1) Saul through John Smallman, December 17, 2014, at <http://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>.
- (2) Hilarion, March 16, 2014, at <http://www.therainbowscribe.com/hilarionsweeklymessage.htm>

The Further Along You Go, the Less You Know

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<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/08/06/the-further-along-you-go-the-less-you-know/>



How many people have said, the further along this path I go, the less I know?

Now here I am saying the same thing.

Is it because we lose our knowledge? No, for me, it's because what I accept as knowledge becomes a smaller and smaller field. It's because my standards go up.

(1)

What do we call knowledge?

So much of what we call knowledge is information we've received from the mass media, which we've accepted as truth. And that's that on the subject.

So an airliner smashed into the Pentagon on 9/11. We saw it on TV. (Of course we didn't see it but....) I've concluded that that's knowledge and I'm closed on the subject.

First of all, that isn't knowledge; it's a belief. But I assert that our close-mindedness covers a much wider range of our beliefs than I think we may realize.

In this space I'm in ... I went to call it "bliss" and my insides rebelled. No, this is ecstasy ... what I accept as knowledge is a shrinking field. (2)

I remember, at the end of my vision in 1987, the words formed in my mind, "The purpose of life is enlightenment." Michael, I presume, had just shown me the entire journey of a single soul from God to God. I came out into the world from the Father and lo I return to the Father again, Jesus said, which describes this sacred arc.

I emerged from that experience saying to myself, now I know one thing: The purpose of life is enlightenment. Everything else was questionable or not knowledge.

I certainly look at myself, as I peel back the layers of the dimensional onion, and I find more and more beliefs disguised as knowledge. It's convenient. It sounds right. I have a meeting in half an hour. How much of my knowledge is of that variety? (3)

Moreover, the ego has an investment in inflating or exaggerating everything as a survival measure.

But the ego doesn't operate at stillpoint and it can't possibly reach ecstasy. In these two places I'm safe.

In terms of knowledge I'm fast becoming a pauper. I only know a few things.

But they're among the best things to know. (4)

Footnotes

(1) As we see from our contemporary political scene, whether we live up to those standards is the question.

(2) I am so glad I'm writing this down. I won't remember it by this evening. My reasoning powers will be there but not my short-term memory. I will be "in the moment," as Michael wants me to be.

(3) I may be a decent writer but that doesn't translate into having good ideas on, say, pandemics or global finance. I don't.

And my beat on the waterfront can only be so wide, bounded by my interests, *real* knowledge, and energy. What this latest experience of ecstasy has brought about is a focusing of interest along with a shrinkage of certain knowledge.

I am Richard Dreyfus staring at his mountain made of mashed potatoes. "This means something," he says as he absorbedly shapes it to look like.... [Devil's Mountain]



Credit: Close Encounters of the Third Kind

(4) One: The purpose of life is enlightenment. Two: I know what the nature of love, bliss, and ecstasy are. That exhausts the certain knowledge I have. But contemplating it is certainly enough to satisfy me for a lifetime.

No Natural Barriers

October 23, 2016



Credit: Bamboo Hollow Acupuncture

I'm in the midst of a realization, though taking the time out to record it may end it, for now.

It began when I noticed, in meditation, that I could at that moment simultaneously access all the moments in my life when I felt transformative love, bliss, joy, and all the other divine qualities.

It was as if, when I breathed in and out, a wind would pass through me containing a mixture of all these good things, rather than just one of them at a time.

And then I realized: I could see, at this moment, no natural, internal barriers. I have no barriers to any of my previous experiences - with lovers, on travels, on projects. I can access them all, at one and the same time.

At this moment, I have no categories, no classifications in my mind. It's as if I've had a complete memory wipe.

I have no walls separating things. All are at the same time available to me now.

The sensation this presents is utterly new to me. I must have been a stickman or a robot before. Logical and linear are kind words to use. Mechanical and automatic might be more appropriate.

The next moment later, I got that I'm now ready to flow. Flow for me is one of the paradigms of the Fifth Dimension; bliss would be another.

Let's see if I can recover the experience....



I feel completely cleaned out. I would never have thought such a thing was possible. It's as if every structure within me has been leveled and the wind whistles through now, without obstruction. The metaphor of the hollow bamboo is appropriate.

My breath is easy and continuous. I'm reminded of a full breath release I had at a rebirthing workshop, immediately before my 1987 vision. (1) I haven't had a breath release today but my breathing is at least in part like that. Easy, full, without obstacle.

I again feel bliss as a flow, rather than as a static state I happen to be in. I almost lose myself in it at this moment. Now I'm *willing* to lose myself, where before I wasn't. Whatever it was that had me hold back has now been removed. To look at what it was would remove me from the experience. I'll do it later, if I need to.

The fall of the internal barriers removes my only cause for concern. There are now no structures threatened, nothing to defend, nothing to promote.

My sense of myself grows more tenuous by the moment. I must go back to the experience....



I'm completely empty at this moment. Well, empty of any mental or emotional baggage that is, any unfinished business, vasanās, core issues, or any issues at all. At this moment. There's no telling what the next moment will bring. And only Sahaja - a permanent heart opening - is lasting.

With no memory, no mental activity, and no internal barriers, there's nowhere else to go but into the moment.

I feel mildly curious about this state, as a person would if camping out in the wilderness. I'm nursing a hot chocolate around a campfire, in the dead of night.

The mixture of divine qualities that I was experiencing a while ago has become a homogeneous ... oh my heavens, how to find the words. I can't. It has consistency. It has substantiality. It's a mellower form of bliss than I'm used to. Substantial, mellow, homogeneous bliss.

This spiritual current of bliss caresses me like a warm summer night's breeze. I feel secure in it. Lost and gone forever are my concerns. Well, for the moment, that is.

My breathing has never been as gentle or soft. The lack of internal barriers allows it to be so. When it's soft, I'm soft. The mood that I feel right now I'd have to call sacred, sanctified.

All of this together - no internal barriers, the hollow bamboo, emptiness, and softness - combine to make this experience sublime and sacred.

So right, so appropriate, so natural.

Footnotes

(1) I used to compare the difference between ordinary breath and the breath after a full release as being the difference between the traffic flow on a country road and on an eight-lane highway.

Experiencing Many Divine States at Once

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Everything I've ever said about the divine energy of love, I'd like to copy and paste here about the divine state of peace.

It's as high above our everyday sense of peace as the divine energy of love is our everyday sense of love.

Entering into it doesn't come with trumpets blaring or searchlights sweeping the night sky. I first know it has come because my stance is suddenly solid, as if I have magick glue on my soles.

It's magick because when I lift my foot up it gives way and, when I take my next step, it asserts itself again.

I feel stable. The bulk of this effect is undoubtedly due to the rising love vibrations on planet Earth.

In addition to that, I saw that this stability was also here because I have increasing certainty about who I am and the other pressing questions in my life. I know the purpose of life. I know who I am as an entity and have had glimpses of many different vibrational levels. I've settled down spiritually on some scores.

The chief source of increasing interest in the divine qualities comes from something Michael mentioned in 2020. In an aside, he said:

"Human beings, particularly those in the higher vibrations, [are] learning to hold all the divine qualities and to be operating from all the divine qualities at once." (1)

I had always held the belief that it was enough for a human to master one divine quality to be enlightened. The possibility of manifesting all of them at once had never occurred to me. But the thought always rattled around in the background of memory since Archangel Michael spoke.

Now, I asked myself how the other divine states looked from within the state of peace. What had peace to tell me about the other qualities I've known?

I began to experience them, one by one - love, bliss, ecstasy, innocence, purity, abundance, and mastery. (2)

Each has a unique feel to it and leads in its own direction. When I began to add the experience of one to the other - which I thought of as connecting the dots - I found that the result was (A) a synthesis, a melding together of the states themselves, (B) increasing confidence in myself, and (C) increasing relaxation all around. This felt like a gigantic "let go."

Remember Michael saying we'd "awaken" our angelic capability "when you choose to acknowledge it"? (3) Here too it's taken me joining all the divine states together and experiencing each of their unique qualities - which I offer as "acknowledging them" - before a much wider sense of myself emerged.

This wider sense was patient, relaxed, and detached.

Just saying those words is like declaring the end of a long, long journey for me because I was anything but these things when I was young.

I notice all my old familiar patterns - even ruts - continue to exist. It'll take vigilance and self-control for me to resist their siren calls, wanting to be invoked as familiar responses. I'll need to keep voting for the divine states instead, without fail, if I want to remain in the vibration they resonate with.

It took experiencing these divine states all at once, which we'll all be doing in the months and years ahead, before this new space of self-confidence opened up.

This is so remarkable for me because, as I look back, I see that my self-confidence was what was damaged most in my early upbringing. So *this* is what it feels like....

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 4, 2019.

(2) I don't include exaltation because it was too brief. I don't retain a vivid memory of the experience but apparently I did make notes.

See "Love and Exaltation," August 16, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/08/16/280142/>.

"Spending Time in Exaltation," January 13, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/01/13/spending-time-exaltation/>.

"Back in the Treasure Chest," December 21, 2015, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/12/21/back-in-the-treasure-chest/>.

(3) The entire discussion follows:

Archangel Michael: So right now, the full presence, let us put it that way, the full presence of your angelic form both recent and original is anchored fully present within and around your human form.

Steve: What does that mean, "is anchored," Lord?

AAM: It means that the awareness, *when you choose to acknowledge it*, and the, shall we call it, the angelic abilities, are present in the human race, in the individual human form at this time so that the leap into Nova Being is in fact not as great as it might have been in other ages.

Steve: OK. Is there anything we should be doing to take advantage of this situation in the service of the Mother's Plan?

AAM: Yes. To become familiarized and, listen to what I say, yes, there is a great deal that could be done in terms of assisting the conclusion/next chapter/opening of the Mother's Plan by familiarizing oneself with their angelic self, with merging and acknowledging that there is no separation between your angelic self and your human self.

Now, what I say – and I need to emphasize this – I’ve used the word “familiarize,” not “be mesmerized by.” (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 16, 2020.)

Holding All the Divine Qualities at Once

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I remain fascinated with something Archangel Michael said recently. We were discussing the origin of wanting to forgive and yet feeling the need to protect.

I wanted to know if improvement in this area was dependent on the attainment of higher dimensionality (or less density). He discussed some of the factors and then added:

"It's also a function of those human beings, particularly those in the higher vibrations, learning to hold all the divine qualities and to be operating from all the divine qualities at once." (1)

I spent ten years reading only the works of enlightened authors - from 1987 to 1997. (2) Never, in my reading, did I come across an enlightened master advising their students to hold all the divine qualities and be operating from them all, at once.

Always it's been about choosing one of the "virtues" and mastering it. After enlightenment, one is considered a master of that virtue - or divine state - balance, equanimity, peacefulness, etc.

Additionally, very few enlightened sages discuss what we'd call "Ascension." The *New Testament* uses the term. Hindus call this stage of enlightenment - that is, ascension from the Third to the Fifth Dimension - Sahaja Samadhi. Here Sri Ramana describes it:

“[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 [hridayam], 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.” (3)

Sahaja is a full and permanent heart opening. It is also liberation (or moksha) from life and death - that is, from the Third-Dimensional need to be born and die. (4) There is no birth and death on the Fifth Dimension, as far as I know.

The Third Dimension is what we're being liberated from. Therefore Sri Ramana is describing Ascension.

We also talk interdimensionality and, if a sage did, it'd be a pretty-truncated version couched in a specialized terminology. We say, for instance, that this stage of enlightenment anchors a person in the Fifth or higher dimension. That kind of language was more or less not to be found in our enlightenment literature, as far as my studies went.

Back to Archangel Michael's bold assertion:

"... those human beings, particularly those in the higher vibrations, [are] learning to hold all the divine qualities and to be operating from all the divine qualities at once."

Why would he make such a statement that's so far outside our enlightenment traditions? He'd probably say we're ready for it. (5)

What does it mean to be ready for it?

It means by a combination of events we have ears to hear and the motivation to listen.

It means that the energies striking the planet have relieved us of some of the tensions and pressures of density we feel so that we're lighter and more aware; i.e., more evolved, ascended.

And how advanced? Advanced enough that we can entertain such a thought as "learning to hold all the divine qualities and to be operating from all the divine qualities at once."

I struggle with the thought. But it's been implanted in my mind, now. I probably won't be able to put it down.

Under what conditions might we hold all the divine qualities and be operating from them at once?

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 4, 2019.

(2) The database, *From Darkness Unto Light*, is the result. (https://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=From_Darkness_to_Light)

(3) Ramana Maharshi in Cohen, S.S., *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 96.

(4) Here are some from the other side sharing their thinking in this area:

Lao Tzu: "We have not spoken of this before because it was not yet time." ("Transcript: Lao Tzu on Humility on Heavenly Blessings," April 26, 2013, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/04/transcript-lao-tzu-on-humility-on-heavenly-blessings/>)

"In terms of human comprehension in this moment we need to feed or allow the opening of the understandings to the human Collective – we're talking about the broad Collective now – to be in 'bites' that they can chew, swallow and integrate." (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Andrew Eardsley through Linda Dillon on April 15, 2016.)

"We are at the point where we can have this broader, deeper conversation on the meaning of the journey." ("Transcript: Sanat Kumara: The Only Litmus Test is Love," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/04/10/sanat-kumara-the-only-litmus-test-is-love/>)

"My beloved friends, you are spiritually evolving and mature, so we can have a much broader conversation at this time." ("Transcript ~ Archangel Michael: Understand the Divine Gift of Will, AHWAA, September 22, 2016," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/09/30/transcript-archangel-michael-understand-divine-gift-will-ahwaa-september-22-2016/>.)

(4) Those who do discuss Sahaja don't make the links among the others who do, so one is obliged to piece the puzzle of different names for the same thing together.

Most discuss Brahmajnana, or seventh-chakra enlightenment.

⌘ The Basic Spiritual Movement ⌘

The Basic Spiritual Movement

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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 realizing itself as God, only to merge again with God when that realization is complete.

Jesus described it when he said, lo, I came from the Father out into the world and now I leave the world and return to the Father. 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.

Footnotes

(1) SaLuSa of Sirius, April 6, 2009, through Mike Quinsey, at http://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.

What's Basic Here?

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The Storm

We were told by SaLuSa on Sept. 12 that “once we can get started, you will find yourselves on a bit of a roller-coaster ride.” (1) We seem to be already on that roller-coaster ride.

Spaceships are circling the planet. Economies are falling. A new economy is waiting to be born. Conflict is breaking out around the world. Nations and armies are standing up to their erstwhile masters. Arrests are said to be occurring. No one knows if an attack these days is the elite attacking or being attacked.

In every area of light work, new initiatives are beginning, new coalitions forming, new knowledge coming to light. All is a whirlwind of activity.

At times like this, to ground my being, I ask myself: What's basic here? What never changes? What is this all about?

While Ascension itself is basic, any one Ascension is not. There are always more Ascensions. When I asked AA Michael what my next assignment was, on the private part of the tape I made with him, he told me of another Ascension, a higher

Ascension, happening after this one. On another occasion he had this to say about an even grander Ascension than that:

“There are many levels and stages of Ascension. ...

“Ultimately, we will experience the universal Ascension process together. This phase of Ascension will take place in the far-distant future; however, we in the higher realms of existence have had glimpses of this prodigious cosmic event and, we assure you, it is so magnificently complex and awe-inspiring that it is beyond your present comprehension.” (2)

Ascension is basic because it is one mechanism of a return to God and a return to God is basic. Regarding ever more enlightenments, each more basic, Franklin Merrell-Woolf once testified.

“A certain Sage..., speaking of unfolded Consciousness above the level of the highest human Adepts, said: ‘We attain glimpses of Consciousness so Transcendent, rising level upon level, that the senses fairly reel before the awe-inspiring Grandeur.’”

“Here, certainly, is space for evolution far beyond the highest possibility of man as man.” (3)

"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!" (4)

When Alfred Lord Tennyson was enlightened by a Seraph on the shores of Africa, Tennyson fell on his face and the angel picked him up. What the angel said is instructive.

“With ministering hand [the seraph] rais'd me up:
Then with a mournful and ineffable smile,
Which but to look on for a moment fill'd
My eyes with irresistible sweet tears...

""There is no mightier Spirit than I to sway
The heart of man: and teach him to attain
By shadowing forth the Unattainable...."" (5)

“Shadowing forth the Unattainable.” We can’t know God. “We” disappear at the end and God remains eternally unknowable.

Nevertheless, God and the knowing of God are basic. The rest of this, as grand and exciting as it may be, is just a passing show, whether it be war or peace, loss or salvation, the pit of despair or the heights of elation.

We are here to know the One. We are here to know ourselves. We and the One are the same. And all of this show is simply here to reveal to us our own true nature.

When things get as busy as they are now, because people are awakening, rising up, refusing and embracing, I remind myself that, as glorious as it is, it serves only my own personal awakening, and your own personal awakening, and the awakening of us all. Not an awakening to our shift, not even an awakening to only one particular Ascension, as if it were the end-all and be-all, but a full and complete awakening to our own true Self. There is nothing else that's happening here but a sleep and an awakening.

So don't be swept away by the busy-ness of the moment. Don't lose your grip on things. The rush and roar is not what's happening here. It's as much a passing show as a storm of a half-day's duration. There's something more basic happening here, and that's our own deepest awakening. Hold fast to that.

See that as what's happening. Sink down deeply into that. Let all of this, as chaotic and insane as it may seem, and serve that.

Footnotes

(1) SaLuSa, Sept. 12, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(2) Archangel Michael, “Passport to Ascension,” May 2009, through Ronna Herman, at <http://www.ronnastar.com/latest.html>

(3) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness. New York: Julian Press, 1973, 5.

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(5) Alfred Lord Tennyson in Marghanita Laski, *Ecstasy in Secular and Religious Experiences*. Los Angeles: Tarcher, 1961, 401-2.

Clarity, Purity, and Love: The Basic Spiritual Movement Restated

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It is truly a privilege to speak to the Divine Mother, who treats one with kid gloves (usually!!!) 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 the 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, yes, enlightenment is the purpose of life. But the acquisition of discrimination 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. I don't understand or read eternal time, so to speak, I'm afraid.

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 year 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 http://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.

(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.]

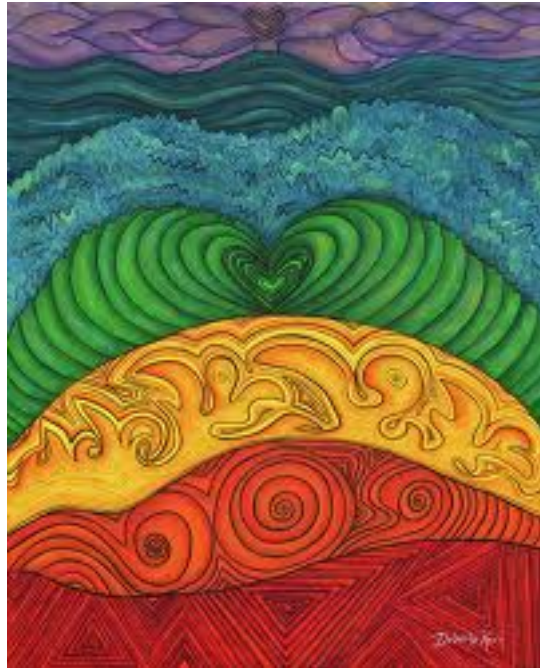
(4) Ibid., 100. The whole passage is instructive:

"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.)

What is There to Let Go of?

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God created this whole illusory world for Her own pleasure. She created a game of life.

God sent “bits” of Herself out into the world to know Herself. God is Indivisible so this too is a loose manner of speaking. Anything said about God is equally loose. But we are obliged to communicate so we must deal with each other in words, as loose as they may be.

Since God is all there is, knowing Herself is a challenge. Many of us know ourselves as a result of interaction. But there’s no one for God to interact with

and so She created us finger puppets. We interact with each other. And each time one of us realizes who we really are (God), God meets God.



God made up certain rules for this game of life called “natural” or “universal laws.” They governed what could be done and what could not.

God made certain statements that reveal that She has made a world and made up the rules of how to participate in that world. Here is one from the *Bhagavad-Gita*, the Song of God:

“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.” (1)

She allowed us the limited ability to create. She gave us freewill to do as we like. She created a graduated world in which, the more we learned of our own true nature, the more we advanced through these layers or dimensions. The “higher” the dimension, the more wonderful they become as we approach “nearer” and “nearer” to God. (All these are loose ways of speaking.)



As we learned more, we created more. But sometimes what we created was “not-Divine.” (How can anything be “not Divine” in a world in which only the Divine is? Again more loose speaking and more paradox.)

That which increased our separation from God could be said to be “not-divine.” Ignorance, hatred, vengefulness, coldness – all of these increase the (apparent) “gulf” between us and God and can be said to be “not-divine.”

God gave us hints on how to return home. For instance, Krishna, an Incarnation of God, gave us this clue:

“I am all that a man may desire
Without transgressing
The law of his nature.” (2)

If one asked what could be safely embraced as being Divine, then Krishna has answered that question: “I,” that is God, am all that can be desired, sought, or embraced without invoking a compensating and correcting natural law.



The Divine Itself and everything that is qualitatively like the divine is all that we can desire, seek and embrace without incurring karma or corrective action. In this game of blind man's bluff, it is as if God were saying: "Not that. Not that. I am over here."

The world that God created is full of paradoxes. For instance it is equally true to say that "I am not within any creature. ... My Being sustains all creatures and brings them to birth, but has no physical contact with them" and to say that God exists in the heart as the Self, Christ, or Atman.

The mind reels at that statement and says how can God not exist within any creature and exist within every creature as the flame in the heart? God is too big to enter the heart. God is indivisible. Etc. One answer is that that flame does not exist as any physical entity. Another answer is that God does not "exist" within anyone. Still another answer is that a small "particle" of God,

and not God Herself, exists within anyone, as far as the Indivisible can be said to have or make fragments of itself or particles.

The answer is that the mind cannot figure out this puzzle. It never could and never will be able to.

So what there is to be let go of is equally a paradox. Because what there is to be let go of is anything that is not divine. But given that everything is divine, what could be “not divine”? Again that is left for us to discover. And it cannot be discovered by the mind, although it can be discovered by the heart.

Anything that “separates” us from God could be said to be “not divine.” Anything that obscures God in Her native state could be said to be “not divine.” Anything that harms another, disadvantages another, blocks us or another from knowing ourselves as divine could be said to be “not divine.”

And the list goes on.

So what there is to be let go of, speaking in common and simple language, though inviting paradox, is everything that is not divine. It is left to us, in the course of many lives, to find out what is not divine, to find out what it means to “let go” of it, and to discover what results.

Footnotes

(1) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c194, 80.

(2) Ibid., 71.

The New Sacred. The Everyday Sacred

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Anandamoyi Ma: The embodiment of the sacred Credit: Marco Mazzella

The subject of the "sacred" has been pressing itself upon my consciousness.. We tend to think of the sacred as being associated with people dressed in miters and robes, swinging censers full of incense or people singing bhajans (hymns), playing the tabla (drum) and harmonium.

For me, there's nothing inherently sacred about these practices. It isn't that they're anti-sacred. They're not. They're just not inherently sacred.

Therefore I'm willing to guess that perhaps 90% of what we consider to be sacred is not.

For me, what determines whether something is sacred or not is whether it raises our consciousness. For me, a lot of what passes as sacred actually lowers my consciousness.

Having to sit on a pew, listening to a preacher teach obedience to the church, singing hymns that mean nothing to me actually lowers my consciousness. I may feel bored or irritated or disagreeable.

What inspires me, what uplifts my consciousness, what leaves me in love, joy and bliss, that to me is sacred.

And sacred is for me a relative matter, a relationship. So for instance, transformative love and conscious awareness compared to ordinary love and unconscious awareness are sacred. The divine qualities, generally, compared to the mundane qualities, generally, are sacred.

Generosity, enthusiasm, and helpfulness when compared with stinginess, dullness, and a refusal to help are sacred.

Anandamoyi Ma used to break into dance while in trance. That was viewed as a sacred moment. The bishop walking down the aisle in full regalia does not raise within me the sacred (it may in some people).

I consider another state of being to be identical or almost identical to sacred and that is "regal." I've experienced a Seventh-Dimensional state some years ago that I would call "regal," which was also "sacred." I have a friend who walks regally and is regal. It's a joy to watch her and everything she does has an air of being sacred.

When I was in that state, nothing bothered me and I felt no need to move a muscle. Everything that happened was occurring through telepathy. I acted without acting, did without doing. (1)

If one has a reaction to a religious term like "sacred," I'd suggest walking through the 'regal' door. It's often easier and more acceptable in our skeptical society than sacred. I think one would end up in the same space.

Like sacred, regal has its realm of non-applicability. A monarch who's behaving badly, though regal, is not regal in the sense I mean it. I mean that they have a natural nobility which shines through and expresses to all around them universal love, compassion, and the divine qualities.

This is the most trying period of life I've ever been through. Financial pressures are forcing one team member after another to leave. We're shrinking in size. We're all of us under tremendous pressure. Some disagreements rise based solely on lack.

And when I look for relief and for a way to be, I'm being internally pushed more and more towards the sacred or regal. It's as if the tube is being squeezed so hard that whatever was in there, way at the bottom of it, is being forced up to the surface.

And way at the bottom of all my feelings, thoughts, intentions, and desires is the desire for the peace, bliss, and joy that comes with the sacred. The sacredness of higher dimensionality. The new sacred. The everyday sacred.

Footnotes

(1) 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. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 13, 2011.)

The Arcturians through Sue Lie: Seventh [Dimension] is your Oversoul.
(Arcturians in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Sue Lie, March 17, 2013.)

Embrace Love, Truth, and Peace

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The Mother incarnated as Mary, Maré, the Ocean of Love

I quoted the Mother recently:

"This is my clarion call to all of humanity to embrace love, to embrace truth, to embrace peace." (1)

Why love, truth, and peace?

Because these are important elements - our shields and our bucklers - in completing the journey Home.

Each of them describes the whole from a certain angle. Each is therefore a context, something that holds everything. Everything is love. Love is a context for all of life ... and I suppose beyond. Truth and peace can hold everything. Each is a context.

Hatred cannot be said to *be* everything or *include* or *hold* everything in its scope or meaning. It's not a context, but a condition of life.

More relevant to us here, love is an attractive force and when we love something we draw it nearer to us by the law of attraction.

To complete our journey Home, what is there to love? (2)

The truth. Is that not what this journey is all about? To discover the truth of who we are? By loving the truth, we draw it to us.

Why be doing that? Because when one of us realizes the truth of who we are, God meets God. For that mystical meeting was this whole world of illusion built. (3)

Me telling you the truth won't do a thing. You are God. There. How do you feel?

The truth has to be experienced and realized before it has its wonderful effect.

To what end?

When we know the truth, we enter into undisturbable peace, the peace that passeth understanding, in which all the other divine qualities have free play. The One is perfect peace.

"This is my clarion call to all of humanity to embrace love, to embrace truth, to embrace peace."

In my opinion, this is a simple, all-weather, all-round formula for completing the journey Home.

Footnotes

(1) "The Mother's Clarion Call to All of Humanity! April 20, 2020, through Linda Dillon," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/04/20/the-mothers-clarion-call-to-all-of-humanity/>.

(2) If we're really talking about higher-dimensional love and not earthly attachment and dependence, then does it matter what we love as long as we do?

Love must flow. We experience it as it arises from our hearts and passes through us but it has to go from us to somewhere else.

In fact it flows universally and where needed.

But what is there to love if we want to complete the journey Home?

(3) For more on the subject, see *What is the Purpose of Life?* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Purpose-of-Life-R5.pdf>

For background, download *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <https://gaog.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>

Creative Balance

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Are the animals ahead of us?

I began my career as a historian examining how late-Victorian authors in English Canada represented the process of growth. (1)

They believed in something contemporary historians came to call "creative repression": We grow by denying ourselves.

The body was seen as a fixed energy system. If we wasted our energy physically, we'd pay for it emotionally or psychologically, etc. There would be a snapback, a boomerang effect.

Women who give too much vent to emotions come to suffer from neurasthenia or nervous exhaustion. Men who bleed off their sexual energy through masturbation go mad.

Or so the theory went.

My generation, which was looking at the late Victorians, viewed its own philosophy as being "creative expression": We believed we grew by expressing ourselves. Let it all hang out. Cool, man, cool. We tried everything, explored every path, visited every sacred place.

I've covered what happened to the flower children elsewhere. They were destroyed by the same forces that now want to rule the Earth. It was easy for them; they had a secret weapon called "automation." (2)

But let's leave that and fast forward to the present.

Now we stand on the brink of monumental breakthroughs for civilization. Not only are we in a consciousness shift, but going alongside of it is the opportunity to meet the many star civilizations which have always stood as our protectors.

They're bound by universal law to allow us our freewill so they stay in the background, but they keep us from becoming totally overwhelmed by evil forces roaming the universe.

We're their descendants. They're our ancestors. For many from the star systems concerned, this is a reunion.



When we consider meeting a more-highly-developed star being, letting it all hang out won't cut it. Hiding our light under a bushel won't make it either. We're called upon to offer them a spiritually-mature adult (don't think I don't find this challenging; I do).

This is not the lifetime to repress ourselves or make ourselves objectionable by being overly exuberant. It's a time to consider how these other civilizations operate and how we can accommodate them. Having read their messages on how challenging it is for them to meet with us and how Ashtar, for instance, refuses to come below the Fifth, I feel humble.

If we can raise our vibrations and moderate our exuberance enough to meet with them, I imagine they already know about it and will welcome our partnership at the appropriate time.

The place we need to come from if we're to meet them at something of a level field

I've called before our balancepoint, middle, center, heart, soul, or Self.

What can we call a philosophy that espouses coming from that place? Keeping with the naming convention, why don't we call it "creative balance": We grow by balancing ourselves.

And the methodology itself? The context or paradigm? Why don't we call that dynamic balance or flow.

I assert that this is the paradigm or context that will be called out of us by contact with higher-dimensional civilizations. If we want to prepare for First Contact, I suggest we look at mastering dynamic balance or flow.

We need not only be balanced sitting here in meditation, but remain balanced when we get up off our cushion and recover everyday reality.

It's easy to flow in a body as light as the down at the base of a feather, such as our astral bodies. Flowing is then natural.

It's here in these dense 3D physical bodies that it's a distinct chore, if we even get up to thinking it might work. Many of us - perhaps even most of us - are sunk in what Hindus call the guna of thamas or lethargy - deep sleep.

At least that's how we may appear to higher-dimensional beings, when compared to their own extraordinary lightness of being.

Meanwhile the more balanced we are, the more easily we can absorb and assimilate the higher energies being sent to us for our gradual Ascension. Nothing impedes their entry into us when we're in the stillness and quiet that comes with balance.

Therefore neither creative repression nor creative expression is particularly useful to this generation. From a number of perspectives, however, creative, dynamic balance or flow would definitely be.

As we get more and more balanced, we're less under attack by our own strong emotions. We feel lighter and happier, more joyful and satisfied, more loving and blissful.

If we look, we find that we're located in the middle, in the center, in the heart, the soul, the Self. All is quiet here and still, materially. But here the immaterial divine qualities flow freely.

Let me draw a line under that: There is no material movement here, but there is a flow of the immaterial divine qualities. This immaterial flow has been largely overlooked in the classical view of enlightenment.

The mind is quiet. The heart is full of love. The knowing here is from a deeper place than the mind.

I'm convinced that the heart is the portal for us to all the higher dimensions. I once described us as a balloon that was twisted into two. One part is "us." The other part is the higher dimensions.

To untwist the balloon is to experience the full and permanent heart opening that is Ascension. Now the balloon is untwisted and ... it's found to contain the same air (love) as the rest of the balloon. Heavens. It was all One. This false partition prevented us seeing that.

That's about the way it is.

As we journey further and further into this mystery, meeting our galactic forebears along the way, all depends on balancing out more and more appetites, desires, wishes, wants, and anything else that attracts us "away from" God (as if that were possible). The basic spiritual movement is from the world to God. The goal is mergence with the One again. (3)

When we're in balance with our earthly desires - neither craving nor avoiding - the longing for liberation can assert itself and draw us Home. (4)

Footnotes

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(3) Seng T'san describes the state of equilibrium or balance:

"The Great Way isn't difficult
for those who are unattached to their preferences.
Let go of longing and aversion,
and everything will be perfectly clear.
When you cling to a hairbreadth of distinction,
heaven and earth are set apart.
If you want to realize the truth,
don't be for or against."

(Seng T'san, *The Mind of Absolute Trust*
[*The Book of Nothing*].
from a literal translation
by Robert F. Olson
<https://selfdiscoveryportal.com/cmSengTsan.htm>.)

(4) "[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-Dionysius, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 54.)

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Connecting the Spiritual Dots

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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 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.

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 transforms. 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 [natural state]," 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 finally opens, we are ushered into 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 a corps of 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 all in Nova Gaia, a world at peace, a world 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 Transcendental 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/>

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The Biblical Code

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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'll point to a few examples of that code and translate their encoded words back into plain and simple language, 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 "On the Nature of the Divine Mother" in this book.)



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 that 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 am 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)

“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 Svadhisthana, 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 have 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.

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(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.)

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Cracking the Code, 2013

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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 when the "last day of mortality" is being discussed. 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 would turn on you. 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 is 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/>

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A Rosetta Stone of Religion



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 will 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 are successful, we shall 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." Moreover, we

know that both Sri Ramakrishna and Ibn Arabi agree that this is equivalent to the pure intellect.

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.

We shall be watching for the masters to furnish us with connecting links between their discussions of these High Powers and when we find them we shall be examining them as lines of connection among religions.

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 illuminated experience.

As we connect more dots, we will hear the Christ referred to by many more names – the Prince of Peace, the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in a field, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree (the tree being the Father or Brahman).

We shall hear It 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.

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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.)

The Divine Syntax

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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.

David Wilcock has suggested that Ascension may happen for some of us before Dec. 21, 2012. (1) Ascension implies reaching the zero point of time.

I know very little about the Fibonacci sequence, golden ratio, etc. David appears to know a great deal about it. But if we discuss the sine wave that the divine energy is, that becomes another matter.

As far as I'm aware, Hindus call that 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 Om 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. (2)

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, (3) 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.

The Mother herself acknowledged this distinction:

Divine Mother: I am known as all. I am known as love, as dynamic action, as movement, as constant change, as fulfillment. Sometimes you tend to think of me as the Holy Spirit, but there is more to me than that, and there is a shade of the Father within there as well. But I am known by the movement within you and the movement within your Earth, within all things, within all universes.

I am a birther and a giver. I am the unchanging movement, and the constantly changing movement. I am the rhythm. I am the flow. I am Mother. (4)

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 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, 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 one 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 highest or sattwa, until they are freed from all three and eventually 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 Divine Mother, Holy Spirit, 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'd call this the vision of Brahman or the Holy Father. I'd

also call it God-Realization, Self-Realization, Brahmajnana, or kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi [trance state without form]. We now know that we are one with God.

Now I'm 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-aperture), we pass beyond the chakra system. I would call this the vision of Parabrahman, vijnana, or sahaja samadhi [natural state]. 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've 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 "God has become everything." (4) 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-Aperture or Hridayam 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, which defy imagination.

Footnotes

(1) "My readings have told me, for what it's worth, that some of us will be able to have ascended abilities, I mean full-on ascended abilities, prior to the actual shift

happening [in 2012]." (David Wilcock, *2012 Enigma*, Part 10, at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-d7DfsJrHU&feature=related>.)

(2) "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." (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 218. Hereafter GSR.)

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Devotional Attitudes

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Some people worship God as their child

I wonder if you'd permit me to address a couple of matters that emerge from answering email. The first is the matter of asking me to cease addressing Archangel Michael as "Lord."

There are several traditional attitudes that people adopt in their devotional relationship with the Divine. Hindus have studied this subject the most deeply, in my opinion.

These attitudes reflect one's own temperament and perceived connection with God or with his angels. One is the friend, another the lover, the parent, the child, etc. And one is the servant.

I am a servant of Archangel Michael. That doesn't mean that you are or have to be. But I am. And to stop addressing Archangel Michael as "Lord" would be like asking me to do something untoward or reprehensible.

Please know that I feel exposed enough as it is having landed in a society that does not value the word "Lord" without taking up that practice myself.

How others proceed is up to them. This is (becoming) a free society, where we don't ask people to conform to our usage, providing theirs is not causing harm.

The use of the word "Lord" in relationship to the archangels meets with a response from my heart, a flood of love, a sense of true proportion.

It honors the very wide gulf there is between the manner in which Archangel Michael sees and the manner in which I see. And it honors the fact that I serve him. It's "proportionate" to me. It feels appropriate or fitting. It may not feel the same to you and I honor that.

In India, where the traditional devotional attitudes toward the Divine are well known, one does not ask a devotee to stop talking to Krishna as if he were one's child. One allows each person to choose the form of their relationship with the Lord.

I'd be happy to see us start doing that in the Western world as well - to allow each person to form their relationship with God in a way they prefer, rather than asking one person not to relate to God or the archangels in the way that he or she wishes.

A Question of Balance

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A friend was saying that he was talking to his ten-year-old son the other day and mentioned that moderation was a good thing, only to have the son reply: "Except in love, Dad."

Out of the mouths of babes. Although we know the "babes" here right now are anything but babes. Does this not illustrate how the new generation will lead us?

I wanted to mention what I think are some of the exceptions to the notion that all must be in moderation or balance. I do so not pretending to be a spiritual teacher because I'm no such thing. Just a person who loves writing on these themes.

I need to go a little ways back by saying it's my suspicion that a universal law is a universal law simply because God says it is or commands it. It's my view that God's speaking alone causes changes in the universe, in the rules of the game, in the universal laws, etc. Sri Ramakrishna described the situation this way: "He who has made the law can also change it." (1)

Therefore there can be any number of exceptions to any situation, as God wills. His (her, its) will is apparently irresistible.

In a pre-recorded interview with Archangel Michael, he explained that the Mother can call a person back from many dimensions. It isn't necessary, he says, that they go through all dimensions in their return to God.

He added that they actually do go through all dimensions, as it turns out, but at the speed of love. The point is that the Mother and Father can create or change any situation they want. That's the nature of the world we live in.

So it shouldn't come as a surprise that there are exceptions to the counsel to observe moderation in all things.

Krishna talked about one exception and I've referred to this quote before.

"I am all that a man may desire
Without transgressing
The law of his nature." (2)

So God is all we can desire without incurring karma.

If we desire God, we don't have to be moderate in that desire. We can desire God with wild abandon and ecstasy and it won't harm us.

I believe that exception extends to the divine qualities as well as God, God and his (her, its) divine qualities being one and the same. So I think that desiring love, bliss, etc., immoderately also will not harm us.

Jesus hinted at this as well when he said:

"Thou shalt love the Lord the God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind.

"This is the first and great commandment." (3)

All thy heart, soul and mind seems to suggest loving God to whatever degree one wishes and the strength of that desire is not harmful.

Granted that the Buddha's Middle Way is a path of moderation and balance, the Middle Way seems to relate to the care of the body and mind.

You remember that the Buddha had been an ascetic and was starving his body. When he heard the music teacher say to his student not to tune the vina's strings too tightly because they would break or too loosely because they would not play,

he had a realization that the Middle Way was the best path to what he considered the supreme enlightenment. And it probably is.

Equanimity is also said to be the royal path to God. But equanimity is meant towards the things of the world, not towards God.

Indians particularly reverence the ecstatic saint. St. Francis was called God's fool for his ecstatic love of God. Ecstasy is not a harmful state and yet it is anything but moderate or balanced. And the ecstatic saint is hardly equanimous towards God.

So there are exceptions to the counsel that moderation is best in all things or that balance is always to be preferred. Not apparently in our longing for God.

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Balance and the Mystical Heart

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To push out into the unknown and discuss spiritual matters or anything else in Third Dimensionality, we use language. And using language usually means using metaphors.

A metaphor establishes that something unknown is, in an important way, like something known. We try to push out into the unknown by extending the known. In a certain sense, all that we are doing, really, is reducing the unknown to the known. And the Unknowable can never be known that way.

The value of this approach is that it yields insights; its drawback is that it obscures as much as it reveals, often much more, and in the most critical instance, that of knowing the Unknowable, it yields nothing at all.

Let's look at the manner in which metaphors can obscure relationships.

Take the notion of balance, for instance. We can say that balance is like a teeter-totter. We can compare our ups and downs to a teeter totter out of balance. This leads us to say that we need to bring our moods into balance, into the center.

But in all the years I've been observing myself, I'm not aware of how I can "bring my moods into balance." For me, this metaphor obscures more than it illuminates.

However, if I see the situation in terms of there being a center, "being in balance" then becomes "remaining in the center" and a better metaphor than bringing our moods into balance becomes one of "letting go" of what keeps us on the extremes or the peripheries and away from the center.

Jesus recently spoke about this type of metaphor of the situation, which has greater advantages than representing balance as a matter of bringing the teeter-totter to the horizontal. He characterized what I've called "letting go" as "relaxing and allowing."

"You are *already* part of God, so you do not need to strive to become aware of this. Instead, relax and *allow* this state, your natural state to embrace you.

...

"If you will relax and accept them gratefully as they occur you will learn them easily and quickly. If you rile up against them they will just continue to present themselves to you until you do learn them, and this can bring you a considerable amount of pain and suffering." (1)

Using this metaphor of "letting go" brings us in line with such teachings as the Buddha's that says the primary difficulty we face in remaining in the center are the impacts of craving and aversion or wanting and rejecting. The more we let go of wants and "don't wants," or desires, or preferences, the easier it becomes to stay in the center.

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And what is it about the center that recommends itself to us? We do we want to remain in balance and in the center?

The matter becomes clearer when we use the more common name for the center: the heart. Here I don't mean the physical heart on the left side of the body, or even the heart chakra. Instead I mean what Hindus call the "hridayam" or spiritual heart. Of it Sri Ramana Maharshi said:

“Call it by any name, God, Self, the Heart or the Seat of Consciousness, it is all the same. The point to be grasped is this, that HEART means the very Core of one’s being, the Centre, without which there is nothing whatever.”
(2)

Of it, Sri Aurobindo said:

“According to the ancient teaching the seat of the immanent Divine, the hidden Purusha [Divine Person], is in the mystic heart, -- the secret heart-cave, *hridaye guhayam*, as the Upanishads put it, -- and, according to the experience of many Yogins, it is from its depths that there comes the voice or breath of the inner oracle.” (3)

Ramana offered this illuminating description of the heart or center. But we have to remember that this description is from the standpoint of Third Dimensionality and not from that of the absolute truth.

“That from which all thoughts of embodied beings issue forth is called the Heart. All descriptions of it are only mental concepts.

“The 'I'-thought is said to be the root of all thoughts. In brief, that from which the 'I'-thought springs forth is the Heart.

“If the Heart be located in anahata chakra, how does the practice of yoga begin in muladhara?

“This Heart is different from the blood-circulating organ. 'Hridayam' stands for hrit 'the centre which sucks in everything', and ayam 'this' and it thus stands for the Self.

“The location of this Heart is on the right side of the chest, not at all on the left. The light (of awareness) flows from the Heart through sushumna [the spinal canal] to sahasrara [crown chakra]. ...

“The whole universe is in the body and the whole body is in the Heart. hence all the universe is contained in the Heart.

“The universe is nothing but the mind, and the mind is nothing but the Heart. Thus the entire story of the universe culminates in the Heart.

“The Heart is to the body what the sun is to the world. The mind in sahasrara is like the orb of the moon in the world.

“As the sun gives light to the world, even so this Heart gives light to the mind.

“A mortal absent from the Heart perceives only the mind, just as the light of the moon is perceived at night in the absence of the sun.

“Not perceiving that the true source of light is one's own Self, and mentally perceiving objects as apart from oneself, the ignorant one is deluded. ...

“The Supreme is nothing but the Heart. (4)

We know that God is everything and yet Sri Ramana calls the heart the special place of the Supreme. Sri Ramana has said that knowledge of the heart leads to knowledge of the inner universe and the One. The center or heart therefore becomes a special place for us to focus our attention on and know.

Given that focusing our attention on the heart can lead to enlightenment and knowledge of the entire universe, one can speculate that focusing on the center or heart is focusing on the one place that is assured of opening us up more and more. The center or heart comes to be a place of immense interest to anyone of spiritual inclination.

Sri Krishna has said:

“I am all that a man may desire
Without transgressing
The law of his nature.” (5)

God is the only thing that can be desired without evoking negative karma. And even God, at the last moment before enlightenment, may need to be surrendered as an idea for us to realize Him (Her or It).

But before that moment, desiring God is the only desire that does not harm. Therefore focusing on the center is a point of focus that cannot harm, but in fact infinitely opens up before us.

Thus, the basic spiritual movement is to turn from the world of the five senses to God the insensible. If the compass is conceived of as having 360 degrees, only one degree – that which points to God – does not harm us or evoke more negative karma.

This same message is conveyed in the metaphor that sees the heart as a swing (jula) that seats only one person. If we place any other object of desire on it than God, God will not sit on our swing.

The more we let go of or detach from worldly desires and remain in the center, the more we are focusing on the heart. Moreover, as it turns out, the more we focus on the heart, the more mature and adult are our responses to events. The more we experience our love and radiate it out to other beings, the more we are focusing on our heart. The more we meditate on the hridayam, the more we are inviting the knowledge of God.

The heart is the doorway to the Kingdom of Heaven. The center is the portal through which we enter into the knowledge of the Self, of who we are. To realize the heart is to fulfil the purpose of life, which is to know our true nature. All good comes from focusing on our heart or remaining in the center.

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Resting in Simple, Bare Awareness

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We're told that the Alliance and the Company of Heaven could not negate the dark's plan for a pandemic; instead what they did was make use of it.

One of the uses the Alliance made of it was to continue the lockdown to keep people inside while the Alliance took down DUMBs (deep underground military bunkers) around the world, public officials, human-trafficking operations, weather-warfare systems, deep-state labs, etc.

The Company of Heaven, rather than the Alliance, encouraged people to use the lockdown as a pause in which to take stock and create our future direction.

I wanted to take advantage of the pause for that purpose, myself.

Here I am taking stock and creating my future direction (as far as it lies within my power to maneuver, given binding financial and other soul contracts).

To take stock of what I'm interested in, I'll use a scale of 1 to 10, ten being extremely interested and 0 being not at all interested.

As far as worldly possessions go, I can take 'em or leave 'em. I don't want a chateau in the south of France. I don't want to gamble at Monaco. I don't want to own a jet airplane. (1) I give the desire for material possessions a 1/10.

I give metaphysics a 4/10. Even though I know that creation is a wonderful process, I definitely have no great or enduring interest in the metaphysical. That reflects my interest in humanism rather than science, qualitative studies rather than quantitative.

I give the mystical 7/10. I'm definitely interested in the divine qualities; especially, love and truth. I know my long-term task is to discover the reality of the mystery that I am and we are. But that task is not present enough to grip my attention day by day.

Moreover, I'm not, and never have been, interested in ceremony, ritual, etc., even though I respect those who are and know the value of those activities. These pursuits just don't suit me and I'm not worried about missing out. I know that all roads lead to Home.

But the thing which I'm boundlessly interested in and which I give 10/10 to is personal growth and enlightenment. So not just the gradual growth but also the sudden illumination, for which the growth is preparation.

Personal growth includes such topics as awareness, responsibility, self-expression, integrity, transparency, etc.

Even here I specialize in awareness. God for me is SatChitAnanda. Sat is Truth. Chit is Awareness. Ananda is Bliss. Awareness of the Truth brings Bliss.

Now, as I wrote that, I caught a wave of bliss and felt elevated for a moment.

Joseph Campbell said to follow your bliss. I agree with him that bliss is maximally satisfying and optimally elevating and that following it in our work leads to incredible satisfaction.

The Mother advises us only to do that which causes us to want to tap our toes, blissfully.

"Does [the activity you're considering] bring joy to your heart? Does it ignite that wonderful smile in your tummy? Does it make your feet tap, wanting to get going? Does it feel like love?

"Does it feel that you could take this project, whatever it is, and show it to me in full confidence and pride that this is something that you are offering yourself, each other, and the multiverse, the omniverse.

"Now, if it does not give you that feeling, then set it aside. Go on to the next idea. Because the inspiration that you are being flooded with — and I mean each and every one of you - [means] you are not in a lull. You are overwhelmed with ideas. So go to the next one, and say, all right, is this the one that makes my heart sing? And it may be a multitude of steps.

"Do what feels like unbridled joy. That is how you create Nova Earth. That is how you say, as a human, as a creator race, this is how I work with the elementals, with the kingdoms, with the devas, with the planet, with my guides, with my star brothers and sisters, with the Company of Heaven." (2)

Writing brings me unbridled growth and so does working out in a growth retreat or workshop, sharing in an enlightenment intensive, meditating in a Zen retreat, rebirthing, body work, etc.

We talk about personal growth, the term "growth" seeming to point to expansion - of our self-confidence, authority, heart consciousness, etc.

But there's another, equally important part of personal growth, which involves going inwards. Sri Ravi Shankar once summarized it beautifully: "Settle into being."

Settle - to allow, to release resistance to, to rest in. Being - Our heart, our soul, our Self. To rest or, to use Ramana's phrase, to "abide" in the Self, which is to say, to abide in love.

Some people love walks in nature; some people love to dive deep in the ocean; I love to rest in awareness of my Self.

You know that I don't regard awareness as neutral, but as dissolutive (my word). Resting in awareness of any unwanted condition causes the condition to lift.

And I burrow down into being by remaining aware of whatever presents itself and allowing it to disappear, removing one layer of the onion after another.

To rest in awareness is my favorite activity and most favored state. Here I am on a ferry, returning from family duties in Victoria, and I'm repeatedly drawn to close my eyes and settle into being.

I let the cares of the moment disappear and calm down, settle down, and rest in simple, bare awareness.

At this moment, life could not better be.

Footnotes

(1) But I do harbor a secret desire to fly in a Supermarine Spitfire.

(2) "The Divine Mother Blesses Nova Earth Day, Feb. 14, 2013," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/nova-earth-day/the-divine-mother-blesses-nova-earth-day-feb-14-2013/>.

The Divine Qualities and the Awareness Path

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How does the contribution that the awareness path makes fit in with the Company of Heaven's encouragement to take up the new paradigm of the divine qualities?

If there were no obstacles in our path, a simple taking up of the divine qualities would suffice. The reminder that love is all that's needed would be accurate and sufficient.

But two circumstances make it advisable to add to them the awareness path's complement of skills and insights.

The first is that we're not out of the time of difficulties yet. Given that we remain in the situation of a crumbling economy, preliminary to the introduction of NESARA, lightworkers are themselves faced with difficult financial circumstances.

Whenever financial need arises, whenever the existing resources are not sufficient to see to the needs of all, pressures arise. When the water is lowered in the river, the rocks become visible. When financial resources dip, the rocks in our common social life can become visible. The needs of people can compete and disagreements can arise.

When they do, lightworkers need conflict resolution skills and many of these are provided by the Growth Movement and the awareness path. To be aware of our acts and numbers, to raise to awareness our hidden agendas and investments, to share and say how we feel - all these and other techniques provide the information to resolve conflict and restore harmony.

The second is that lightworkers are joining together across the world and, when people from different backgrounds take up common work, various situations can arise that challenge understanding and invite confusion and disagreement.

One region of the world may see itself as a leader, with prerogatives and privileges, and this may be resented by lightworkers from other areas. Gender issues may arise. Religious issues.

Whenever they do, conflict-resolution tools may be needed and these are supplied by the Growth Movement.

So it isn't that the new paradigm is not where we're headed. It is that the journey to get to where we're headed may feature conflict which the simple assertion of the divine qualities may not address.

I'm not somehow advocating that people forget about the divine qualities and concentrate on using the awareness techniques that reveal to us our automatic and artificial behavior. I'm suggesting that we cultivate the divine qualities and when conflict arises bring in the additional tools of the Growth Movement.

Awareness of Higher Dimensions

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I was triggered by something Archangel Michael said that I partially quoted yesterday. The full quote is:

Archangel Michael: I remind you that you are a pillar, that you [are] not [to] venture too far ahead of where people are, both individually in terms of your smaller circle but also in terms of the collective. ... A very large quotient, shall we say, of you is living ... in the higher-dimensional realm.

Then there is a part of you that is in the morass of the chaos [of] the lower-dimensional realm because that's where the work is. (1)

I don't believe I'm alone in straddling dimensions. The Divine Mother implies as much here:

"Your Ascension is assured. And each of you are already well within that process. And whether you are acknowledging the shift in realities or not, you are upon a planet, my sentient Gaia, who has anchored herself in the 5th.

“Therefore, whether you are choosing to acknowledge it or not, your being and the ability to access and to expand into that beingness is already primarily anchored in a different dimensional reality.” (2)

That was a general statement made on *An Hour with an Angel*.

I'm just starting to get a glimmer of the part that is "living ... in the higher-dimensional realm."

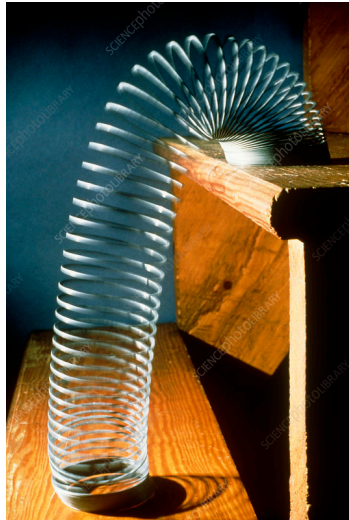
Let me use a picture to illustrate how it feels:



Hoyle Water Man: Extraterrestrial Communication

The graphic shows an intelligent water column, used by extraterrestrials to announce their presence in a non-threatening way to the terrestrials aboard an underwater research station.

Like the water man or like a Slinky, the front part of me is aware and participating in the Third/Fourth Dimension but the back part of me extends, apparently, into higher dimensions. I feel the latter part as a background of a much higher mood level than what I'm feeling in this front part of my being, the part I present to the world, my everyday consciousness.



Except for a very slight degree of background awareness, I've been almost totally unaware of the back part.

But now that I *am* aware of it, I can breathe into it, which usually excites a divine state, if this is what I'm feeling. Yes, it does draw bliss to me.

Oh, this is pleasant. ... The bliss continues. I rest in it.

How tricky this now becomes.

"Our desire is not to separate you from the collective." (3)

"I remind you that ... you [are] not [to] venture too far ahead of where people are, both individually in terms of your smaller circle but also in terms of the collective." (4)

To bliss out, to go too much further into it would be to venture too far. There's a working level of bliss which merely ameliorates everything without seducing the person. I remember working with that between Sept. 28, 2015 and mid-January 2016. (5) That's what I'll aim for.

In this divine state, experienced at a "working level," everything is all right. The circumstances are what they are, but the internal experience is quite OK.

To paraphrase Mike Quinsey, everything I'm experiencing is open to you as a lightworker, liberated in other lifetimes, to experience. I hope that sharing my notes assists you to locate the same regions and faculties in yourself. That's what they're meant to do.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020. See "A Longing for Bliss," March 28, 2022, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=334225>, fn 3.

(2) The Divine Mother on *An Hour with an Angel*, February 4, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/02/the-divine-mother-your-ascension-is-underway-part-12/>

(3) AAM, *ibid.*, Nov. 11, 2015.

(4) *Ibid.*, Jan. 18, 2020.

(5) Archangel Michael explained what was occurring, probably for all of us:

Archangel Michael: You have experienced progressively, periods of unity, of transformative love, of ecstasy, of bliss that you feel (and I emphasize feel) come and go.

But every time, you have had this experience it has edged you up a level. So that now you say to me, "Michael, I feel like I have a new baseline. I have a new foundation of happiness."

But you also have a new foundation of knowingness, of understanding, of wisdom, of humility, of tolerance, of kindness. This has all been bringing you to an expanded sense of self and an expanded sense of not only how we operate but how the collective operates. ...

So you are seeing what is the residual for humanity to collectively take that, not only that progressive step, but the snap [Sahaja Samadhi, Ascension itself].

Think of how every time you especially enter the transformative love, that is a snap. It is not the full dramatic snap but it is a snap. Each time you are progressing up what you can think of as a level.

Think of [entering] your love as flying back and forth through the portal. Now sometimes you're aware and sometimes you're asleep. ("Archangel Michael on Snaps, Expansion, and Ascension," June 6, 2017, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/06/06/archangel-michael-on-snaps-expansion-and-ascension/>.)

Archangel Michael on Going into the Stillness

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From our reading through Linda Dillon on Feb. 17, I asked Archangel Michael to comment on what going into the stillness meant and resulted in.

Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 17, 2017.

Steve Beckow: What is the wider significance of going into the stillness and the silence? Now I'm not saying I don't have thoughts on that but I really would like to hear your thoughts.

Archangel Michael: Well, is it a process of union. It is a process of connection and disconnection. It is a process of surrender.

What occurs when you come into the stillness is that you are disconnecting in many ways. We are not severing the cord but you are most certainly disconnecting from what you think of as your current self, and we do not just mean your egoic self.

We mean yourself as you define yourself every day - body, mental capacity, work, play, etc. You are letting that flow away.

Then you are in the stillness, the soup of all. And that cannot really be accomplished or achieved if you are distracted by yourself. So what you are bringing into the silence - even though you don't fully realize it, you aren't fully cognizant - is that you are bringing your true self, your authentic self, your natural self into this place but that is not a conscious process.

In that soup, in that presence of everything, you float for a while because you become part of the soup and part of the observer of the soup so it is where you are the participant/observer but not a very active participant. It is because your essence is there.

Now, it is always there but this is why you bring yourself to come to know this in the silence and in that ability to be your wholeness, the truth of who you are, you then connect and reconnect with Mother/Father One and All.

So it is a disconnect - what you may think of as a stillness - a reconnect that fills you, again, not conscious. It is just a state of beingness because you cannot be the soup and not receive and be nourished by that soup.

And that is what you bring back. And it may feel like bliss, because it is. It may feel like love, because it is. And what comes back with you is this sense of deep peace, of ultimate connection and knowing.

The Challenge of the Times

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“Ego” is a Latin word meaning “I.” We use it today to refer to one of the many selves we have, a self that's constructed of thoughts, which is not permanent, and whose survival all our efforts are bent towards.

The purpose of life is to know ourselves, but the self that we know is the soul, also called the Atman by Hindus and the Christ by Christians.

This same Self is itself an offspring, part, spark (these words are all metaphorical) of the Supreme Self. Jesus characterized it as a relationship between the Son and the Father. The Self, Atman or Christ is the Father individuated.

The Self is said to reside in the spiritual heart or hridayam. But the ego resides only in our thoughts. Life is a progressive unveiling of the “I” that we are, moving from no consciousness of self at all, to self-consciousness, to awareness of the soul/Self, to awareness of the Supreme Self/God.

We leapfrog over one less adequate sense of self to another more adequate sense, and then to a more adequate sense than that. We do so by realization. We realize the more umbrageous sense of the Self that we are until we at last "become" that One Self of all. I say "become" because we always were that One Self. We just didn't know it.

When we disappear as a separate Self and are reunited with the Father or Parabrahman, (1) we've achieved the goal of life.

We have a permanent interest in the self that we have and are. Whatever is "I" is what holds our attention, lifetime after lifetime. The depth of our knowledge will vary but the object of our knowledge - the self at whatever level we conceive of it at any moment in time - remains the same.

We often speak of a "false grid" of beliefs that characterize Third Dimensionality and a life determined by the ego. What are some of those false beliefs? If I had my choice of the top three, I'd say separation, survival, and scarcity.

We think that we're separate beings but it turns out that we're all One. This sense of separation sets us up for the errors we commit out of believing the next two concepts.

The second concept is survival. We think that this separate being that we are won't survive death and so we try to extend our lives in any way we can. We focus our attention on seeing that this being and everything it identifies with (that is, "me" and "mine") survives. It identifies itself with our body, family, house, car, job, etc.

But there's really no need to ensure the survival of this being. We're eternal - always were, are, and will be. We never die although we doff this body as we would a suit of clothes.

The third concept is scarcity. We think that everything in our world is scarce and that, as separate beings trying to survive, we must compete for scarce resources. In fact, in the higher dimensions where we're headed, everything is infinitely plentiful and created by thought. There's no lack and no scarcity. And I imagine there would be no scarcity here either if we but changed our way of seeing things.

The separative ego accomplishes survival in the midst of perceived scarcity by engaging in the self-serving bias. That way of being magnifies the self and minimizes others, glorifies itself and detracts from others. It attributes all successes to itself and all failures to others. It embraces all victories and disavows responsibility for all losses.

It judges and dominates others and avoids judgment and domination of itself. It blames others and sidesteps blame of itself.

It builds around the being a constructed self or mask, sells its performances to others, and seeks validation. It manages its image by such strategies as dressing for success, looking out for number one, talking it up, etc.

It creates a story about itself, bending history to the needs of the moment and rehearsing its story wherever possible until the details are polished and arranged to give the desired impression of success, victory, influence, etc.

The ego lives at the peripheries of life. It traffics in extremes, drama, and histrionics.

The Self lives in the centre, in the middle, in the heart and has no truck or trade with extremes, drama, or histrionics.

One who lives in the center is usually characterized by balance, serenity, joy and the other divine qualities.

One who lives on the peripheries and in the extremes usually forfeits these qualities but usually isn't seeking them anyways. The person living on the peripheries and in the extremes is usually seeking money, sensual gratification, and influence.

The ego tends to be selfish; the Self tends to be selfless. When we hear someone blowing their own horn, boasting about their accomplishments, puffing themselves, it usually means that they see themselves as this body, together with its thoughts and feelings, and probably nothing else.

To do so is to take an empirical-materialist view of life that only what we can touch, see, hear and feel is real. Such a view is not enough to allow us to realize our Self and therefore not enough to achieve the purpose of life.

It's up to us as lightworkers and starseeds to go beyond the ego, with its self-serving bias. It's up to us to recognize when we're in the grip of the ego or serving its need for survival. To do so is not an easy thing. Most people *do* actually believe that they are this body, its senses, and its mind and nothing else. And so long as they do so, they're concerned with survival.

But that's the challenge of the times nevertheless - to move beyond the narrow view and to focus more and more deeply on the heart, the centre, the soul. The

challenge is also to live by what the Buddha called the Middle Way of balance and moderation.

There has never been a better time to accomplish these spiritual goals in life than now. Never has it been easier. Never has so much conspired to assure our success in these efforts.

We have to recognize the call of the ego, the cry of the limited, constructed self and set it aside in preference to the heart's most distinct call, which is love.

Footnotes

(1) Parabrahman is what Christians call the Godhead. It's the transcendental Void. But beyond any knowable notions of God, I'm using the word here to mean whatever That is.

Letting Go of the Local Self

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Wisdom hath built her temple with the seven pillars. The temple is the body; the seven pillars are probably the seven chakras; and housed within the temple is the Self.

The Ark of the Covenant contains the laws. The Ark is the heart; the laws are the universal laws.

The fire is always burning on the altar. The altar is the body and the fire is love.

The body is the illusion and the Self is the Reality within the illusion. The purpose of life is to see through the illusion to the Reality.

The Self is the flame in the heart, the treasure buried in a field, and the Pearl of great price. It's the big fish among fish, the mustard seed that grew into a great tree, and the firebrand plucked from the burning. The Self is the Mystery of mysteries.

Life itself is like a hall of mirrors, each reflection in a mirror being a false self, a separate self, a local self. Only the one Self is real; all the other selves are reflections of it, illusory, non-existent.

It seems to me that life is a process of letting go of one false, separate and illusory self after another, one local self after another, until all that's left is a generalized Self with no particular claim to any “me” but a claim to being all of us - and more; in fact everything, though unto itself it is no thing.

We leapfrog from Self to No-Self to Self to No-Self at higher and higher dimensions of life, always heading towards the one and only Self/No-Self whose discovery is the end and the beginning of Life.

But always at the center of our journey is a letting go of any local self, anything that appears as a center in favor of a deeper center, which then must be let go of in turn. That which we are cannot be let go of. Therefore anything that can be let go of would be wisely jettisoned.



Life itself is an endless series of invitations to let go of the local self. There's no need to embrace the universal Self, for That we always already are. That Self is the residuum, the default, both the end and origin of life. It can never be let go of. It never leaves us. It *is* us, all of us.

Let go, let go, let go. That could be said to be all there is to do in life if what we want from life is to be and know who we are.

What is the “Ego” and How Do I Work with It?

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”Ego” in Latin means "I."

The sense of ourselves as a being separate from others - but also, alas, separate from God - is what is meant by the particular "body" we call the "ego."

Without our ego, we wouldn't be aware of ourselves. If we weren't aware of ourselves, we wouldn't move up Jacob's Ladder from simple self-consciousness to Self-Consciousness to consciousness of Oneness at journey's end.

According to Sri Ramakrishna:

"The ego is like a pitcher, and Brahman [God] like the ocean -- an infinite expanse of water on all sides.

"The pitcher is set in the ocean. The water is both inside and out; the water is everywhere; yet the pitcher remains. ... As long as the ego remains, 'you' and 'I' remain." (1)

That having been said, "egoism" is different. As Sri Yukteswar Giri has said, "egoism results from a lack of discrimination between the physical body and the real Self." (2) We think of our body as all there is and focus on its survival in a seemingly-competitive world .

The philosophy that arises from a dense sense of separation I've called "social Darwinism" elsewhere. (3) It's the self-serving bias writ large.

The out-of-body experience I had in 1977 gave me the experience and (minor) realization that "I" was not my physical body.

In an instant, I passed over from "a lack of discrimination between the physical body and the real Self" to certainty that I was not the physical body.

I did not pass over to discernment of "the real Self" (a major realization), but I moved away from considering myself to be the physical body.

Sri Shankara tells us that:

"He who believes himself to be acting or experiencing is known as the ego, the individual man. ... When the objects of experience are pleasant, he is happy. When they are unpleasant, he is unhappy.

"Pleasure and pain are characteristics of the individual -- not of the Atman, which is forever blissful." (4)

Our lives are spent seeking pleasure and avoiding pain ... well, when we can! (5) The Buddha called this a life of craving and aversion.

Our pleasures come from achieving power, seeking the bliss of orgasm (i.e., sexuality), acquiring wealth, feeling inspired by a landscape, painting, or music, feeling validated, and so on. Our lives are spent pursuing these and avoiding their opposites.

Sri Ramana tells us that the ego is "the root of all thought." "The ego rising all else will arise." (6) This whole world arises with the sense of our small self or ego. Without the ego arising this world would vanish - or so the theory goes.

What the terrestrial sages don't tell us is that we'd then be in a higher dimension of consciousness from this Third-Dimensional sense we have now; we'd be in at least a Fifth-Dimensional experience of life.

The Third Dimension vibrating more sluggishly than the Fifth would disappear from view, as it does when we transition and pass into the Fourth Dimension or astral world. The "Earth plane" vanishes.

Whence arises the sense of ego? Bhagwan Rajneesh tells us it arises from memory, the accumulated and stored thoughts of events that have happened to us:

"From where does this ego come which thinks, 'I am. I am doing'? It comes through memory. Your memory goes on recording happenings: you are born, you are a child; then youth comes, then you are old.

"Things happen: love happens, hatred happens, and the memory goes on recording it. When you look at the past, the whole accumulated memory becomes your 'I.'" (7)

Krishnamurti expands on this interpretation:

"YOU are this knowledge, you are the things that you have accumulated; you are the gramophone record that is ever repeating what is impressed on it. You are the song, the noise, the chatter of society, of your culture.

"Is there an uncorrupted 'you' apart from all this clatter? This self-centre is now anxious to free itself from the things it has gathered; but the effort it makes to free itself is part of the accumulative process. You have a new record to play, with new words, but your mind is still dull, insensitive." (8)

We try to grasp the objects of pleasure and move away from the objects of pain, Adyashanti tells us.

"Ego is the movement of the mind toward objects of perception, in the form of grasping; and, away from objects, in the form of aversion. This fundamentally is all the ego is.

"This movement of grasping and aversion gives rise to a sense of a separate 'me,' and in turn the sense of 'me' strengthens itself this way. It is this continuous loop of causation that tricks consciousness into a trance of identification.

"Identification with what? Identification with the continuous loop of suffering. After all, who is suffering? The 'me' is suffering. And 'who' is this me? It is nothing more than a sense of self caused by identification with grasping and aversion.

"You see, it's all a creation of the mind, an endless movie, a terrible dream." (9)

What can we do about our situation? Sri Ramakrishna offers one approach:

"You may reason a thousand times, but you cannot get rid of the ego. ... so let the rascal remain as the servant of God, the devotee of God." (10)

Adyashanti offers another:

"Don't try to change the dream, because trying to change it is just another movement in the dream. Look at the dream. Be aware of the dream. That awareness is It.

"Become more interested in the awareness of the dream than in the dream itself. What is that awareness? Who is that awareness? Don't go spouting out an answer, just be the answer. Be It." (11)

I like to think of the two answers as being complementary. The first addresses our relationship with the outside world: If we cannot get rid of the ego, make it the servant of God. Serve God in all we do.

The second addresses our relationship with ourselves and our "inner world." Watch and observe the workings of the ego without changing it, deflecting it, denying it, etc.

That's my native tendency anyways. But the first approach offers us a way of being in the world.

Applying this first approach to post-Reval affairs, for instance, I become a steward of the Mother's wealth. I am in co-creative partnership with Archangel Michael (as are millions of others), by his declaration, although I personally prefer to see myself as his servant. (12)

Someone will point out that I'm taking a dualistic position. This is a time of building Nova Earth and not of my personal realization. If I were to sink into non-dualism, I'd be unable to function in that creative work. So I adopt the dualistic stance of the servant in this lifetime.

You and I and all other lightworkers have come from a higher dimension and will return to it so there is no need for me to scale Jacob's Ladder of consciousness in this lifetime. I'll return to my native dimension later.

But there is a need to serve.

Footnotes

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- (12) I'm not trying to be arrogant. Michael actually wants us to relate to him in the fullest possible partnership. The Company of Heaven generally request that humans take a leadership role in events on Earth.

"We are helping you to co-create in full partnership," he told me in 2013. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow, March 8, 2013. Hereafter AAM.)

"Let me be very clear. Decisions and choices are yours. That is what this partnership is about. And you are on Gaia in the physical reality." (AAM, Oct. 2, 2013.)

"The Galactics have no shortage of money and so there will be some very massive projects and the funds will be made available but they will really ask for human leadership in order to not be seen as trying in any way to assume control." (AAM in a personal reading with Kathleen Mary Willis through Linda Dillon, Nov. 13, 2012.)

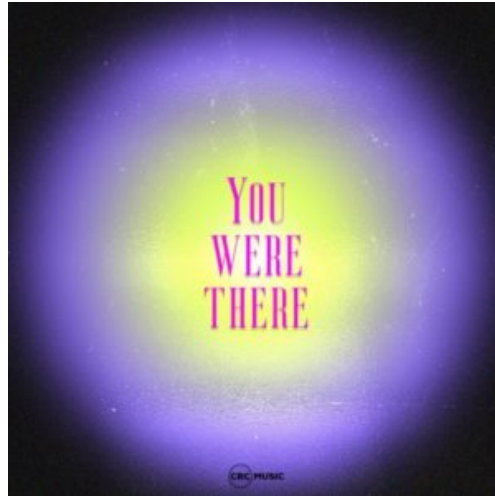
And my favorite quote for its endearing humor: "We step forward in the fulfilment, you on Earth, on this beloved planet called Gaia, I as your wingman, quite literally." (March 10, 2017.)

Therefore I call myself Michael's partner, rather than his servant, although, again, my native tendency and default would be to consider myself his servant, which of course I am.

And You Were There

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I'm amazed that one can feel peaceful at a tumultuous time like this.

But that's the experience I'm being given. And I can only write about what I'm being given.

Now I feel a wisp of love and I acknowledge it. In return it unfolds and I'm immersed in love as well as peace.

I recognize this as my natural state. And with that recognition the two of them anchor in me - or I in them.

In this state, nothing is wrong. Yes, plenty is wrong outside this state and I'm aware of it.

It's just that nothing is wrong inside this bubble of awareness that I am.

I almost feel like I need to ask your permission to be tracking internal events at such a topsy-turvy time. I feel awkward.

However we've been told that all is as it should be. Trust the Divine Plan. When am I going to get around to actually doing that?

Trusting the Plan, I settle into being. "Go up with everybody else, Steve, and write about it." That's my job.

I can't recall ever having been in two divine states at once so let me describe how I feel.

Peace feels like I weigh a thousand pounds and yet I can move. I feel massive and yet I can do anything as normal.

Love has disappeared for the moment. I'm focused on the experience of peace, of weighing a thousand pounds.

What happens next?

I experience the heaviness. I realize that any heaviness can only be associated with the not-Me.

How could I myself be heavy? I've experienced the incredible lightness of the spirit (1977).

Ordinarily I don't experience the spirit inside the body to the extent that I'm aware of heaviness. It's just what I carry around day in and day out without noticing. But when I'm aware of the spirit inside, then I'm also aware of the heaviness.

Just as I'm the spirit in the body that departs upon death, and not the body itself, so I'm also not the heaviness, whatever it is.

Neti, neti. Not this, not this.

I know that so I have that landmark.

I therefore rest in the heaviness. I see that the heaviness is all my core issues, habit patterns, memory files - in fact everything that's not-Me.

I turn off my cellphone and begin to meditate. My mind is already quiet and has been for some time.

What I'm doing is having the effect of creating a vortex - which appears like a tunnel - in my field of vision.

I confirm with Michael that I can break off and describe the experience - that's my mission - without losing it. I feel his confirmation.

The vortex, as I return to it, becomes more focused. I realize it's the Atman, the Self, the Christ and say so. I bow before it.

I see myself climbing out of a pile of something. I'm having to wriggle out. Once out I recognize what I've just left behind is my heaviness.

I send that unwanted baggage back to the Mother for refining and recycling.

And then I get the realization: In peace I experience my lightness, within the prison of my heaviness (my physical body and mental/emotional baggage). I initially experienced the heaviness and then separated myself from it and experienced peace free of the drag of my baggage.

I've been calling peace the heaviness, the granite-like substantiality. And it is, at one level. Then at a deeper level still, when the being separates itself from its baggage entirely, there is the incredible lightness of being. Undoubtedly there are many levels after that.

There still remains cellular memory. And now there are no habit patterns that hide and protect me. I'm like what we used to call at Cold Mountain Institute a "quivering jellyfish." I have no shell. I quiver at the thought of an upset now. I crave peace.

Back to the experience. Simultaneously, peace grew to fill the new space created, like a peacock's feathers expanding. I realized peace, "arrived" in it, and then proceeded to make a few declarations. (Remember: Realization is a divine state like bliss or peace plus a puzzle, a distinction that becomes clear.)

I was taken back in a flash to the Xenia experience where I knew my natural Self was pure and innocent. I asked to be filled up with this divine state because I'm going to need it.

I felt an inrush of confidence. That's how the Company of Heaven does it: They give us what we need when we need it.

I claimed my inheritance because I knew I was going to need it. And then I broke off to write it down.

Being back in my eyes-open, normal state, I found I had no inclination to go back in, this time. I feel refreshed, renewed, confident. I can apply myself to work now.

Where were we?

Now I see how spiritual experiences go. In the past, I could never tell you the duration of any mood or experience I've had. Days? Weeks? Hours? Minutes?

I see now that, once they happen, I'm inclined not to remain there but to come down again into the world and share about them. I'm organized around them being simply momentary.

That means that most of the spiritual experiences that I've had probably did not have significant duration. They happened for the time they did and then they were over because I had no deep inclination to continue them. That was enough, thanks. I feel great. Goodbye.

Mystery solved.

I've just demonstrated that realization is bliss lifting us up or peace freeing us enough that what wasn't clear to us before becomes crystal clear in a moment of dawning awareness at the higher level of consciousness. This whole process I described has been one of that.

And you were there.

And Then, Another Bridge

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I'm finding there comes a time when a bridge is crossed.

It's one of many bridges, one of them being Ascension itself. (1)

And, like so much else, for the experience to flower, I have to consciously recognize what's happening. I have to move from unconscious awareness of the thing in question to conscious awareness.

The bridge I crossed was between focusing on myself and focusing on the moment. I won't call "focusing" "meditation," but only because of its duration, not because of its impact.

What I'm seeing is that there comes a time in the processing of our vasanas when, when we take a look and see how we're doing, no vasanas come up. (That doesn't mean I don't have any!)

And smoothly and very subtly, my attention begins to switch from looking for them to simply breathing the air and being in the moment. I'm now focusing on ... well, no, I wouldn't call it focusing any more.

And I'm not focusing any longer on "me," conceived of as an individual having likes and dislikes, preferences and issues. It isn't that I don't have them; I do. But I'm no longer focused on them.

Though he was talking about a much higher experience, (2) Franklin Merrell-Wolff used the term "consciousness without an object." And that fits with the way I "be" when I'm in the moment. There is no object of awareness at that moment, just the act of breathing. (3)

Being in the moment was already happening, but I wasn't yet immersed in it, so to speak. Like seeing bliss, recognizing it, and watching it flower inside of me, seeing this one is similar.

So long as it went unrecognized, I experienced it at the level of feeling and not at the level of divine state. It flowered into divine state when I recognized what it was. Oh, that's bliss! Oh, that's peace! Oh, that's abundance!

I have the ability to wrest my attention from the moment, with its divine state, and put it back onto looking for despondency and despair, like a Geiger counter. But the Geiger counter doesn't click.

I haven't really fully gotten that yet. But, when I do, I imagine I'll expand into the moment, cross another bridge, and realize a new land. And then, another bridge....

Footnotes

(1) Moksha or liberation, by means of an enlightenment event which Ramana Maharshi calls Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi.

"Sahaja is like the river that has linked up with the ocean from which there is no return." (Ramana Maharshi in S.S. Cohen, *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 90.)

"This is Self-realization, Mukti, or Sahaja Samadhi, the natural, effortless state." (Ramana Maharshi, *ibid.*, 82-3.)

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.

("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) Michael says that Merrell-Wolff was speaking from a much higher level than 3D when he was inside the body:

Steve: A question about Franklin Merrell-Wolff
. What level of enlightenment or dimension did he achieve?

Archangel Michael: He primarily operates in the 7th to the 11th.

Steve: Okay. Because he speaks about the transcendental and I don't know if he's pointing to Brahmajnana [7th-Chakra enlightenment, jnana], which was the first taste of the transcendental, or beyond the 12th dimension [to the transcendental realm]?

AAM: No, he did not travel beyond [the 11th].

Steve: So, when I read him, and it's such a rich book [*Pathways through to Space*], I don't know how to map the experiences that he talks about. The high indifference, what dimension was that?

AAM: When you think of high indifference, it is not a matter of not caring but it is a matter of the clarity of perspective and the clarity of perspective is a trait of mastery so that is the 11th dimension.

Steve: Isn't that interesting. When did he break away from the third dimension? Which of his experiences was that?

AAM: Actually, he broke away from the restriction, shall we say it that way, of the third dimension long before he ever started to truly practice or write.

Steve: So, he was always doing it as an ascended being?

AAM: That is correct. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020.)

(3) I'm reminded of the death of Narcissus as Da Free John describes it. At this moment, I'm not making the world over in my own image because, without experiencing desires or vasanas (what the Buddha called craving and aversion)

right now, no self arises in whose image to make the world over. See “The Death of Narcissus; or, Everything I Do is Trying to Make the World Over in My Own Image,” September 18, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/09/18/the-death-of-narcissus-or-everything-i-do-is-trying-to-make-the-world-over-in-my-own-image/>

I the Lord am a Jealous God

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The Eye of God Nebula

I could say, "I the Lord am a jealous God."

I could say, "Love is a jealous God."

Or I could say, "The divine states are a jealous God."

In all cases, what I'd be meaning is ... well, let's see by looking at love, although we could take any of the divine states.

If I, who am encased in a dense, physical, carbon-based body, were to be temporarily in the experience of higher-dimensional love right now and then were to have a thought of wanting to seriously harm another, love would disappear at once.

If my body were crystalline, well, then I'd be in the Fifth Dimension and beyond having harmful thoughts. Or maybe I'd be immersed in a Seventh-Dimensional Ocean of Love and beyond ordinary thinking altogether. So the problem we're looking at exists only in dense, physical, carbon-based 3/4D.

If I were temporarily in this transformative/transfigurative love while in my dense physical body and I lost interest in love for some hard-to-conceive reason, bingo!

Love disappears instantly again. It would not have fled in the Fifth, but it does in the physical Third/Fourth.

Let's look at my plight. I made two mistakes. I lost interest. Hence I departed from love.

And I failed to move love, to share it, to go with the flow of it. Love must move. If we lose interest in it or fail to share it, again it disappears. It will return when we return. It's we who left first. Love, thy God, is a jealous God.

The further along the dimensional path we go, the deeper into love and the other divine states we go. I think we'll be experiencing transformative love soon enough.

If we don't want to lose that state too quickly, we may want to remember how they require our total attention and devotion. However, when one experiences the superlative impact of this exalted form of love upon us, why would anyone want to stray?

I thy Lord am a jealous God. Thou shalt have no other gods (desires) before me. But once you've tasted this form of love, I don't believe anyone would want anything else but more of the same.

Footnotes

(1) In the astral Fourth Dimension, we're not encased in a physical body. Therefore life is significantly different there than in our physical 4D. See *New Maps of Heaven* at https://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=New_Maps_of_Heaven

OK If It Happens; OK If It Doesn't

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Just as the notion of balance can confuse us sometimes, so can the notion of detachment.

But before turning to that, I have to make a few points as preamble.

First, as I see it, the purpose of life is for us “fragments” of God to know our true essence. Said another way, the purpose of life is for us to move from unconscious awareness of our identity as God, or as “fragments” of God if you prefer that metaphor, or as children of God, to conscious awareness of it.

When each of us realizes our true identity as God in a moment of enlightenment, God meets God. For that meeting is all of life created.

Second, the most generic statement I can make of spiritual practice, if we accept this statement of the purpose of life, is to say that we're tasked with discerning the Real from the unreal, detaching from the unreal and attaching (or devoting ourselves to) the Real.

Those who follow the path of devotion would love the Real. Those who follow the path of service would serve the Real. Those who follow the path of truth would realize or know the Real. And so on.

The chief difficulty that arises when we think of detachment is that people think that we should detach from the thing itself when what we have to detach from is not the thing itself but our attachment to the thing itself.

The Zen master Hakuin achieved enlightenment, if the story I heard was correct, as a result of hurtling into a mud puddle in the rain. I actually saw an Enlightenment-Intensive leader fall from the last step of a staircase into a mud puddle and laugh and laugh. I presume Hakuin's experience was similar.



Hakuin's attitude is cited as a model of detachment.

It's said of Hakuin that someone (a husband, a village elder, I'm not sure who) came to him with a new-born baby and accused him of being the father. They commanded Hakuin to raise the child since it was his. Hakuin said "Ah so," took the child and raised it.

Several years later, when the baby had become a child, someone else (perhaps the wife, perhaps another village elder) came and said that the mother of the child had confessed that Hakuin was not the father and now wanted the child returned. Hakuin said "Ah so" and returned the child without complaint.

Werner Erhard would characterize Hakuin's attitude as letting it be fine if something happens and fine if it doesn't. Hakuin is equanimous with either outcome.

Another way of speaking about this is to say that we detach from our attachment to a certain outcome, not necessarily to the thing itself.

So for instance, it might be fine that I be wealthy but it might set my spiritual practice back if I were attached to wealth. Evidently all of us can look forward to abundance some day but the trick is not to be attached to it.

And the reason for that is that life has been designed. One of its design principles is that we're free to desire anything we want but enlightenment comes only from desiring and realizing God.

Just as we don't necessarily need to detach from the thing itself but just from attachment to the thing itself, so also we don't detach from everything, just from the unreal.

We are meant to attach ourselves to God. If we do so, by the Law of Attraction, we draw God near to us. Of course everything I just said is metaphorical. We don't actually draw God to us. That is a Third-Dimensional way of speaking about the matter.

Nevertheless, God is all that we can attach ourselves to without realizing troublesome consequences. "God" has to be interpreted liberally. "God" also means the divine qualities like compassion devotion, wisdom, etc. And it also means God's saints and sages, who have achieved union with God. So it means God, the godly, the divine, etc.

The rest competes for our love. Everything that is unreal, which is to say temporary, changeable, or lower-vibrational, competes with the Real for our loving attention and does not necessarily lead us to the realization of God. If we were to ask why, in the end, I believe we'd arrive at the conclusion that that is just the way God planned it or designed it.

As long as we attach ourselves to the unreal, so long do we put off the day on which we realize God. God allows us infinite time and the right to choose. S/he constructs universal laws that feed back to us the fruits of our choices and in the face of those returns we may choose again or feel confirmed in our choice. Through interacting with the universal laws, we find ourselves being led inexorably, if over vast stretches of time, back to the Divine embrace. The prodigal child returns home. The wayfarer reaches its destination.

Detachment is a simple act. Simply put, it means letting go. It's no different than the act of dropping a piece of paper into a wastebasket, except that the letting go is done with the will rather than the hands.

But the result is the same. Our connection to the thing is broken. It moves from the center of our attention to the background. All the agendas we had around getting and keeping it are also let go of. And it fades from our minds and hearts.

The more we're able to let go of things, the more our desires decrease. Our needs get downgraded to wants. Our wants get downgraded to preferences. And our preferences get downgraded to simple choices. Soon we find ourselves OK if certain outcomes eventuate and OK if they don't. When we arrive at that point we've become equanimous - or detached.

An Introduction to Detachment

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I was working one minute and in the midst of a spiritual experience the next.

I've had a few like this in past years. (1) This time I'm being shown what "detachment" feels like.

As in the other experiences, this mood just "came upon me" as I worked. But I recognized it before it departed and so it stayed and enveloped me.

Some of this article was written as it was happening; some in the afterglow; and some is being edited now:

I've been bothering myself that this Fall weather is beautiful and *I should be out there*.

But the furthest I get is looking out from my window.

I don't mean I never get out because I do but ... I could never figure out this reticence to go out, without purpose, into the good weather.

Then today I heard myself say: "What's the difference between standing here and standing there? You're going to be upright on two legs, looking out over a different vista. And ... so?"

At last I put a name to the way I was feeling: "Detached." Up till now I've been ashamed of this nebulous, unnamed feeling, uncomfortable with it, embarrassed by it.

But when I saw it as detachment and experienced it, I changed my vote.

OK, I got it. I now see what the talk is all about.

"Detached" doesn't mean that I'm opposed to anything or hurt or sulking. It's that, all things being equal, nothing exerts a pull on me (beyond the needs of the physical) right now.

I was being given an experience of detachment in a deeper form than ever before. Based on it, I'd say a synonym for what we mean by "detachment" would be "a focus on the eternal."

For me, as you know, the basic spiritual movement is to turn from the world to God. (2)

Keeping this in mind, let me now reword what I just said. What I was able to name as happening to myself (and then experiencing) was detachment from the things of the world because of growing attachment to the eternal.

And this - that I am and feel and seem to be right now - is what detachment looks and feels like to this being: It doesn't make sense to this one standing at the window to go from here to there.

I'm sitting here amazed. I've been resisting this space since forever. I'm still resisting giving into it completely because I worry I'll float off into fantasy land. Not caring about anything: That's not staying with the program.

Another word for "detachment" is "peace." If they aren't one and the same, they come bundled together.

Footnotes

(1) In the past I've been shown mastery, abundance, love, bliss, and peace ... each as a state of consciousness or divine quality - however you choose to see it.

(2) See "The Basic Spiritual Movement," June 12, 2009, in *Back to the Basics: Introductory Essays to a Cross-Cultural Spirituality*, p. 24, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Back-to-the-Basics-R2.pages.pdf>

Discrimination, Detachment, and Devotion – Part 1

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The higher we go, the better we feel

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 rep 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

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(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 life's 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 experienced and 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, when we set out on the path to experience and realize the truth of who we are, our first step 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.)

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(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.

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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

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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 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 and 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

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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 unfailing 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 as a result 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.

The Cat is Out of the Bag

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For me, there are three levels of reality in our Third/Fourth Dimension (that's where I seem to be).

The first is the intellectual. It includes our body, its emotions, the spirit, and everything else. It's just that it attempts to know them and itself only from the standpoint of ideas. It goes no deeper than that.

That's deep enough for many things, even for governments (especially for governments), but, besides being superficial, spiritually speaking, it's not juicy.

It's like eating raw oatmeal flakes. Without milk. There's no real pleasure in it.

Heavenly pleasure, for me, begins at the experiential level, the second level of reality.

I well remember how six weeks into a three-month encounter group in 1975-6, I ran down the trails shouting at the top of my lungs something I'd just realized: "I'M

OUT OF TOUCH WITH MY FEELINGS!" I shouted, enthusiastically. "I'M OUT OF TOUCH WITH MY FEELINGS!"

It'd taken me half the course to see that. I basked in my feelings after that.

All the juice was in my feelings. At that time, I had no idea of the existence of divine states. So I'd have cited the extreme pleasurablebleness of bliss, not knowing that it was larger than a feeling. (1)

I didn't see then but I do see now how our feelings shape how we act and interact. If I feel happy, I carry out my action one way; if I feel sad, I carry out the same action quite another way.

As an Ascension ethnographer, I'm interested to see the true function of each part of our makeup and I think I'm at last starting to see the role that the feelings play. (2)

A lot of the money we spend, I think, is distinctly in aid of us feeling good, better, best.

One of the things I've learned by studying the human condition over a lifespan is that we plan our activities as couples and families (less so as individuals) so as to feel what I call a "magic moment."

We're on the balcony in the moonlight, overlooking some warm Hawaiian shore. We paid thousands of dollars for this magic moment so nobody better spoil it.

Why I cite this example is that we don't see that all the time we have the capacity to generate that feeling from our very own hearts - right now.

I'm sitting here at this moment drawing transformative love up from my heart and sending it out to the world. I get to experience the love as it passes through me. I don't need to go to Hawaii to feel divine love. I feel it right now.

Feelings give way to divine states the purer we become (that is, the cleaner of our vasanas or core issues we become). And divine states are of course eminently and completely satisfying.

But there's more.

The third level of reality to my way of thinking is the realizational level. Remember that the purpose of life is to know ourselves as God. The purpose is for God to meet God in a moment of our enlightenment.

That operation is one that happens in knowledge. We achieve that knowledge in a moment of realization.

Realizations are of two kinds.

I believe many lightworkers will experience the first kind so that they don't leave divine service; these are the truncated experiences. The Divine Mother and our archangel are, behind the scenes, overseeing our enlightenment experiences so that we don't simply get up and vamoose the ranch.

This might entail the full experience minus one ingredient - most often bliss. Bliss is what lifts us up and allows us to see things from a higher-dimensional level, which we call a "realization." No bliss; no deep realization.

An example would be a Seventh-Chakra enlightenment experience, called Brahmajnana or God-Realization, in which I witnessed the kundalini flow over me like a golden river and enter into the Crown Chakra. But there was no bliss.

I may as well have been watching a movie. Without bliss, I found myself saying, that was all well and good, but what was the purpose of it?

Actually Michael and I discussed it and I believe the subject of some interest. Let me include that discussion in the footnotes. (3)

I think other lightworkers may have a similar experience of truncation because the Company of Heaven doesn't want us trekking off to a cave in the Himalayas.

The second type of realization is the full-on experience, with blissful realization. An example here would be the heart opening I had on March 13, 2015.

At the height of that experience, Michael and the Arcturians tell me, I was in the Seventh Dimension. The love I was experiencing is beyond words. I'm searching my stock of superlatives. The one that fits is "unimaginable."

To be sure, the heart opening itself was a Fourth-Chakra event, which is in the Third/Fourth Dimension. (4) But I think, in the course of the explosion of the inner tsunami of love and the later drowning in the Ocean of Love, I was given a glimpse of how things felt on the Seventh.

I was blessed with long spells of transformative love for the next six months. But only in these first few moments do I think I was in the Seventh Dimension.

I'm having to put the pieces together in this large jigsaw puzzle. Realization doesn't come with a manual or a name card. I have to take a comment from here and match it to a comment from there. It's detective work and I risk being wrong.

How far above experience realization is is implicit in what occurs. I am on the Third/Fourth Dimension having an experience. Suddenly a realization arises, boosting me either higher in that dimension or else to another dimension altogether.

On that new dimension, if we're permitted to remain any length of time, we'll have new experiences until they lead to a new realization; then we descend again and on life goes to its pre-destined outcome.

The experiences happen on the dimension we're on; they, unto themselves, don't take us to a new dimension. Realization does that. Experiences clear the deck for realizations.

An example of that would be a full breath release I had in a rebirthing workshop in February 1987. Before I was like a little Cessna breathing air in through small intakes; after I was like a jumbo-jet engine, sucking air back.

The experience itself didn't lead to a realization. But it cleared the deck and less than a week later I had the vision of the purpose of life. (5)

When realizations raise us to a higher vibratory level or dimension, we then begin the experiential cycle again on that level. Life is characterized by spiritual evolution, all the way back to the One.

Experiences bring us closer to realization, but realization itself, as a class of events, is the real powerhouse. My firm belief is that realization lies in the hands of the Divine Mother and our archangel to administer.

We go through life working these three levels - getting an idea of something, experiencing it, and coming to a realization about it. Then we repeat the cycle again and again.

As we mount Jacob's dimensional ladder of consciousness, we come closer and closer to realizing that, finally, we don't exist; only the One does.

With that final realization, the cat is out of the bag.

Footnotes

(1) The difference is I experience a feeling as being within me and I usually associate it with a region of my body whereas I experience a divine state as being all around me, enveloping me, and saturating me throughout. I'm immersed in bliss, drowned in love.

(2) It took me longer than the Biblical lifespan of a man - three-score years and ten.

(3) 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, or 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.)

(4) Described here:

“Submerged in Love,” March 14, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/14/submerged-in-love/>

“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/>

(5) For that, 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/>

The Ladder of Consciousness: From Intellectuality to Experience to Realization – Part 1/5

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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.

The subject of the ladder of consciousness is basic to my own spiritual practice. I think the subject is both universal and profitably known. I now delve into that subject.

“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 of 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.onenessofall.com>.

(2) SaLuSa, Dec. 21, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

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(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

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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, the dynamics of 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 it 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/mattsmmessage.htm>.

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(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/>.

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(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. I've italicized the change in the conversation, to feeling:

“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 and prayed; they may have done something else, but chances are they'll now be feeling 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, the 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 <http://johnsmallman.wordpress.com>

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(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

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(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 as that, 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 emotions that we associate with our ordinary states of love, Michael is here saying that realization has little to do with emotions or intellectuality. It exists in a higher domain of reality.

(1) 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

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Captain Janeway uses a replicator. Later on, we'll be able to manifest.

(Concluded from Part 4, yesterday.)

The subject of the ladder of consciousness is basic to my own spiritual practice.

Frankly, I think it may be basic to anyone's. Let me discuss how it surfaces in my own practice.

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

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- (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.

⌘ The Overseeing of Our Spiritual Experiences ⌘

We Have Strong Allies

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I'm convinced that the Company of Heaven gives me spiritual experiences because they know I'll write about them.

So much is unfolding from this last experience of the divine state of confidence. It shows how the Company of Heaven works with lightworkers so I'd like to revisit it, if you'd permit me.

You remember that on Sept. 17, 2018 I watched *Frazzledrip* while on a retreat. That so threw me that it took a strong spiritual experience to jackhammer me out of it.

I don't recommend anyone watch that video. It took me way past where I ever want to go in life and I've listened to tales of torture and execution in my refugee hearing room. This was way beyond anything I'd ever heard.

It took a first-order experience to pull me out of my dismay. And Michael later acknowledged that he had engineered that.

"We have unplugged you [and sent you on retreat to Xenia]. ... But what you have done is 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)

Beauty for sure. The beauty of the Self, who I am.

It was a fourth-chakra experience of the Self - the most junior of our Self-realizations. (2) And even then it was toned down. (3)

But it was enough to restore me from my deep despondency.

So Michael has caught me when I was falling, are we agreed?

He's actually told me on another occasion that he won't let me fall into such a funk again as I did a few years back (private matter). Count that instance as well.

And he acknowledged that, to keep me in the hospital for a longer rest during my triple bypass, he gave me MSSA, a recoverable cousin of MRSA. I think the archangels intervene in our lives a great deal more than we suspect. (4)

Ok, if you're with me so far, then, here I was dismayed last week about possible executions and what happens within days? A very uplifting experience of yet another divine state - this time, confidence. (5)

It has the scent of an archangel. It reminds me of Xenia. And I wouldn't want the mechanism to go unnoticed: usually it's the Mother or an archangel who gives us an experience, but in this case the mechanism, the process is that I become aware of a strange feeling, tried it on, and it expanded to fill the space. This time it was confidence. Another time peace. Another time bliss.

I've also spoken about this by saying that I feel a wisp of bliss and I surf it to the big wave. That's another metaphorical description of the same process.

How do I know it's a divine state? A feeling is usually localized within our body but ~~we~~ are localized within a divine state: we're immersed in it, drenched in it, awash in it, etc. I was immersed in confidence. It was if I could breathe it in.

I feel so amazingly well feeling confident. I feel so sad that I missed 67 years of my life, since the shattering of my personality at age seven, outside the experience of confidence. It feels like such an ancient reunion that I want to cry.

This is another stage in the recovery of the Humpty Dumpty Man. (6) What's next?

I stray. With the return of confidence to my life, I'd say perhaps ninety percent of all my personal strategizing has just been rendered unnecessary. I don't need to manage my image. Having confidence in myself is enough. I don't need anything else or more from other people - like validation or control or manipulation.

In just the short time since this experience I see the arising or restoration of confidence as a major contribution to my effectiveness in the roles I'll be playing. I'm amazed that I even considered playing them prior to feeling confident.

Why am I telling you this? Because you may find yourself in real emotional (or other) trouble at some point. And, if you're in genuine difficulty and it's going to impact the success of your mission, my experience should suggest to you that the archangels have the ability and willingness to intervene to pull you out of it.

Either you yourself can surf on a wisp of a divine state to the big wave or else the Mother and the archangels can bestow an experience on you that will (A) inspire you at its peak and then (2) leave a residue which will help you perform your assignment.

If the situation is serious enough, they can intervene even though we didn't request it. In the hospital case of MSSA, Michael said he consulted with my Higher Self and both agreed I needed a rest. I've already told him that anything he does with me is fine so he has my blanket permission.

A low point one week and an uplifting experience the next? We have strong allies watching over us.

Footnotes

(1) "Archangel Michael Explains What Happened at Xenia," Sept. 22, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/09/22/archangel-michael-explains-what-happened-at-xenia/> See also "Original Innocence," Sept. 21, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/09/21/original-innocence-2/> for the experience itself.

(2) 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 [the heart opening as well] 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 (fourth-chakra) events. You should have several events! (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon on June 12, 2019.)

(3) And not enough to take me off course, as the Mother discusses here:

Steve: The 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: To keep you in sync with your readers. But 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!'" (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

Notice that the Mother is implying that she has the ability and the willingness to make the Light brighter and dimmer. Of course. Why would she not?

What she says of me I think she'd say of any lightworker so expect to have our experiences toned down until we finish our service contracts.

(4) Well, heck, if we're talking about interventions, how about an electrocution deflected, a toxic chemical rendered harmless, making a heavy object weightless, putting out two kitchen fires, getting me this apartment when it didn't look likely. On and on the miracles go so I don't need any more convincing that the archangels intervene in our lives when needed.

(5) My memory is appalling but I recall experiences of the divine states of love, bliss, peace, purity, innocence, mastery, abundance, and now confidence. And of course all experiences are written up here on the blog.

Our everyday experience of any of these states does not match their higher-dimensional correlates. Imagine the difference between freshly-squeezed Florida

orange juice and Tang or Kool-Aid (orange crystals). That about conveys the extent of the difference.

(6) See “From the Humpty Dumpty Man to Here: Completing the Fear of Being Wrong,” June 5, 2019, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/06/05/300939/>

The Divine Mother on the Role the Company of Heaven Plays in Our Enlightenment

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"I have incarnated at one time, as you know, as the mother [of Jesus]." (1)

I've been talking a lot lately about how the Mother and the celestials assist us (shall we say) with our enlightenment experiences. I forgot completely that I talked with the Divine Mother via Linda about this very subject in 2018. Here's her acknowledgement of their role:

The Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

Steve: Implicit in what you are saying, Mother, is something that hasn't been really talked about very much and that's that the archangels or somebody else is managing our enlightenment experiences, timing, intensity.... Am I correct in that?

Divine Mother: It is a Board of Directors rather than being, “managed by.” That concept, the way that you have phrased it, dear heart, implies that you are being “managed” and that is not correct. [Steve: It 'd be a violation of free will.]

Now also know, and it is delightful to speak about this ... the timing, the pacing (and when I say “pace,” I mean the sequential unfoldment) of an Enlightenment process is such that of course you have a guardian and usually an archangel that is working with you so that it is humanly and can we say, soul or esoterically - via your universal self - managed. (2)

So very often, the construct was that things were done for you or certain things were placed in front of you. Now I am not saying that there aren’t great many things that are put in front of you and done for you continually.

But you are far more involved and engaged in your Enlightenment process in terms of literal, actual, physical, mental, emotional engagement than you have been previously.

This is a good point for a discussion and that is why we have talked this day of this chaos and this bouncing ball of untruth that is constantly in the air of human relationships right now.

But what is happening is that sometimes in terms of your, shall we call it “schedule?” that you are online for a certain upgrade or opening or level of becoming and the human being despite all the nudging and approaching and support tacitly or actually says, “I’m not ready” or “I’m not interested.”

Now let me say there are many times when you look at us and you say, “Why aren’t you doing something?” Well, dearest heart, there are many times in this life when we will look aghast and say, “Why aren’t you doing something?”

So if the individual, as you know it, on planet, the expanded self, is not ready, there will be several what we would call, impulses. To us an impulse means that a situation, an environment, a person will be presented to the individual.

Sometimes it is subtle such as a new love or a new child in the family, a new job, a new home, a terrible accident, illness, wellness... situations are given as impulses to the individual to say, “Here is the opportunity. Here is the opportunity. Here is the opportunity. Are you ready?”

So that level of encouragement is given. But if the individual in their free will ignores us, then we stand and pause and wait and wait and try again. So the

management of the Enlightenment process is more than ever in tandem, in partnership with the individual.

Did Solomon talk to Wisdom? Did the early Christian Fathers talk to the Holy Spirit? Did Zoroaster talk to Royal Glory? (3) Who has had access to the Divine Mother the way she's made herself available to this generation?

I'm actually at work on two compilations - one of her distilled comments and another of the full texts of her radio shows. I know what a huge gift it is to us to have her explain the mysteries.

The Heavenly Father does not speak. Or move. If you speak to God, you'll always be speaking to the Divine Mother.

Footnotes

(1) "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/>.

(2) The Universal Self, Higher Self, or Oversoul is us at the Seventh-Dimensional level.

(3) All names by which the Divine Mother has been called.

Archangel Michael on Truncated Experiences

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In this excerpt from my March 10, 2017 reading with him through Linda Dillon, Archangel Michael gave a full discussion of why there's a need to truncate experiences at this point in time.

He also discussed how the rules relating to enlightenment have changed over the centuries.

Steve Beckow: 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 you

don't want us to be fully ascended because we will stop serving the Mother in this particular regard if we do? ...

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.

And so there are pivotal markers along the way of important seminal information. You call it information, but it is energy. It is attunements. It is upgrades. It is expansion. It is wisdom. It is all of these things, all wrapped up in Love.

If you say, at the very beginning, "You are worthy. You are whole. You are capable of creating Nova Earth" and the person is lying on the floor bleeding because they have been used and abused by their parents who have been beating them since the day they are born, they are not going to believe you.

There is a process of expansion and acceptance and learning and coming to truly value and love oneself and thereby others. So you have been learning the process as you go.

And the spiritual level of maturity to accept the process... Because we know that there have been many tantrums along the way [true].

Now those tantrums do not upset us but we simply see them as markers about where someone is in their willingness and ability to process the old, to let go of the old and to welcome the expansion of the new.

And if those old vasanas, those old core issues, those old feelings of lack are not healed, then there [is not] the readiness for the next step. So that is why it is being truncated.

Steve: I come at it from a different angle and say, "it's enlightenment itself that is going to heal all the old wounds, etc. etc." but that's not necessarily true, is it? (1)

AAM: No. And it is not the paradigm or the pattern that has been in unfoldment for this collective and this planet. Don't forget. What you are doing is setting the pattern for so many.

So if you say this to the Mother - and you have - "Give us [full] enlightenment tomorrow" and then the domino effect of course is enlightenment throughout the Omniverse, then we are back to Square One and we just start over again.

Steve: Wait a minute, I didn't understand what you just said. ... Back to Square One? What did I miss?

AAM: Your ultimate enlightenment is the reabsorption into the Mother.... (2)

Steve: Yes... Back to Square One! I see. And the whole plan just gets shelved, so to speak, for me. Okay, I got it. So there is no escaping this special time. This is not like somebody seeking enlightenment in the 17th century.

AAM: It is entirely different.

Steve: Could you talk about that a bit because I think readers would want to hear what you have to say on the difference between the old quest for enlightenment and what purposes enlightenment serves at this moment.

AAM: Think of it in this way. In the 8th century, in the 2nd century, in the 17th century, in every environment what you have been carrying is also the paradigm of that time and place and culture etc.

In the 17th century, and even until really quite recently, the belief was, based on those very entrenched paradigms of control and penance and worthiness, that you had to really work at it, work at it, work at it, earn it and that it was hard.

And the level of commitment was total.

And often that meant in many ways, a divorcing or an absenting of oneself from society, from structures, from everything but your path.

Now what you have done is you have evolved. Do not forget there have been many lifetimes in between and many visits home, I would say.

You have reached the point where you are realizing, and we are asking you by the way, that we don't want you to feel burdened and working, working, working, but rather in the joy, in the love, in the bliss, claiming, embodying your birthright.

In the 17th century, it was about escape. Right now it is about being present.

So what you are working on, or towards, or inhabiting, is very different and therefore the rules of engagement have shifted and evolved.

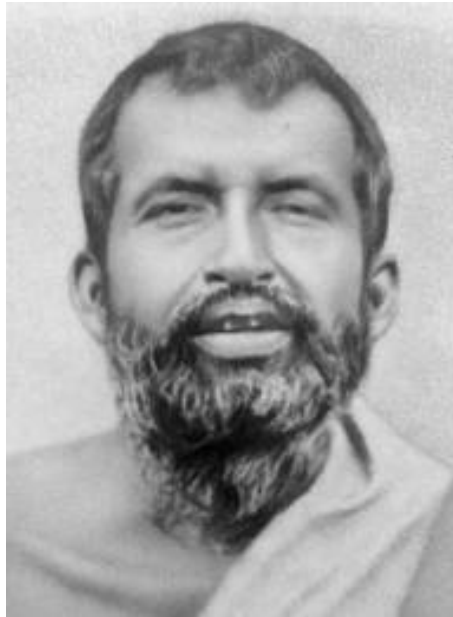
Steve: And again, this is all happening at the archangelic level, is it - this shifting of the rules or application of the rules, is that correct?

AAM: Yes, that is correct. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, March 10, 2017.)

The Higher Management of Our Enlightenment Experiences – Part 1/2

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Sri Ramakrishna

In the course of other research, I came across this quote from Sri Ramakrishna in which he talks about giving Swami Vivekananda an experience, probably of seventh-chakra enlightenment or perhaps a truncated higher experience.

“Now the Mother has shown you everything. But this revelation will remain under lock and key, and I shall keep the key. When you have accomplished the Mother’s work you will find the treasure again.” (1)

That’s the first reference I can recall in which a master acknowledges this level of management of enlightenment experiences. And it’s the first in which I’ve seen a master telling a lightworker to finish his service contract first.

I've touched on the matter of the toning down of experiences in passing but I'd like to look at it in more depth here because I think it's a matter that all lightworkers may wish to consider: Our service contracts determine what level of enlightenment we're able to achieve while still in service.

Don't panic. You're already higher dimensional or you wouldn't be here and you certainly wouldn't be reading this.

Why do they truncate our experiences? Simple.

Archangel Michael: 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. (2)

The Mother said the same, albeit about a much junior experience:

"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!'" (3)

Michael went on to discuss the matter at more length:

"It is not to say that you will not experience [higher states], 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 [because lightworkers are higher dimensional]. 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." (4)

That's the first reason why our experiences may be toned down. The second reason is one we lightworkers share in common with everyone: We need to be given only as much as we can take without getting discombobulated.

Michael discusses that here:

"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." (5)

At the same as we're being kept with our feet on the ground, we're being given enough of all we need to do the job, Michael assured me.

Steve: But we will have enough to do the job, enough smarts, enough heart...

Archangel Michael: Think of it as growing every day. Then you are given more responsibility, more allowance, and more cooperation. You begin to fully see us and engage with us. Many of the Masters return. So that you're given all that you need to expand like a flower blossoming. (6)

(To be concluded tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Nikhilananda, Swami, trans. *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 72.

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(3) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

(4) AAM, Feb. 14, 2012.

(5) "Archangel Michael on Truncated Experiences," March 21, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/03/21/aam-on-truncated-experiences/>.

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The Higher Management of Our Enlightenment Experiences – Part 2/2

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(Concluded from yesterday.)

Just as they used the pandemic to create a pause for humanity, so they use our individual crises to good effect. Here Michael and the Mother took me watching Frazzeldrip, which I don't recommend to anyone else, to "unplug" me and send me into the seat of the soul for recovery.

"We have unplugged you and, yes, it took some time and shall we say, a few shocks and jolts. But what you have done, is you have journeyed to the depths of your soul, to the depths of your core." (1)

According to Michael, that experience was a fourth-chakra event:

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 [the heart opening and the sight of Self] or maybe even more possibly?

AAM: It is possible to have multiple chakra events throughout your lifetime, 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! (2)

And all of these enlightenment events we have, the celestials and the Mother are orchestrating with our Higher Selves, as the Arcturian Group explains: “Awakening happens when the Higher Self determines that a person is ready.” (3)

As I’ve said before, knowing this has me relax on the matter of enlightenment. In the first place the Mother, our archangel, our guides and our Higher Self have the matter in hand.

In the second place, their considerations need to take in our soul contract to serve the Mother and Gaia’s Ascension this lifetime. I know that and accept it.

So, for myself, I feel relaxed on the matter. Things will happen in this area when they’re needed, when they’re right for the situation at hand, and when I’m ready for them.

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) Archangel Michael in a personal reading through Linda Dillon, June 12, 2019.

(3) "The Arcturian Group via Marilyn Raffaele, July 26, 2020," July 26, 2020, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2020/07/26/the-arcturian-group-via-marilyn-raffaele-july-26-2020/>.

⌘ Lightworkers ⌘

How is a Lightworker Different from a Spiritual Seeker?

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In my opinion, one way in which the lightworker is different from the spiritual seeker is that the spiritual seeker seeks enlightenment while the lightworker intends to serve, whether enlightenment results or not.

Archangel Michael once made the following distinction in a personal reading:

"When you use the term 'dramatic enlightenment experiences,' 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 it, but you cannot — well, you can if you wish; if it is your choice - simply remain in that state of unity, of Oneness. But you cannot be fully conscious and in service, in action, if that is where you are." (1)

So we cannot be in service and lost in rapturous contemplation of the One. The two don't go well together for any servant of the Mother; i.e., any lightworker.

Unless experiencing enlightenment *is* part of our mission, we may be called upon to subordinate it to the demands of our service agreements.

The request to put enlightenment to one side can also be mission-specific. For instance, I'm apparently a pillar so I need to stay here till the end. That affects my intentions.

"It is not just desirable, but in fact necessary, crucial - particularly because, Sweet One, I remind you, you are a pillar - that you not venture too far ahead of where people are." (2)

So I'm not rushing ahead or taking shortcuts or hankering to finish the race. I'm just staying with the group because that's what the service contract called "pillar" does. Not rushing ahead is a mission-specific requirement.

A spiritual seeker places nothing ahead of constant spiritual ascension, no matter how far they leave the rest behind.

Franklin Merrell-Wolff would be an ideal example of a modern western spiritual seeker who through determined spiritual practice became an adept and went, Michael tells me, as far as the Eleventh Dimension while still in the body. (3) Unprecedented.

Seekers tend to suspend all service contracts and concentrate on going inward. Or, for a very few, going outward. Pretty soon, they lose their appreciation and desire for that which to them is illusion. This is not the ideal mindset for serving, as Michael pointed out.

Before you think the servant will be left out, the reason we've been selected to serve is that we've been through the Ascension process already.

As the Divine Mother reminds us: "You are angels in form, and you have been birthed even prior to that as the essence of One. So you return to that while keeping your magnificent form." (4)

Or in even more picturesque terms by Archangel Gabrielle: "You are angels in form dancing upon a planet which is an archangel." (5)

"Angels in form" are already ascended.

If we hadn't ascended already, we'd be focused on our own enlightenment; if we have, we can better serve the enlightenment of the ascending collective.

And we'll regain our natural evolutionary level upon finishing this assignment. Probably more: We too will ascend. (6)

So servant or lightworkers will not lose out. We've agreed to be waiters at the banquet of Ascension. (7) We'll get our meal later.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012. Hereafter AAM.

(2) AAM, Jan. 18, 2020.

(3) See for instance, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness*. New York: Julian Press, 1973.

Steve: What level of Enlightenment or dimension did [Franklin Merrell-Wolff] achieve?

AAM: He primarily operates in the 7th to the 11th ...

Steve: When did he break away from the third dimension. Which of his experiences was that?

AAM: Actually, he broke away from the restriction, shall we say it that way, of the third dimension long before he ever started to truly practice or write.

Steve: So he was always doing it as an ascended being?

AAM: That is correct. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020.)

(4) "The Divine Mother: My Tsunami of Love Will Shift You Permanently."), channeled by Linda Dillon, January 30, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/02/the-divine-mother-my-tsunami-of-love-will-shift-you-permanently/>.)

(5) "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/>.

(6) Terrestrial and galactic ascended masters discuss the fact that they too will be ascending. Here are the Arcturians for instance:

"We are in the process of shifting our reality. We say 'we' for all dimensions, realities and worlds are shifting into a higher frequency of expression. As it is for the least, it is for the greatest.

"Hence, as the third/fourth dimension releases itself from the shackles of the third dimensional reality of illusion and shifts into the fifth dimension of the light of cosmic truth, all the dimensions above the fifth also shift into their next higher dimensional expression.

"As we make this transition, there is a release, a letting go, of what has been our predominant expression of self. For example, we Arcturians are expanding our baseline frequency from the eighth through tenth dimensions into the eleventh and twelfth dimensions." (The Arcturians through Sue Lie, Multidimensions, Aug. 21, 2014, at <http://suzanneliephd.blogspot.co.uk/2014/08/arcturian-message-being.html>.)

And Gaia's ascended masters:

"Some of you are already aware of the fact that a number of us - the Ascended Masters - are moving into a much higher vibration as a result of our own progress." (Kuthumi, "11:11 Turning of the Tide," Nov. 2, 2008, through Michelle Eloff, Nov. 2008, at <http://spiritlibrary.com/the-lightweaver/1111-turning-of-the-tide>.)

(7) "Starseeds: Waiters at the Banquet of Ascension," April 28, 2016, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2016/04/28/starseeds-waiters-at-the-banquet-of-ascension/>

Service before Enlightenment – Part 1/2

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In my reading with him on Jan. 18, 2020, Archangel Michael returned at my request to the question of unfoldment.

What he said on this occasion was enough to carry me from simple intellectual knowledge of the reasons for its slow pace to realization (though minor) of what the plan for me is.

I'll discuss his comments tomorrow. But before I do, I'd like to review what Michael and the Mother have previously said.

The reason I discuss it here is that the same circumstances may apply to many lightworkers who've agreed to lead in some area. Their unfoldment may also be toned down or moderated so as not to take them out of synch with those they have agreed to serve or serve with.

This is an intimate subject for me and I share it only to make the point that we lightworkers have already ascended in other lifetimes. I'm going to quote those discussions at length because I think others may find themselves reflected in them.

We've agreed to don the Third-Dimensional body to assist with this Ascension. Therefore we don't have to worry that we'll miss out: we'll return to our ascended state when we finish our service here.

If we weren't ascended already, we'd be concerned with our own Ascension and unable to focus on service. If we'd ascended already, we're more likely to show up willing to serve, in my opinion.

The process of understanding why I was being held back (that was my thought about it) began when I started to suspect my spiritual experiences were being truncated.

When I asked Archangel Michael and the Divine Mother about it, they agreed that the experiences were toned down.

Michael first acknowledged truncating my experience in 2012. That year I had an experience that ordinarily would have been Brahmajnana. (1) But it lacked the dimension of bliss and so was simply like watching a movie. (2) I asked him about it:

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. ... That is what you did.

Steve: Hmm, interesting! ... 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.

This is not to say that you will not experience that, but you cannot — well, you can if you wish; if it is the choice to - simply remain in that state of unity, of One [and] be fully conscious and in service, in action. (3)

OK. I have now gotten at an intellectual level that I cannot serve and live in the state that Brahmajnana brings on. Mine isn't deep knowledge yet, not deep enough to motivate action. But I've only gotten the matter intellectually.

Michael continued:

So, it is a toning down, if anything. It really is the middle ground. It is the intersection. It is the place where the third is not a memory, but it is not a burden. And you see the clarity of the old dis-illusions, and you see with clarity the sense of oneness.

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. (4)

So I now had confirmation that this experience at least had been toned down.

The only part of what he said that really sank in was "you can think of it as keeping two feet firmly on the ground." OK, I added to my understanding the fact that Michael wants me to keep both feet on the ground. That was helpful. But still the whole matter had not completely clicked. It had not reached realization.

Tomorrow I'd like to watch the process deepen as the Divine Mother acknowledges truncating a fourth-chakra enlightenment experience.

(Concluded in Part 2, tomorrow.)

Footnotes

(1) Brahmajnana or God-Realization occurs when the kundalini reaches the seventh chakra. It's also called kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi and is the culminating experience of the Third-Dimensional seven-chakra system.

It's not Ascension, which is a full and permanent heart opening called sahaja samadhi, beyond the seven-chakra system. Buddha called it arahantship, short of Buddhahood.

(2) Bliss lifts us up, making realization possible and deepening the realization the more bliss is experienced.

(3) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012.

(4) Loc. cit.

Service before Enlightenment - Part 2/2

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Concluded from Part 1, yesterday.)

The Divine Mother then acknowledged truncating a 2018 fourth-chakra, Sight of the Self experience I had at Xenia Retreat Center:

Steve: The 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!" (1)

Yes, what she says is undoubtedly true. So the experiences are truncated to keep me from wandering off to a cave to finish the job. I got that at a deeper level this second time. But not yet up to realization - minor or major.

On Martin Luther King Day 2020, inspired by his address, I got their explanations at the experiential and minor-realization levels (not necessarily as deep as I'd like yet, but deep enough to motivate action).

And I did out of contemplating what Michael said in my last reading, Jan. 18, 2020.

He said:

"I remind you that you are a pillar, that you [are] not [to] venture too far ahead of where people are, both individually in terms of your smaller circle but also in terms of the collective." (2)

Is that why the truncated experiences are happening?

The penny dropped this time.

Of course. I forgot. I'm a pillar. I'm here till the end. I work with the stragglers, the recovering, and the undecided. I need to stay on the same level.

He described me as multidimensional and I protested that I didn't feel multidimensional. He replied:

"A very large quotient, shall we say, of you is living ... in the higher-dimensional realm.

"Then there is a part of you that is in the morass of the chaos and the lower-dimensional realm because that's where the work is." (3)

Ohhhhh-kay! I've been suspecting recently that what Michael says is the case for all of us. We're all of us on at least the Fifth Dimension but we don't realize it yet and so we orient towards the lower dimensions.

Matthew Ward explained our situation here:

"Although Earth and all of her residents are in fourth density location-wise, the majority of the populace still is within third density awareness-wise." (4)

Therefore I exist as the everyday consciousness unaware of the presence of my other dimensional aspects. While I'm ascending, they're descending. OK, I can get that too.

I do sense a deeper quiet within myself than appears on the surface. I feel a deep certainty that things will work out. None of this is decided on the basis of evidence. It's all how I feel and what I'm inwardly certain of. Accessing the certainty and the higher dimensions inside of me is just starting to unfold in me.

The second thing that clicked in what he said was his phrase "because that's where the work is." Of course. Why couldn't I see that?

I agreed to be where the work is.

I assert that you may very well find yourself in the same position as I'm in. You may have experiences that seem to have been toned down or not as spectacular as you might have expected. Perhaps you wonder why things are not going as fast as you'd expect them to.

I believe that a version of what is happening to me is also happening to others, to preserve our ability to serve.

To summarize:

Based on my research, I assert that we lightworkers have come down from higher dimensions, forsaking our states of being and inhabiting Third-Dimensional, human bodies, to assist with this Ascension.

We're already ascended and will return to our realms when we've finished our various voluntary assignments.

While here on Earth, we're not intended to be like the typical seeker after enlightenment, *unless that's specifically in our mission as it will be for some lightworkers.*

This is not a lifetime given to the personal enlightenment of many of us, as noble as that is.

It's a lifetime of service. Enlightenment will come as well, but in our case from participating in this Ascension and from the spiritual practice of karma yoga, seva, or service.

I've also tried to demonstrate going from intellectual knowledge of why the pace of my unfoldment is what it is to experiential knowledge and then to (minor) realized knowledge.

I now realize - not just intellectually know or emotionally feel - that I signed on to be a pillar and a servant and that that determines the pace and extent of my unfoldment.

Finally, the discussions reported here show us that the archangels and the Mother tailor our enlightenment experiences to keep them consistent with our agreed-upon roles and missions. These were negotiated before we were born and in some cases eons ago.

If on the other hand you're a lightworker for whom enlightenment is your mission, knowing the central role the archangels and the Mother play in our enlightenment experiences, I'd be remiss if I failed to point out the advisability of asking them for enlightenment. In a free-will universe, one must "ask and ye shall receive, knock and the door will be opened."

Footnotes

(1) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020.

(3) Loc. cit.

(4) Matthew's Message, October 19, 2014, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm>.

Dual or Non-Dual This Lifetime?

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I'm going through a sad parting of the ways backstage between the lifelong non-dual student in me and the dualistic servant.

There are so many reasons why the non-dual is not the path for me this lifetime.

First, I know that my experiences are truncated to keep me here. It's probably the same for any lightworker, anyone, that is, who works for Mother/Father God. The intent is not to have me be enlightened now, but instead be grounded and serve.

If all of us "flew" up into the higher realms, from which we all came, we'd be unable or unwilling to complete our service agreements.

Second, the non-dual is a pursuit of the Absolute. But I already know that my service is with this relative, everyday world. So the stipulations of my service agreement preclude focusing on the Absolute right now.

Third, focusing on the Absolute would have me go inwards and perhaps get transfixed. But my service agreement is not with my inner states, as compelling as

they are. It's with people, outside. An introvert by nature, I'm called to be an extrovert. Archangel Gabrielle once reminded us:

"Your mission and purpose ... is always going to be in concert and interaction with others, whether it is one or one billion, it matters not." (1)

Fourth, this mass/physical Ascension we're involved in invites us to act, as Michael explains:

"When we have said – and many of us have said this – that this is a time of action, of implementation, of moving forward, we mean it literally. We don't simply mean it esoterically.

"We don't simply mean now is the time to take action to clear your vasanas or core issues. We don't simply mean that it is time to decide what your heart desires, although it is.

"It is time to bring forth and demonstrate, by the amazing diversity of talents, what you are capable of doing. Not just talking about, not just visioning, not just hoping for, but what you are capable of doing, demonstrably, in form, upon Gaia now....

"Not doing simply for busy-ness's sake, for to take action without focused clarity and intent in the stillness and the spaciousness of being is meaningless.

"But to move in formulation, in action, in doing with that focused intent of understanding and using the talents that you have brought.

"And every single being upon this planet at this time has brought the fullness, the totality of their soul's design to the planet. They did not leave anything behind.

"So you are well-equipped to take these steps of action, each of you in your own way and it is not an either/or. It is a mosaic and every piece counts." (2)

Our lightwork will be very much a global work, way more than a national or a local. In the pursuit of it, we're being asked to start caring for each other, start sharing with each other, start giving a darn about each other. And allow that to shape our service.

Fifth, I'd rather let go of experiencing Sahaja Samadhi (Ascension) now to work with Archangel Michael. The opportunity to work with him is beyond worldly value.

I've never felt so respected, honored, and cared for by another in my life as by him.

I'll be posting many of the instructions he's given me about how to proceed after the Reval. When I do, just listen to the care he takes with me every step of the way.

Feeling as I do, the path of the servant is more appropriate for me than the path of the non-dual student. But both karma yoga (dual) and jnana yoga (non-dual) lead to the same place. All roads - dual and non-dual - lead to the One.

Nevertheless, these are the reasons why I'm a dualist this lifetime.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Gabrielle: Cooperation Comes Before Love,” April 2, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/04/02/archangel-gabrielle-cooperation-comes-before-love/>.

(2) "Archangel Michael on the Purpose of the Reval and Our Future – Part 2/5," Oct. 24, 2016, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=282807>.

A Day with the Non-Dual

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Part of my work as a communicator, according to Michael, is to work for human unity.

I've had a whole morning of human unity I'd like to share, which then progressed into a process of re-choosing the path of the lightworker rather than the lightholder.

I can't remember the sequence of events, but it all started with me writing an article about the spectrum of consciousness and wanting to cite a passage from *The Book of Nothing* by Sosan. (1)

(I think you need to allow me to write stream of consciousness because the words are tumbling out.)

The quote I was looking for was on having no preferences. I went through the whole of *The Book of Nothing* (it's a short book) and didn't find it.

I remembered there were other translations of it online and that the quote may have come from one of those. (2) And eventually I found it.

But reading *The Book of Nothing* in several editions is what was important.

Passages which would have made no sense to me even two years ago made perfect sense now. As just descriptions of what's so. I attribute this to the rising energies.

In the process of reading, I felt hypnotized by what I was hearing. Yes, yes, yes.

It awakened in me memories that were lost to me before. I kept saying to myself: A still mind? I know that. All is oneness? I've seen that in the Ocean of Love.

I saw how this operation for lightworkers may and can unfold. I experienced the process of remembering deep, mystical knowledge.

I felt such certainty over some things that I'd never even remembered until now that it surprised me. How can I feel so certain over something I've never considered before?

We're looking at oneness here so let's use that subject as an example.

Oneness exists on the Absolute level. When consciousness descends, it more and more clouds the spiritual senses and capabilities until oneness is not at all visible or sensible. Listen, if we're starving and some food appears, there's not much chance of oneness surviving at that moment on the Third/Fourth Dimension. Such is density where things like hunger and thirst exist.

As soon as we have higher-dimensional experiences, oneness becomes obvious. Whatever it is we're all immersed in then is the same for all of us. Let's call it love. And whatever the light it is that we all are, that also was one. An intelligent Light immersed in Love. And even that is only halfway up the Real Mountain of the Absolute.

At this point I felt my consciousness expand in the face of what I was reading. It was reviving memories in me, of who I am.

I continued saying, I know that. I've experienced that. Not to the same degree or extent that either of these two worthy sages has, for sure, but on some level. I also have deeper memories from before this life that are also awakened.

As an aside, it also confirmed for me the hypothesis that we exist in higher circumstances than we may realize. We're in Fifth Dimension now, I believe, but we think we're in Third/Fourth and so the Fifth does not shine through. We continue to build the illusion of the Third/Fourth instead ... in the Fifth. (3)

Matthew discussed this phenomenon some years ago about the Fourth:

"Although Earth and all of her residents are in fourth density location-wise, the majority of the populace still is within third density awareness-wise. " (4)

That is exactly what I think is happening here and happening in a whole range of areas where we believe we are less than we are.

Here I am, reading a non-dual book and finding myself - a dedicated servant this lifetime - saying: I know that. I've experienced that. I understand that. I felt like a traitor to the Non-Dual.

Nonetheless, every time I said, "I know that," a pre-arranged signal Michael and I have would go off. It went off again and again and again. I took that as his enthusiastic approval of getting in touch with this side of things.

I revelled in the non-dual teachings for most of the rest of the day. And then I knew full well I had to put the books aside. I honor what Michael said:

"[What is needed in lightwork] ... is the middle ground [between unknowing and illumination]. ...

"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." (5)

This felt to me like one of those points which, if I took the non-dual fork in the road, enlightenment would come but I'd leave lightwork for lightholding. I wouldn't keep two feet on the ground. Which is not bad. It's just not my soul contract.

The Mother made clear what would have happened, in the course of explaining why she toned down a fourth-chakra enlightenment experience:

"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)

She's absolutely right. Which explains why Michael would advise us lightworkers, on interdimensional travel, to "visit; don't stay." (7)

My agreement is to be a lightworker communicator, not a lightholder or lightholder communicator. (8)

Long story short, having put *The Book of Nothing* aside, I returned to research and writing. I'm a lightworker this lifetime, not a lightholder, as attractive and inevitable as that pathway is.

One of the stories about Lao-Tzu was that he was an archivist. He could practice and even teach the Tao and still work. I take that as inspiration.

There's much I can borrow from what I learned today. I can certainly take inspiration from seeing that the destination is "no preferences." I don't need to go that far - and it'd be counterproductive if I did (9) - but it invites reducing my preferences and degree of attachment.

And I've been reminded of how oneness is plain to see and feel in higher dimensions and in the Transcendental. It just isn't plain to see here where such things as hunger and thirst reinforce in us our seemingly-separate interests.

Footnotes

(1) *The Book of Nothing. A Song of Enlightenment.* Sosan's Hsin Hsin Ming. Translated by Peter Dunn and Peter Jourdan. Kansas City: Andrews McNeel, 2002.

(2) See Seng-Ts'an, *The Mind of Absolute Trust*, at <https://selfdiscoveryportal.com/cmSengTsan.htm>.

(3) Remember that, as far as I'm aware, Ascension happens some time after we enter the Fifth Dimension. The first subplane is like a vestibule or mud room, before entry into the house (ascending).

(4) Matthew's Message, October 19, 2014, at <http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmmessage.htm>.

Michael discussed a slightly-different phenomenon with the same effect or result:

AAM: A very large quotient, shall we say, of you is living ... in the higher-dimensional realm. Then there is a part of you that is in fact in the, shall we say, the morass of the chaos in the lower (for lack of a better term) dimensional realm because that is where the work is. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon Jan. 18, 2020.) [Hereafter AAM.]

(5) AAM, Feb. 14, 2012.

(6) DM, Oct. 26, 2018.

(7) AAM, May 6, 2013.

(8) Divine Mother: 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. It can have an infinite, literally infinite number of expressions. (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, April 30, 2019.) [Hereafter DM.]

(9) I'd probably show up as distracted and I *would be* distracted, by my wish to behave appropriate to the non-dual.

Having my head "off in the clouds" would not be seen as appropriate.

I'd probably be asked to make a choice between becoming a monk or serving Ascension as a lightworker.

The same choice I see in reading these books.

The Divine Qualities of a Steward and Financial Wayshower

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St. Germaine joined us on An Hour with an Angel in August 2013 and gives us his description of the qualities that he'd like to see in a steward of the Mother's wealth and a financial wayshower.

Steve Beckow: In the time remaining, could you give us a discussion, a word picture, of the divine qualities that will come into play around the successful and useful handling of money, handling of prosperity?

Can you give us a picture of the person that you want to see emerge in all of us that takes this prosperity and successfully uses it in the way that the Mother, the Company of Heaven and the Council of Love have wanted it to be used?

St. Germaine: I would be pleased to, and I am honored to do so. And I am not painting a picture of an individual who does not know how to have fun, because, dear hearts, I have taught you how to have fun long ago. So, don't forget it!

SB: No, we won't!

St. G.: Purity. Purity is number one. And it is purity of intention, purity of action, purity of thought. It is a sense of selflessness with regard to the collective, but also regarding yourself. Purity is vitally important and your starting point. If you are

feeling any of the whispers of the old grids, then simply let it go and return to your heart of purity.

The second is compassion — yes, even more important than grace or humility. Compassion to see the situations of your next-door neighbor, or the nation next door. To see, not with the eyes of, “Let me assume your burden,” but “Let me assist.” “Let me assist by giving you the tools that you need, that you want, that you select for your freedom journey.” So compassion is very important.

Wisdom. The ability to know, from that place of your heart consciousness, what is desirable, what is... what we would call necessary, and in what balance. You do not give what is not manageable. So you do not give somebody, for example, who has been living on food stamps — God bless them! — you do not give them a million dollars and say, “Good luck.” You give them the wisdom tools, the supports, the infrastructure for them to manage and to grow into the knowing, the wisdom of how to deal with prosperity.

Prudence. That is the balance in all things. It is the balance to know when to extend, when to stay still, and when to withdraw.

So these are the primary qualities that I would ask you to bring forth and that you already have. So let them flow like the golden river, and do not forget, my beloved ones, please, use my violet flame. Allow the torch of freedom to be held high and declare, this day and every day, your deservingness to receive and then to share, to give with your hearts.

This flow-through is going to be rapid. (1) (2)

Footnotes

(1) "St. Germaine: Rivers of Gold Will Flow Freely – Part 2/2," Aug. 15, 2013, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/08/st-germaine-rivers-of-gold-will-flow-freely-part-22/>.

(2) I think, the flow through from the sources (St. Germaine Trust, Chinese elders, European Royals, etc.) to us lightworkers and out to the world, when the flow starts!

Financial Wayshowers: Emulate the Divine Qualities and Eliminate the Issues

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I said in an earlier article that the mind works by dominating others. A mind that works to disempower others disempowers itself.

If I'm right, then it'd come as no surprise to say that such a mind, when it looks at society, sees a dismal picture, reflective of its own dismal condition.

It thinks from a condition of lack, limitation and scarcity. It considers world conditions like hunger, poverty, and homelessness as inevitable. And it believes that there are and can be no solutions to the world's difficulties. The mind offers no hope to those who wish to build a new Earth.

The mind is simply too small, too timid, and too self-absorbed to tackle a game as large as building Nova Earth.

Only the heart has the juice, the power, the energy to penetrate through the mind's view of things. The heart does not experience lack, limitation or scarcity. The heart does not consider hunger, poverty, and homelessness as inevitable. The heart considers that there are infinite solutions to all of these problems, simply awaiting the collective will to eradicate them.

The heart is large enough, courageous enough, and selflessly-loving enough to tackle a game as big as building Nova Earth.

Many lightworkers will come into wealth without being in touch with the heart, without feeling love flowing, etc. They may not really feel the reality of having no lack, no inevitability, and endless solutions. How are they to make the leap from the old paradigm of service to self to the new paradigm of service to others?

In circumstances like these, they may need interim measures. I suggest a two-fold interim path: Let me borrow terms from spirituality and call one the *via positiva* and the other the *via negativa*. I'm giving the positive and negative paths new meanings.

My version of the *via positiva* is the road of following on faith the teachings of the ascended masters, celestials and galactics, that cultivating the divine qualities is the way to go until we feel the open flow of love. We follow the guidelines until our hearts break open and we need the guidelines no longer. On the positive path, we're cultivating something, taking positive action.

A second path is the *via negativa*, where we cause our issues (our "vasanas") to disappear by either processing them or else using any of the plethora of techniques that are being suggested these days for that purpose. The elimination of issues is an act of negation. It works to unveil our deeper Self that was always, already there and hidden by the debris of our decisions in life.

So emulate the divine qualities and eliminate the issues. As long as we're not carried along to generosity and integrity by the open flow of love within us, this is the way of being I recommend and I especially recommend it to financial wayshowers. In fact I urge it.

When the Reval hits, we're going to lose some lightworkers. Archangel Michael has cautioned me in a personal reading Dec. 11, 2013:

"Humans have a tendency to change with incredible abundance."

"What you are going to see, and this is something I have talked about, but not truly addresssed, and it is one of the issues - vasanas, yes, but also [false] grids - that have delayed the RV time and time again, not simply within your group, obviously, but globally. ...

"We are very aware of human history and how people have a tendency, even with the purest of hearts, to shift and perhaps even go a little crazy." (1)

That numbers of lightworkers would fall away was not something I thought was possible but I'm coming to see that I need to brace myself for the possibility. Our numbers will shrink again.

Meanwhile the Company of Heaven has said that they'll be watching us to see who uses money well and who does not, who shows up for work Monday morning and who does not. (Holidays are OK.) AAM said on this subject:

"Simply know that, where there [will be] gaps and holes [in the ranks of lightworkers who leave with their money], we are waiting to see how the shift is affecting the collective of humanity and the collective of the various foundations and groups.

"So stand back. Be the observer. See the unfoldment as it occurs. ... Simply [know] that you and we are putting people where they need to be." (2)

There may be a continual winnowing down. Many people may count themselves out, going to live in a mansion in Monaco or such like, and leaving the spiritual gene pool for good.

But eventually we'll hit a core of dedicated lightworkers, committed financial wayshowers. What will they be like?

I believe they'll actually be feeling and expressing love and, in the fulness of that feeling, they'll open their arms (prudently) to anyone in genuine need.

They'll be content to be moving forward, however it's accomplished. Any way that works will be followed. No one will want or seek credit. They'll just want the result.

They'll eat, drink, and sleep a world that works. They'll see it as an extension, a univeralizing of their own individual love.

They'll see that a world working proceeds from each being attaining workability within themselves and then another and then another until a breakthrough occurs. They'll know that a critical mass in workability is what's needed, not a total conversion.

Only those who can and do hold that vision will be left after a while. And, I think, this will be the core of the ground crew going forward.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Dec. 11, 2013.

(2) Loc. cit.

A Higher-Dimensional World Whose Palpable Essence is Transformative Love

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The object of all my work as a humanitarian philanthropist-to-be is to create a world that works for everyone.

I'm doing it by putting together a package of offerings to every country (not that I'd have the labor in place to deliver on that promise right away; I won't; it'll take time to build the organization).

Nevertheless, a menu of options are what we'll provide: universal basic income; universal medicare; universal accessibility to education; universal childcare; universal elder care; homes for the homeless; lightworker assistance; and national debt retirement.

The monetary flows that go through the pipeline will be redistributed to the world through these programs. This will be the mechanism. (We're looking at history in the making. It gives me the goosebumps to think about it.)

For those of you familiar with the creation formula, this also represents me observing its conditions by taking action consistent with my intention. My

intention is to build a world that works for everyone. Formulating these programs is the step I'm taking consistent with that.

Someone could come forward intent on showing me that the world absolutely does not work for him or her. I got it. However I'm still creating one that does. And will go on creating it. I know it can be done because I've lived - briefly - in that world.

From March 13, 2015, when I had a fourth-chakra heart opening, until Sept. 28, 2015, I lived off and on in a world of transformative love. From Sept. 28 to an undetermined time in February 2016, I lived in a world of bliss, which then gradually faded away.

I therefore can say that the love one feels at that level of existence is of such a radically-transforming nature that one wants for nothing and would not harm a soul while in it.

There'd be no reason for the world not to work out for anyone - at that level of frequency or vibration.

In the higher realms there's no hunger, no thirst, no need for sleep, etc. Our needs are ... well, non-existent.

But just in case, at some point, we'll be able to create by thought. We'll then be able to satisfy any "need" we or anyone else might have, instantaneously.

Let me be clear: In my limited experience, want, need, and lack were unknown in the higher dimensions. In those dimensions, the world works for everyone as a matter of course.

What makes the difference between our everyday world and that world?
Transformative love.

It's the love that flows in the higher dimension, first as a tsunami, then becoming an ocean of love, that makes that dimension what it is and this dimension what it is.

This then is the template plainly stated: A higher-dimensional world whose palpable essence is transformative love.

We work to create a world in its image, that honors it, in any way we know how.

All my humanitarian philanthropy is aimed at bringing such a world from the higher realms, where Matthew Ward says it already exists, (1) through observance of the universal laws, to Earth, the sooner the better.

Footnotes

(1) "Earth's Golden Age is imminent - and already exists in the continuum." (Matthew's Message, Jan. 4, 2012, at <https://www.matthewbooks.com>.)

"All participants [starseeds, lightworkers] 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." (Matthew's Message, Oct. 19, 2014.)

⌘ Emergence ⌘

What is Emergence?

Jan. 19, 2013



One of the seminal concepts for me in all the work we've done together in the past four years is to emerge from our fear – fear of being hurt by the cabal, fear of revealing ourselves, fear of rejection, fear of losing our jobs.

It also just so happens that we're in a phase of Ascension where emergence is key – where we now need to consolidate our gains and step out of our shells into our full stature as a spiritual being. For many reasons, the topic of emergence is one we would profit by considering at this time.

Emergence is a path to enlightenment and it's a path well suited to writers. I've been much occupied with the notion for the past few days and so I took it upon myself to take the best passages from past articles and collate them here.

"Emergence" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/emergence-2/emergence/>

Enlightenment can be reached by many paths, through many ways. For every sense door, a path. For every mode of experiencing, a path. For every temperament, a path.

And the mode called writing invites, for me anyways, a very particular path, which I've called "emergence."

Emergence is to stand forth as one's truth, to free our expression from all dogma and equivocation, all fear and anxiety, all suppression and intimidation, as people are doing right here [in this discussion group called Galactic Roundtable], right now.

Emergence may not look pretty. It may be a noisy birth or a quiet birth. But the more we emerge, the more we break the knots that bind us, find our native voice, free our natural expression, and stand forth in the way we were first created.

“Show me your original face” could be translated as “emerge.” Stop suppressing yourself. Stop hiding.

But it doesn't mean attack, insult, or anything close. To do that would be to violate our divine nature and the way God designed life, it seems to me, makes that result in more tension, more layers of withheld energy and consciousness, further darkness.

Emergence is emergence from attack, from duality, from separateness, the emergence of our nature as it is, free of restraint but also harmless and unconcerned with what others do or don't do.

I emerge. It has nothing to do with whether you do or not. I stand forth. I don't have you stand forth. I have me stand forth.

I do that by sharing who I am in the matter, as someone has just done.

The game in here [Galactic Roundtable], as far as I'm concerned, is emergence, throwing off the self-imposed chains of shame and guilt, letting go of worry about what others think of us, peeling back the layers and revealing one's self, warts and all.

The one who can speak his or her truth without fear and yet without harm has achieved the individual sovereignty already that the galactics promise us, as far as I'm concerned. What's left to win if we've released ourselves from our self-imposed prison of fear already?



Stop worrying about how you look. Stop trying to be right. Emerge in here. Who are you in the matter? Not who am I or who is someone else. Who are you?

Tell me who you are, deeply, transparently. I want you to know me deeply, truly as I am. The all of me, the how of me, the beginning and the end of me.

Tell me who you are. I will hear you.

"What is Emergence?" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/emergence-2/what-is-emergence/>

Because of the nature of our circumstances, I find it not as appropriate to say that our goal as a [discussion group called Galactic Roundtable] is “awakening” or “enlightenment” as it is “emergence.”

To “emerge” means to come out of my shell, to speak my personal truth in spite of my fears. As I see it, we emerge in many ways. In everyday life, I might emerge in a moment of love towards another. I might emerge in a moment of courage.

But, here on this “discussion” group, although we may emerge in love and courage, inevitably that emergence will be “discussed” or conveyed in writing and so I say that we emerge in “truth.”

Truth yearns to be uttered and heard. Truth lives in formless space, but is socially fulfilled in language.

You’ll know when your truth presents itself to you because you’ll rise up from whatever you’re doing and feel compelled to share it with another.

What truth? If we emerge in the ultimate truth of formlessness, well, that's cause for celebration. I would call that “ascension.”

But what is much more likely at this time is that we'll emerge in the relative or personal truth of ourselves. That may be the truth of you or the truth for you.

Here now comes what Atmos called “the fly in the ointment.”

The truth for you is probably not going to be an attack on someone else. If truth were an attack, then we all might look forward to our future with some trepidation.

But the future, where truth reigns, is said to be peaceful and compassionate.

Truth releases us from fear, anger, and all the other lower human qualities. So if what you are moved to say doesn't release you, but keeps you gripped in or sends you further into lower qualities, then it isn't the truth.

The truth unites; it seldom divides. I grant you that we're still in oppositional times as the dark attempts to vaccinate us all with nanococktails. The truth for us may be a resolve to say “no” to something.

The truth for us may unite us with some and divide us from others, but it shouldn't set us against even those we oppose, or it's not the truth.

In the case of vaccination, the truth does not involve an attack on another, just a resolve not to be vaccinated – in the name of truth.

Truth is a divine quality, just as love and courage are. They mix well together.

Truth does not mix well with the lower human qualities like anger and jealousy. In fact, the two probably cannot coexist.

Leo Buscaglia said that “love is letting go of fear.” I would go further and say that love, or courage, or truth expressed, transcends fear.

Emergence comes when we reveal ourselves until we ache. It comes when we find our courage and trump fear. It comes when we share a secret that has bound us for years.

Suddenly we share our truth and the result is that we emerge.

Emerge from what? From fear, shame, inhibition, anger, jealousy – from our shell. We emerge and stand forth, seen.



The man I served who asked that this discussion group be started wanted to publish intelligence from certain sources. But I began it to facilitate people in emerging. This site had two sides, as it still does.

Therefore, from the start of its life, one of the accents has always been on sharing our hearts out in a “safe, sacred, and workable” space, designed to be that way so that we could remove our masks in here and be seen for who we are.

You notice that we don't have on this site a large collection of trivia and jokes? The floors are swept clean and everything is left in a state that invites sharing our truth or the truth of who we are.

So you're humbly and kindly invited to use this space for what it was intended for – your emergence.

And not just your emergence. I call upon the group itself to emerge.

Wake up at the level of group. Take “ownership” (i.e., be personally responsible for) the space of this group. Feel from the level of the group. Emerge (yourself) as group.

Emerging as group means getting bigger. It means feeling the entire space of the group from the postings. It means noticing when the group turns icy with fear. It means seeing how the group responds to one member's share of difficulty.



And it means communicating our truth in a way that forwards the action and restores “beingness” to the group by making the truth of the situation known, whether it be negative or positive.

"On Emergence and Arrival" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/emergence-2/emergence-arrival/>

Emergence is a decision made in the moment to stand forth as one's truth in the face of countervailing pressures to remain silent, give in, succumb, or surrender. A person stands forth as their truth in the face of frightening odds or terrifying circumstances and they “emerge.” Mothers who lift cars off their babies “emerge.” People who walk into enemy fire or wrestle with a lion to save their loved ones “emerge.” people who are obliged to speak truth to power may emerge before doing so.

Arrival is the passage from a simply intellectual appreciation or understanding of an event to a much deeper experience of it that has bodily correlates, such as weeping or horror or actual bodily spasms and such. Sometimes one can “arrive” in the midst of a heart attack. One can “arrive” in the course of a near-death experience.

One can emerge and emerge and emerge, each time coming more and more out of a shell and standing forth ever more completely as one's truth. One can arrive in one setting after another and in fact, I'd imagine that people usually do.

I'm not enlightened, so I cannot say whether emergence or arrival leads to enlightenment. But I consider them both stages of it and part of the gradual process which may itself simply blend into enlightenment, as a few sages have said happens, or else result eventually in a sudden starburst of enlightenment.

I was asked recently what I was aiming at in producing this website [the *2012 Scenario*]. I replied that I was interested in “transparency.” Transparency lays the groundwork for emergence and arrival. By being truthful – as truthful as it's wise to be, given that we face forces that would exploit our truthfulness – one is, as it were, exercising the same faculty that will be used to emerge and arrive.



As a writer, I give up having the time to meditate. Meditation is not my path. Emergence and arrival are. I choose to stand forth as my truth, more and more each day, and I feel a subsequent strengthening and clarifying occur inside me.

Your path is your path, as it should be. Transparency, emergence, arrival are mine. Standing forth is mine. Showing up is mine. Being present and aware is another way of describing it. Owning my life and acting without fear are others.

When I estimate my growth, I don't ask myself if I've experienced enlightenment. I ask myself if I've emerged, if I stand forth as my truth, if I've shown up.

"Emergence Turns Resistance into Revolutions" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/emergence-2/emergence-turns-resistance-into-revolutions/>

What turns mere resistance into revolutions is emergence. What galvanizes people, brings tears to their eyes, sees the birth of resolve and the renewal of commitment is emergence. Moments of emergence define revolutions, are romanticized, and remain the stuff of memory when all else fades.

"Juiced on Emergence" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/emergence-2/juiced-on-emergence/>

We have the ability to call ourselves forth. We just don't do it often. We have the ability to come out of fear, to emerge from our records, vasanas and upsets. We have the ability to consciously put our lives at risk, to walk into the face of death, or even to drink a cup of hemlock. We have the ability to give our lives for another. All of these sound impossible to do. But they're not.

We have the ability to say to the CIA, the New World Order, the men in black: "I accuse...." We have the ability to look our tormentor in the eye and express our lack of fear.

We here are writers, are we not? We write emails, posts, tweets, letters, articles, essays. We write. It isn't easy to pursue an enlightenment discipline as a writer. But it's easy to emerge.



The clearest case of emergence for me occurred when I wrote an article on 9/11 in 2008 and sent it to every Member of Parliament and every Senator in my country. I remember clearly pausing before hitting the "send" button and knowing full well that I was saying goodbye to my career, inviting a life of potential threat, stepping outside the bounds of everything good that my society bestows on those who toe the line. And then, having emerged from my fear, I hit "send."

Emergence is a well-kept secret. I'm not sure why we haven't seen any channeled messages on it. But if you were to ask me the source of my juice, electricity or gasoline, I'd have to say emergence.

"Emergence will Only Cost Us Everything," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/emergence-2/emergence-will-only-cost-us-everything/>

What does it mean to emerge? And must we emerge before we take on any challenge? If we don't emerge when we set off for that ship [the Neptune], will it just be one more adventure that we were never present to anyways? Will it make a difference in our lives or just be one more luxury liner we took a trip on?

What really matters? What's it all about? Why are we doing this anyways?

There's a part of ourselves that you can call our exterior, our surface consciousness, our everyday mind and everyday heart that isn't us. And in order to remain in contact with that, we think we have to compromise, accommodate and fit in.

Then there's a part of ourselves that you can call our interior, our deeper consciousness, our non-ordinary mind and non-ordinary heart that really is us. And in order to come in contact with that, we have to give up compromise, accommodation and fitting in. We have to give up every thing, every attachment, every desire but that.

Every time we take on something out of the ordinary, stand out from the crowd, or take a step in the direction of our own freedom, truth and honor, we encounter the drag of conformity and the dead pull of the herd mentality.

We can go on this voyage of discovery and remain in our shells and not emerge. But I don't think it will do us a stitch of good.

Let's face it. If we've signed on to meet our galactic family, we have by that mere fact alone given up the chance of remaining on the surface of things and living by compromise and accommodation. The very act of stepping forward and saying we want to go was the death knell of that.

Even if you stated you wanted to go and couldn't go, you still voted for the end of superficiality.

If the world then turned around and bit us, threatened us and abandoned us, what did we expect? A hero's welcome? A bouquet of flowers for threatening the status quo?

We've become subversives of the most threatening type. Close encounters with the emergent personality, with authenticity and truth.

How much will emergence cost us? Only everything.

Welcome to your new life. Welcome to the end of comfortable conformity, to the demise of hiding, passing and getting by. Welcome to the new life where the only strength you can rely on is your own inner strength, the only truth you can bank on is the truth that will not let you sleep and be denied.

The Significance of Emergence at this Time

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Admittedly emergence is something we've done in the past in the face of emergencies, situations that were life-threatening for us or others, occasions on which our freedom or well-being was at stake.

But I'd like to suggest that emergence now becomes an action that may serve us well during this phase of Ascension in which we're told that we're on the Fifth Dimension but not aware of it or anchored there, in it but facing towards the old Third which is familiar to us.

What we're emerging from now is not a threat that faces us, but our own tendencies and vacillations. And whereas emergence before was a process of breakthrough, of standing forth in our truth and courage, it now becomes more a matter of commitment, a matter of manning our levers and pulling ourselves into one realm of being (the Fifth) and out of another (the Third).

Before emergence was useful when we faced the cabal and were tasked with challenging their authority and naming their crimes, which we shrank from out of fear.

But now emergence serves us by providing a means of taking ourselves in hand, emerging from our vasanas or reaction patterns, setting aside our excuses, justifications and denials, blame, criticism and judgement, and emerging into the divine qualities (or "godly ways," as Matthew Ward calls them) that facilitate our entrance and anchoring in the Fifth-Dimensional world that beckon us.

This phase of Ascension requires us to come out of our shells and stand forth in our native being. It requires us to reveal and express ourselves as our truth, love, and commitment. It obliges us to leave aside blame and attack and embrace and love those we meet. It calls upon us to recognize the basic divinity of all we encounter and face them in harmony and unity.

Emergence is emergence from darkness. We don't emerge from divinity. We emerge into it. Divinity is our native being and life does have a direction. That direction is from darkness unto light, untruth to truth, death to immortality. It cannot be said that life is neutral. Life is affirming, loving, embracing.

If we're looking for a tool that will serve us in this next phase of Ascension, as we consolidate and extend the gains won recently and approach the time when we anchor fully in Fifth Dimensionality, among the tools like meditation and living up to the divine qualities, I recommend we include emergence.

Back to the Basics: Emergence and Balance

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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 our full selves at that moment and radiate peace and confidence.

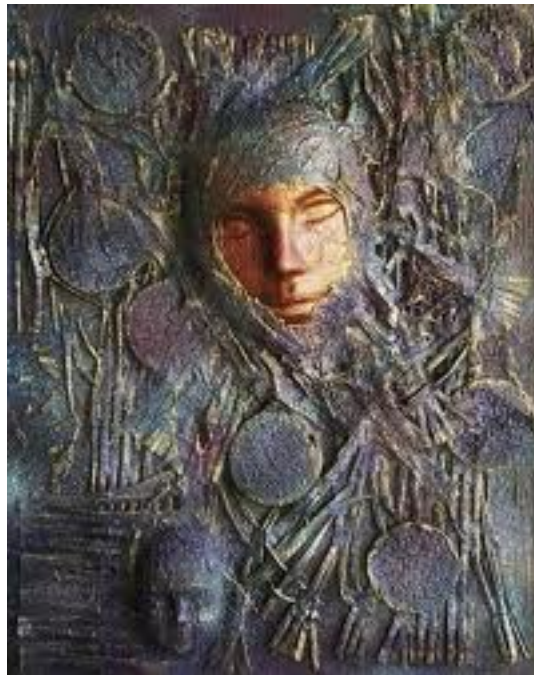
Why do I mention it? Well, in another article I said that enlightenment was the purpose of life. That God should meet God was the reason why all life forms were created.

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 are 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 to “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 the Boss 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!

Just Starting Out

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One could see the process of uncovering or revealing the Self as akin to moulting.

The crab doesn't find itself. It moults a confining shell.

If we go off in search of the Self, we're busying the very one we want to "find."

"I'm searching for the Self." "Go away. I'm busy." "What are you busy doing?"
"Searching for myself."

In fact, what's more relevant is that there's an overburden of vasanas (core issues, early childhood trauma) and archaic behavior patterns (originally born of vasanas but now independent) that sit on top of the Self and hide it.

All of what I'm saying is metaphoric, of course; nothing "sits on top of" the Self. But how otherwise could I speak than with metaphors?

For a decade now I've been going through a very public evolution. It's involved completing my vasanas; dropping my archaic reaction patterns, without putting anything in their place; and then committing myself to the divine qualities and living through a bumpy transition.

This is the phase of Ascension that Buddhists call sila, dharma, or right conduct. Ascension itself they call Buddhahood.

Committing to the divine qualities is committing to right conduct. For the troll under the bridge, this is not a small thing.

Prior to that, mired in my own early childhood trauma, I was at war with everyone. Just plain at war. Bitter. Edgy. Had a chip on my shoulder, my Dad used to say.

The source of the vasana? I tell myself: No one came to my aid when, as a twelve-year-old, I reported the domestic abuse in our family. I ended up being reprimanded and threatened into silence.

I was the typical model student on the outside, seething with anger and resentment towards the whole world on the inside. Fortunately I was guided towards healthy outlets like encounter groups, communication workshops, and enlightenment intensives.

But for the last decade I've been completing my vasanas in real time, so to speak. Looking back on it, I think the degree of exposure or transparency it required accelerated the process.

The point is I arrived at a degree of stillness of the ego/lower mind which has proven to be a launching platform for spiritual experiences.

One of them was the sight of the Self. As the Divine Mother shared, the experience was toned down, truncated. The light was not brighter, as she said, than a million, billion suns. (1)

But the experience for me was, nonetheless, like the baseball runner sliding into home base from third. I'd gotten home. Not as deeply as I might like but I was home. For the first time in this lifetime.

Clearing vasanas and taking a stand for the future (eg., in my case, a commitment to the divine qualities) worked. I made it perhaps as far home as I'm meant to go, given my soul contract, as the Mother emphasized, to be a writer and not a spiritual teacher this lifetime.

There's been a lot of assistance from the other side. Moreover, the love energies are ever rising on the planet. As a result, I think, everything about spiritual practice these days is easier.

Concentration in meditation is easier. Access to love and bliss is easier. And so on.

But I don't know. There are no maps or graphs or statistics to confirm our experiences. I can only go on my own sense and what others share.

I'm beginning to get an overall sense of my work this lifetime. Not completely or crystal clear, but an inkling. Like a pinball that rebounds from paddle to paddle, I went hither and yon to get here. This is what it took. Or at least what I put myself through.

No more. I'm retiring the personality who struggled so hard, with my blessings and gratitude, and allowing out *whatever* is down there - experience or barrier - awaiting its turn. It's my work to push my edge, press on, experience what lies ahead.

One of our star family said that, to them, 80-90 years old is just starting out in life. So I'm just starting out. New growth, fresh start, waiting challenges.

Footnotes

(1) Steve: The experience [of the Self] at Xenia [Retreat Center], 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 as 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: To keep you in sync with your readers. But 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!'" (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

I Don't Need Props, Lines, and Costumes to Do Me

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What's my line?

I can now see counterproductive behavior patterns as they arise. Before I committed to the divine qualities, they'd arise largely invisibly.

That was because I approved of them. Now they work against my new commitment and so are in conflict with me.

When they arise now and seek my attention, I don't agree to give it and so they pass from unconscious awareness ("taking no notice of them") to conscious awareness (refusing to give further attention to them).

This is all part of the process that's unleashed by what the growth movement called "calling yourself on your own number." I called myself on my allegiance to hostile and disagreeable ways and transferred my allegiance to the divine qualities.

Now patterns of behavior which were justified before as "just me" are seen for what they are (hostile manipulations) and it becomes more difficult to run them. I'm describing that difficulty as we speak.

Once anything is raised to awareness, if it's malintentioned, it becomes harder to run. Now our conscience gets involved bigtime.



I'm actually seeing behavior patterns arise often now - because of my vote switch (or change of commitment). I watch one response after another go off that mirrors how I'd have been some time ago. Oh my. What a pain in the ass I was.

My profound regrets to everyone who had to put up with me.

I've learned how not to be. Nowadays when I see these manipulations arising, I just drop them. No argument. No explanation.

It's curious to see all the fireworks - records, vasanas, patterns - go off in me without me allowing them my allegiance or attention any more. I'm a jukebox at the moment, with no one listening.

But it's also satisfying that I'm both not acting them out and also able to simply let them fall without feeling I need to put anything in their place.

The obligation to have something to put in the place of counterproductive behavior is what sent me to so many therapists over the years.

I actually don't need to have anything to put in their place. I actually don't need props, lines, and costumes, as a friend says, to do me.

I don't have to fix me. I don't have to make me better. I just have to let go of what doesn't work. What is there when I do that is what I've wanted all along. (1) It'll solve all perceived problems.

Footnotes

(1) The Self.

⌘ Saints and Sages, Archangels and Seraphim ⌘

Did the Buddha Believe in God?

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I wanted to share what arose for me out of a friendly discussion with a Buddhist acquaintance of mine 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.



Bernadette Roberts

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 *vrutti*) 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 Brahmajnana, 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’s a permanent state of enlightenment which occurs when the kundalini passes beyond the Seventh Chakra and opens the spiritual heart-aperture 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.

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.

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All Religions Respect Jesus, 2014

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We often talk about a "personal relationship" with Jesus. I'm not a Christian but I *am* a great admirer of Jesus and have been all my life.

Might I contribute a reflection on my own personal relationship with him?

For reasons I didn't know then, I'd been reading the classics from a very early age.

Of the classics dealing with spirituality, the *Tao Teh Ching*, the *Bhagavad Gita*, and the lives of the Zen masters particularly spoke to me at that time.

The *Bhagavad-Gita* was highly-comprehensible on the nature of Reality. The *Tao* was enticingly mystical and revealing. And the lives of the Zen masters were inspiring and invigorating.

But the only book that had all three qualities combined in it, along with many other rich rewards, was the *New Testament* of the *Bible*, the books of Jesus.

The epitomization of reality that Jesus was capable of would not leave me and explained in a nutshell so much that other teachers took pages to discuss.

There's a story of a Zen monk who was shown the *New Testament*, read it and said of Jesus that he was not far from enlightenment. Sri Ramakrishna acknowledged Jesus as an avatar and merged with him on one occasion. (1)

All religions respect Jesus. It seems to me that if each named the spiritual master they most preferred after their own lineage, most would say Jesus.

His sayings are a common body of utterances among the religions of the world. Very seldom do they need explanation. Often they're produced as the last word on the subject.

Moreover, Jesus has not been given his full due. Some religions look down on dualism as the equivalent of candy to interest the spiritual babe. And Jesus is often called a dualist. But I say he is not.

What's the difference between calling the levels of reality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and calling them Brahman, Atman and Shakti? There's none. The reality being pointed at is the same.

The Father is Brahman; the Holy Ghost is Shakti (Energy), the Divine Mother. The Son is the Atman, the self, soul, Christ, Pearl of Great Price, mustard seed that grew into a great tree. Where is anything that would offend a non-dualist?

If one can speak of Brahman, Atman and Shakti and be seen as a non-dualist, why not the same if he uses the terms Father, Son and Holy Ghost?

Jesus described the relations between the Father and Son or Brahman and Atman in unforgettable single sentence teachings: I and my Father are one; though we are one, my Father is greater than I; he is in me and I am in Him. What is he talking about here?

Brahman and Atman are one. No Hindu would dispute that.

Though one, Brahman is greater than the Atman. The Atman is a fragment (metaphorically speaking) of Brahman, a part rather than the whole.

Brahman is in me as the Atman, Christ or soul in the heart. I am in Him in the sense that He is all there is and so I must be in Him.

In the simplest of terms, Jesus has described relationships that books of erudite scholarship were written to explain. I know I benefited from them and used them as my standard for many years.

Or his parables, each of which was an explanation in kernel form of the steps to enlightenment.

For instance, a man found a treasure buried in a field. The body is the field and the treasure is the Self, soul, Christ or Atman "buried" in the heart of the field.

The man having found the treasure means the man has seen the Self in fourth-chakra enlightenment. It's seen as a discrete light - the Christ, the Pearl of great price, the Great Fish among fish, the measure of meal that leavens the whole loaf.

He covered up the treasure. By that he means that the treasure, the vision of the Self disappears. The sight of the Atman or Self is temporary prior to the advanced stage of enlightenment called sahaja samadhi, which we'll be experiencing once we're deeply within the Fifth Dimension.

He went away and sold all he had and bought the field. The man sat down and divested himself of all desires (sold all he had) save the single desire to fully realize and "possess" the Self. Meditating on that alone, he gradually moves on to the Realization of the Self of All, the Father in sahaja samadhi. At this point, he has "bought the field."

Again, priceless mystical knowledge in the very simplest of terms yet unmistakable to the student who knows even a little about enlightenment, a bridge for the inquirer to get quickly oriented to the new land of spirituality. Whenever people ask me for a quick introduction to spirituality, I tell them to read Jesus.

So much of what was attributed to Jesus was written in code. The parables are good examples of that. Once we know the key to the code - which is the fact that this same Trinity is what all of us must realize before we graduate

from one rung of evolution to the next - we have the Rosetta Stone that allows us to understand what's being said in many other religions.

This knowledge is a foundation block in building a cross-cultural spirituality. With it we can see that all of us worship the same Father/Mother God. And all of us are the Christ. Or, if you prefer, the Atman, Self or soul.

Jesus was on *An Hour with an Angel* some time ago and expressed regret for the enmity that exists between Christians and Muslims.

"The criticisms that are anchored – and we mean anchored, not aimed – at those of Islam are unjust. They are judgmental. They are unfair. They are not of peace. They are not of love.

"It is a darkness that pervades much of the light. And what it does is it [foments] hatred, which eliminates the opportunity for the very thing Michael and I work for, which is peace on Earth." (2)

If Jesus bears no ill will towards Muslims, if he knows that the charges against them for many acts of "terrorism" which our own governments perpetrated are false, how can we remain in enmity?

Avatars commonly bear the title "the Prince of Peace." Jesus was not the first avatar among the Jews. Melchizedek also was called the King of Salem, or Prince of Shalom, or Prince of Peace. (3) He also was an avatar. The designation Prince of Peace pays honor to the stillness of their minds, the utter and deep calm or tranquility which they manifest. But Jesus was also a tireless seeker of peace in the world as well.

Jesus' religion is usually thought of as a religion of love but it could as arguably be called a religion of peace, as he here illustrates:

"It is time, during this phase, to make peace with your brethren, because in that you make peace with the third. If you say to me, 'Lord, I can never love someone of Islam, someone who is Hindu, someone who is Jain,' this will not do. It is all; it is not highly selective. It does not mean that you agree with everything they do, they say. But there is an honoring of their divinity, and their devotion." (4)

No one's teachings on any mystical subject come as quickly to mind as his do and none have proven to be as common a standard against which I measure other spiritual utterances.

We're fortunate to hear him so regularly through such competent channels as John Smallman and Pamela Krebbe and also on our radio programs.

Let me say here and now that no religious figure, with the exception of Sri Ramakrishna, has been as influential in informing my approach to things as Jesus has. I serve Archangel Michael but my admiration for Jesus remains boundless.

Footnotes

(1) "Was Jesus an Incarnation of God?" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/was-jesus-an-incarnation-of-god/>

(2) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus on Biblical Mysteries, Dec. 20, 2011" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-20-2011-2/>

(3) "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God." (Genesis 14: 18.)

(4) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus on Biblical Mysteries, Dec. 20, 2011," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-as-of-2012/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-20-2011-2/>

Jesus was a Non-Dualist

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Many people consider that Jesus was a dualist. He talked about a Father and a Holy Ghost as if they were outside himself and represented himself as a Son.

He said his Father was greater than he, even though they were one. He said that the Father had given all things into his hands and sent him out into the world with a task to do.

He said many other things that seemed to suggest that the Father existed as an objective reality from which he, Jesus, was somehow separate. And yet he was the Son of that Father and sent on a mission, etc.

But let us examine the situation a little more deeply.

Hindu Advaita (non-dual) Vedantists (teachers of the non-dual Upanishads or Vedanta) are looked upon as non-dualists. They speak of Brahman, Atman, and Maya or Shakti.

Brahman is the only Reality and is mysteriously individuated as Atman, or Brahman-within-the-individual. All of us are illusory forms, created by Maya or Shakti, the energy of Brahman. Shakti differs from Brahman as movement differs from rest, sound from silence, and form from formlessness.

Are we agreed?

Well, I contend that what Vedantists called Brahman, Jesus called the Father; what Vedantists called Atman, Jesus called the Son; and what Vedantists called Maya or Shakti, Jesus called the Holy Ghost. Put in equation form, Father, Son and Holy Ghost = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. Jesus spoke of a Holy Family but in actuality he only spoke of the same three levels of Reality that the Advaitins spoke of.

If Vedantists are non-dualists, why is not Jesus so considered? Do different names make any difference? I don't think so.

When Jesus said "I am the truth, the way, and the life," in my opinion, he did not mean "I, Jesus." He meant the I, the Self, the individuated Brahman, which he called the Christ, the Savior, the Prince of Peace.

Of course the I, Self, or Atman *is* the Savior. Knowledge of the Self brings salvation, liberation, redemption from physical birth and death. But it must be known as one with the Father. It is the Prince of Peace because perfect knowledge of it does bring peace, a peace which passeth understanding.

This Atman or Christ is seen in a moment of enlightenment and is known to be the "truth." Meditation on it is the "way" to knowledge of Brahman or the Father. And that knowledge, when perfected, leads to "life," by which he meant not needing to go more out of the temple; i.e., liberation from the need to leave the higher realms and be reborn into this realm of matter, *mater*, Mother or Shakti, the Holy Ghost.

To illustrate that "I am the way, the truth, and the life," he gave parable after parable, all of which say the same thing. A man (woman, child) was digging in a field (the body), came across a great treasure (in the heart), buried it up again, went away, collected all his wealth, sold it, and bought the field. A man (woman, child) saw a pearl of great price, went away, sold all that he had, and bought the pearl. A man put a measure of meal in a loaf and it leavened the whole loaf. A man planted a mustard seed and it grew into a great tree. They

all say the same thing. They tell us how to get to God, how to realize Brahman or the Father, etc.

Jesus knew that his generation would as a whole not use his knowledge well and so he hid his wisdom in parables.

Let's look at one of these.

A man was digging in a field....

A person was practicing spiritual disciplines, in the haphazard way that we all do, meditating one day, forgetting to meditate the next day, carousing, having a spiritual discussion....

... when he came across a great treasure...

When he saw the light of the Atman or Christ, at a time of God's own choosing. When the kundalini energy rose to the Fourth Chakra he saw a discrete point of light, which we know as the Self, the Atman, the Son of God or Christ.

... he covered up that treasure...

He reflected on that experience and resolved to become more focused in his practice.

... he went away and sold all he had....

The sight of the Atman, Self, or Christ ceased and the man wanted it back. He began to practice spiritual discipline in a far more focused manner. He let go of all other desires than owning the treasure of the sight of the Atman, Self, or Christ. He began to meditate exclusively on the Light he had seen.

... and returned and purchased the field.

After many days, weeks, months, and perhaps years of meditating exclusively and constantly on the discrete Light, it grew into a Light that transcended creation, transcended form, transcended everything he knew as reality. In an experience called sahaja (or permanent) nirvikalpa samadhi, he realized a Light that transcended creation or form and this time it did not leave him.

Perhaps a seeker does not meditate but follows another path, such as service or devotion. But the following of whatever path he takes becomes more focused and concentrated.

The Son has now "led" the seeker to the Father. Atman has become Brahman. I and the Father are One. The truth has provided a way to the life. The "I" of the Atman or Christ has shown itself to be the truth, the way, and the life - the truth of the Father, the way to the Father, and the life afforded by permanent knowledge of the Father.

Nothing I have said yet shows Jesus to have been a dualist, but a non-dualist.

Perhaps someone among readers had a question about this. Perhaps someone wanted to know how the teachings of Jesus are consistent with what all other religions are saying. Perhaps someone said how can I be a Christian and read the rest of the material on this website? I don't know.

But there it is. In my view, Jesus was as much a non-dualist as Krishna. And as much a dualist since dualism is in reality simply an earlier view of spirituality than non-dualism, just as Grade 6 is an earlier view than Grade 7. Dualism is contained in Non-Dualism, as we see here.

Yes, there is only one God and the One has become the many. No, Jesus did not deny non-dualism and set up a dualistic path in contradistinction to non-dualism by recognizing a Father, a Son, and a Holy Ghost. Yes, Christianity and Hinduism say the same thing in different words. And the same could be said for Christianity and Buddhism, Islam, Taoism, etc.

There is a Perennial Philosophy, an ancient wisdom, a fount of spirituality underlying all religions which is the source of all teachings. There is a Reality which all great teachers contemplate, realize, and then find their own unique way of describing. Words are different but Reality is the same. Jesus was as much a non-dualist as any of the rishis.

I am the Light of the World



“I am the Light of the World,” Dec. 25, 2010, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spirituality/cross-cultural-spirituality/i-am-the-light-of-the-world/>

Merry Christmas (2010) to everyone as we celebrate the birth of one who was, in more than one sense, the Light of the World.

The main respect in which this could be said of Jesus is that he incarnated the Light of the world. When he said, “I am the Light of the world,” (1) he was referring to the Light of the immortal Self, known to Hindus as the Atman, to Buddhists as our original face. Hindus referred to the Light as Brahman-within-the-individual, God-within-the-person. Christians referred to it as the only-begotten Son.

It is the Prince of Peace, the Messiah, the Savior of humanity and all life.

Jesus talked about this mystical Light throughout his ministry, calling it the Pearl of great price, the Treasure buried in a field, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, the measure of meal that leavens the whole loaf.

His parables were discussions of how, once we saw the Son of God in meditation, we would sell all other desires, meditate on it, and buy the whole field. That is, when we concentrated on it alone, the Christ Light became the Light of the Father, transcending all of creation and bestowing on us eternal life.

To the spiritual seeker, it would prove to be the Good Shepherd, the only door to the Kingdom of Heaven, the eye of the needle.



Jesus embodied it. He was it while others only saw it. But even merely seeing it changed one's whole life, as Jan Ruusbroec, the 14th-century mystic, tells us:

“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)

Ruusbroec sells all that he has - all his other desires - and retains only the desire to contemplate this Light, until it becomes for him the Light of the Father, as he reveals here:

“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.” (3)

Richard Rolle, Ruusbroec's contemporary, depicts the fate of the mystic who has become “perfectly converted to Christ”; i.e., has followed the Light of the Christ to the Light of the Father.

“When a man is perfectly converted to Christ, he will hold in contempt all things that are transient, but keep a tight hold on his longing for his Maker – as far as is given to mortals, who have to allow for the corruption of the flesh. And then, not surprisingly because of this vigorous effort, he sees with the inward eye heaven open, as it were, and all the inhabitants there.

"Then it is that he feels that warmth most sweet, burning like a fire. He is filled with wonderful sweetness, and glories in jubilant song. Here indeed is charity perfected, and no one can know what it is like unless he lays hold of it; and he who does never loses it. But lives in sweetness and dies in safety.” (4)

The sixth-century mystic Pseudo-Dionysius also knew this consummation and described it in similarly glowing terms.

“In time to come, when we are incorruptible and immortal, when we have come at last to the blessed inheritance of being like Christ, then, as scripture says, 'we shall always be with the Lord.' In most holy contemplation we shall be ever filled with the sight of God shining gloriously around us as once it shone for the disciples at the divine transfiguration.

"And there we shall be, our minds away from passion and from earth, and we shall have a conceptual gift of light from him and, somehow, in a way we

cannot know, we shall be united with him and, our understanding carried away, blessedly happy, we shall be struck by his blazing light. Marvellously, our minds will be like those in the heavens above. We shall be 'equal to angels and sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.'" (5)

To guide us to this blessed consummation is the reason why Jesus chose to be born.

The Light of the Christ is the Light of the world, the Light of the Son, one with the Light of the Father. This is what Jesus meant when he said "I and the Father are one." (6)

The Light of the Father is greater than the Light of the Son, as Jesus said: "My Father is greater than I." (7) The Light of the Father resides in our heart and we reside in the Father since God is everything, which is what Jesus was pointing to when he said: "The Father is in me, and I in him." (8)

Jesus also said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (9) Meditating on the Light is the way to God. The Light of the Father is the truth of life. And knowing that truth deeply, in the experience of sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi (10) – that is the state of enlightenment that is sahaja or natural. It frees us from the need to be born into physical matter again, the sense in which it bestows "eternal life." (11) Thus the Light of the world is the way, the truth, and the life,

Jesus knew that the masses would not understand him or his disciples and, misinterpreting what they said, might turn on them and rend them. Therefore he advised his disciples not to cast their pearls before swine.

He himself could not find among the elders of Israel people who understood the mystical truths he taught, asking Nicodemus, "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" (12)

On another occasion, he spoke a parable to his disciples, who thought they knew what he said, but they showed by their response that they did not.

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

“His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.” (13)

But Jesus has spoken a proverb, which had several layers of meaning, as all his proverbs did. Besides the obvious one which the disciples apprehend is another in which Jesus is declaring that he is an Incarnation of God, a descender to Earth and not an ascender like the disciples.

A third level of meaning is that all life comes from the Father into the world and then leaves it, upon final enlightenment, and returns to and merges with the Father again. This is not at all the plain speaking the disciples thought it was.

That he incarnated the Christ Light is not the only level of meaning in which Jesus could be said to be the Light of the world. His incredibly-profound, epigrammatic teachings made him the Light of the world in a pedagogical sense too.

His parables were designed to last for centuries, providing nugget-like texts which enlightened masters could use to introduce their longer explanations of mystical secrets to initiated students. They were not designed for the masses who had ears but could not hear.

So many who hear his teachings retain a lasting impression. I remember reading of a Zen master who, upon being told a few of the teachings of Jesus, said, ah, this man is not far from satori.

He commands the respect of earthly sages - and of galactics. When SaLuSa wants to explain what will occur for us in 2012, he uses Jesus as his example.

“You are soon to be released from your temporary quarantine on Earth, and allowed to experience the freedom of the Cosmos. By then you will have achieved a level of Christ consciousness, and will be expressing yourselves through Unconditional Love.

“This is the reason the Christed Ones such as Jesus came to Earth, to show you what could be achieved by living in Love and Light. The Earth is a great testing ground for those who aspire to reach such levels.” (14)

When he wishes to reassure us that the galactics will be joined by the Masters, he again uses Jesus as his example.

“The Masters ... wait in readiness to return to Earth. You might say that the big guns are waiting to appear to you and that is correct, as the truth will sound be more acceptable when it comes from those who are familiar to you.

“Jesus and many Angelic Beings such as Archangel Michael will address you and the words will carry a powerful energy, that will leave you in no doubt that they come to you with Love and Light.” (15)

And when he wants to lay out what the galactics are here to teach us, he once more uses Jesus as his example.

“Jesus came not to start a religion, but show by his example the way Man should live. He was the perfect example of One who lived his word, and when he preached love that is exactly what he was - Love Incarnate.

“There is nothing else in your lives that is of such importance, and it starts by loving Self and then others. Since you are All One, why would you treat another part of yourself any differently from anyone else?

“Your principal lesson is to be able to express Unconditional Love, and when you can do so you can claim to have found the Way. We know that it is not easy to suddenly view life quite differently to what you have been used to, but if you are to progress you will need to change your beliefs.” (16)

I'm not convinced that SaLuSa used Jesus as an example simply because SaLuSa may have been sent to speak primarily to westerners, the vast majority of whom are Christians. I think he, like so many other spiritual figures of whom I'm aware,

is genuinely inclined to be reverential toward Jesus because Jesus calls out that level of respect from so many who hear his teachings.

Thus, Jesus was the Light of the world in many profound respects. He incarnated the Christ Light at its most expansive. His life was a standard of perfection in its outworking and his teachings so perfect in their truthfulness and aptness that all who hear him, to the best of my knowledge, pay him deference.

The universal regard in which Jesus is held is testimony to the truth of his statement that he was in a deeply-meaningful way the Light of the world.

Footnotes

(1) John 8: 12

(2) John Ruusbroec in James A. Wiseman, *John Ruusbroec. The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*. New York, etc.: Paulist Press, 1985., 147. (Hereafter JR.)

(3) Ibid., 74.

(4) Richard Rolle, *The Fire of Love*, trans. Clifton Wolters. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1981; c1972, 106-7.

(5) Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 52-3.

(6) John 10: 30.

(7) John 14: 28.

(8) John 10:38.

(9) John 14: 6.

(10) To learn about this level of enlightenment, go to this webpage and search on “sahaja”: <http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/fdl/e1.html>

(11) We are eternal no matter at what stage of enlightenment we may be at. But we also need to be reborn into matter until such time as we achieve sahaja and liberation. Achieving liberation is what is meant by Jesus's special use of the term "eternal life."

(12) John 3: 10.

(13) John 16:28-9.

(14) SaLuSa, Feb, 1, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

(15) SaLuSa, March 22, 2010.

(16) SaLuSa, Apr. 5, 2010.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

December 25, 2011



The blessed one whose birthday we celebrate on December 25, though he himself says that it happened on another date, (1) spent his whole life re-establishing for his generation the way to God. As such he fulfilled the purpose of all avatars or "descents of the Divine" into form. Sri Krishna said of avatars:

"When goodness grows weak,
When evil increases,
I make myself a body,
In every age I come back
To deliver the holy,
To destroy the sin of the sinner,
To establish righteousness." (2)

Of Jesus, Sri Ramakrishna, himself a divine Incarnation, said: "Why, I look upon him as an Avatara." (3) However as our knowledge of avatars increases, we see distinctions that can be made that explain much about Jesus.

Apparently, an avatar is like a Babushka doll. The outer vehicle is the human form - Jesus. Inside that form is another form that overlights the human - in Jesus's case, Sananda Kumara. And on the very inside is the Divine descent. For this reason, Sri Ramakrishna said: "Here are two beings. One is She and the other is Her devotee." (4) The "She" is the Divine Mother or Holy Spirit, Sri Ramakrishna's favorite form of God.

I once asked Archangel Michael if my analogy of a Babushka doll was accurate and he said it was. I also asked him if Sananda and Jesus were one and the same or different and he said different though united in their mission.

So the answer to the debate on was Jesus human or divine is "both" if we're talking about Jesus as an incarnation of God. Jesus himself did not descend from God, unless we're speaking of the way in which we all do. But God did descend into Jesus and not in any way he can be said to descend into us

Moreover, Jesus has also settled the question of whether or not his was a virgin birth or immaculate conception as Sri Ramakrishna's (5) was. I quote from the interview with Jesus on *An Hour with an Angel*:

Steve: Sri Ramakrishna was born of a virgin birth, as far as I'm aware, and I believe that Zoroaster or Zarathustra was as well. Is it accurate to say that you, yourself, were born of a virgin birth or an immaculate conception in the same way that Sri Ramakrishna was?

Jesus: Yes, that is correct.

S: Would you mind spending just a few minutes with our listeners telling them how such a thing can be? I'll share on the blog site about Sri Ramakrishna's virgin birth, but how can that be, given that we believe that the male and the female cells must merge?

J: Because there is – what you think of as your human reproductive ways are very useful, but it is not the only way that conception takes place. We have talked, earlier, a little bit about inspiration, and about how that can burn and explode. Well, joy can explode within the womb, within the female, if she is of a nature that is in complete alignment, as this one was. She was prepared diligently, throughout her entire life.

So it was by the spark of the, yes, the Holy Spirit, but also of the Father. It was the joy outpouring that there would be an embodiment of light. That embodiment of light, we do not say it could not come from Joseph, but it did not come from Joseph. He did not have the wherewithal for that level of energy, of what you can think of as lightning, to enter in and to fertilize. (6)

It is not a difficult thing. It is only the humans – the other beings understand it perfectly – the humans have always been reticent to understand that one can be so filled with light that it can create new life.

Many of Jesus' teachings, as he himself tells us, (7) were misunderstood, none more than the statement that "I am the way, the truth and the life. None comes unto the Father except by me." As he explained to me in our interview:

"When I have used the term 'I am,' I 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,' then you have aligned with that, and you have become that." (8)

The "I am" could be said to be the same, I think, as the Self, which is one with the All-Self, which is why many masters offer us a variation on this theme:

Al-Ghazzali: "Knowledge of self is the key to knowledge of God, according to the saying: 'He who knows himself knows God.'" (9)

Bodhidharma: "To attain enlightenment without seeing your nature is impossible." (10)

Ibn Arabi: "To know God is not an easy matter, until one becomes a knower of one's self." (11)

St. Catherine of Genoa: "My Me is God, nor do I recognize any other Me except my God Himself." (12)

Knowing what Jesus intended, can we not now see these sayings as identical?

So far from Jesus making an exclusivist claim to being the only one who could lead a soul to God, he was making the same statement as numerous other sages, pointing to the Kingdom of Heaven within, the Self, as the only road to God.

The "I am" or Self *is* the way to God. It *is* the Truth of God. Sell all you have (all other desires but for God) and meditate on that Self and you will purchase the treasure, inherit the Earth. win for yourself all things, as we can be said to do in part upon Ascension. The Self will then have become the life - the end of the need to be reborn into the matter of this Third Dimension.

Many people write learned tomes about spiritual subjects, but no one has been able to epitomize spiritual truth in a few sentences the way Jesus has. His epigrams and parables are cited by masters of all religions. My favorite example is the Zen master who read the New Testament and said that the man who spoke it was not far from enlightenment. Perhaps the Zen master also was not far from enlightenment.

In January I hope to be permitted to interview Jesus again. This time we'll discuss the events of his life because they are much in dispute. Was he born in a manger? Did he marry Mary Magdalene? Did he "die" on the cross? Let's let him tell us.

Both Jesus and Sananda are here today. Some say that Jesus is Hierarch of the Great White Brotherhood (13) that Sanat Kumara, Lord of the World, founded. (14) Sananda says that he himself is Supreme Commander of the Ashtar Command and of the ascended masters of the Great White Brotherhood. (15) Both play a commanding role though the exact manner in which they split the task is not known.

Jesus spoke often of the end times but the greater portion of his teachings explained the purpose of life (to enter the Kingdom of Heaven or merge with God) and how to achieve it. This goal persists beyond the Ascension we'll experience before another year is up.

Our journey goes on until we return to the Source of all that is, from which we came.

"Everything that exists is moving back to the Source," SaLuSa says. (16) The teachings that Jesus bequeathed us offer one of the best roadmaps of the endless journey and will probably be equally useful to us in the Golden Age which he foresaw and described as they are to us now.

Footnotes

(1) "I am glad, and honored, that so many do take time at this juncture of year, at the solstice, to honor my birth. It is not the exact birth date, but that does not matter." ("Transcript of Interview with Jesus on Biblical Mysteries, Dec. 20, 2011," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/world-disclosure-day/the-masters-speak/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-20-2011/>)

(2) Sri Krishna in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita. The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944, 50.

(3) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Prabhavananda. *First Meetings with Sri Ramakrishna*. Madras: Sri Ramakrishna Math, 1987 , 106-7.

(4) PR in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 71.

(5) “[One] day when she was was standing with Dhani before the Shiva temple adjacent to her house, she saw a flood of celestial light issue from the image of Lord Shiva and dart towards her. She was about to speak of the phenomenon to her friend, when the light entered her body and completely overpowered her, rendering her unconscious. Dhani nursed her back to consciousness and, gearing her whole story,m was at first puzzled and then took it as a nervous disease, But Chandra felt as if she were with child.” (*Life of Sri Ramakrishna*. Calcutta: Advaita Ashram, 1977, 9.)

I might add that Chandra’s husband, Khudiram, was away in Gaya at the time so he could not possibly have participated in Sri Ramakrishna’s inception. There he also had a vision of Sri Vishnu, advising him that a child would be born to him: “That night he had a strange dream. He felt himself transported again to the temple of Gadhadar where in the solemn silence of the sacred precincts, he found his forefathers feasting with gladdened hearts on the oblations.

“Suddenly a divine effulgence filled the room and the spirits of the departed fell reverently on their knees before a luminous Person seated on a throne. The effulgent one beckoned to Khudiram, who came forward and, with a heart full of devotion, prostrated himself. Addressing Khurdiram in a tone of great sweetness, He said: ‘I am well pleased at your sincere devotion. I am born again and again to chastise the wicked and protect the virtuous. This time I shall be born in your cottage and accept you as My father.’ Khudiram was struck dumb with awe.” (Ibid., 8.)

(6) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus," *ibid.*

(7) "I have said, many, many things have been misunderstood or misquoted." ("Transcript of Interview with Jesus," *ibid.*)

(8) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus," *ibid.*

(9) Al-Ghazzali, *The Alchemy of Happiness*. trans. Claud Field. Lahore: ASHRAF, 1971; c1964, 19.

(10) Bodhidharma in Pine, Red, trans., *The Zen Teachings of Bodhidharma*. Port Townsend, WA, Empty Bowl, 1987, 9.

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

(12) St Catherine of Genoa in Huxley, Aldous, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 11.

(13) " You know, Jesus Christ is not actually in the White Brotherhood. He is not in any of the hierarchies. He *is* the Hierarch." (H.P. Blavatsky in Robert R. Leichtman through the mediumship of D. Kendrick Johnson, H.P. *Blavatsky Returns*. Columbus, OH: Ariel Press, 1980, 48.)

(14) "Sanat Kumara," Wikipedia, at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanat_Kumara.

(15) "Within this Earth sphere of activity I am the Supreme Commander over all of the Ashtar Command and its activities. and over the Ascended Masters of the Great White Brotherhood." (Eric Klein, *Crystal Stair: A Guide to the Ascension*, 25.)

(16) SaLuSa, May 20, 2011, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm

Matthew Ward Reveals the Source of His Knowledge about Jesus

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<https://goldenageofgaia.com/disclosure/channels-and-sources/matthew-ward-reveals-the-source-of-his-knowledge-about-jesus/>



The fact that Matthew is St. Matthew is a secret that Suzy shared some years ago. I'm glad that Matthew is making it public because it explains a great deal about his views.

When he says "Now I am speaking as Matthew only," (1) he means that he isn't at that moment speaking as the spirit circle that channels information through him, which comprises at times beings of a higher dimensionality.

Most spirit guides, like Silver Birch or Imperator for example, are collective efforts involving spirits at various levels of development. Or to put it another way, are spirits who are assisted and whose knowledge may be augmented by other collaborative sources. (2)

Just as Matthew sets the record straight about much that appears in the New Testament, the prophet Malachi, who appeared to the Rev. Stanton Moses under the pseudonym "Imperator" in the 1870s, set the record straight on the Old Testament.

Malachi showed how the accounts of Old-Testament prophets, for instance, were impacted by their personalities and don't always deserve the credence we extend to

them. You may wish to see what he has to say about the veracity and biases of these earlier parts of the Bible. (3)

It's a time of huge revisions and revelations. Stephen Cook crystallized the desire of many of us that the wall of misinformation and denial now end. A new wave of public figures, Pope Francis being the most obvious, are at work removing the barriers to accurate knowledge and information. And whistleblowers are coming forward in all areas.

I don't know if you've noticed a slow and subtle shift in the entertainment industry. While many movies don't look obviously different, some are focusing on situations we face.

I saw an obvious example of that Friday night: *Saving Mr. Banks*. There a woman works to clear the rubble that stands between her vasanas and false grids and happiness in life. I couldn't help thinking of the clearing that all of us are doing as I watched her unconsciousness begin to lift and her barriers begin to fall.

Coming back to Matthew, he writes:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword"—that was in conflict with all of his teachings." (4)

How is it we didn't see that? Why would Jesus say that he comes to make war on anyone?

Many of the revelations only Matthew could know about, such as the fact that the Sermon on the Mount was constructed from his notes of many comments by Jesus.

Why did I not put together that the Sermon on the Mount, as represented in Matthew was described in Chapters 5, 6, and 7 while Jesus meeting Matthew was described in Chapter 9?

There were no newspapers in those days. How could Matthew have written an account of what was said?

Now begins the process of stripping away all the false teachings in the Bible and many will be stunned by what they learn. Some will choose to transition, as Matthew told us two years ago, rather than entertain that their views are so mistaken.

"Many whose religious or scientific beliefs are the foundation of their lives will choose to depart rather than accept the forthcoming truths that differ profoundly from what they were taught." (5)

Matthew does not take to task or take issue with any who believes in what he considers the mistaken version of things to be found in the Bible. He says:

"Nor does anything I have said mean that people who believe the Bible is God's word are diminished in goodness of heart—they only are misinformed. Every soul has its own journey into the light of truth and there is no time limit—the life of the soul is eternal. If persons you love dearly aren't on the same pathway as you, confidently continue on yours and respect their divine right to choose theirs." (6)

Now we have two accounts of the life of Jesus - and have had for some time. Matthew denies the reality of the crucifixion and denies that Mary would have sailed to France and later Great Britain by herself after Jesus' alleged death.

But Jesus himself, and Mary, through numerous sources, have stated that the crucifixion did happen. And this has always been one of the main differences between Matthew's account and those of others.

I'm often torn at seeing gulfs open up between sources that we all love and cherish. I wish they weren't there but there they are. We'll see what we can do to find out what's true in the situation.

The dilemma of sorting out the truth is one that will face us continually in the time ahead. It isn't simply the fundamentalists who'll have trouble accepting radically-new versions of events that are sacred to us. All of us probably will.

Footnotes

(1) Matthew's Message, Jan. 5, 2014, at <https://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmmessage.htm>.

(2) For instance, here is Ethel Mclean commenting on a spirit circle functioning as teachers:

"It requires the undivided attention of a vast number of workers on this side to establish and maintain a channel of communication of this strength and clarity. Not only workers from this sphere, but the co-operation and skill of many highly-evolved souls from the Spheres of Light have combined in this work." (Ethel

McLean in Lesley May, med., *Letters from Mother. A Family Biography in Two Worlds*. Ed. Edmund Bentley. London: Psychic Press, 1964, 85.)

"Conveying these messages to you has been a big undertaking. It has required a great deal of team work. We are all grateful for the help we have received from the many people who have been involved." (Ethel McLean, *ibid.*, 117.)

(3) See "Imperator's New Revelation" at <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/nmh/imperator1.html>. Particularly "The False Shell of Orthodoxy" and "From Earliest Times to Jesus."

(4) Matthew's Message, Jan. 5, 2013.

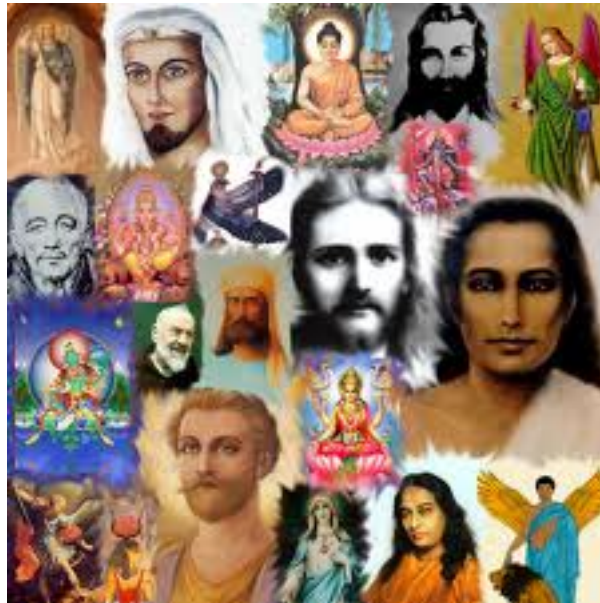
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(6) Loc. cit.

Who is the Company of Heaven? – Part 1/2

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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

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(3) SaLuSa, Dec. 12, 2012. Since the time this article was written, we’ve since learned that our Ascension opens a new region of the universe, where as dimensions are accessible once past the Third; everyone else in the universe will ascend into that space, using our Ascension as a template.

(4) Archangel Michael in personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, March 24, 2015.

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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.

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Who is the Company of Heaven? – Part 2/2

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(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. Rosey, 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.
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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 a 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. (15)

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(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.

(15) We now know: See *An Explosion in the Meaning of Humanness* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/An-Explosion-in-the-Meaning-of-Humanness-4.pdf>

OK, OK, I know you wanna know: Everyone born at this time is an angelic.

Who are the Seraphim?

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Seraph Credit: Majestic Dragonfly

Especially noteworthy in this cross-cultural essay on the Seraphim is the fact that Archangel Michael assists the work of cross-cultural spirituality by validating the equation of a trio of terms that the seraph are known by:

“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.”

This information can really only be corroborated by the Divine Mother, Archangels, or Seraphim themselves.

The participation of the seraphim in our Ascension, to the extent that several of them have incarnated, is apparently a first. Archangel Michael said this 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 - for me. 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, iff 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 phenomenal 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. The Mother says they might include you.

Footnotes

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(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.

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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>.

Volume 4

⌘ All on Earth are Angelics ⌘

All on Earth are Angels

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Did you know that all of us born here on Earth in this generation are angelics?

Why is this? What purpose does it serve? What do we do with that knowledge?

Archangel Michael responds.

Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 16, 2020. Thanks to Dana for our transcript.

Edited for brevity

Steve: The Mother said that there is not one being - human, starseed, hybrid or earth keeper - that is not one of my angelic beings. Did she mean that we were all born as angels in the first instance?

AAM: Yes, that is correct.

And at this interception moment of ascension and shift, all present upon the planet, from what has been judged as the most egregious to the most saintly, are angelics.

Steve: Angelics... So not angels but all the angelic kingdom. So there are many more angels than archangels, obviously.

AAM: Yes, there are.

Steve: And billions of angels?

AAM: Yes, you can think of billions of angels.

Steve: Gosh, when are we going to hear about this? We need to know more about this!

AAM: We could talk, and we certainly have talked a great deal about the angelic realms as you well know (as both of you know). But think of it in this way. The Mother gives this as an indicator and as a reminder to the humans of who they really are.

But one of the reasons we have not spent, especially recently, a great deal of time talking about the angelic kingdoms (which we could have this course for the next several centuries on) but one of the reasons we have not focused there is because there is a ... what I will term a denial factor, a very huge and unproductive denial factor in the human race of the beauty, of the importance, of the magnitude of being in human form.

There is this tendency to think, "Oh, I am an angelic" "I am above the humans" "I am grander than..." And "I can ignore my human self and I can ignore my human vessel because I am an angel."

It is a very strange (from our perspective) mental process but it is a very prevalent one. And so the emphasis during this time of rebirth has been rebirth as human rather than focusing on the angel within, around, above, below... You understand what I say?

Steve: I do. Now when the Mother says you are all angels... She's not talking about you were born in the beginning as angels. She is talking about no, no, no, right now, you come from the angelic kingdom and agreed to be born... Am I correct in that?

AAM: Yes, but understand. Your initial birth, well particularly for those in the angel kingdom, has been as an angel. Very few simply emerge as a spark of light and stay that way. So the angels in form... you can think of it as a cycle.

So when you're out of form you very often will take the angelic form. So right now, the full presence, let us put it that way, the full presence of your angelic form both recent and original is anchored fully present within and around your human form.

Steve: What does that mean, "is anchored," Lord? I don't understand what that means.

AAM: It means that the awareness, when you choose to acknowledge it, (1) and the, shall we call it, the angelic abilities, are present in the human race, in the individual human form at this time so that the leap into Nova Being is in fact not as great as it might have been in other ages. (2)

Steve: OK. Is there anything we should be doing to take advantage of this situation in the service of the Mother's Plan?

AAM: Yes. ... Listen to what I say, yes, there is a great deal that could be done in terms of assisting the conclusion/next chapter/opening of the Mother's Plan by familiarizing oneself with their angelic self, with merging and acknowledging that there is no separation between your angelic self and your human self.

Now, what I say - and I need to emphasize this - I've used the word "familiarize," not "be mesmerized by." And that has been the shortcoming; that has been the weak link, that the humans become (and this is particularly true of the lightworker/loveholder community) enchanted (which is fine) and then mesmerized (which is not fine) with their angelic self and they forget that they have chosen to be in human form and to have the human experience. So very often that mesmerizing makes them move away from rather than merging into their human form. Is that clear?

Steve: Yes that's clear.

Footnotes

(1) Like bliss, love, peace, etc., our angelic presence needs to be recognized and acknowledged for it to become fully present within us. Otherwise we pass by these moments and states like ships in the night.

(2) Saints and sages in past eras had to engage in severe austerities to cleanse their consciousness for the experiences that will come almost naturally to us.

"You Weren't Ready Before"

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Before I take a deeper look at the messages that say that all of us here on Planet Earth at this time are angelics, I'd like to look at the way the Company of Heaven (CoH) imparts information to us.

The CoH does not tell us everything about topics that they think we won't be able to comprehend.

Lao Tzu reveals that he does this. He said on *Heavenly Blessings* in April 2013, that, "we have not spoken of [the transformation of the body by Light] before because it was not yet time." (1)

It was not yet time.... Hmmmm....

Archangel Michael told us in 2013 that seraphs and archangels were here and added that we weren't ready to hear that news before.

"This is the circle of 6 billion-plus that I chose to do this with. So, yes. You have gathered from far and wide, seraphs, archangels, those from the Outer

Forces, the Inner Forces. It is a gathering the magnitude of which you are just glimpsing. ...

“So then you say to me, ‘Well, Lord, why have you not spoken of this before?’ Because you weren’t ready. Period. Within that sense of lack of self-worth and the ego out of control, you weren’t ready to have this conversation. You weren’t ready to be in that place of the balance, which is the place that you create from.” (2)

Our lack of self-worth and compensating prominence of the ego made it not the right time.

Uriel gives us another example of a topic whose discussion was postponed - our divine authority:

“We had not – and I mean the Mother and Mi-ka-el and many of us – did not speak of this issue of Divine Authority years ago. Think about this, because now you are in a position to truly bring this to full consciousness.” (3)

Clearly the Company of Heaven waits for us to be at a certain consciousness level before broaching some matters, as Mike Quinsey explains:

"At different stages in your evolution you are given information about [what to expect] well in advance. Normally you are only given what you need to take steps forward so as not to overwhelm you." (4)

On another occasion, he continued:

“As you progress through the weeks and months, so there will be more revelations to advance your understanding of the truth. You have previously been given a minimum of information but you are now more advanced and ready to learn some greater truths. ...

“Because you are entering a new phase in your evolution where the greater truths are starting to be revealed, we ask you to keep an open mind so that you can adapt to the changes. It is best that you release your old beliefs where possible, so as to allow for an expansion of your understanding.

“The old beliefs were limited to keep them in line with your ability to absorb and use the information. Now it is time to learn some of the greater truths about life and the world around you. The illusion that you were the one of the only life forms in your Solar System has been broken. When

you bring peace to the Earth the floodgates will open and many of your off world friends will be free to visit you.” (5)

Meanwhile, the door is open wide, Mike tells us, to those who want to learn more:

"The door is open wide to those who seek more information, and it is being given in a way that allows for a greater understanding. Since you have shown your dedication to learning more we are allowed to expand upon the details we give you. It is all in preparation for your advancement into the higher vibrations and eventual Ascension.

"Hitherto we have only given out that which has been sufficient to answer your questions. But now your understanding is such that you are able to expand it and move on to more detailed explanations. It is time for you to take a great step forward, and there is no limit to the gains you will be able to make." (6)

The fact that light workers are maturing is allowing for an ever-more-expansive conversation, both Michael and Sanat tell us:

Michael: My beloved friends, you are spiritually evolving and mature, so we can have a much broader conversation at this time. (7)

Michael; We have not spoken of this of a great deal but now you're in a place where you will understand exactly what I am saying.” (8)

Sanat: We are at the point where we can have this broader, deeper conversation on the meaning of the journey. (9)

Sanat: Now I am going to be very forthright in this discussion because you are at a level of maturity, spiritual and emotional, where you can truly engage in the discussion, not the soliloquy, but the discussion of ‘what does this mean? How does this occur?’ (10)

However it's still important to dish out the information in bite-sized packets:

Archangel Michael: In terms of human comprehension in this moment we need to feed or allow the opening of the understandings to the human Collective – we're talking about the broad Collective now – to be in ‘bites’ that they can chew, swallow and integrate. (11)

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. (12)

So if we ask the question, why was the CoH not saying earlier that all or most of us here at the present time are angelics, be prepared for the answer to be that we were not ready to hear that some time ago. I presume it's in the wind now because we *are* ready.

Footnotes

- (1) "Transcript: Lao Tzu on Humility on Heavenly Blessings," April 26, 2013, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/01/22/repost-the-blessing-and-virtue-of-humility-with-lao-tzu-audio/>
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Beyond the Beyond

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What lies beyond the purple? Hildegard of Bingen's vision.

In the course of my research, I came across the Divine Mother referring to the Absolute as the "Heart of One" and "Home."

Divine Mother: Now, in this journey — for some of you it is millennia, for some of you it is eons; it matters not — there is a drive and an understanding, an intellectual and spiritual understanding that your drive is to make the U-turn and to come back Home, to return Home to the Heart of One where you are so welcome. (1)

She adds "...until such time as you choose to emanate again." That comment upsets current theories that we merge with the One and are finished with individuation. (2)

So now I'm convinced, until I see compelling evidence to the contrary, that a level exists beyond the Transcendental.

The Divine Mother calls it "Home" and "the Heart of One"; Archangel Michael calls it "Source" and "the space between the spaces"; Sri Ramakrishna calls it the "Absolute" and "the indivisible Satchidananda." These are all sources I trust.

This has many takeaways for me.

The first is personal. If that next level really is Source, the Absolute, or Home, (2) then I've completed my mission to map out the way back to God by the successive levels. The Dimensions ---> The Transcendental ---> The Absolute.

I've fulfilled the promise of the vision at the intellectual level. Ordinarily I'd set about experiencing and realizing these three levels - I don't know how far I'd get!!! - if I were not a lightworker.

As a lightworker, I forgo my own personal enlightenment to remain in sync with those I serve. (3) As you go up, so I go up. (4) And as a pillar, (5) I'm here to the end so you all will have gone ahead of me! So hurry up so I can go too!

I may only get to map it out here and leave it to the loveholders and yogis - and early ascenders - to confirm.

Another takeaway is that, if we are angelics, then the Absolute, the space between the spaces is the level of reality that we reach back into. When we reflect on that, we can understand the many discussions of how masterful we all are and what we're capable of.

If what I've said so far is true, it doesn't mean we're going to change in a phone booth into our Superman and Superwoman costumes. Not if we have lightworker contracts to serve the ascending, most particularly Gaia.

But that leads to a third takeaway: Does it not instill confidence to know that, outside this assignment, you hale from regions so sublime that we could not possibly imagine them?

Speak of divine authority, can we not imagine the spiritual power vested in us if we were to gather as one voice, demanding a cessation to all war? Immediately? Because we say so?

When one tries on the context that we're all angelics, it puts a whole new light on such things as mass meditations. It opens up one fantastic opportunity and possibility after another.

Footnotes

(1) "Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love," October 3, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/10/03/divine-mother-my-desire-is-that-every-being-on-the-planet-falls-in-love/>. I'm leaving the discussion of the Thirteenth Octave for now to Linda Dillon.

(2) Loc. cit.

Probably inspired by St. Paul's version of mergence:

"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]." (St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:28.)

The impression left is that we cease to exist as individuals. I by the way agreed with that view.

(3) Archangel Michael: 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. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012.)

(4) Archangel Michael: Because you are a communicator, it is important not only to share the truth of your being, of our being, but also to be able to clearly relate to people where they are. (Ibid., April 19, 2017.)

AAM: It is important that you speak and communicate in language that people understand, embrace and can get behind. (Ibid., Feb. 7, 2013.)

AAM: If you venture, as you would often like, too far ahead of the crowd, then who are you speaking to? (Ibid., Aug. 21, 2015.)

(2) The vast preponderant probability is that the truth value (shelf life) of this statement on the Absolute may be one year at best. But by then we'll have ascertained the next stepping stone.

(3) “Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love,”
ibid.

(4) Steve: The experience [of the Self] 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: To keep you in sync with your readers. But 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!’” (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

(5) A pillar is a person whose lightworker service contract includes remaining here until the end, to assist the stragglers to climb aboard. A pillar can visit the higher realms, but not stay.

Archangel Michael: There is much to be said for Everyman, and that is part of the role you play. Yes, you are a pillar. You are an anchor. You’re [a monitor] but you’re also playing the role of Everyman – with curiosity, with exploration, with insight. So our desire is not to separate you from the collective. (Ibid., Nov. 11, 2015.)

AAM: I remind you that you are a pillar, that you [are] not [to] venture too far ahead of where people are, both individually in terms of your smaller circle but also in terms of the collective. ...

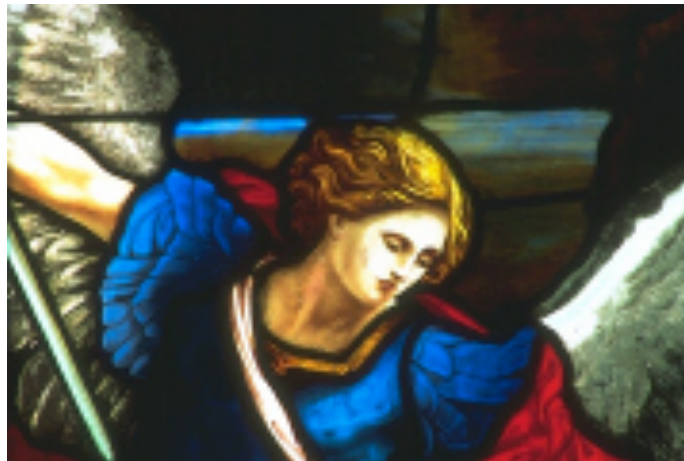
A very large quotient, shall we say, of you is living ... in the higher-dimensional realm. Then there is a part of you that is in the morass of the chaos and the lower-dimensional realm because that's where the work is. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020.)

**⌘ Mass, Physical Ascension
into a Brand, New Space ⌘**

Brand New World and the Rules Have Changed

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I'd like to look at how conventional enlightenment theory has been overtaken, by listening to the Company of Heaven on how the rules have changed.

When we listen to the celestials and the masters on the new realm we're headed for, they discuss the fact that we'll see many operational changes.

For example, previously a resident of the Middle Summerlands could not visit the Higher Summerlands within , never mind visit a higher dimension than the Astral Plane.

But now all that is different, St. Germaine says:

"You see 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.'" (1)

Anyone who thought matters were written in stone may wish to take notice.

Archangel Michael says this new development is a result of the newness of a mass, physical Ascension:

Archangel Michael: 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. (2)

He points out that the realm we're going into is brand new as are its operating rules:

Steve: 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. (3)

I suggested that what he was telling me was very different from what I'd grew up on.

Steve Beckow: It's very different from classical theory.

Archangel Michael: Classical theory has served you well. Now you are on a new course. (4)

Where was the oversight of these changes coming from? The archangels?

Steve: And this is all happening at the archangelic level, is it - this shifting of the rules or application of the rules, is that correct?

Archangel Michael: Yes, that is correct. (5)

In this we're seeing an illustration of what Sri Ramakrishna said a century and a half ago: "He who has made the law can also change it." (6)

Matthew Ward has talked on a few occasions of his work in designing astral worlds. Why am I startled to think of archangels designing a whole new space?

Behind all this and informing it is a totally new approach to enlightenment.

Previously it was a guru/student relationship that worked on instruction and spiritual practice. Now, so many stand to ascend - or not ascend - that the process is meant now to work by entrainment, as Michael explains:

"Now [in olden times] that sense of bringing others along wasn't defined by dimensions. It was more a teacher/student, sage/novice 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 and the sense 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." (7)

The environment has changed, the fundamental premises have changed, and the rules have changed to keep up with them.

Many more shockers probably await us as we move closer and closer to a dimensional leap and a brand new state of consciousness.

Footnotes

(1) "Transcript: Heavenly Blessings – St. Germaine on Where to Look for Results," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 15, 2014, at <http://goo.gl/OxNpnG>.

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At Levels Unknown in Thousands and Thousands of Years

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I think we're now experiencing something that we're largely taking for granted.

When we live in density, it's very hard to get new ideas, to have a clear picture of anything, to get ourselves moving, etc.

That's how it's been on this planet for all the time up till the dawning of the Millennium, I think.

That meant that we really didn't accomplish much, karmically, in a lifetime. And it also meant that, if our intention was to purify, we didn't get a lot of purification accomplished.

There would not even have been a conversation in Western Europe in the Eighteenth Century for vasanas or core issues. (1) It's only been recently, since the Second World War, that the conversation has been had in western countries.

That then makes a comment by the Divine Mother understandable:

“I say this to you who are listening this night. My beloved ones, children of my heart, of my being, you have done a wondrous job of letting go of the old Third-dimensional paradigm.

“You have cleansed at levels that have been unknown in thousands and thousands and thousands of years. And often you will turn to me and you say, 'Mother, this is not happening fast enough.'

"And I look at you, I observe you, and I smile. And I think and I say unto thee, “You have done the work of thousands of years in a very brief period of time.” (2)

One has to ponder her comment very carefully and long to get that the simple exercise we do of completing our experience of our childhood trauma releases more burden from us than people will have been releasing in the past over thousands of years. They wouldn't have had a clue as to how to release their trauma - or even a clue as to what “trauma” is.

I get it, even though I'd never have arrived at that thought myself. Only the Mother and higher-dimensional beings could.

The Mother continues:

“So, are you anxious to move forward? Yes. But do not underestimate what you have already accomplished.” (3)

Not only is a pat on the back in order, but we need to appreciate the accomplishment so that we can turn around and offer help to those still struggling with the weight of their vasanas. As the Mother turns up the heat, more feelings will come to the surface.

How many times have I heard people, laden with vasanas, shout at me: “I don't have any vasanas!”

I say this because I believe that our work in the not-so-distant future will be in part helping the newly-awakened to experience and release the trauma of ages that may be coming up as a result of the energy of love being beamed to us.

Footnotes

(1) A vasana is a complex of memories and behavior patterns that were formed out of reaction to usually-early-childhood trauma. These give rise to conclusions and decisions that govern our present-day behavior.

On how to manage vasanas, see (and download) *Preparing For Ascension by Clearing Old Issues* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Vasanas-R5.pdf>.

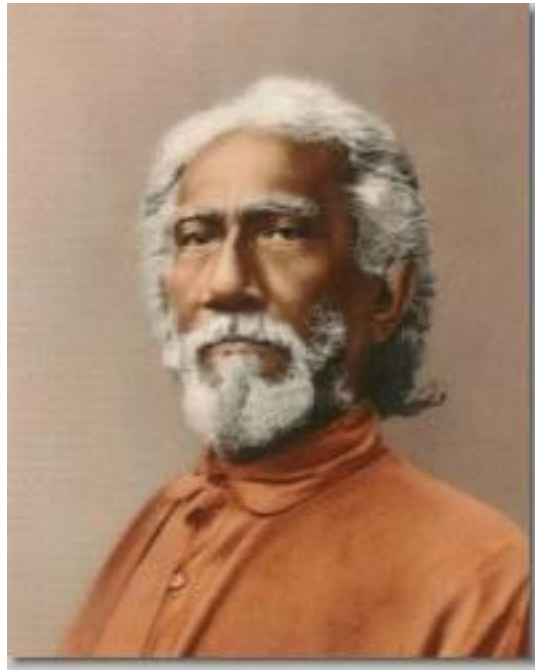
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An Introduction to Ascension

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Sri Yukteswar Giri

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*Narendra Misra asked me to write an introduction to Ascension for Hindus.
I'm happy to oblige.*

If we turn to *The Holy Science* by Sri Yukteswar Giri, Paramahansa Yogananda's guru, we find him telling us what's happening at this moment.

But before he takes up that discussion he has a wonderful, contextualizing comment to make, one that describes the work of my own blog, the *Golden Age of Gaia* (and probably Narendra's as well):

“The purpose of this book is to show as clearly as possible that there is an essential unity in all religions; that there is no difference in the truths inculcated by the various faiths; that there is but one method by which the world, external and internal, has evolved; and that there is but one Goal admitted by all scriptures.” (1)

If we agree with Sri Yukteswar, then we agree that what he talks about are real phenomena – not just real to him but real in the universe – that we of other faiths may have different names for them but we're talking about the same thing, and that all views and all religions carry their sincere practitioners closer and closer to the “one Goal” of all, the transcendent and unknowable God.

I call what Sri Yukteswar is pointing at “cross-cultural spirituality.” (2)
Hindus call it Sanathana Dharma; others, theosophy, the ageless wisdom, and the perennial philosophy.

What I want to focus on is his teachings on the various yugas or ages and what's called the precession of the equinoxes. (3)

That term refers to a circuit the Sun makes that covers some 24,000 years in extent and is known to people of many different persuasions.

As a Vedic astrologer, like Sri Yukteswar Giri, Narendra could tell you much more about it than I can.

The period of time we're in right now falls at the height of the circuit, when, as Sri Yukteswar tells us, “the mental virtue becomes so much developed that man can easily comprehend all, even the mysteries of the spirit.” (4)

The gradual process others currently call “Ascension” is the transition from the previous age of darkness (Kali Yuga, Dark Age, Iron Age) to this age of Light (Sat Yuga, Golden Age, Age of Aquarius, New Age).

It has some peaks which mostly correspond to the enlightenment events that most Hindus know well, (5) as the kundalini courses up through the spine.

Then the chakra system is left behind and the heart permanently and fully opens in what Sri Ramana Maharshi calls “Sahaja Samadhi.” (6) “Sahaja” means natural: This is our natural state.

And it’s also the culminating event of our Ascension. Our heart having permanently opened is our entree into higher dimensionality.

We commonly talk about Ascension as a consciousness shift. That’s what lies at the heart of it. But it’s also more.

It’s an experiment as well in taking the physical human body with us, something that hasn’t been tried before in other Ascensions. (3)

And it’s an experiment in a mass Ascension. On Earth until we reached this place in our solar circuit, Ascensions have been individual matters.

But now, we’re receiving assistance from higher-dimensional civilizations.

Consequently, the vibration has been raised sufficiently over the entire Earth for all people who could describe themselves as “decent” to expand their consciousness gradually and gracefully into the Fifth or higher dimension of life; i.e., to ascend.

It’s also more than a simple consciousness shift in the sense that we lightworkers and our friends from other civilizations (galactics, our star family) will be building Nova Earth.

In a flow of abundance that’s expected, we’ll have the chance to end homelessness, hunger, poverty, disease, and all other sources of misery on Earth.

Our star brothers and sisters are the folks who’ve watched over us since the beginning of the human experiment on Planet Earth, our forebears and ancestors from the Pleiades, Sirius, Arcturus, Andromeda, etc.

Right now they’re pouring their higher-dimensional, loving energies into us to assist us to ascend. They’ll join us later for a celebration that’s been planned for eons.

They look like us, can speak our languages, and are keenly aware of and committed to us.

Their arrival among us is referred to as “Disclosure.” They too are part of the Divine Plan for our Ascension, as will be discussed more in the future.

These elements of the Divine Plan and tasks we’ve agreed to make what is transpiring at the moment more than simply a consciousness shift.

I predict that someone right now is asking themselves what they need to do to ascend.

If you’ve reached this level of rising vibration and feel for the most part happy with things, you have nothing to worry about. The rising energies will do the rest in their appointed time. This is not an exclusive process; it’s very, very inclusive. When we “go One,” we go all.

This is an introduction to what’s happening on Planet Earth during this consciousness shift, known to Hindus as entry into the Sat Yuga or Golden Age and to others as Ascension.

Thank you to Narendra for inviting me to comment. And I hope he continues and expands the discussion.

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(3) Sri Yukteswar, *ibid.*, 7-20.

(4) *Ibid.*, 8.

(5) Spiritual awakening (4th-chakra); Savikalpa Samadhi or cosmic consciousness (6th-chakra); Kevalya Nirvikalpa Samadhi or Brahmajnana (7th-chakra). This completes the chakra circuit but is still only “halfway up the mountain.”

Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi is a full and permanent heart opening, beyond the 3rd/4th-dimensional chakra system. I interviewed the Divine Mother once on *An Hour with an Angel* and she confirmed that Sahaja was the culmination of 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 [associated] 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.

So freed from the Third Dimension, which is what a full and permanent heart opening – i.e., Sahaja Samadhi – does. This is the end-point of our Ascension process. We continued:

SB: It's wonderful to have that confirmed. Thank you very much, Mother.

DM: It is wonderful for us as well, you know!

SB: Is it? How so, Mother?

DM: As we move beyond what you think of in your realm as emotion, that does not mean that the pervasive love and joy is not felt as we participate, witness, move and assist and beckon you forward. ...

Now, you understand that most people have no conception of what this [discussion] really means. And, yes, you will do a good job of explaining.

SB: Well, you know that I have a website [From Darkness to Light] that discusses Sahaja Samadhi at length. And that's from Sri Ramana Maharshi, more or less. If I take that material and present it to readers, would that be adequate?

DM: That will help. ("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/>.)

I've since written on the subject here: <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-to-the-fifth/#4>.

(6) Usually one ascends upon exiting the body at “death,” as with Jesus and the Buddha (who doubtless had already ascended in other lifetimes).

(7) Sri Ramana describes how in each stage of enlightenment, the heart opens for a while and then closes again.

“[The] Heart is the seat of Jnanam [wisdom] 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 [the *hridayam*].

“When the mind drops down in Kevalya Nirvikalpa [samadhi or Brahmajnana], it opens but shuts again after it. When Sahaja [Nirvikalpa Samadhi] is attained it opens for good.” (Ramana Maharshi in Cohen, S.S., *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 96.)

Only with Sahaja does the heart open and remain open permanently. That is the moment of full Ascension, which happens a few subplanes inside the Fifth Dimension.

This is *mukti*, *moksha*, or liberation from birth and death. There is no death in the Fifth and higher dimensions.

Quick Review of Ascension and Sahaja Samadhi

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I've just had a very interesting conversation with a reader about Ascension and enlightenment and our journey to God. I'm sure the reader won't mind if I repost some of the points we discussed there.

Ascension constitutes a full-heart opening and equates with a level of enlightenment known as sahaja samadhi. Most sages achieve Brahmajnana, which is a temporary heart-opening and are said to be halfway up the mountain. Sahaja is the mountain top.

That is not the same as saying "full enlightenment." In my view there's no "full" enlightenment until we reunite with God. (1)

The heart that opens is neither the physical heart nor the heart chakra. It is the hridayam or spiritual heart-aperture, "located" (it's not physical) two digits right of the breastbone. The hridayam is a closed hole smaller than a pinhead, which remains shut until sahaja. (2)

On the other side of the heart pinhole resides the Soul, the Self, the Child of God, the Christ, Atman, prince of peace and pearl of great price which makes its influence felt but completes its connection with God in sahaja.

Sahaja and Ascension (they are the same) results in an end to the need to be reborn into the realm of physical matter. It's what Jesus was speaking of when he said they shall be made a pillar in the temple and go no more out. He meant go no more out into the material world by being physically born.

Of course, all dimensions are physical, until we reach the Transcendent One. Only the One is not physical. It's just that the substance of the higher dimensions becomes more and more rarified or refined. But it's still matter.

The Face of the One in the material domain is the Divine Mother. The Mother and the Father are one. But the Father in his native state does not move and makes no sound. The Mother is the Voice in the Silence, the Voice of One crying in the wilderness.

When silent we call God, the Father; when sonic, we call God, the Mother. When still, we call him/her (God has no gender) the Father; when active, we call him/her the Mother.

It's the Mother whose creative sound (Aum/Amen) calls all matter into being, holds it for a while, and then transforms it.

Once anchored in the Fifth Dimension and having attained sahaja samadhi, we've achieved what all the learning is about - liberation from birth and death. We need never be born again into matter and we need never die again.

Of course, all of us are immortal from the get-go. When we die, we don't die. We simply shed this encumbrance we call a body.

But past the Fifth Dimension, we no longer have to be born into a physical body. If we tire of this one, we create a new look for ourselves - extreme makeover! So Jesus, by saying we'd become immortal upon the resurrection, is really meaning not needing to be born and die in the world of matter.

It's the resistance presented by the body that allows us to learn lessons because we're brought face to face with hard and sometimes painful circumstances and these precipitate mistakes and we learn from those mistakes. It's said that we can learn in ten years in a physical body what it would take us 100 years to learn in an astral body.

Life on the other side, whether in 4D (the astral plane) or 5D (the mental plane) presents us with no such resistance and so we sail through life and learn less.

But all learning is simply geared to win us release from the wheel of birth and rebirth anyways. All learning is designed to bring us out of duality consciousness and into unitive consciousness, which Ascension will do. After that, learning is easier and our consciousness unfolds without the drag or inhibition that materiality places upon it.

Sahaja samadhi is a higher state than 99.9999999999% of all humans alive today enjoy. Only Ramana that I know of achieved sahaja samadhi among terrestrials, excepting of course the avatars like Gautama Buddha, Sri Ramakrishna and Mata Amritanandamayi. But they are not ascenders, but descenders.

Self-Realization is a relative term. Every enlightenment experience can be said to be Self-Realization, just at greater and greater depths. Awakening is an unfoldment. Enlightenment itself in some ways is the same but the intensity of the experience and the depth of the reception determines the extent of the opening. Sahaja completes the opening of the heart and the heart stays open, uniting the person and its Soul (the Christ, the Self).

Personally, if I were fully in Fifth Dimensionality and enjoyed sahaja samadhi, I would probably not give a further thought to enlightenment for, oh, perhaps a few hundred years because Ascension in itself is an exalted state compared to Third Dimensionality.

I'd probably be more interested in service and would gradually unfold from there on in. The really tough lessons would have been behind me by that stage.

Footnotes

(1) In the Sixties and Seventies we used to call Brahmajnana "full" or "complete enlightenment." But of course it was not.

Conceiving it as full enlightenment led to confusion because allegedly fully-enlightened sages were still carrying on in ways that one would not expect from an enlightened being - having sex with their students, driving dozens of cars, and carrying on in other ways.

We now know that the vasanas are not completed until Sahaja so Brahmajnanis were still in the grip of their vasanas. Only after sahaja are the vasanas or seeds of action and reaction fried to a crisp. A sahaji like Ramana would never carry on with his students like a Brahmajnani might.

(2) That is, except for a brief or temporary opening in Brahmajnana. Brahmajnana occurs when the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra. Sahaja occurs when the kundalini doubles back on the spiritual heart.

Heart Openings, Sahaja, and Ascension

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Sri Ramakrishna in samadhi

Following my own heart opening, I more or less have forgotten about the Self and fallen in love with love.

Either the path of Self-realization or the path of love-actualization, I'm quite sure, will take us to the goal.

And, looking back, I think the path of love will appeal to a lot more people in this mass Ascension than would an abstract concept like the "Self."

So "love" is probably a better tool than "Self" to share with others who haven't yet awakened or are newly-awakened to Ascension.

Let's look at sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi, which is the culmination of our Ascension.

One of Ramana's students, Swami Annamalei, tells us that if there are any breaks in our awareness of the Self, we haven't reached safe haven yet.

“If there are breaks in your Self-awareness, it means that you are not a jnani [enlightened sage] yet. Before one becomes established in the Self without any breaks, without any changes, one has to contact and enjoy the Self many times.

“By steady meditation and the continued practice of self-inquiry, one will finally become permanently established in the Self, without any breaks.” (1)

Archangel Michael once told me that it isn't as necessary for this generation to have multiple experiences of the Self.

Let's listen to Ramana describe the manner in which sahaja is achieved:

“Enquire into the nature of that consciousness which knows itself as 'I' and it will inevitably lead you to its source, the Heart, where you will unmistakably perceive the distinction between the insentient body and the mind [i.e., see the Self].

“The latter will then appear in its utter purity as the ever-present, self-supporting intelligence, which creates, pervades its creation, as well as remains beyond it, unaffected and uncontaminated.

“Also finding the Heart will be experienced as being the Heart. When this experience becomes permanent through constant practice, the much-desired Self-Realisation or Mukti [Liberation] is said at long last to have been achieved - the 'I-am-the-body' illusion has [been] broken for ever.” (2)

And what about the vasanas - the trauma-born reaction patterns that ensnare us further into duality? When are they transcended?

With sahaja, the unwholesome vasanas fall away. The seeds of future reaction are incinerated. Those vasanas which are wholesome and don't lead to attachment persist, Ramana says.

“In Yoga Vasistha two classes of vasanas are distinguished: those of enjoyment and those of bondage. The former remain even after Mukti [Liberation] is attained, but the latter are destroyed by it.

“Attachment is the cause of binding vasanas, but enjoyment without attachment does not bind and continues even in Sahaja.” (3)

Let's go to *Yoga Vasistha* and read what Sage Vasistha says on that subject. He explains how the wholesome vasanas assist our liberation while the unwholesome ones are what keep us in the cycle of birth and death.

“Moksa or liberation is the total abandonment of all vasanas or mental conditioning, without the least reserve. Mental conditioning is of two types - the pure and the impure.

“The impure is the cause of birth; the pure liberates one from birth. The impure is of the nature of nescience and ego-sense; these are the seeds, as it were, for the tree of re-birth.

“On the other hand, when these seeds are abandoned, the mental conditioning that merely sustains the body is of a pure nature. Such mental conditioning exists even in those who have been liberated while living: it does not lead to re-birth, as it is sustained only by past moment, and not by present motivation.” (4)

The use of similar terms does not make two events the same. A "permanent" heart opening such as I had on March 13 is not the same as the permanent heart opening we'll all have some time after Ascension and somewhat deeper into the Fifth Dimension.

A full and permanent heart opening is what ends our connection with the Third and Fourth Dimensions vibrationally and raises us to the frequencies of the higher dimensions.

That alone constitutes what the religions see as liberation from birth and death.

Footnotes

(1) Annamalei Swami in Berthold Madhukar Thompson, *The Odyssey of Enlightenment*. San Rafael: Wisdom Editions, 2003, 110.

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(3) Ibid., GR, 89.

(4) Sage Vasistha in Swami Venkatesananda, ed., *The Concise Yoga Vasistha*. Albany: State University of New York, 1984, 5.

Enlightenment in Context

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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.

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 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 <http://goo.gl/OxNpnG>.)

⌘ Empirical Materialism ⌘

Exoanthropology is Too Big for a Shoebox

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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.

How Big is Big History?

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I was following the trail of an article on evolutionary spirituality and ended up on a website dedicated to "the Great Story" or "Big History." Here's an excerpt from that site.

"The Great Story (also known as the Universe Story, Epic of Evolution, or Big History) is humanity's common creation story. It is the 14-billion-year, science-based, sacred story of cosmic genesis, from the formation of the galaxies and the origin of Earth life, to the development of self-reflective consciousness and collective learning, to the emergence of comprehensive compassion and tools to assist humanity in living harmoniously with the larger body of life.

"In the course of epic events, matter was distilled out of radiant energy, segregated into galaxies, collapsed into stars, fused into atoms, swirled into planets, spliced into molecules, captured into cells, mutated into species, compromised into thought, and cajoled into cultures. All of this (and much more) is what matter has done as systems upon systems of organization have

emerged over thirteen billion years of creative natural history.'" — Loyal Rue, philosopher at Loyola College

"'Big History' is the academic discipline that looks for patterns and interpretive significance within the mainstream scientific understanding of cosmic, geological, and biological evolution over the course of 13.7 billion years, plus the patterns and lessons drawn from the flow of human and cultural history." (1)

I wondered to myself how we're going to feel when even our most advanced reaching out, backed in some cases by spiritual adepts who regard themselves as being at the leading edge of spirituality and inquiring scientists at the leading edge of science, realize that even their most progressive views are not going to survive, oh, perhaps another year or two into the Golden Age of Gaia.

The view that evolution is somehow random, sparked by mutations or even adaptations to outside stimuli, the view that the human race developed on Earth and can be found nowhere else in the universe, the view that the human race developed on its own in a descent from, I suppose, single-celled amoeba - all these treasured views that survive even cross-fertilization with spirituality, all these views that represent the farthest reaches of an empirical materialism that has "gone about as far as it can go" are destined to yield to the truths that will soon emerge.

None of them allows for the existence of a Divine Plan. None of them accounts for the role in creation of the force known colloquially as "the Divine Mother," not a she, not a mother, but decidedly divine. None of them sees that we arose from emptiness at the command of a Divine Source and that to emptiness we'll return. None of them recognizes dimensions of frequencies or the existence of other universes or the creative intervention of celestial beings, the real scientists.

None of them has room for other human races existing elsewhere in the cosmos. None of them acknowledges that other lifeforms can reach the level of human existence by descent from other lines than mammals. Perhaps none has a suspicion that humanity on this planet is in fact "amongst the least advanced life forms." (2) Star beings looking down at us Earthlings from the reaches of outer space conclude: "Without being disrespectful to you, you are more like babes in arms." (3)

One galactic civilization said of us: "Indeed, our continuing observations of your scientific, political, and cultural arenas reveal that you still have much progress to make to meet our nominal preconditions for first contact." (4)

In light of this, how big is "big history"? And how great is "the great story"? And how will we survive the bruising of our egos when we find that our most umbrageous and benign attempts at conceptualizing it, at bridging all views, at arriving at a comprehensive synthesis - our grandest schema to date - won't even begin to capture the truth in any of its particulars?

Some among us will have to serve as the equivalent of grief counsellors to assuage the potentially-hurt feelings when the truth becomes known. History is so much bigger than we can possibly imagine and the great story is so much greater than our wildest dreams.

And the first spaceship that lands on Earth will begin a process that revolutionizes everything in our imagination and knowledge base. Everything written on this site, which took us scads of time to write, will have had a shelf life of perhaps a few years. It'll then slide into the dustbin of history. Everything written (period) will be obsolete. Speak of a need for detachment!

Time to start afresh with an open, empty mind. Time to let go of everything we've been told, everything we've "learned," and everything contained in every book on every library shelf, on this soon-to-be Nova Earth.

Footnotes

(1) "The Great Story" at http://www.thegreatstory.org/what_is.html http://www.thegreatstory.org/what_is.html

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Basic Third-Dimensional Illusion: Separate Selves Struggling for Survival amid Seeming Scarcity

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What is the mindset we're trying to let go of, that tells us how life is in our everyday setting? Can we state it in its simplest and most fundamental form?

Let me offer my version of it:

We are separate selves struggling for survival amid seeming scarcity.

The best label for this view of life, in my opinion, is "social Darwinism." Life is a struggle for existence, in which only the strong survive.

Can we look at this short statement, as an approach to dispelling our primary 3D illusions?

(1) *We are separate selves.*

(a) We are selves. That's true. God tied a knot in the ocean of love, light, and consciousness. The balloon thus formed, full of God-stuff and consciousness, we call a self.

(b) So long as our vibrations are dense and heavy, we can only know that self as something separate from all other selves.

We don't see or feel the God-stuff. We refuse to admit that the seeming individuality we have is not fixed, permanent, or eternal. We are God but we refuse to abandon our penultimate state as God the Self, Christ, Atman, or pearl of great price.

St. Paul describes the ultimate surrender of the Self - in Biblical code - here:

"Then *cometh* the end [final enlightenment], when he shall have delivered up the kingdom [all the bodies, all the selves] to God, even the Father." (1)

This surrendering of the Self constitutes "final" enlightenment, which, in my vision of 1987, was represented by the small golden star returning to the Father and immersing itself in him. (2)

Therefore, viewed from the standpoint of ultimate Reality, there is only One and therefore we must be that One. Otherwise there would be a second.

Viewed from the Highest Reality, then, there never was, is, or ever shall be separation between God and this apparent "me."

So the separation from God is only a seeming, which occurs on the Third and Fourth Dimensions, the lowest and most dense we'll ever see.

Therefore, this part of our statement - that we are separate selves - is not absolutely and fundamentally true. In the end, it's revealed as an illusion.

(2) *struggling for survival*

Survival - do we actually need to survive? Have we ever questioned that?

(a) I've been outside my body and see that I am not my body. When I was outside it, I never felt hunger or questioned where I'd sleep that night. I was free of all those conditions.

Whatever happens to my body at death need not concern me for I have a life independent of it. So for me, anyways, survival is not an issue.

(b) Struggling - do we need to struggle to survive? Or struggle for anything?

In the time I spent in Fifth- and Seventh-Dimensional love, I found myself in a state of consciousness where any idea of struggle would have been laughable.

Laughable because I could not have struggled for anything, so deeply awash with love was I - rich, profligate, generous. I could have given it all away, knowing that the replenishing flow was endless.

No struggle there. But no struggle also because I had everything I wanted. Don't you see? Love - real love - is what we're looking for. So I know a state of being where real love is free and plentiful and in that state is not a thought of struggle.

In that state, we're certain that we've arrived. There is nowhere else to go except deeper and deeper into Love.

Therefore, that we need to struggle to survive is another myth, another illusion.

(3) *amid seeming scarcity.*

Leaving aside the fact that any scarcity we create increasingly seems to arise out of our own beliefs in lack and limitation, there was certainly no scarcity where I ended up. I drowned in an ocean of love. No scarcity there and I wanted nothing else.

If you offered me gold while I was in that state, I'd have only smiled. I wouldn't have lifted a finger for it. What can gold give me that love does not? In that state you really get the importance to us of how we feel. Because when we feel brimful of love, we want nothing else.

All I wanted was to touch the fingers of other love-soaked pilgrims as they passed me by going wherever they were going in an unrushed, love-drenched world.

Consider the free gifting of replicators as a mid-term tangible indication that there's no scarcity. The replicator will give you whatever you ask of it.

Then consider that, before our journey of Ascension has ended, we'll be creating what we want by thought. No scarcity there either.

The trend is not towards scarcity but away from it. So this part of our statement too seems to be an illusion.

There isn't a part of our statement of the fundamental credo of the Third Dimension that has held up to scrutiny when viewed from a higher-dimensional perspective.

And yet this point of view is so basic to our behavior patterns that we "live it," without thinking about whether anything about it is true, real, eternal. And nothing about it is.

We are not separate selves struggling for survival amid scarcity.

We are Children of God, not different than or separate from the Mother/Father, learning our true identity by willingly entering an illusory world and limited existence for a time. Our journey ends when all individuating bonds are broken (the balloon is burst) and we experience our Oneness again.

Footnotes

(1) I Corinthians 15:24.

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

Killing for Market Share: The Old Paradigm in Business - Part 1/2

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*It's eat or be eaten in business.
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As financial wayshowers, one of our tendencies is to look to see how people did business in the past and then to borrow from them.

But we have to consider that those who went before succumbed to some pretty shallow and often corrupt business practices and have very little in the way of philosophy to bequeath to us. My own suggestion to financial wayshowers is to forget how business in the past operated and to carve out new paths, based on love, compassion and integrity.

The article that follows was written some time ago. I began to craft it anew and realized that the way I'd written it then was far clearer and more precise than the way I was recrafting it now.

What's missing here is an appreciation of the extent to which the Illuminati owned the economy and were working it for their own enrichment and the subjugation of the working and middle classes. While I suspected collusion in business, I had no idea that everything - business, politics, religion, medicine, education, the military, etc. - was permeated by Illuminati control.

I'd like to look here at the philosophy I call "Business Darwinism." Business Darwinism is the pseudo-scientific application of the principles of Charles Darwin to business.

Business theorists who followed its tenets represented business as a struggle for existence in which only the fittest survived. The business world was a jungle, red in tooth and claw, and the business that succeeded was the one that could pounce first.

"In that modern-day tribe called a corporation," said a Dow Jones ad in *Business Week*, "it's still the survival of the fittest." (1)

Firms rose and fell because "it's evolution. Successful firms will grow big, and smaller ones will shrivel and die." (2) This doctrine was held to be synonymous with economics itself, as if it were an invisible law of the universe.

Megafarms, for instance, many of them in Florida and California, favored letting the weak go under. "It sounds cruel, but that's what economics is all about," says John Zonneveld Jr., who had a 10,000-head operation in Laton, Calif. (3)

"Social Darwinism is respectable again," *Report on Business Magazine* observed in 1991. (4) The modern firm had to be ready to turn on a dime, downsize their workforce, locate overseas, and do anything else to see that no one else ate their lunch.

The sense of urgency that business leaders saw all around them in the nanosecond nineties moved some to declare that "a major shakeup is coming soon -- one in which only the strongest, best prepared companies will survive." (5) This was the decade of the major global meltdown, the first in which computer technology

combined with global telecommunications to make world trade wars possible in real-time.

"If management really wants to be around in the nineties, something has to be done. We no longer are just competing with the company down the street. Today, the name of the game is global competition. Survival is what many businesses are facing." (6)

The Nineties were considered to be the first decade of true global competition and global economic warfare.

"Today's manufacturing market is a truly world-wide market where only the world class manufacturers will survive. ... To achieve the dramatic results needed for world class competition, dramatic changes are needed in manufacturing philosophies and techniques." (7)

The business page read like the sports page. Where nations once squared off against each other, now global businesses went toe-to-toe. Sometimes America lost ground:

"While internecine strife hogged attention at home, the U.S. retreated in the far more important war of global competition. Biggest winner: Japan, where companies stay in fighting trim without having to listen for predator's footsteps." (8)

At other times America surged forward: With the rise of low- cost capital, the U.S. "scored a victory in its battle to become more competitive in the global economy." (9) The successful survivors were lean and mean. "What is GE Capital's edge?" asked *Business Week*. "Most important is a culture that successfully blends an entrepreneurial spirit with the hard-driving and intensely competitive focus of its parent." (10)

This point of view supplanted the liberal tone of discussions from the Seventies and early Eighties. Where once caring and commitment had been praised, now lip-service was paid to the would-be-masters of the universe who overpowered,

dominated and controlled. (11) In the service of market share, global firms were pictured slugging it out and fighting glorious battles.

Business Darwinists often described the competitive process as a game like boxing, hardball, or football. For example:

“For much of the last decade, U.S. companies have been maligned as wimps that lacked the grit and gumption to stand up to Japanese and European rivals. As they cowered in the big shadows thrown off by the Siemenses and Matsuhitas of the world, American firms caved in to quarterly earnings pressures and skimmed on long-term technology investments, But lately, the derisive criticism has begun to ring hollow.

“Domestic corporations, perceived by many as the world's weaklings, have put on new muscle and become industrial warriors capable of blowing away even the most intimidating global competitors.” (12)

Facing stiff competition from Germany and Japan, the nation was encouraged by tales of American companies muscling their rivals, aceing them, trouncing them, and leaving them quaking. (13) American firms were depicted blindsiding their opponents, blitzing them, and giving them palpitations. (14) Like IBM and Microsoft they were "fighting tooth and nail [for] market position." (15) Like U.S. Surgical, they "took the market by storm and left once-dominant [competitors] stunned." (16)

Those who toughened up were congratulated for "[getting] the jump on the competition" and "[knocking their] socks off." (17) Examples ranged from the local to the international, from companies to nations. The supermarket down the block "squares off" with its union. (18) An international computer maker "goes toe-to-toe" with its international rivals for its share of the world market. (19) The American nation enjoys enhanced prestige because of its "new economic muscle." (20)

When the business press talks about life in the global ring, it classifies companies into fast and powerful. Nissan and Toyota are powerful. Europe is fast. The

Japanese carmakers are characterized as "heavyweights," facing "a leaner, meaner Europe Inc.", which is "just what's needed to fend [them] off." (21) Hewlett-Packard is powerful and also fancy. Attacked by Japanese clone-makers, HP is eulogized for "slugging back" and "packing a powerful punch." (22)

"By 1989, more than 60 Far Eastern clones were closing in on HP's market. In a lightning-fast response, the Silicon Valley company struck back with cheap and technologically advanced machines. 'We hit them with a left, then a right hook,' says Richard Watts, Hewlett Packard's director of worldwide sales and distribution for computer products. ... That fancy glove work ultimately landed pugnacious HP in the winner's corner." (23)

When firms slug it out, some "get pummeled"; others "clobbered." (24) The weak end up "showing bruises." (25) However, no matter what the situation brings, it's expected that no competitor will "give up ... without a fight." (26)

Whether fighting among themselves or against foreign competition, says *U.S. News & World Report*, "America's toughest companies [are displaying] tenacity and innovation in beating up global foes." (27) In case its drift escapes its readers, the commentators make it abundantly clear: "The moral of these stories is simple: Getting tough is the only way to thrive in today's global market." (28)

Business gets bloodier than the boxing metaphor allows. In some accounts, savvy companies are metaphorically represented as bloodthirsty predators, searching for prey. A European firm is congratulated for having "a killer instinct for competition." (29) Airbus is depicted as "aiming at Boeing's jugular." (30) General Electric is "always prowling for new businesses" to expand into. (31) When it finds one, it strikes quickly and "gobble[s] up assets from weakened rivals." (32) These companies will kill for market share.

A normally conservative company (Corning), "which had been eyeing Damon for years, jumped in with a decisive strike -- a \$401 million cash offer of its own. Done deal." (33) Counsels a broker in *Business Week*: "The people who can pounce first are going to make money." (34) Competition here is truly bloodthirsty.

But the situation is praised for waking complacent corporations up. Says one CEO: "There's nothing like the survival mode to get humans moving." (35)

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Killing for Market Share: The Old Paradigm in Business - Part 2/2

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Sometimes even failing in the chase paid off. Dealmaker Samuel J. Heyman "never bagged his prey, but he pulled down about \$500 million in profits from his investments," reported *Business Week*. We would be "hard put to find a dealmaker whose instincts were so beautifully in sync with the quick-buck mentality" of the times. (6)

The business environment is dog-eat-dog, "a cutthroat marketplace," (37) in which "we'd all kill for [profitable] savings." (38) Businessmen are warned: "He who hesitates is lunch." (39)

Scenarios are replayed in which readers are warned who is eating whose lunch: "Competition from the likes of Hewlett-Packard and Co. was eating CalComp's lunch," offered *Electronic Business*. (40) A senator fumes: "While the White House is debating ideology, other countries are eating our lunch." (41) Quipped a phone company ad: "In the 90s, let's do lunch may have a slightly different meaning." (42)

When metaphors of slugging it out or pouncing on prey did not get business's message across, the business process was compared to war. Said one "super-banker" of another: "We don't meet, we have battles." Here is *Business Week's* account of that "meeting."

"Bennett A. Brown ... the chairman of Citizens & Southern Corp. rejected a hostile takeover bid from NCNB Corp.... Even though [NCNB chairman Hugh L.] McColl [Jr.] told Brown that he had launched his missiles, the brash, acquisitive McColl backed off with uncharacteristic meekness." (43)

Explained *Business Week*: "Every day around the world, corporations do battle." (44) Among the trade warriors, "Japan is the force to beat." (45) Public attention was focused on the Japanese as "the world's most feared global competitor." (46) First American and later European corporations were reported to be "running scared. The reason: They fear an onslaught of competition, especially from the Japanese." It is left to a British union official to remind us of the fate of the weaker trade rival: "Everyone realizes only the fittest will survive." (47)

The U.S. electronics industry is "pinned down in the trenches of an economic battle, according to our troops in the R&D labs and engineering workplaces of America. And right now, the battle is going nowhere." (48) The U.S. semiconductor industry has been "driven to its knees by Japanese targeting of the industry." (49)



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"Having softened up the U.S. semiconductor industry by sapping its profits with low-ball pricing, Japan's electronics giants are moving in for the kill. That's the alarmist view of the proposed takeover of Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. by Fujitsu Ltd." (50)

The American press watched for any sign of winning and leapt on it.

"At first glance, it would appear to be sweet revenge on the Japanese corporate titans that have been beating up on their North American and European counterparts. ... More Japanese companies fell off the [Business Week Global 1000] list than those of any other country." (51)

Domestically and internationally, said small-business author Jay Conrad Levinson, "it's a marketplace out there. In order to survive, let alone thrive and prosper, you've got to be a guerilla." For the "guerilla marketing attack," he offered "strategies, tactics, and weapons for winning big profits." (52) Levinson took Business Darwinism to its logical extremes and showed the doctrine's ultimate direction. According to him, business competitors were our enemies.

"You are surrounded. All around you are enemies vying for the same bounty. They're out to get your customers and your prospects, the good and honest people who ought to be buying what you're selling. These enemies are disguised as owners of small and medium-sized businesses.

"These enemies thrive on competition. They're out to get you and get you good. ... Your enemies mean business, your business, your profits." (53)

The businessman with the most powerful arsenal will win: "Your bank account will brim with profits in direct proportion to how your marketing arsenal brims with these weapons." (54)

Levinson supplies business with the marketing weapons to take to war: "[These] fundamentals for winning the battle for healthy, honest, and growing profits ... will serve you well on your way to the battlefield." (55)

Daily the skirmish reports and body counts roll in from feature wars, price wars, standards wars, PC wars, cola wars, and semiconductor wars. Said the executive VP of an industrial research firm: "We're seeing the industry move in such a way that these two big forces are going to be really fighting it out. ... The battle will take place on the fronts of 'audio, video, voice CD-ROM, stereo, mass storage'." (56)

The corporation was represented as being engaged in a "do-or-die marketing battle to win over increasingly sophisticated and demanding customers." (57) The fate to be avoided is "unconditionally surrendering the ... market" to the enemy (58) while the highest grace lay in emerging dominant. U.S. News & World Report observed: "Merely being competitive is not enough in today's global markets. Rather, [a firm's] long-term success will depend upon [its] domination of markets." (59)

Said Peter Cohen in *The Gospel According to the Harvard Business School*:

"Tomorrow is the future. We trained our business leaders to successfully wage its battles.

"World War III is going to be fought on the shelves of your neighborhood shopping center, and the Harvard Business School is a sneak preview of it. How its generals are prepared. The weapons and tactics they learn to use. How, fighting against each other, against humiliation and delusions of grandeur, they run each other down, yet somehow, desperately at times, seek to maintain at least the appearance of friendship. (60)

"This is an account of [the] education [of a class of 94 MBA students] to become lords over a new kind of army in a new kind of warfare, ready to take over from the military who have perfected their technology to the point where its use is guaranteed to leave nothing worth using it for. But since men will continue to be ambitious; since they will still want to be, they don't know what, except different, they will go on fighting for those things of which there aren't enough to go around -- money, love, land, praise, power and perquisites." (61)

"Epic tales are told around the campfire. Not all the participants are happy with the process.

"At the Vick School of Applied Merchandising: It was a gladiators' school we were in. Selling may be no less competitive now, but in the Vick program, strife was honored far more openly than today's climate would permit. Combat was the ideal - combat with the dealer, combat with the 'chiseling competitors,' and combat with each other. There was some talk about the 'team,' but it was highly abstract. Our success depended entirely on beating our fellow students, and while we got along when we met for occasional sales meetings the camaraderie was quite extracurricular.

"Slowly, as our sales-to-calls ratios crept up, we gained in rapacity. Somewhere along the line, by accident or skill, each of us finally manipulated a person into doing what we wanted him to do. Innocence was lost." (62)

The author also questioned the satisfaction that predatory competition brought its new entrants:

"The Harvard Business School's blind faith in competition alienates its students from one another, driving them to the destructive selfishness, the rugged individualism that, for too long, has been mistaken for a mainspring of progress." (63)

That was about as much lip service as "destructive selfishness" got but no truer words were spoken. The selfishness at the heart of Business Darwinism conditioned society for the final push that began with 9/11.

One might ask how much these metaphorical ways of speaking actually translated into business practices? Just as, upon listening to President Nixon on the Watergate tapes, our view of White House policy-making shifted, so our view of business's wisdom and maturity may also shift when we listen to the tapes presented at a trial between Bankers Trust and Procter & Gamble.

What the evidence (and other earlier examples of Bankers' shoddy practices) demonstrated was that ethics took a back seat to profiteering at the bank. In the Economist's account, the Business-Darwinist drift is plainly seen being translated into action.

"In January [1995] the bank settled a similar case with Gibson's Greetings, a card company, after internal tapes revealed the bank's employees giving the client false information about trades in 1993.

"Now BT has been shamed by further revelations about its derivatives sales practices in 1993-94, following a court ruling on October 3rd, which made public previously sealed documents and tapes relating to the P&G case. Astonishing comments by BT employees raise fresh concerns about the bank's culture at that time.

"Consider, for example, oral references by BT staff to a 'rip-off factor' that was attached to complex deals involving leveraged derivatives. One BT salesman describes how he would 'lure people into that total calm and then totally f*ck them.' Perhaps worst of all, a video shown to new employees

includes a telling description by a BT instructor of how a swap works: he says that BT can ‘get in the middle and rip them [the customers] off.’”

Remembering that cameras were rolling, the instructor then apologises. (64)

Anyone not harmed by events could reflect on them philosophically, as *Fortune Magazine* did, capturing the mood of the times.

“The financial civil war that swept across America in the past decade was a ripsnorting string of shoot-'em-ups like nothing ever seen on Wall Street or Main Street. Withering volleys of money shot back and forth as insurgents stormed one entrenched corporate position after another.” (65)

But the fact remains that getting tough with one's rivals, which would have been repulsive in a gangster, was made right and desirable in the predatory market environment of the 1985-95 period.

No quarter was given or expected. Getting your licks in, bagging prey, and blitzing one another were just good competitive practices.

Had these been two boxers fighting each other in the ring, perhaps matters might have stopped there. But these lean and mean contenders for the world title stripped millions from their payrolls to get into fighting trim. And they used any weapons they could find to achieve competitive advantage.

Many of those weapons were technological and meant that the employees so eliminated would never return. Thus, what was represented as being in America's interest may have been in the interest of CEO's who, like IBM's Aker, laid off 14,000 in 1990 and had his pay doubled to \$2.2 million for (and I speculate) having “what it took to do what was needed.” (66) But it was not in the interests of the wave of Americans who had to walk the plank.

An unbridled wave of global competition was initiated by following the tenets of a philosophy of predatory competition, a phenomenon which harmed workers in every country it affected. The leaders of business would have said that nothing

could be done about it, that it was the market working itself out according to its own ineluctable laws.

However, there's nothing in any natural law that specifies the human community must operate this way. Their explanations, needless to say, were small comfort to the millions whose lives were, in this age of the smart machine, irreversibly impacted.

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Looking over David DeGraw's article, "Full-Blown Civil War Erupts On Wall Street: As Reality Finally Hits The Financial Elite," which Pat published yesterday, (1) I'm struck by two things.

In discussing them, I have to acknowledge that I don't claim deep understanding or awareness of financial matters or indeed some of the other matters that I'll refer to tangentially. What I wish to relay more is just my sense of things.

The more I read about the cabal's forward motion in any area – finances, police, military, UFO cover-up, pharmaceuticals, pandemics, whatever - a few things seem to leap out at me.

One is the supreme confidence the cabal appears to have had that they'd succeed in taking power from the people and enforcing the "New World Order." That regime would see the elite dominate global society and the rest of us "useless eaters" die or serve them.

A second is the lock-step, dinosaurian manner in which the cabal seems to move. It lacks a brake or reverse gear. Its answer to every dilemma is to press ahead and more or less overcome resistance by its sheer weight and momentum.

When it genuinely meets opposition that it cannot overcome, it possesses no Plan B and almost shreds itself crashing into the barricades put up against it, taking everyone of its own kind down with it, which is just what DeGraw is pointing at.

We tend to look at matters in a linear, compartmentalized manner so for instance we often examine financial events as if they go on in a vacuum. But I remember listening to a George Green video once in which Green was attending a party of the Illuminati and said that there was every kind of notable there – politicians, financiers, big corporate players, superstars, leaders in all fields of endeavors. I think we tend to forget that the people behind the New World Order's agenda covered the entire spectrum of social, financial, business, medical, educational, and other leadership. And I think we also forget that they believed what they were up to could not fail.

This is not that George Green video, but it'll serve to give a pretty good picture of the elite's intentions for all of us.

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The New World Order had the military behind them, the police, government agencies and indeed the government itself. Their legislative program was the only one in town. They vied for spots at the various deep underground military bunkers, Green said, and knew about the depopulation agenda and the plan for a nuclear World War III to bring the world's population down from 7 billion to 500,000.

Did I hear someone draw back in surprise? Let me cite SaLuSa and Matthew about that agenda:

SaLuSa: "There is truth in the claims that the dark Ones have always planned to drastically reduce the population numbers, but they have been severely set back through our actions." (2)

Matthew Ward: "Evidence of this new flu effort and other Illuminati activities to drastically reduce the population is being amassed and eventually will completely eliminate that dark group's long control through fear, ignorance and economic slavery." (3)

MW: "Depopulation by any means is an Illuminati goal." (4)

MW: “All of that theft — that is exactly what it has been, and on a mind-boggling scale — has been completely in accordance with the Illuminati's generations-old plan to attain global domination by creating and spreading impoverishment, devastation, and death of the masses who are not needed to serve their sinister purposes.” (5)

MW: “[9/11’s] even deeper purpose than controlling oil resources in the Mideast, ... is to dominate the entire planet and kill or enslave its peoples.” (6)

As far as the elite were concerned, they had the bases pretty well covered and plutocracy would rule. This confidence in their ability to master the planet oozes out of a report from Citigroup issued on March 6, 2005, entitled *Equity Strategy. Revisiting Plutonomy: The Rich Getting Richer*. That report says in part:

“Our thesis is that the rich are the dominant drivers of demand in many economies around the world (the US, UK, Canada and Australia). These economies have seen the rich take an increasing share of income and wealth over the last 20 years, to the extent that the rich now dominate income, wealth and spending in these countries.

“Asset booms, a rising profit share and favourable treatment by market-friendly governments have allowed the rich to prosper and become a greater share of the economy in the plutonomy countries.

“Also, new media dissemination technologies like internet downloading, cable and satellite TV have disproportionately increased the audiences, and hence gains to “superstars” – think golf, soccer and baseball players, music/TV and movie icons, fashion models, designers, celebrity chefs, etc.

“These ‘content’ providers, the tech whizzes who own the pipes and distribution, the lawyers and bankers who intermediate globalization and productivity, the CEOs who lead the charge in converting globalization and technology to increase the profit share of the economy at the expense of labor, all contribute to plutonomy.” (7)

This concentration and centralization of wealth, I believe, was intended to funnel it to an ever decreasing number of hands. What the “superstars” and others did not realize, in my opinion, was that they too, like everyone else, were intended simply to be the intermediate holders of society's wealth before it was also skimmed from them and found its true home with the very small circle of Illuminati megarich.

And then, for reasons known to us but to few others, the whole scene began to come crashing down.

I say “known to us but few others” not because the information is private, not because we too are some kind of elite, but because few others would or do believe the story that is being told by such sources as Matthew Ward, SaLuSa, Wanderer of the Skies, and the many other galactic and spirit sources who reveal exactly what's going on in our world. At some point, after Disclosure, everyone will know and very many more people will buy what's being said. But I don't think we're at that place now.

But the galactics, the spirit hierarchy, and their Earth allies have been hard at work for decades, bottling up the elite, using space technology to deprive them of their funds, removing their nuclear weapons, and defeating their attempts to stampede society with false-flag operations and weather warfare. I don't want to run through the whole story here because it's been told in many other places, (8) but let me just quote one example, from Matthew Ward, of the way the Company of Light worked to defeat Illuminati aims.

“ET technology will be directed at electronic issues wherein money movement will not go the way the dark forces intend and undetectable glitches in their communication efforts will create confusion and errors. I am not speaking 'out of school' here as the dark forces are aware that this has started happening and they cannot locate the origins or detect and correct the flaws. This adds to their fear that they are losing control and their activities will become even more clumsy and obvious until all is 'brought to light.’” (9)

I'd say that's a pretty good statement about exactly what David DeGraw is getting at but probably doesn't know about.

In the beginning, the cabal, through the use of blackmail, intimidation, assassination, and similar measures, worked their way into a position where no force could stand against them. They controlled the government, the press, the police, the courts and every other significant social institution. And, because they thought they were unstoppable, they became narrower and narrower in focus and more and more complacent in action.

Now we see them unable to manoeuvre, unable to cover up their atrocities, unable to stop the investigations which Pat has shown are starting to really gear up.

A dinosaur is a fearsome adversary as long as strength and momentum are what determine the issue. But when an opponent comes along with more strength, more

momentum, and a vastly bigger brain, a dinosaur can be a pathetic figure. And the cabal has become just such a pathetic figure in the face of the combined efforts of the Company of Light.

I think its ultimate fate will look a lot like *Judgment at Nuremberg*, where once-feared criminals will try to hide behind arguments like “just following orders” and blame everyone else but themselves. Deprived of their high-priced lawyers and ad agencies, their actual pleas and explanations will evoke only pity.

But until the day when they're totally removed from power, expect them to keep blundering along, out of the hubris of the once mighty that more of the same will produce victory – as it always had in the past. We're the little mammals that survived the ponderous dinosaurs, small but nimble. Pity the poor monstrosities as everything they worked so hard for collapses around them. They'd even decided to bring this world down in a nuclear conflagration and escape to Mars if need be. Now none of that'll occur. Instead they face the ultimate humiliation of trading places with their victims and their undoing will be too pathetic to watch.

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On NESARA

- [Ch. 1. Introduction](#)
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Nimble Mammals Becoming Nimbler



I once joked that we were nimble mammals compared to the lumbering dinosaurs the cabal were. (1)

I think, in the times ahead, we'll need to become even nimbler if we're to understand some of the spiritual truths that will be communicated in the weeks and months ahead.

And so I'd like to take a minute out to look at some of the most common causes of confusion that arise when we look at what some of the sages say.

I'm going to leave aside spiritual passages that are couched in code - using such terms as "the firebrand plucked from the burning" or "the light always burning on the altar" (both of which refer to the soul, which is one with the All-Soul and which always burns on the altar of the heart).

I'd like to look here at one common source of confusion: the use of terms that seem paradoxical when associated with each other but yield to understanding when we make one simple adjustment.

A very, very simple example of a paradoxical saying is: "Die before dying." (2)
Two words are used with the same root: "die" and "dying." But the two deaths being pointed at are not at all the same.

The one is the death of the ego or whatever else is the barrier to Self-knowledge.
The other is the death of the physical body.

So, loosely interpreted, we're being encouraged to do that which we *need to do while alive* - to realize ourselves.



Apparently it's far easier to reach Self-knowledge in the circumstances that exist on the physical plane, where situations confront us, than on the astral plane, where the living is easy, so to speak.

If we don't accomplish that purpose, we'll have accomplished nothing, as Rumi reminds us below, and we'll need to reincarnate into this vale of tears, as many see it, again.

"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 man has come into this world for a particular task, [Self-realization] and that is his purpose; if he does not perform it, then he will have done nothing." (3)

We may have medals and awards and scholarships and publications but if we haven't done that one thing, we'll have done nothing whatsoever. That one thing is enlightenment.

Getting back to choans, parables, and other riddles, the approach of many sages is to combine terms that refer to the physical plane (the death of the body) with terms that relate to a higher plane (the death of the ego, which ordinarily survives the death of the body).

The juxtaposition of these two levels of realities, or two conditions or accomplishment, the one relating to a lower dimension and the other to a higher, I believe, makes us reflect on the sages' sayings, puzzle over them, and hopefully burst through to a realization powerful enough to lead (depending on our purity) to enlightenment.

It's akin to using a matchbox with friction paper to rub a match against so that a flame results.

Here's another example: "Let the dead bury the dead." (4) Jesus uses two words that are the same ("dead") but gives each a different meaning that causes us to reflect on his utterance.

Those being buried are physically dead. But those he asks to do the burying are those that are dead to the higher knowledge. Those who are alive to his teachings he asks to seize the moment and follow him. (5) Perhaps he knows that, if they don't seize this moment, they never will.

The "dead" who should bury the dead may be dead to the realities of life. They may be dead to the purpose of life. In some way they are ignorant of the higher qualities, purposes, ends, or means that Jesus has come to make plain.

We're asked to thread our way through the master's utterances, distinguishing between different levels of reality. And, if we do this, I think we'll find the sayings of the masters and mystics unfolding for us - at least those that are not simply couched in code and require specialized knowledge.

Leaving that aside now, I'd like to spend a moment looking at the role of cognitive dissonance - the discomfort we feel when something about a comment doesn't seem to make sense to us - in forcing new paradigms to arise.

We're going to be watching a lot of cognitive dissonance take place in the weeks and months ahead so it may be useful to consider its role in "forcing" new paradigms.

Archangel Michael often refers to the situations we face today that bring much cognitive dissonance as "creative chaos":

"In some situations, given that many of your reference points continue to be the old third, the polarity, the either/or, it looks like black or white. In some cases it looks positive, in other cases it looks like mayhem, or negative, but in all of these situations there is an element of what we would call radical chaos.

"It is that creative chaos not only generated by human activity, decisions and attitude, but there is also radical change that is taking place because of the influx of energies, the higher frequencies, and, can we say, the influence of inspirations that are being adhered to, listened to and acted upon." (7)

Out of this creative chaos, Nova being will arise - all the new paradigms that will outfit us to navigate the new lifestyles of Nova Earth.



In my view, new paradigms emerge when a person faces this cognitive dissonance; that is, a set of circumstances that cannot easily be made to relate to or accord with one another.

When the circumstances become uncomfortable enough, the individual may abruptly reorganize matters in his or her mind, which have until then been represented as unhappily coexisting, into a new sensible relationship through a new way of seeing.

Example: Emile Durkheim's father was a rabbi who was constantly stressing one thing while Emile was more interested in another. Emile felt discomfort but did not know what it was that separated him from his father - until he had a moment of insight (an "Aha!" or ""Eureka!" moment) forced on him by his growing chagrin.

In a moment of insight, he made a distinction between "values" (his father's preoccupation) and "facts" (his own preoccupation) and, when he did, he created a distinction that has since been said to result in the birth of the modern social sciences. The son's cognitive dissonance forced a new paradigm on him that came to be seen as underpinning social science.

A second example illustrates how one scholar took circumstances of confusion and used them to derive a whole new way of understanding how we interpret reality.

Benjamin Lee Whorf, a noted anthropologist, worked, in his earlier life, as a fire insurance investigator. He saw that many fires were caused by people using language that didn't accurately describe the situation. In fact the language obscured the situation or led to false conclusions.

For instance, a worker threw a lit match into an "empty" drum. But the drum, while empty of liquid, was not empty of vapors and exploded.

Or a worker put a coat over a cone heater that was switched off. He then threw the "light switch." But the switch was not a "light" switch. It was the switch to the cone heater, which went on and caused the coat to catch fire.

Whorf wondered what the deeper significance of these circumstances was and arrived at the theory of linguistic relativity: that things showed up for us, not as they are, but relative to the words we used to describe them.

Whether we're trying to pierce a mystical utterance or arrive at a new paradigm, we're going to be called on in the times ahead to be mentally agile or nimble, just as we've been called upon up till now to be emotionally clean and clear. The Mother's baptism of clarity and purity will make it easier for us but there's still some work for us to do.

It's all about how we navigate change and we may have to draw on all the ways we can think of to overcome the inertia of the old Third Dimension. Our task is to open ourselves to much that will be brand new to us as we work our way through this time of creative chaos and conceptual reorganization.

Footnotes

(1) "Nimble Mammals – 1; Brainless Dinosaurs – 0," Sept. 5, 2011, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/accountability/nwo-essays/nimble-mammals-1-brainless-dinosaurs-0/>

(2) "Non-existence ... is death. But it is a death in accordance with the hadith, 'Die before dying.' The Perfect Man, when he does this, dies with a death which is consequent to and leaning on a will and he has thrown himself into the ocean of He, without having feet or head or having any trace of exterior or interior being in him. There he is drowned, he is annihilated, and name or sign of him no more remains, and he becomes He. Because the drop has fallen into the ocean and become the ocean." (Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d. , 37.)

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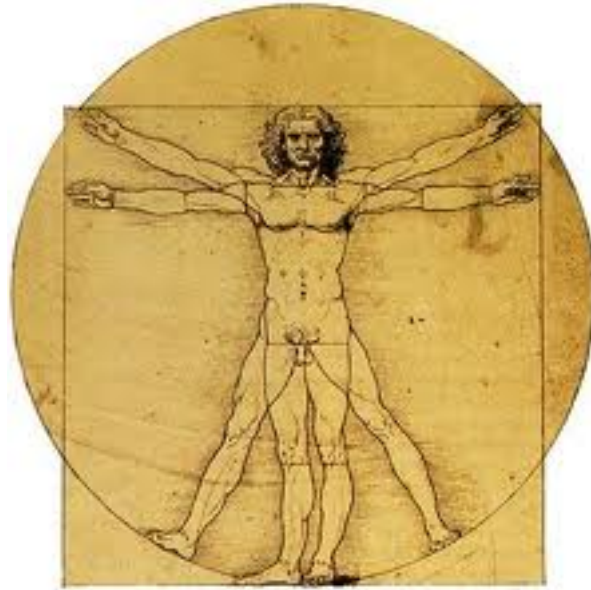
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What Does It Mean to be Human?

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The Adam/Eve Kadmon template

A global conversation is addressed to the human race. So perhaps I can be permitted a few words on my view of what it means to be human.

I'm not an anthropologist but I worked many years as a cultural historian. Nonetheless this is meant as a commonsensical discussion and not one that's somehow scholarly or academic.

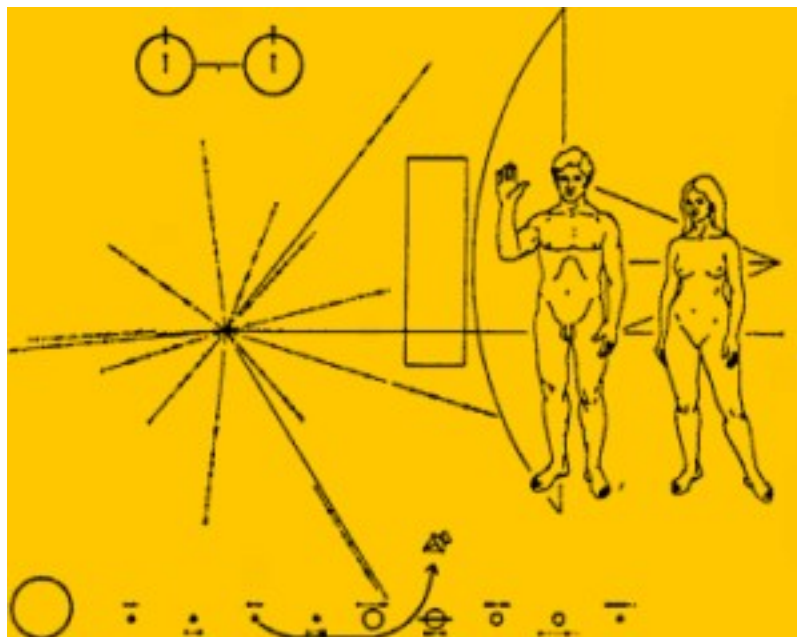
What does it mean to be human? Believe it or not, human beings can achieve that level of evolution by different paths. David Wilcock described some of them:

“The human body shows up in the galaxy on every planet where life can form. It’s a natural evolution. Some might get there by an insect; some might get there by a lizard; some might get there by mammals like we do; some might get there by cetaceans; some might get there even by vegetation, apparently.” (2)

Even though humans can be mammalian, reptilian, or even plant-based, the humans around our planet at the present time are all of the same mammalian genetic makeup as we are; in fact they're our ancestors, the races that first populated the Earth.

The basic human form is known as the Adam/Eve Kadmon template and is best represented in Leonardo's drawing (above) or the Voyager Plaque (below). That template is upright, bipedal, bilaterally symmetrical, with stereoscopic vision located on the front of the face, arms, legs, opposable thumbs, a brain with hemispheres, etc.

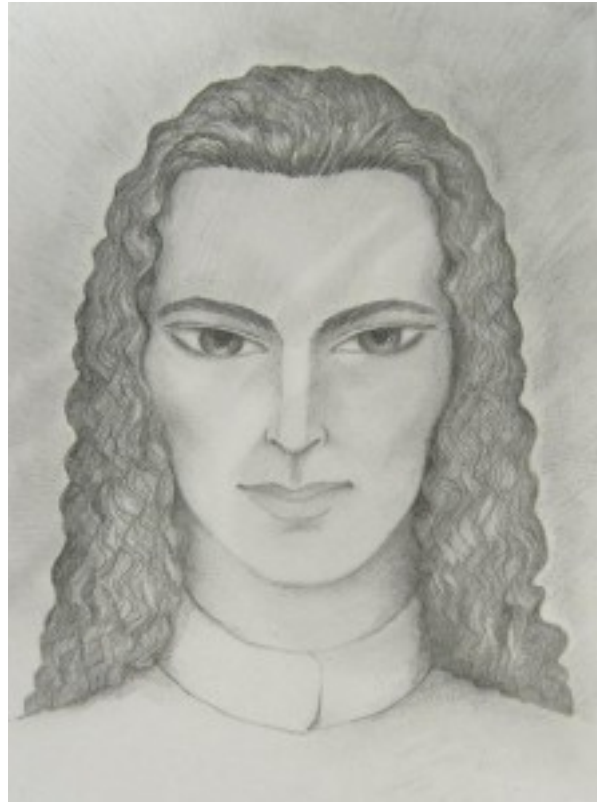
The form is human, but the soul divine. The soul is at a level of evolution called being human. As the saying goes, we are not humans having a spiritual experience but spirits having a human experience. We're immortal and live many lives, only some of them as humans.



The Voyager Plaque: Another view of the Adam/Eve Kadmon Template

The physical human form has certain aspects: the biological, cultural, emotional, and spiritual. The biological aspect centers around the need to eat, drink, breathe, sleep, procreate, clothe ourselves, etc. These needs are only associated with the Third Dimension. On higher dimensions, our needs are fewer and our means of satisfying them don't depend as much on work. We share this 3D level of existence

with animals, but we satisfy our needs in a peculiarly human way, through the use of culture and tools.



SaLuSa, higher-dimensional being from Sirius

The cultural aspect relates to the fact that we traffic in ideas. Culture = ideas. To create an idea that can be communicated, we bestow meaning on symbols, freely and arbitrarily. This tall wooden thing before me I think I will call a “tree.” (Non, non, un "arbre.") This barking animal I will call a “dog.” (Non non, un “chien.”) With ideas, we communicate and dream, rehearse and remember. We get the idea, make believe, and pass the word along.

When I was a cultural historian, I used to say that culture was an organization of ideas, manifest in act and artifact, though consisting of neither, by means of which we think, respond and take purposive action. We live in a world of ideas, whether animals do or do not. (Some say they do.)

There is an emotional aspect to us which builds on both biology and culture. We respond emotionally to our body's needs and urges and to our thoughts and actions. We respond emotionally to others. We even respond emotionally to our dreams and fantasies. We love and hate, desire and reject, lean towards and away

from. We're repulsed and inspired, jubilant and depressed, encouraged and discouraged. And we then we double back and have thoughts about our emotions

The spiritual aspect builds on the cultural and emotional, beginning with the power to make an object of ourselves. Taking cognizance of ourselves we term "self-consciousness." It was a huge innovation. We can make of anything an object and end up making one of God as well.

As we expand our consciousness more and more, moving towards the event for which all life was created (enlightenment), we move ever closer to transforming God from an object into the one and only Subject. We've moved from self-consciousness to Self-Realization, using object-consciousness to reach consciousness without an object.

These processes are what all of us humans share. If we want to take a human perspective rather than an American or a Catholic or a Republican one, then we'll be looking at what we are and do relative to our biological, cultural, emotional, and spiritual selves and others.

We haven't been speaking about these before now – not commonly. Certain scholars do, but not the mass of society. We've been speaking about Presidential candidates, the pound sterling, and housing prices. We've been speaking about the Vatican, and Burma, and space shuttles. Always we take the partial view, the specific view, the named and unique perspective. Always we focus on differences.

But we're being obliged to become aware of ourselves as a planet by the guests who are coming to dinner. If we're talking about Pleiadians and Arcturians, how can we not think about terrestrials? We're suddenly finding that we need to know more about ourselves, even as we attempt to know more about them. We can see that the galactics are studying us. Just get yourselves onto Ellie Miser's distribution list. Ellie is a conscious Pleiadian starseed who studies us like an anthropologist.

They're studying us. We're studying them. Now we must also study us. We have to survey us, take stock of our credits and debits, surpluses and insufficiencies, gifts and weaknesses.



Asket, Billy Meier's human Timorian mentor

As I said in an earlier article, in regard to the work that needs to be done between now and the end of the year, primarily what we address is “problems.” We aim to turn unworkability into workability.

But we also need to get to know each other from a human vantage point. After years of focusing on our differences, we now need to focus on our similarities. What ties us together? We all have the same biological needs. We all live our lives by using and communicating ideas. We all have emotional reactions to things. And many of us also feel the tug of the spiritual.

So this is what it means to be human – at least on Planet Earth. Who's coming to dinner are more humans like us, from other dimensions and places. We already know they'll have the Adam Kadmon form. Their bodies may have some of the biological processes that ours do or maybe fewer of them. They'll traffic in ideas, though perhaps telepathically. They'll react to things with emotions, though less dramatically than us. And we know they worship the same God, see the purpose of life as knowing themselves and God as one, and live their lives in service to others.

So this is a framework that we can use to see what it means to be a human being, whether we are talking about us as humans or the galactics. As we begin our global conversation, we're talking as one human being to another and what this article describes is what we share in common.

Footnotes

(1) "Having a Global Conversation," April 7, 2012, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/04/having-a-global-conversation/>

(2) *Project Camelot Interviews David Wilcock*, Part 2 of 4, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bz9YPriDLo&feature=channel> . For more on this subject, see "We Gaians (Repost)," at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/10/we-gaians-repost/>

The Key Motivator of Human Behavior

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Again and again I keep coming back to one central notion: That what's most important to us, what our key motivator in our daily lives seems to be is how we feel.

I might have said how much money we have, whether we have a life partner or not, whether we have a pension or not, etc. People do value these things.

But if we look deeper into our situation, what we probably will come up with is that these external facts are not as important to us as how we feel.

And this isn't just so with unwanted or unpleasant feelings. Wonderful feelings like excitement, joy, and love also motivate us. We want them. We buy a Maseradi to have them. We vacation in Hawaii to have them. When all along, they're always there for us to enjoy if we only knew how to access them. (1)

Let me give examples from my own experience.

I saw myself today feeling concern about how I fit in, how I measure up. This introspection was caused by a legal wrangle that's occurring.

This line of thinking - that I need to measure up - is malarkey, but nevertheless there I was thinking it - and feeling it, which is the important part. I felt dismayed and "less than."

This feeling of dismay was what spurred me into my reflection. It was my motivator.

I reviewed the plus side of my life resumé and felt confident and reassured again. My feeling state had changed. No longer was I motivated by dismay; now I was motivated by confidence.

Since I like the feeling of confidence and security, I allowed the matter to pass from my attention. That was my action taken: I let the issue go.

But I did not like the feeling of concern. Therefore that matter remained with me longer. (What we resist persists.)

A second example.

Being a writer means a lot of time alone. And I constantly wall myself off to have that time.

But that leads to an empty schedule and feelings of loneliness.

Loneliness is one of the most difficult feelings to tolerate. It often spurs us into action. I think of it as a good example of a key motivator.

You'd think I'd be motivated by *thoughts about* loneliness. But, no, the motivator is to escape this awful feeling itself.

So I set up a coffee engagement to enjoy a little human company. And later that day I brought a coffee home to a friend in my building. Two social contacts dissolved my loneliness. But the dislike of loneliness motivates my action.

When an unpleasant or unwanted feeling arises, we often automatically respond to it.

We might then be found to say, "You made me (mad, jealous, frustrated, etc.)." We completely overlook our own feelings as the motivator and blame the upset and its results on another.

If we remember that our feelings are our key motivators, then we can interrupt the cycle of unconsciousness and automaticity.

We can treat the feeling as simply a feeling and "be with it" - experience it and observe it with neutrality until it leaves, rather than acting on it and risking making a foolish mistake. Here's Archangel Michael describing that process:

"The [traumatic] event can be remembered, or not, without the impact of trauma, without the impact of feeling that you have been damaged, hurt, compromised. It is a piece of information that has been brought within you, and not even what you would think of as healed, but held, the same way you would hold a child, until the feeling or the experience of the charge, of the trauma, is gone." (2)

Exactly. If we can observe the feeling without engaging it, being aware of the thoughts that attach to it without judging anything, the condition will run its course and disappear. And we haven't blown our stack or in other ways made an idiot of ourselves.

This'll become more and more important as time passes. The Arcturians once said to me that we lightworkers will "have to be the master of your consciousness at all times." (3) On another occasion: "You will be called up to master EVERY thought and feeling." (4)

I've just been sitting with the feelings, as Werner Erhard used to say, "like a brick in your lap" and they've passed without me embarrassing myself. But it's going to get tougher and tougher in the months and years ahead. The challenge will be to use this time to prepare.

What I set out to do in 1974, when I started the study of patterns in thought, word, and deed by reading Eric Berne's *Games People Play* was to understand the wellsprings of human behavior - how it's conceived, what drives it, and how it can be harnessed to fulfill divine intentions. I'll continue burrowing down until I feel I've really seen the way the mind and feelings work.

Erroneous views such as another person makes me (mad, afraid, jealous, etc.) are not going to help me. They don't describe what's really going on.

And it's what's really going on that I want and need to know.

Footnotes

(1) Draw them up from your own heart, where they "reside." Use your breath to do so.

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 11, 2011.

(3) The Arturians in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Sue Lie, July 22, 2014.

(4) Ibid., Nov. 8, 2013.

A Basic Change of Opinion

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I'd like to continue a thread. It's about the importance of how we feel.

I often feel like an anthropologist, studying customs in the North American culture to which I belong because all seems so new.

I have absolutely no awareness of any other culture but ours - on or off planet. But following the path of awareness is where in spirituality you'd expect to find a curious newbie and a wannabe anthropologist.

I notice things. I also know I'm being fed thoughts and have caught "them" in the act on one or two occasions. For instance, I have a very loud ringing in my ears right now, which tells me that Michael is here. (1)

And I'm always trying to take these noticeings and explain what sociologists call "the definition of the situation" and what I'll call "what's going on here?"

So I had a "what's going on here?" moment today, listening to music. I observed myself changing my mood based on a thought having changed. The music reminded me of someone and the minute I remembered her I was swept away by love. (2)

A minute before I had been listening to different music and grumbling about daily issues. Oh my Gawd, it was so much more enjoyable to be swept away by love. But I saw that *I did it*. I caused the change in feeling by changing my thought.

I let go of the daily issues and began thinking about an angelic being whom I love. My mood changed like that!

And yet, if I were feeling an unpleasant way like humiliated or lonely, I'd be thinking to myself that I need to feel that way until it lifts. I need to stay with the experience. I need to be with it.

In actuality that isn't totally true.

If I change the focus of my attention, I actually can change my mood.

For years, I regarded this as dodging the issue. By staying with the experience, I was getting at the root of the matter. But I now feel the tug of weightier matters and I no longer have the time to go the long route, as useful as it is.

I'd like to leave that noticeing for a moment, to show you how the process of consciousness works. The next thing to arise was a stray issue, triggered by noticeing I no longer had time.

I now engaged with the issue that my time was no longer my own. I'm in service now. I feel regret, wistfulness, sorrow.

I've lost control ... or yielded control ... of my time. That goes along with - it's implicit in - service.

So let me count. I now have agreed to stay to the end, yielded expectations of enlightenment and given over control of my time. Those are big sacrifices, what the Arcturians would call "big initiations."

It demonstrates that service will ask certain things of us. We're called upon to make some sacrifices. And they're sometimes not small.

OK, that illustrates how one thought follows another - triggered or not - in a stream of consciousness. My private life is just moving from one thought and the mood it brings to the next. At least that's the way it is on Earth.

Returning now to my overall theme, I do have some control over my feelings. I can change a thought that has negative energy streamers attached to it to one that has positive.

I'm not arguing about the rights and wrongs of seeing things that way. I'm simply observing what shows up for me like fact. Changing our thoughts can change our feelings. (3) If we don't want to feel the way we do, then among the many strategies we can use, the quick one is to change our thoughts.

When I'm standing in front of a group of government officials and corporate officers and we're contemplating how to bring a universal basic income to Canada and I'm feeling grumpy, I'll remember this.

Footnotes

(1) Steve: How do I know when you are whispering in my ear?

Archangel Michael: Often it is prefaced by a high-pitched ring.

S: Oh, I hear that all the time.

AAM: Yes, I know.

S: [laughing] Are you here all the time?

AAM: Yes, I am. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 18, 2011.)

(2) Here's an example of mood-changing music. See if you can listen to Ennio Morricone's *Theme from the Mission* and not have your mood shifted.

[audio mp3="https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Ennio-Morricone-The-Mission-Main-Theme-Morricone-Conducts-Morricone.mp3"][/audio]

I have never watched *The Mission*, just so you know. I only know this piece of music from it.

(4) I acknowledge that certain vasanas or core issues may not yield to changing our thoughts. For those there is the upset clearing process at “How to Handle Unwanted Feelings: The Upset Clearing Process,” December 29, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/12/29/how-to-handle-unwanted-feelings-the-upset-clearing-process-2/>

We Must Become as a Child

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Jesus said thousands of years ago that we must become as a child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Well, of course, Jesus is still with us today, speaking through John Smallman, Linda Dillon, Pamela Kribbe, and others. I await the day when he says you must source all your vasanas and be squeaky-clean to ascend to the Seventh Heaven.

I joke with you, but you get my drift. It's our conditioned reaction patterns, our habits of resistance to life formed long ago that prevent us from flowing with life and finishing with the old Third Dimension.

And until we let go of all that old baggage, come into the present again, and allow the divine qualities that are inherent within us to emerge and take command of our being, as they did when we entered into life, we're prevented from entering the Kingdom of Heaven that higher dimensionality is and condemned to continue experiencing and relating to the drabness of duality.

It's becoming easier to let go of our "stuff," but it still doesn't happen automatically. We have to be willing to emerge from our rackets and numbers, our fears and resistances. We cannot insist on keeping our

conditioned reactions alive and wanting to open in love and acceptance to the New World emerging.

The price of admission to the Heaven of our hearts is releasing all our unhealthy conclusions about life, our resistant decisions, our burdensome stories, and everything else that our biocomputer's programs (our vasanas) are fashioned from.

And letting go of these programs, these scripts, these file cabinets full of instructions on how to look good, succeed in life, and outcompete others, letting go of all our rackets, winning formulas and zero-sum strategies is only half the battle.

The other half is to commit ourselves from this moment on to allow what is native to us - the love that we are, the bliss that arises, the compassion that we feel - to motivate us, steer the ship from now on, and be the only reward we seek.

I think it wouldn't be going too far to suggest to us how rewarding it may prove to be to let go of all our grounds for complaint, all our fears about life, and all our lists of things to watch out for.

I think it wouldn't be going too far to ask us to resolve to simply live in the moment in the experience of our own divine beingness, to revel in the love and the bliss which is the treasure in the field of our own Self or soul, and to seek nothing else beside it.

I think it would be wise to ask us to cease seeking love from others and to seek love instead from the ancient spring that lies inside ourselves.

I think it would be wise to ask us to invite ourselves to surrender to the knowledge that Nature is benevolent, life has a purpose, and our future is already set in its largest contours, that the direction of our travels throughout all that lies ahead of us is unerringly set for Home and that nothing can prevent our eventual arrival there and our welcome.

In his youth, St. Francis was a reckless but rich young hedonist until one day, as he followed a raucous procession through Assisi, the Holy Spirit stopped him, snatched away his reveling, and left him penniless but so rich in love

that he fed every beggar, indigent laborer and even pope until the end of his days from his vast treasury of bliss and compassion.

Are we not penniless but rich in love? Have there ever been times that were worse and yet more blissful? Are we not obliged to turn away from the way it has been, which was rich in materiality but poor in spirit, to embrace a time that is poor in materiality but rich in spirit?

Have we not also been stopped in our tracks by the Holy Spirit (or Divine Mother) and snatched away from our reveling?

And is it not the case that we loving beggars are now inheriting the world and emerging as stewards of Light, the holders of the purse strings of the treasury of love? And is it not being asked of each of us, not that we do, but that we love till we ache?

Can anyone see where we're headed? No, but does it matter? If each of us can simply open ourselves to this love that is sweeping the world, (1) will it not be clear to us all what is next? And what next could there be and what next would matter if we could, till the end of our days, be fountains of love and bliss? Will the world then not work effortlessly?

Footnotes

(1) "You will shortly notice a wave of love sweep the Earth, that will show that your civilization has taken a quantum leap forward." (SaLuSa, Dec. 28, 2012.)

Feeling Loving, Blissful, and Ecstatic is an Inside Job

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Thou shalt become like a child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven

If it's all about how we feel, as I believe it is for us humans, then what am I doing, in a take-charge manner, to see that I feel my best (as defined by me)?

No, I don't mean anything external. Let's keep our attention on the internal. It doesn't cost anything and promises the best results.

In my opinion, feeling loving, blissful, and ecstatic, which is our end goal, is an inside job.

Despite what we've been sold ... I mean, told ... feeling these ways happens on the inside of "us," and it happens because of events that happen on the inside of "us," whatever "we" are.

Let me put first things first: There is an "I" that's always around. It doesn't sleep when the body sleeps. As a matter of fact, even the lower bodies - lower than the "I" - don't sleep; only the physical body does.

That "I" witnesses and experiences what the other bodies experience. The purpose of those bodies is to give the "I" experience on the level the body is appropriate to - etheric, astral, mental, causal, buddhic, etc. (1)

We seek enjoyment from experience, but we also seek wisdom. All that is taken with us, when we leave the body for good, is the memory of the experience.

Experience, enjoyment, memory - all of these happen inside. With me so far?

Really, as far as I can see, we live in a bubble or field of awareness. We go through life experiencing, enjoying, and remembering. It's no stretch to then observe that my field of awareness is my responsibility to work with such that I maximize the love, bliss, and ecstasy that I feel. No one else can do it for me; no one else would want to do it for me, not even my guides.

Here "I" am in my field of awareness. My body comes and goes, but I carry this field of awareness with "me."

How do I work with it? Well, first of all, I need to take my thoughts seriously. I need to listen to myself, above all else, so that I can effectively do Step Two.

You'll recognize this as the basic agreement of the awareness path: To maintain awareness of ourselves.

Second, when I find a bad idea, I need to raise it to awareness as much as need be and then drop it. Just drop it. No need to fill it in with anything else.

We're heading, among other things, for stillpoint so no need to manufacture a new thought. Let all thoughts go if you can. (That doesn't mean to lose situational awareness. Be safe.)

Raising the idea to awareness in the first place, however, has three benefits.

(A) It means we'll recognize the ill-advised idea more easily next time it comes. We can then dodge it like a matador.

(B) Awareness is not neutral; it's dissolving. Raising something to awareness and allowing it to be hastens its departure. The flip side is that what we resist persists, Werner Erhard once observed.

(C) Becoming aware of something ill-advised makes it more difficult to do a second time. We're now consciously watching ourselves do it whereas before we were unconscious of doing it.

Let me draw a line here so as not to tax your willing patience.

The start of every spiritual path is purification, cleansing of the vasanas or core issues. The cleansing of our field of awareness is that first step on the spiritual path.

That cleansing process begins with awareness.

Footnotes

(1) The purpose of experience is to help us to develop discrimination. What we ultimately need to discriminate between to fulfill the purpose of life is between the Real and the unreal. Realizing the Real is the purpose of life.

(2) “How to Handle Unwanted Feelings: The Upset Clearing Process,” December 29, 2018, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/12/29/how-to-handle-unwanted-feelings-the-upset-clearing-process-2/>.

Realized Knowledge, Heart Consciousness, and Fairness

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I assume that your life experience is similar to mine. If it is, then you, like me, are watching new grids, new ways of seeing the world, forming to replace the third-Dimensional grids, which are falling away.

Three elements of consciousness are impressing themselves on me at the moment as a kind of complete way to see an important life process. They are: realized knowledge, heart consciousness, and fairness.

Realized Knowledge

Werner Erhard used to talk about dimensions of certainty. Our sense of knowing becomes more certain as we move up a ladder of consciousness from mystery to belief to original thoughts, feelings, knowledge born of action, not-knowing, observing and then what he called "natural knowing." Natural knowing is the same as what I call realized knowledge.

I've spoken of intellectual knowledge yielding to experiential knowledge (what he meant by feelings and knowledge born of action) and experiential knowledge yielding to realized knowledge.

Buddhists have a slightly different model, the most relevant parts of which are *cita-maya-panna*, or knowledge born of hearsay and our thinking processes, and *bhavana-maya-panna*, or realized knowledge.

We usually think of these things in a linear way. So realized knowledge would be seen as further down the road from intellectual knowledge. But that doesn't capture what is being referred to.

When we enter into the realm, if only briefly, to which realization is the doorway, everything about our modes of experiencing is transformed. It isn't just different. It's enhanced, expanded, and actualized in ways that are not merely different but unavailable before.

Realized knowledge results in clarity, certainty and confidence. We *know* at those moments in a way we never did before and doubt vanishes before it.

Realized knowledge is no different than Fifth-Dimensional knowledge. The difference is that we have it only in moments while for them it's everyday life.

Heart Consciousness

The heart knows through love. But again, I'm not talking about romantic love or even the impersonal love of friendship. I'm talking about transformational love.

Transformational love lifts one (usually briefly again) into a higher dimension. So it too is a doorway into the same higher dimension where things are known with clarity, certainty and confidence.

Transformational love lifts, elevates and renews. It isn't bound necessarily to realization. It's full and complete within itself and needs no trigger but itself.

An experience of transformational love is all that's needed to show one that love cannot be gotten from another, that love comes from within. Granted that this whole world is composed of love so that love is everything, within and without, still our special connection to it comes from our own heart, from within.

Just as our Self is the All-Self and only illusion convinces us otherwise, so is our heart THE Heart and only illusion convinces us otherwise.

Going deeper and deeper into our heart brings us at last to the Heart of all. For that reason we can say that all exists within the heart.

There's an inner universe, which I've seen. In some kind of crazy inversion, we go within to find the same universe that exists without. (1) We think of the heart as the doorway to transforming love, but it's the doorway to much else besides.

Fairness

Having sat on the adjudicative bench and having studied the law from that vantage point, I feel confident in saying that what underlies all justice systems is the notion of fairness. We need a moral guide even more now, as we emerge from illusion, than we did when we were mired in it.

Because now, as we begin to experience states of being and awareness that can at times be sublime, we think less and less. A friend reminded me the other day that I needed to renew my passport. The mere thought of filling out paperwork almost did me in.

So little of what I do these days is of the nature of the bureaucratic things we were enmeshed in in former years. I'm sitting here right now, watching the sun come up over Vancouver, and I haven't a pre-existing thought in my mind. My hands type as the thoughts come to me, but they come to me newly, not in a linear fashion, and without an ounce of effort.

There is no more room for me at this moment to reason things out in ways I might have done before. I need one easily-remembered standard to live by, to ensure that I live a moral life where many of my older-dimensional ways of doing things no longer appeal to me and no longer work. Fairness is that standard.

The essence of fairness is equal sharing. The essence of fairness is taking into account the other person's situation and dealing with that person out of what's deserved or appropriate in light of their situation. Disabled people get special treatment on the bus, as do seniors and young children. And we see that as fair, given their situation.

If fairness were in place all over the world, this world would work and laws would not be needed. So fairness is the one easily-remembered standard that I embrace as the third leg on this tripod, the way I intend to meet and treat with my world.

Realized knowledge, heart consciousness and fairness blend together in a way that I can't describe. The three of them open areas of myself that were inaccessible in

the sluggish density of the Third Dimension. For me, they're a fully-developed, fully-comprehensive basis for being and doing in a higher-dimensional world.

If you wish to see it from the standpoint of spiritual practice, realized knowledge is the wisdom path, which Hindus call jnana yoga. Love is the devotional path, which Hindus call bhakti yoga. And fairness is indispensable to the path of service, which Hindus call seva and karma yoga.

Footnotes

(1) I assume what I saw was the same universe that exists without.

How Are We All One?

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Perhaps I could be permitted a word about what is for me the outstanding trait of this conference. For me that trait is warmth. The energies are rising on the planet, people are simmering in them, many of our major unwanted conditions appear to have been released, peace is slowly returning to the world, and so many people in the conference room seemed very mellow.

Some years ago, I'd have expected to see a great deal of activism, resistance to the cabal, complaints about weather warfare, chemtrails, vaccines, and the like. But all that seems to have passed now. We're all concerned about the hurricane on the East Coast, which seems like a last cabal attack. But, even with that, the scene in the conference room is still like a passenger plane coming in for a landing.

The only piece of unfinished business appears to be the re-election of President Obama and that too will be decided very shortly. The general belief of the speakers appeared to be that once that last detail is attended to, things will begin moving at a rapid pace.

Perhaps I can also be permitted a moment's reflection on something that is becoming very clear to me at this moment as I sit and watch what occurs in the conference room.

We say we are all one. But if one looks around the room, one sees different faces, different hair colors, different heights and shapes. One hears different thoughts being expressed, different desires, and different perspectives. In what way are we all one?

It's now become crystal clear to me that the way in which we're all one is that each of us is at essence the one Light, the Light of Lights, the same divine spark, the same flame in the heart.

Different cultures call that Light by different names. Hindus call it the Self or the Atman; Jews call it the lamp always burning on the altar and the firebrand plucked from the burning; Buddhists, our original face and buddha nature.

Christians call it the Son of God, the Christ, the Prince of peace. They also call it the Pearl of great price, treasure buried in a field and mustard seed that grew into a great tree. It's called by dozens of names.

Once we shed the various bodies that surround it in one Ascension after another, (1) we're all revealed as commonly being that Light.

When it's said that humanity was made in the image of God, that image for me is Light of that Light. The Light that the Father and the Mother are, the Father/Mother One as Archangel Michael says, we, the children of God, are as well.

It's that Light that we share in common. It's our identity as that Light which unites us. Everything else flows from the one basic and common identity.

I see this as plain as day after two days in the conference and seeing that, I feel tremendous joy and peace.

Footnotes

(1) In our Ascension coming up, we don't shed the body. But in ascensions on the spirit planes (the etheric, astral, mental, causal, etc.), we do.

I Love; Therefore, I Am

April 22, 2018



Blossom's Federation of Light was talking about "the Event" recently. (1) We here, following the Council of Love's lead, talk about a major, planetary heart opening. We're all pointing at the same thing with different names.

It's one of those spikes on the road to full Ascension (Sahaja Samadhi). It goes gradual, gradual, sudden; gradual, gradual sudden. The Divine Mother once described it as "leap-frogging." (2)

Michael has called them ignitions and snaps.

I've had a sneak preview of the one upcoming and, as my movie review, I can tell you that this is one great film. Get your seat (popcorn and soda pop) early.

Never mind your senses being catered to. Imagine if every desire, every wish, every hankering you ever had was completely satisfied by something like a wall of water that came sweeping towards you and drowned you. Sound paradoxical?

The inner tsunami of love that is released some time after a heart opening is like a spiritual wall of water, a torrent of love that sweeps away every concern and fulfills every wish.

One could say that a heart opening is like a cosmic orgasm. Orgasm itself is a brief moment of higher-dimensional love (and bliss).

Combine everything good you've ever had in your life and that's the quality of higher-dimensional, open-hearted love. It's entirely satisfying. We want nothing else but more of it.

The inner tsunami washes us free from all impurities, obfuscations, issues - whatever you want to call them - the chains we drag along behind ourselves. We have this to look forward to in "the Event" or "the planetary heart opening." (Put that on the marquee.)

It's at this moment that we might say:

"F-f-f-r-r-r-e-e-e-d-d-d-o-o-o-m-m-m-m-m!"

Classical enlightenment theory would distinguish between levels of enlightenment, differentiating each. Spiritual awakening is different from cosmic consciousness, cosmic consciousness from God-Realization, etc. In fact they are different in that they mark levels of awareness.

But what is missed out when seeing things this way is the continuity. In my view, we concentrate on one divine blessing - peace, joy, love, courage - and we go through deeper and deeper experiences of it.

In my case, I imagine that for me the heart will just keep opening more and more. For another they'll see more and more Light. Another the forms and then formless form of God.

The Mother appears to have chosen a heart opening as the modality for Planet Earth. Since we're setting the template for the wave of Ascensions that follow us, I imagine this is the Mother's favored template for everyone.

I think that we'll all just find that the heart just keeps opening wider and staying open longer, as we pass through all the chakras and beyond them. (Sahaja, the final stage of Ascension, is beyond the seven-chakra system.)

I can say with assurance that "the Event" will be unlike anything you've ever experienced. Not just a cut above; a world above. A world that we never knew existed. Certainly a world that works and a world that lacks for nothing.

Some things are mysteries - until they're not. I now know that I love; therefore I am. (3) It's all as clear as a bell to me.

Only the fact that I'd never known the inner tsunami of love made it a mystery. One dip, one drowning in the Ocean of Love immediately makes the matter clear: *I love*; therefore I am.

I live to love. I love to love. When I'm loving, I'm being the deepest me I can be.

It's obvious after a heart opening, but not before. "What's he talking about?" we might say.

But soon I'll be joined by millions of playmates and it won't be so lonely any more!!!! What you'll know then will convince you that your life is complete.

I love; therefore I am. Yes....

Footnotes

(1) The Federation of Light via Blossom Goodchild, April 20, 2018 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/04/21/the-federation-of-light-via-blossom-goodchild-april-20-2018/>

(2) 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 them as sub-planes, dimensional sub-planes, yes. ("The Divine Mother: We are Creating a New Species of Humans," channeled by Linda

Dillon, July 10, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/07/12/the-divine-mother-we-are-creating-a-new-species-of-humans/>.)

(3) Don't limit that sentence to one meaning. Play with every word. Entertain alternate meanings. Expand. Who is speaking?

Drowning in an Ocean of Love

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... inside the heart

Someone's "shouting" in my inner ear. Alright, alright! Where's my computer?

Love lies below everything.

Yes. Everything I've ever known.

If we think we've found something higher than love? We can be assured that it's but a waystation on the road to love. There *is* nothing higher than love. Or deeper. Not in my books.

We may have to dig through more debris. Or forgive ourselves and move on.

Here's my overall thesis: Love is One without a Second. Love is everything, a truth more obvious in the higher dimensions than ours. That is to me a fundamental truth.

From Love in Stillness came Love in Movement. And from the union of the two issued all else. This is a description of the Trinity - Father [Love in Stillness], Son

[all else, life forms, creation], and Holy Ghost [Love in Movement] = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. From the union of Father/Mother God came all else. The "all else" includes you, me, and all other life forms.

Imagine pouring molten gold into three statues. One is the God the Father [Stillness]. The other is God the Mother [Movement] and the third is us [a marriage of Stillness and Movement]. We are the "all else," a divine spark in a body made by the Mother. All three (Father, Mother, Child, if I may use that terminology) are made of the same gold - love.

I thy Lord am a jealous god. Yes, love flees the instant I take my attention off it. It disappears in the presence of an ill thought. It's a jealous god.

Be still and know that I am God. Yes, super-stillness would very likely lead to Self-Recognition. And drowning in an Ocean of Love.

Divine Mother: Does God Recognize Service to a Fallen Teacher?

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I'm part of a group that was doing a task for the Divine Mother and so I had the opportunity to talk with her through Linda Dillon on Oct. 26, 2018.

I'm going to post a few extracts from the later part of the reading.

Since I didn't anticipate her coming through, I was madly searching through my mind for what I should remember to ask her, what I've long wanted to ask her.

One question that came up was one I've had since 2000 and I'm so glad I remembered it.

That was the year in which I found out that my guru of 25 years was a child molester, or what today we'd call a pedophile. And he was not the only guru who fell for one reason or another.

I asked her if God recognized service even if I'm serving a fallen guru. Her answer was revealing and reassuring.

Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon,
Oct. 26, 2018.

Steve Beckow: I'm operating on the principle – and please correct me if I'm mistaken here – that I serve Archangel Michael, period.

If I were to go to another medium and she was not channeling Archangel Michael and I were to do what was being said, and it turns out to be a colossal error, I'm still serving Archangel Michael.

Am I correct in continuing to say to myself, "The source is not what they say they are but it doesn't matter. I'm still serving Archangel Michael."

Divine Mother: You have reached this place of clarity. Now, dearest heart, this is exactly what I am talking about in terms of your divine knowing. And nothing is swaying you from that balanced center of knowing.

So it does not matter whether somebody says they are channeling Hilarion or Mickey Mouse. You know that you are serving my beloved Michael and I would like to suggest to you, Sweet One, not to distract you, but you are also serving me.

Steve: I so much know that, Mother.

DM: You always have. And so, yes, how we have constructed this is that you are employed, you are in joint venture, you are in sacred partnership with Michael, with Me-Ki-Al, and that is the way that you have chosen and that he has chosen and that I have chosen for you to proceed.

Steve: Yes, Mother. Thank you for confirming that.

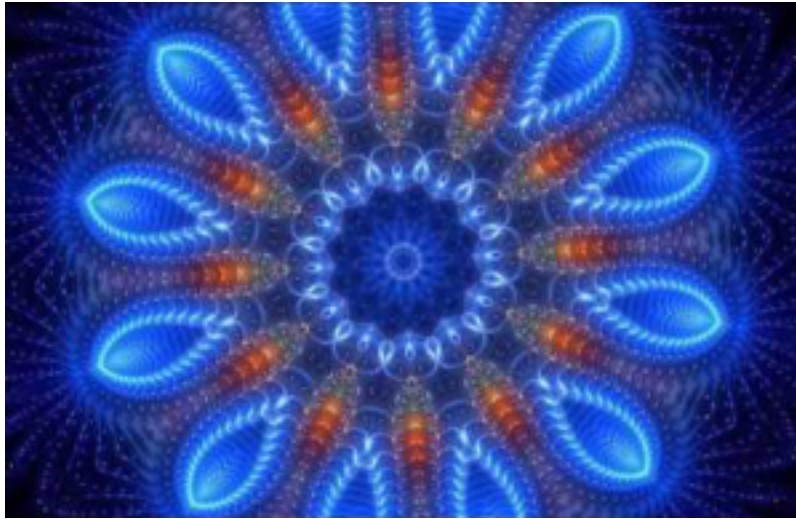
DM: Let us give you further insight into this. So, if you were channeling with somebody and they said it was Hilarion, and in fact it was Hilarion, understand on our side the conjoining is so much stronger [with Michael] that Michael would simply funnel through Hilarion what needs to be said.

Steve: Interesting!

In Any Conceivable Future

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It's interesting that Archangel Michael used the word "transformation" recently, (1) when describing our Ascension, which he said was happening now, but in gradual steps. What's the difference between transformation and Ascension?

"Transformation" refers to an abrupt and discontinuous alteration in consciousness that cannot be ascribed to any normal event, cannot be measured, cannot even be proven, but alters the experience of the one transformed in a remarkable or non-ordinary way.

"Ascension" refers to the achievement of a permanent heart opening (in an enlightenment known as "Sahaja Samadhi"), ending the need to be reborn into Third-Dimensional physicality. It follows the actual entering into the Fifth Dimension, happening on a higher level of vibratory expansion (or subplane) than the first.

Thus the use of the word "transformation" can be applied to all the stairstep experiences that lead up to and include "Ascension." Moreover, we'll continue transforming after we ascend. In fact we almost never stop. (2)

Therefore "transformation" is a more general and generic term than Ascension. Its domain of applicability is more extensive.

Many people are going through transformations daily. I've been popping into spaces that Archangel Michael described to me in a personal reading, Jan. 20 as being higher-dimensional - transformative love, bliss, and ecstasy. I can say, from my own experience, that my consciousness is expanding. I have no grumbles and I don't want my money back.

For me this is the real reward for all this work, speaking personally rather than as a lightworker. This is the object of it all for me: To experience love, bliss, and ecstasy. Whenever I'm in one of those states, I want nothing else.

But some people may not have had similar experiences or have had and haven't recognized them or made use of them.

If you haven't yet experienced them, hold onto your hat. I believe you soon will. The energies are quite strong. Let this be the trailer. (I've confirmed with AAM that that's what they're using me for - trailers, previews of "Coming Attractions".)

Change is like putting a happy face on. It only convinces those interested in superficial knowledge of us. "Transformation" is not change. It occurs as a result of knowledge at the level of realization.

Remember in *Monopoly* how one of the pieces we moved around the board was a Scotty dog? Well, "change" is like moving your Scotty dog around the board. The change that it brings is superficial. Moreover, we remain playing the game of *Monopoly*. There may be a change in content, but not in context.

Nothing really happens. We don't get to go past the cosmic "Go" or collect the spiritual \$200.

As Werner Erhard said, "change causes persistence." If you want something like a core issue to disappear, you have to not try to change it but experience it just as it is, until the experience is complete. Then the core issue lifts of its own accord. Awareness is dissolutive.

This "be with and observe" process is an illustration of transformation, rather than change. The "change" it brings is much more powerful and lasting than merely moving our Scotty Dog from Baltic Avenue to Park Place. It brings the experience of love, aliveness, satisfaction, joy, and peace. A mere "change" has at best a

pleasurable effect on us for a short while - like the magic moment of our first night in Hawaii - and then we're back in the grind again.

So I very much like that Archangel Michael has introduced the word "transformation" because it allows a discussion which is deeper, more detailed, and more comprehensible than one limited to "Ascension." As a lightworker, I'll follow the contours of discussion and explore the avenues that the Company of Heaven opens up. But I feel myself freed up a great deal through the introduction of that term.

Last point. Transformation in what? Consciousness. What is consciousness? That *is* the question.

Can an individual who's used to thinking only in terms of dollars and cents, pounds and miles conceive of consciousness? Where does it show up in the physical world? It doesn't.

It's another one of those things like the soul and bliss that's noticeable only in its effects, only through backlighting and inference.

It's who we are, but notice that we haven't got the slightest conception of it, nor will we ever have. It can only be experienced directly.

Intellectual and experiential knowledge cannot contain it. Only realization - achieved by the surrendering of the machinery of a lower dimension and the taking up of the machinery of a higher - is adequate to cause us to know it. We know it directly, immediately, and the experience is usually unforgettable.

So we are being asked to realize something we've never seen, cannot conceive of, and cannot even imagine. The transformations in consciousness that are happening now, the sum or product of which we currently call "Ascension," are leading us well past Ascension, well past the Twelve Dimensions, ever onwards to a reunion with our Self/No Self that's the object and goal of all of this we do now and in any conceivable future.

Footnotes

(1) In *An Hour with an Angel*, Jan. 21, 2016, at <https://inlightuniversal.com/>.

(2) "Almost never" = "With one exception: our reunion with the One."

Mapping a Possible Soul Merge

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I write this article for future Ascension mapmakers. I'm trying to draw new maps of Heaven and Nova Earth, as you know, and the territory has few known markers.

On the difficulties this causes, take the case of the June 7 experience of desirelessness. What happened that day? What merged with me?

It didn't introduce itself. It didn't pass me a business card. It didn't even ask my permission!

Hatonn, Matthew, and Ashtar through Suzy Ward say it was probably not a walk in. (1)

OK, but what was it? Because I merged with something. I can't bring myself to deny the experience. I'm left to look for evidence or intuit.

And then I remember here as well: I've been here before. I'm convinced it was a merge with the Oversoul such as Michael discusses here:

"For many, it resulted in a Soul merge, and others who had already awakened to their Soul Self were ready for a merge with a facet of their Higher Self." (2)

Undoubtedly these are moderated or toned-down experiences or else in all likelihood I'd be gone back to wherever I came from.

Here then is the 2017 description I gave of a soul merge with my 7th-Dimensional Oversoul. (3)

“‘Is This What You’re Looking for?’ – Part 1/2, August 21, 2017, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/08/21/289210/>.

To return to the vision, when I saw my Higher Self, I was awestruck. I saw a knight in shining armor, mounted on a white horse and holding a lance. ...

Upon trying on the notion that the man I saw in my vision was actually a higher-dimensional version of me, it and I began to merge.

How can I describe merging? Let me look for a metaphor that both of us can agree on. Here’s my metaphor, aimed at the experiential level. Remember that a metaphor only captures some of the similarities, not others.

Imagine a large piece of blotting paper. Pristine and pure. Suddenly wet patches begin to show on it. Gradually wetness pervades the whole of the blotting paper.

I was that blotting paper and my Higher Self was the water. When I was soaked through and through, who was I? The “water” or the “blotting paper”? Or water-and-blotting-paper?

All I know is that, before the merging, there had been a subject and an object, me and the man in the vision. After recognizing it as my Higher Self and merging with it, as I did with the divine states of bliss and peace, there was only a subject.

It feels as if the everyday man is the one that remains. I hear Michael saying that I need to keep my feet on the ground. And, for many reasons, I do. ...

Our Higher Selves are magnificent. It’s just as Sanat, Jesus, and all the masters say: We truly are great masters on the higher planes. ...

Those aspects are us. We are One and connected, like a slinky going downstairs. The fact that one part is on one stairstep and the other is on another does not break the connection.

On another occasion, Michael described the results of such an experience:

"One of the greatest gifts awaiting those who are now resonating with the frequencies of the higher Fourth-Dimension is access to the etheric White Fire Memory Seed Atoms within the OverSoul-Self, which contain the many attributes, qualities, virtues and talents for this lifetime." (4)

I did indeed notice an uplevelling of my experience as of June 7. I found myself suddenly feeling confident, competent, self-trusting, grounded, balanced, peaceful, and desireless. (5)

I remember saying that it felt like I was now capable of doing the work asked of me.

The fact that I experienced a terrific uplevelling of experience from an occurrence that lasted no more than a few seconds should demonstrate to us how we'll get from wherever we are to a place of feeling confident and competent about the work ahead of us. The Company of Heaven will give us what we need, exactly as you're seeing here.

I never know ahead of time what tomorrow will bring. I just allow the Mother to show me her Will.

So this experience is one dot for future Ascension mapmakers to connect. Meanwhile, for us here, it shows us the ways the Company of Heaven can work with us to get us ready for largescale service ... or whatever service we prefer.

Footnotes

(1) "My trio [Hatonn, Matthew, and Ashtar] don't think there was any walking-in." (Suzy Ward to Steve Beckow, June 22, 2021.)

(2) "Archangel Michael: Are You Ready to Embody Your Sacred Fire Energy?" Channelled through Ronna Herman, November 29, 2013, at: <http://www.ronnastar.com/messages-aam/latest.html>.

(3) I know what the Oversoul feels like. I had a second experience of it at a meditation retreat somewhere around 2007. It felt regal. Michael and I discussed it:

Steve Beckow: I had an experience at a meditation workshop in which I felt regal. It was a partial experience [it lacked bliss]. 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. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 13, 2011.)

(4) See "Desirelessness," June 15, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/06/15/desirelessness/> and "And Here It Is," June 11, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/06/11/and-here-it-is/>.

Again this dot connects with what the Lord Arcturus told me about my own soul design:

Lord Arcturus: A very good design team [contributed] qualities or aspects, understandings ... talents, capacities that would serve you and in turn, of course, serve the grander Plan, the collective, and ultimately the Mother. (The Lord Arcturus in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, June 12, 2019.)

(5) "Michael through Ronna: The Memory Seed Atoms Within Your Soul," July 1, 2019, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/07/01/michael-through-ronna-the-memory-seed-atoms-within-your-soul/>.

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Someone asked me for an introduction to the times, which they could give to their inquiring young child.

That's a tall order, especially because every generation has a different culture - every decade even.

How would I at my age speak to a child? I'm not sure.

Perhaps I'd say that ...

Humans on this planet have had the run of the place for a very long time and, having forgotten the Divine Creator of all, made a pretty big hash of it.

Pollution, radiation, pandemics - the list could go on of the ways we've made this planet a place that doesn't work. For almost anyone.

Many, perhaps most, of the citizens of the planet are tired of this. The planet itself is tired of it, so I'm told. And the Divine Creator of all is happy to oblige by inviting people to come help us, people who have the ability and the wherewithal to change things for the better.

Everyone has seen the "UFOs" and "flying saucers" in the day and night skies. These are visitors from other worlds here on peaceful missions to begin the work of cleaning up the planet, a task well beyond our Earthly means.

We made the mess but we don't have the power to clean it up. We need the help of our nearest neighbors.

They're well ahead of us in technology. Our computer, for instance, came from a silicon chip taken from a spacecraft (at Roswell) and back-engineered by an American company (Hughes Aircraft). I personally know about it. (1)

Teflon, kevlar, fiberoptics - another list could be made of useful items we back-engineered from that and other crashed craft.

Now it's time for the folks themselves to show up and give us more help.

What help is that? Healing technologies. Free energy. Anti-gravity technology. Abundance. How's that for a start?

They and we will begin cleaning up the planet together, using their technology. Right up there on the command deck. It is, after all, our planet and they're only here to help, not dictate. It's we who have the final say.

Pretty exciting stuff.

No, they don't look like octopuses or Tyrannosaurus Rex. They look like us. They *are* us.

Humanity was not descended from the apes. Humanity came from star systems like the Pleiades, Arcturus, Andromeda, and Sirius. These are our ancestors, our future, and our closest relatives, come for a celebration of life, if you like.

Our history goes back a long, long time, not the few thousands years we've been commonly taught. (2) Our ancient history is mostly fable.

There'll be so much change in the next few months and years. And from it all you'll feel better in every way, I guarantee it.

When abundance comes, it will radiate outwards in all directions, effecting an end to hungry stomachs and shivering homeless kids.

Hospitals will be open to all, free of charge. Medical care will be denied to no one, as was always meant to be the case.

Things will begin to work the way you'd want them and expect them to. Naturally and normally.

For me, it'll be a return to a carefree time when I was a child, when you could leave your bike on your best friend's lawn.

The only thing someone else would do with your bike might be to prop it up so it doesn't get wet from the sprinkler. I remember those days. That's where we're headed. Forward to a better day.

It's a very exciting time to be a child, I would think, to watch things happen that make kids out of your parents.

Spaceships landing. World leaders joining together. Love abounding.

We're about to launch ourselves on the adventure of many lifetimes. And you're welcome to come along. Or not, as you please. You're also welcome to just sit and watch.

I'm told that all kids have a free pass, whenever they want to use it. (3)

Footnotes

(1) I worked for Hughes as a document configuration-management administrator. A project manager and senior engineer told me about Hughes back-engineering the silicon chip from recovered Roswell technology, which became the heart of the modern computer. Some weather balloon! Some story!

Other gifts from them over the years have been the Looking Glass (google), underground boring machines that melt rock, stealth technology, and spacecraft themselves.

(2) "You are suddenly to learn about ... why you first came here some 900,000 years ago. Lost memories are to be recovered and explained." (The Spiritual Hierarchy and Galactic Federation through Sheldon Nidle, March 7, 2017, at <http://paoweb.com>)

(3) Steve Beckow: Two questions on children. I'm under the impression that children below a certain age are regarded as innocent and will automatically ascend with their parents. Is that a true statement?

Archangel Michael: Yes. Most children are of pure heart. They are of love. And that is particularly true of the children that have come in in the last 20 years. That

is why so many of them are completely disillusioned and feel disenfranchised. They don't understand what on earth they are doing here and how they got here. Because they still have that core of innocence and of love. There may be some confusion, but they are still in that state of innocence. They are like little cherubs. ... So, under eleven.

SB: Under eleven. Okay. Will children who appear not to understand ascension or issues dealing with ascension still ascend?

AAM: Yes. The issue isn't intellectual. It is a heart decision. It is a heart knowing. Each of you on Earth have had situations where your guide or guardian angel has nudged you and you say, I'd better get out of here, this doesn't feel right. And so you leave a place where, perhaps, danger is lurking. That is the sensation many of the children will have: "I don't think I'm going to stay here; I think I'm going to go." And it will be that simple. ("Archangel Michael on NESARA, Opposing the Cabal, and Ascension - Part 3/3," Oct. 3, 2011, at <http://the2012scenario.com/2011/10/archangel-michael-on-nesara-opposing-the-cabal-and-ascension-part-33/>.)

⌘ Epistemology ⌘

In the Beginning was the Stillness

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I joked to a friend that she was the quintessential female (action) and I was the quintessential male (stillness).

And as I did so, I realized: I aspire to stillness.

And I notice - because I'm using my awareness and my heart to penetrate into stillness - that stillness is prior to the divine qualities.

Something is only a quality relative to something that's not. If there are two men, we might say that one's taller and one's shorter. But if there's only one man, it doesn't make sense to call him taller.

The divine qualities are themselves therefore part of the realm of dualities. Stillness is prior to any qualities and prior to duality. Dualities recede and disappear in the presence of stillness.

Only from a place of balance - which implies stillness - does transformative, universal love come alive.

Stillness is prior to everything I can think of.

In the beginning was the Stillness. And then there was the Word. (1)

Footnotes

(1) Aum, the Mother's instrument in creating and dissolving worlds.

Moksha, Mukti, or Liberation

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I contend that what New Agers call Ascension, Hinduism calls Sahaja, Jesus called Salvation and Redemption, and the Buddha called buddhahood. All these terms refer to the same event.

Sahaja is beyond the seven-chakra system. Brahmajnana is a seventh-chakra enlightenment event but it is not generally known to be still within the Third/Fourth Dimension.

In the Buddha's language, the aspirant would not have left the wheel of birth and death, what the New Age would call the Third/Fourth Dimension. The aspirant is still an arahant and not yet a buddha.

I always wondered at a passage in Da Free John, when his chakra system fell away. When I first read it, I could not believe his account. Da Free John had surely lost it.

But now I believe it.

"In February I passed through an experience that seemed to vindicate my understanding. ... I saw that what appeared as the sahasrar, the terminal chakra and primary lotus in the head, had been severed. The sahasrar had fallen off like a blossom. The Shakti, which previously had appeared as a polarized energy that moved up and down through the various chakras or centers producing various effects, now was released from the chakra form.

"There was no more polarized force. Indeed, there was no form whatsoever, no up or down, no chakras. The chakra system had been revealed as unnecessary, an arbitrary rule or setting for the play of energy. The form beneath all of the bodies, gross or subtle, had revealed itself to be as unnecessary and conditional as the bodies themselves. ...

"Now I saw that reality or real consciousness was not in the least determined by any kind of form apart from itself. Consciousness had shown its radical freedom and priority in terms of the chakra form. It had shown itself to be senior to that whole structure, dissociated from every kind of separate energy or Shakti. There was simply consciousness itself, prior to all forms, all dilemmas, every kind of seeking and necessity." (1)

But let me draw here upon my own spiritual currency, my own spiritual wealth as a New-Age cross-cultural spiritual scholar. I am wealthy in that I have the Divine Mother's own confirmations of various spiritual verities; in this case, that Sahaja is Ascension and that it lies beyond the seven-chakra system:

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 [as] 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.

(2)

So whether we look at Hinduism or Buddhism, Christianity or the New Age, Ascension is known by different names, as Sahaja, Buddhahood, or Redemption - but it *is* known.

It is a full and permanent heart opening, entry into the Fifth Dimension, and a leaving of the Third Dimension's wheel of birth and death. It is moksha, mukti, or liberation.

Footnotes

(1) Da Free John, *The Knee of Listening*. Original Edition. Clearlake, CA; Dawn Horse Press, 1984; c1973, 117-9.

(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/>.

Which “Transcendental” are We Referring to?

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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 do not 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 "formless" and "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.

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.)

What Makes Our Work Different from That of the Classical Sages?

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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/novice 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>.

New Way of Thinking of the Heart

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The Self is found in the seat of the soul, deep 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.

Now 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.

Shifting Attention from Structure to Flow

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Flow is the paradigm of the higher dimensions

My attention has shifted generally from structure to flow, from linearity to multidimensionality.

I'm much more likely to allow myself to float from feeling to feeling. So long as I was only intellectual and not also experiential, I wouldn't abide in one feeling, never mind spending time transitioning to a second.

I ignored the requests of my emotional side for me to experience what it was experiencing.

If I'd have given in, I'd accuse myself of being an idler, a shirker, a daydreamer. You just don't sit there and dawdle with your feelings if you're a male raised in my culture. Feelings were for sissies. Real men pushed through them and got the job done.

So now, after spending months in the flow of the inner tsunami of love in 2015, I see immediately that everything worth having - joy, love, happiness, bliss - is a

flow and that the thing in question and the flow itself happen at a higher dimension than our everyday awareness is attuned to.

And, what might you may ask, is it a flow of? Well, it starts as a flow of emotions but, as we evolve, these expand from being emotional states to being divine states.

The difference between the two is that a feeling state seems to occur within us and can be pleasant or unpleasant or a mixture of both whereas a divine state seems to envelop and contain us and is uniformly beyond pleasant; it's exquisite.

Never mind a body getting rusty from a lack of exercise; a mind that only can think - and then adds to that restriction only thinking structurally - is condemned to rust, so to speak.

The greater prize is experience, rather than ideas. And the greatest prize is realization, during the enjoyment of which the curtains are briefly opened.

On the one hand, Archangel Michael has invited me to spend more time in bliss and on the other hand he's issued warnings:

"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. " (1)

I have no interest in subverting my mission. I can wait.

I don't know how many times I've said that the higher dimensions from Five on up are characterized by endless love and bliss, but of a form and nature that we're unused to in this dimension, whatever it may be. Here Michael confirms aspects of that hypothesis for me:

Steve: And the new realm of existence is characterized by universal love and bliss?

Archangel Michael: Yes.

Steve: Alright, so that is what we should be looking for.

AAM: Yes, and it is what is knocking on your door and you are letting in. You have been doing this so it is transcending into a more permanent state of that realm of existence.

Steve: Very good. Anything more you want to say on that?

AAM: I think this would entice you adequately, would it not?

Steve: Oh, that state would be the answer to all my dreams, all my requests, I'm sure, Lord!

AAM: It would be the answer to many dreams and you will help many to see it, to discover it, to shift into that realm.

It is not about the separation of humankind when [one is] stuck in the old and the other in a new realm. It is simply opening the floodgates. (2)

That's what lies ahead for us, folks. You don't open floodgates if you want to tightly control the outflow. Everyone in range gets through these pearly gates.

Everyone in range means everyone who can live amid the higher, more refined vibrations. All are welcome to come.

Never has humanity had greater access to the Divine Mother and the archangels than this generation has. Never have so many people in this world even dreamt of the wonders that await us - the chief of them being a totally-satisfying, never-ending flow of love and bliss.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012. (Hereafter AAM.)

(2) AAM, April 13, 2016.

We Either Weep or Take Up the New Tools

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<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/05/30/we-either-weep-or-take-up-the-new-tools/>



I'm still amazed at the Company of Heaven's assertion that, after we return Home to the One, we re-emerge again. That so stands contemporary theory on its head that I need to pinch myself and put it down on paper to make sure I'm not dreaming.

In doing so, I hope to demonstrate how, in the years ahead, the Company of Heaven will be sharing information that challenges all our ideas. If I can tolerate watching my own pet theories - formulated after a lifetime of research - go down the tubes one after another, anyone can do it.

Contemporary theory is that you return to the One and that's the end of it. Here's one of the foundational statements by St. Paul:

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom [all desires] to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power [the ego]."

"... And when all things shall be subdued unto him, *then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him* that put all things under him, *that God may be all in all.*" (1) [My emphasis.]

At the end, God is made all in all: This passage is widely interpreted as implying the extinction of individuality.

But consistently today, we're hearing that our interpretation is incorrect. And from more sources than just one. Here's Mike Quinsey, for example, channeling SaLuSa, stating part of the contemporary view:

"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.' (2)

So far, so good. But later, channeling a higher-dimensional source he calls his Higher Self, Mike adds:

"In the scheme of things you periodically return to the Godhead, only to be sent out again for further experience." (3)

But, Mike, that's just not the way it's always been considered. Woe is me. Are my theories in peril?

Even more surprising, here's Ashtar, who lives beyond the twelve dimensions, saying he returns Home to the One periodically and re-emerges:

"The place that I feel most at home, above and below, is in the new Jerusalem. Failing that, where I feel most at home is when I return to the heart of One, when I sit with my beloved brothers and [our] Father, our Mother. Yes, like you, of course, I do that daily. But the time will come when all of us will return to Source, to that pure light." (4)

He's referring to the exercise to return to the Thirteenth Octave, where Reunion occurs. (5)

And he does it daily. My theories are going up in smoke!

Let's turn to the Divine Mother and Archangel Michael for comfort and clarification.

Let's begin with the Mother:

“As you hold greater and greater quotients of light, quotients of love, you ascend into various forms until, of course, one day, in my infinite ocean of now, you come and you rejoin with the Father and I, in the unity of One, in the unity of All. And that is also a form of ascension.” (6)

Nothing unusual there, as with SaLuSa’s initial quotation. But then we begin hearing the Mother make reference to returning again after Reunion. Oh oh.

In 2013, for instance:

"[The emanations] are very specifically placed in what you would think of as universal or global roles, and they are positioned to do the work that the specific archangel or master has chosen to do ... until such time as they return. *In which case they will begin again, regardless.*" (7) [My italics.]

Excuse me? “They will begin again, regardless”? Did I hear correctly?

And again in 2014. I’m going to quote this passage at length because it exactly describes my 1987 vision - except for the ending.

"Now, in this journey — for some of you it is millennia, for some of you it is eons; it matters not — there is [an urge] and an understanding, an intellectual and spiritual understanding that your drive is to make the U-turn and to come back home, to return home to the heart of One where you are so welcome, *until such time as you choose to emanate again.*" (8) [My emphasis.]

The U-turn describes the arc that I saw in my vision. (9) It's caused by what Shankara called the “longing for liberation,” which constantly asserts itself. (10) This longing is a sub-tidal thirst for God, implanted by God, that draws us back to the One.

But wait a minute! As interesting as that is, back up. Back up. Begin again? Emanate again? No, no, Mother. My theoretical house of cards will collapse!

In 2015, she returned to it:

“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 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.” (11) [My emphasis.]

Re-emerge? I'm in cardiac arrest.

Do I find relief when I turn to the one I serve, Archangel Michael? No, I do not. He says:

“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.*” (12) [My emphasis.]

I'm prostrate. My theoretical house of cards has been scattered to the winds.

When I complained to Michael that he had just annihilated contemporary theory, he quipped:

Archangel Michael: Oh, you haven't heard anything yet! We will talk about the evolutionary ladders (as you tend to think of them) 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! (13)

Undoubtedly that discussion is in 2300 pages of readings that I haven't even begun to tap yet.

I hope this demonstrates how much our understanding of important things like enlightenment and evolution is all going to change. If I can take such a drubbing in an area that means so much to me, and even laugh about it, we can all let go of our pet points of view and embrace something bigger and more accurate.

Because I can guarantee that very little of them will survive the first encounter with higher-dimensional love. Compared to that, attachment to our theories will be dust in the wind.

How else is it that Einstein can appear before us and happily admit to mistakes in his theories rather than making excuses, justifications, and denials as most of us poor blokes would probably do? Because he lives in love. All ascended beings do.

Love has tamed the ego. It has eradicated attachments. It has laid trauma and drama to rest. And it undoubtedly retired some of his theories. He's said as much in his channelings through Linda Dillon.

And it will for all of us.

For me, there's nothing for it. We either weep or take up the new tools.

Footnotes

(1) St. Paul in I Corinthians 15:24 and 28.

(2) SaLuSa, July 14, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(3) Mike Quinsey's Higher Self, Feb. 14, 2020, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(4) "Transcript of Ashtar on An Hour with an Angel, April 23, 2012," through Linda Dillon, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/04/25/transcript-of-ashtar-on-an-hour-with-an-angel-april-23-2012/>.

Ashtar: 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/>.)

(5) The 13th Octave appears to be the Company of Heaven's name for the Absolute. It's such a sacred subject that I'd best leave it to Linda Dillon to elucidate. She also has a meditation which again I'll leave to her to post.

(6) Transcript & Videos ~ Universal Mother Mary – Ascension: You're Already There, January 15, 2018, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/01/15/transcript-videos-universal-mother-mary-ascension-youre-already-there/>.

(7) “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/>.

(8) “Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love,” October 3, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/10/03/divine-mother-my-desire-is-that-every-being-on-the-planet-falls-in-love/>.

(9) For the vision, 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/>

(10) See “The Longing for Liberation,” August 20, 2010, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/08/20/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.)

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.)

(11) “The Divine Mother on the Divine Plan” from 2012, reposted Nov. 11, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/11/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan/>.

(12) 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/>.

(13) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.

Is Suffering an Illusion?

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A reader asked why God would consider suffering to be illusion, why I (Steve) would risk opposing the government, and whether God listens to what we say. Allow me please to share my response and expand on it here.

If you think about it for a moment, everything is illusion except the One. (And of course the kicker is that everything *is* the One.)

What does illusion mean? It means that something is not permanent, eternal. The illusory comes and goes and only the Real remains.

Your thoughts are illusory in the sense they come and go. But the thinker doesn't come and go.

One can consider the matter from the perspective of levels. At the level of the Relative, if we change our focus from the Third Dimension to the Fifth, then the Third Dimension fades from view.

Suffering is suffering to us relative to the level we exist on. But that same suffering fades immediately from our body and even our mind if and when we find ourselves on a higher level of life.

Was our suffering real then? If it's attached to a lower state of feeling and thought, we tend to call it an "illusion" and the state of being free from suffering "real."

Consider how Sri Ramakrishna saw people with his divine vision:

"I see the body as a frame made of bamboo strips and covered with a cloth. The frame moves. And it moves because someone dwells inside it." (1)

"I see you all as so many sheaths, and the heads are moving." (2)

Ramakrishna could see the God that lived in each body and moved it.

"Do you know what I see? I see that God alone has become everything. Men and animals are only frameworks covered with skin, and it is He who is moving through their heads and limbs. I see that it is God Himself who has become the block, the executioner, and the victim for the sacrifice. ... There sits Latu resting his head on the palm of his hand. To me it is the Lord who is seated in that posture. " (3)

"It seems to me that men and other living beings are made of leather, and that it is God Himself who, dwelling inside these leather cases, moves the hands, the feet, the heads. I had a similar vision once before, when I saw houses, gardens, roads, men, cattle -- all made of One Substance; it was as if they were all made of wax.

"I perceived that it was God alone who had become all living beings. They appeared as countless bubbles or reflections in the Ocean of Satchidananda. Again, I find sometimes that living beings are like so many pills made of Indivisible Consciousness. ... Again, I perceive that living beings are like different flowers with various layers of petals." (4)



Our suffering happens to our physical body and its senses and faculties. But our physical body is in turn revealed as no more than an overcoat for the soul and what we considered to be permanent damage is revealed to be no such thing.

It isn't illusory for us to suffer from a disease or be hit by a bus. But if we transition to the other side, we forget these matters within a short time and nothing real remains from them except the intermittent memory.

We think of death as the epitome of suffering. But in fact it isn't. Listen to what travellers say who have passed the bourne of death.

"All pain is lost at last in the final peace. ... The suffering of Earth is so short compared with the eternity of bliss, that all thoughts of compensation are lost in the very reality." (5)

"Death is ... a mere episode which we regard with a certain tenderness and not with any pain. ... There is contained in it a time of stillness, of sinking gloriously into rest." (6)

"They do not suffer, these people, in their passing. I think sometimes their friends suffer more, when they see the body writhing in apparent agony, while in reality the spirit is already tasting the first freedom from pain, or lies in a blessed insensibility." (7)

Regarding your second question, it's my job to confront the government on the harmful actions they take against people (planning wars, creating pandemics, draining the wealth from everyone but the elite).

Since I regard my body as illusory, having been outside it many years ago and seeing that it wasn't "me," I'm not much moved by what may happen to it. So let the government do what it wishes. Death is early retirement for me.

God not listening is impossible. God is everything that is, including you and me. We are God. The air that carries the sound is God. The ear is God. The mind is God. Where is God not? And so how could he not be listening?

Footnotes

(1) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Nikhilananda, Swami, trans. *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942. , 969.

(2) Loc. cit.

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(4) Ibid., 357.

(5) Unnamed spirit to Charlotte E. Dresser in Fred Rafferty, ed., Charlotte E. Dresser, medium, *Life Here and Hereafter*. Author's edition. Downloaded from <http://www.harvestfields.ca/ebook/02/001/00.htm>, 2 Feb. 2008, 132-3.

(6) F.W.H. Myers in Paul Beard, *Living On: How Consciousness Continues and Evolves After Death*. Continuum Intl Pub Group; 1ST edition (April 1982), 57. [Hereafter LO.]

(7) John Scott in LO, 56.

Is Death Painful?

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As a student of cross-cultural spirituality, I often face people with a fear of death.

I haven't had that fear myself since an out-of-body experience in 1977. The fear of death evaporates when we see that we're not our bodies, but something that exists independent of them.

Part of the fear of death is the fear of pain. It therefore is my pleasant task to report, based on my studies of the afterlife, that death is painless. (1)

I base that assertion upon passages such as these from the literature:

John Scott: They do not suffer, these people, in their passing. I think sometimes their friends suffer more, when they see the body writhing in apparent agony, while in reality the spirit is already tasting the first freedom from pain, or lies in a blessed insensibility. (2)

Julia Ames: With me the change [i.e., death] was perfectly painless. (3)

Gordon Burdick: I feel sure if people were to know that the actual moment of passing is not even noticeable, the fear of death that haunts so many people would vanish. (4)

Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson: The whole process of transition which is so much feared by the folk on earth is a natural, normal, and painless process. It is as natural and painless as removing your outer garment when you have no further use for it. (5)

The case that tests these assertions is a fatal accident. Surely, that would be painful.

Actually we find that people heading for a fatal accident are removed from their bodies prior to impact.

To fix that picture in our minds, here's an extended account of a car accident. It features an early rescue. The transitioned Mike Swain tells us:

"I see a black car coming towards us. As it approaches us, I see this other car coming behind it. I can see this other car clearly, because it is in the middle of the road, trying to pass the black car."

Nina [Merrington, the medium channeling Mike Swain] paused a moment, and then said: "The sun is glaring on the windscreen of the black car, and reflecting back into my eyes. I can see nothing but a bright silver radiance. It is blinding me.

"All of a sudden, the radiance changes from silver to gold. I am being lifted up in the air, out through the top of the car. I grab little Heather's hand. She too is being lifted up out of the car.

"We have been lifted thirty feet above the Mini. And in one horrifying second, I see the little Mini and this large car collide head-on. There is a noise like the snapping of steel banjo strings. The little Mini bounces right off the highway, right over into the gravel verge. It is finally brought to a halt in a cloud of dust when it hits a giant anthill...."

Nina stopped, obviously too agitated to continue.

What impressed her listeners was the fact that [their son] Mike [who is speaking through Nina] had never seen the other vehicle *until after the silver light had changed to gold*. He and Heather had felt no sense of impact.

They had suffered no pain. Just a gentle ascent into the air. "We feel vaguely sorry that this thing should have happened to them. And we both fully understand that we are, now, so far as mortals are concerned, dead.

"We are also both aware that a lot of people have begun to gather round us. They are dressed in glorious colors. We recognize familiar faces, the faces of friends who passed beyond the earth before us. We are still hand in hand; now, guided by the one who first lifted us into the air, the two of us sweep towards the skies. We drift above the two round hills known as the Breasts of Sheba."

In heartfelt joy, the [parents] listened, transported by the fact that the passing had involved neither fear ... nor suffering. (6)

Very convincing for me and on a subject of great importance to many people.

So even in our test case - a fatal accident - we see that death is painless thanks to the intervention of lightworkers (perhaps our guides) on the other side.



Given all this, you can imagine my interest when, in putting together a compilation of the Divine Mother's messages, I came across this passage from her.

On a tragic school shooting in 2012, the Divine Mother said:

"Each of these angels - human, child, adult - have been welcomed into my arms prior to them being injured in any form." (7)

"Prior to them being injured in any form." That seems to indicate a merciful rescue and a painless passing, does it not?

Sounds like we can relax our concerns about the assumed painfulness of death.

Of course our fears also have a built-in "best before" date. After Ascension, reincarnation no longer occurs and we'll forget what it was that we were afraid of.

Ascension is liberation, moksha, mukti. Liberation from what? Liberation from birth and death.

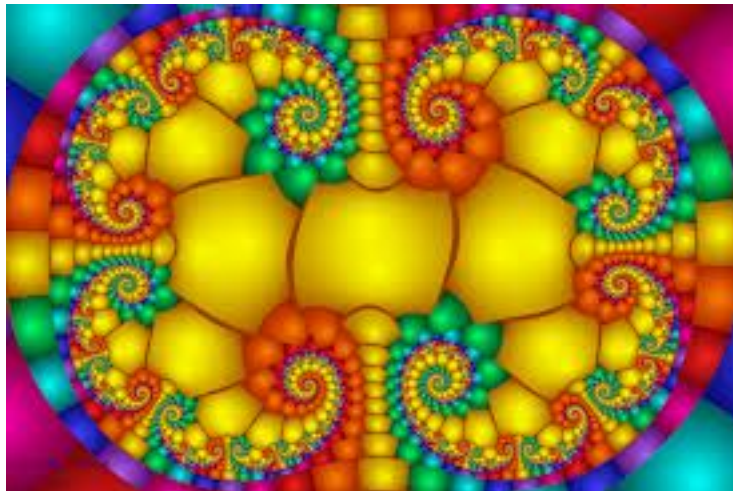
Footnotes

- (1) See *New Maps of Heaven* at https://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=New_Maps_of_Heaven for the results of that research.
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- (3) Julia [Julia T. Ames] through W.T. Stead, medium, *After Death. A Personal Narrative*. New York: George H. Doran, n.d.; c. 1914, 64.
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Everything is Illusion

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Everything is illusion.

Everything we see, hear, feel, think.

Every object. Every event. Every thing.

The One is indivisible, changeless, and eternal.

Everything divisible, changeful, and temporary is illusion.

Including me.

Everything that's born dies. The One is not born. (1)

Everything that's made falls apart. The One is not made.

Everything that's compound disintegrates. The One is not compound.

Only the One was never born and will not die, has not been created and will never be destroyed.

Everything else is illusion.

Including me.

Footnotes

(1) "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." (The Buddha in Trevor Ling, *The Buddha's Philosophy of Man. Early Indian Buddhist Dialogues*. London, etc.: Dent, 1981, xiii.)

"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." (The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 126.)

Everything's a Hologram!

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Celine and holographic friend

Werner Erhard use to say that unexpressed joy is an upset. So please humor me and allow me just to express my joy in the way that I am. If I don't, I'll probably explode and I need to stay together for two more days!

I'm chuckling at the moment at how serious we all are. Some people are looking very closely at many statements that are made.

For instance, some want to know the nature of the hologram that Archangel Michael said people who are doing more clearing will go to. And if we can't explain it, they're in the metaphorical position of saying: "Alright! That's enough. Let's call the whole thing off!"

If you'll allow me to say with a smile on my face: Everything's a hologram!

Scientists have told us that matter is 99.9999% space, that there's an electron here and a proton there and space bigger than the Grand Canyon between them. What you thought was solid is not solid. It's mostly emptiness.

And by the way, the Emptiness is what's real! Realize the Emptiness and you can go Home!

I am a hologram. You are a hologram. Worse! We're both only a thought. A relatively exalted thought in the Mind of God, but a thought nonetheless. An illusion, a dream, call it what you will.

Earth is a hologram. Your mother is a hologram. You're petting a hologram and eating a hologram.

All existence, short of One Thing, is a hologram and we're all looking for that One Thing that is not a hologram - when It's everything that is!

Stop looking! You're in it. Worse. You *are* It!



Lighten up!

All the world is waiting for us to wake up to the One Thing that's not a hologram (not a thing either) but meanwhile everything we see with our eyes, everything we touch, everything we hear, feel, approach, walk away from is a hologram.

Listen, we got as far as we got. Time now not to figure it out any more than we have. The show is over. The crew is taking the set down. The actors are in their dressing rooms removing their makeup and looking forward to the party. We got as far as we did. Time now to celebrate.

It was a good play. It scared us. It rocked us. It made us laugh.

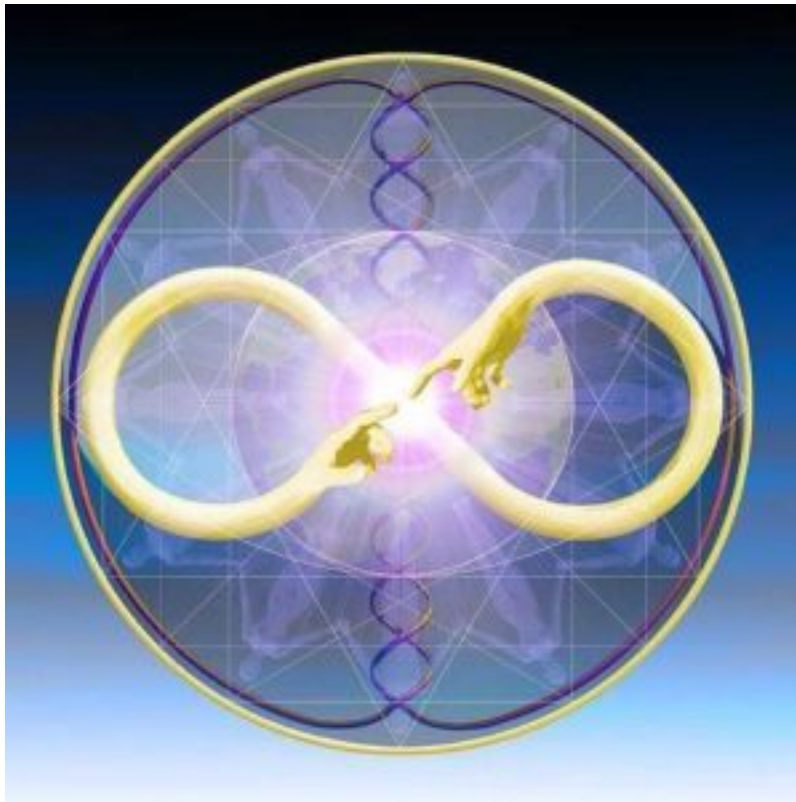
Now the great Director has said thank you to all, paid us our wages, and slapped us on the back. We're free to go.

You are free. I am free. Two silhouettes on the shade, two holograms in a Paradise for holograms. Meet you at the beach. No, you don't have to bring a thing!

Life is Open-Ended

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My chemistry teacher taught me never to say never. Always leave room for doubt, error, new perspectives, additional information. Life is open-ended.

My ongoing namaste to him has been to use the word "etc." to convey this open-endedness. It acknowledges just what he said - that I could be wrong, more knowledge may come in ... etc.

If you need a personal testament to this, listen perhaps to Franklin Merrell-Woolf and to the person he quotes, who if I recall correctly was known as the Atlantean Sage. This is the vista some ways down the road - perhaps beyond the Twelfth Dimension. Just to encourage us to leave room for new knowledge:

"A certain Sage..., speaking of unfolded Consciousness above the level of the highest human Adepts, said: 'We attain glimpses of Consciousness so Transcendent, rising level upon level, that the senses fairly reel before the awe-inspiring Grandeur.'

"Here, certainly, is space for evolution far beyond the highest possibility of man as man.

"Here is our future. Here is the ultimate direction of humanity's common journey. Our future lies not with exploitation, crime, and oppression. It lies not in corruption and decline. It lies in traveling through 'level upon level, [such] that the senses fairly reel before the awe-inspiring Grandeur.'" (1)

It lies not with exploitation, crime, oppression ... etc. No, it does not, as we may reflect on now as we face exploitation's last stand on Planet Earth.

As an aside, Archangel Michael told me that Franklin ascended before he ever put pen to paper and reached the 11th Dimension while still in the body. If so, that demolishes another enlightenment theory that the physical body, as it then was, could not take the finer vibrations. (2)

It's interesting to consider that Franklin may be looking from the 11th Dimension at a sage who's seeing further.... How much further? Into the Transcendental?

But you see my point? I have a hard time putting a period on an assertion without adding "etc.," knowing how much will change in the very near future.

First of all, to illustrate that, what do I know? Two or three things. One, I know that the purpose of life is enlightenment. Two, I know the nature of love. Three, I know that I am in essence pure and innocent.

That's it. All the rest is speculation. Or, as Len would say, illusion.

I'm going to make a concerted effort to stop using "etc." as shorthand/code for all that I just said. I'm going to restore it to its original function to indicate a series that continues.

I'm going to have to find another way for saying that, in my opinion, speculative or informed, life is open-ended. That is, until life for us as individuals ends in our final merger with God.

What? you say. We come right back out again? (3) Life really is open-ended?

Well, there you are. If that's the case, it never stops getting better. Never ever. Ever better.

Footnotes

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(2) I've posted my discussion with Michael about Franklin Merrell-Wolff in a companion piece, today: "What Dimension Did Franklin Merrell-Wolff Reach While in the Body?" October 31, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=328256>

(3) Archangel Michael: 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. (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/> .)

SaLuSa agrees:

"We continue to evolve, and will do so until we find ourselves at One with the Source of All That Is". (SaLuSa, July 14, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.)

"In the scheme of things you periodically return to the Godhead, only to be sent out again for further experience." (Mike Quinsey's Higher Self, Feb. 14, 2020.)

And the Divine Mother acknowledges it:

Divine Mother: Now, your question to me is, are there millions of emanations? And my answer, sweet one, is no, there are not. They are very specifically placed in what you would think of as universal or global roles, and they 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. ("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/>)

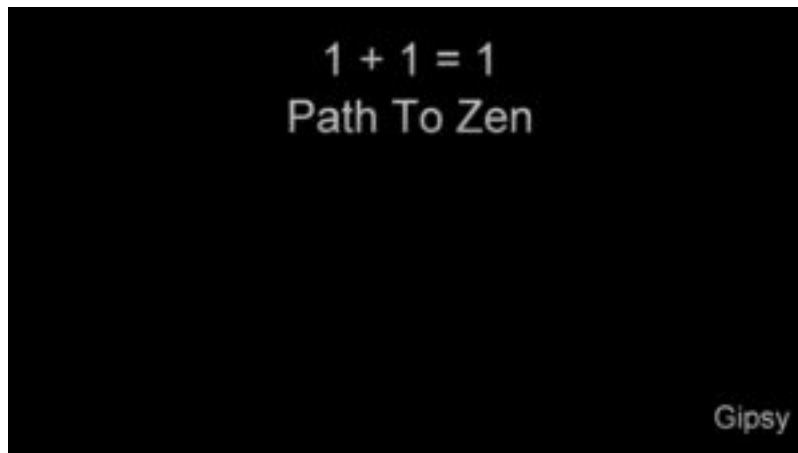
This is a denial of our classical enlightenment theories that say we return to God and surrender our individuality, never more to return. Evidently we do neither.

It just illustrates the ways in which our knowledge base is going to be challenged and transcended in the years ahead. We'd better not hold on to our theories or it'll be a rough ride.

One Plus One is One

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I used to be able to separate awareness from love years ago, but nowadays, when I tune into my awareness, love arises with it.

Noticing this came about in the course of looking more deeply into my core issue of self-importance/entitlement, so as not to be swept away by the Reval.

When I went to expand my awareness, I experienced the flow of love. But I hadn't called upon love. I'd called upon awareness.

I then realized that love and awareness travel together - provided we can vibrationally recognize and welcome them to begin with.

I'd known awareness before, but much of my learning about love has been much more recent. I hadn't associated the two before. It just never occurred to me.

But how could awareness be everything and love be everything and awareness not be love? Everything plus everything is everything, is it not? One plus One is One.

A very simple consideration of the matter suggests that the situation couldn't be any other way.

Perhaps two years ago, I saw that awareness was not neutral but dissolutive. All I needed to do was to rest in awareness of a vasana and its elements for it to disappear.

Now I see that awareness and love are one.

Some people say we should raise our core issues to awareness; other people say we should love them. As matters stand at the moment, with awareness and love being one, both sides are shown to be right.

Seeing this was for me the first incident of the day that was startling. The second came on the bus and was so novel to me that it surprised me.

For the first time in memory, I sat facing a man whom I smiled at without having anything going on with me or any conditioned reaction. I was completely empty - at that moment - of reactivity. I was surprised at what it felt like. I almost wanted to stand up and shout "Hooray!"

Until that time, I'd look on someone else ready to flinch or turn aside. Always defensive, always protecting myself. My wife called it my "scared-wolf look." And that was pretty accurate.

I marveled at feeling totally in balance for the moment, absolutely neutral in response but loving in initiative. It might soon disappear and I'd be my ordinary somewhat-isolated self again, but it was eye-opening while it lasted.

Each one of these mini-breakthroughs is like a milestone on the path up the mountain, telling me we're getting somewhere.

The One Became Two and the Two Became Three

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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 Second.

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 the 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

But in the process the One, ever mirthful, ever blissful, would catch a glimpse of Itself.

What a wonderful game had been created, the Game of Life! It was 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 mountaintop of human life, the top of the stairway to heaven, the pinnacle of Jacob's ladder.

And we do so by realizing 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.

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 saviklapa samadhi, samadhi with differences 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 deep 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.

And 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.

Was Akhenaten a Worshipper of the Sun? Surely Not

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“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 ultimately God?

Oh living Aten, who initiates life.

Who initiated life? Ultimately, God the Father did. 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. 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.

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.

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Absolutes and Metaphors

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I had a friend say to me that it was not accurate to say I was love because I acted this unacceptable way and that.

Yes, that's true and raises a valuable point.

I am - we are - many things at the relative level of existence. But, however we be there, we are love at the absolute.

When I say "I am love," I'm speaking of my essence, my true identity, the absolute.

At the relative level, I may be prickly, grouchy, awkward, etc. But that's not "me," not the true and essential me.

The "new paradigm" concerns our essence. It doesn't concern who we are at this everyday level. Our evolutionary movement is always from the relative to the absolute.

I grant that there are also paradigms for this everyday level. The sociologist Erving Goffman was a master of those as are many sociologists and anthropologists. But I'm particularly, in the article "I Love; Therefore I Am," (1) focusing on the absolute.

If we fail to make the distinction between the relative and the absolute, we run into all kinds of problems. One classic one is a student asking a non-dual teacher a question that concerns life at the relative level and receiving an absolute answer. Not helpful.

Oftentimes spiritual teachers (and I am *not* a spiritual teacher) pose conundrums for their students, in which they mix the relative and the absolute. The student cannot figure these puzzles out without (hopefully) having a realization.

An example is "die before dying." This sentence mixes the relative and the absolute. "Die" refers to the death of the ego; "dying" refers to the death of the body. The first would give us an experience of the Transcendental; the second would give us an experience of physical death. While the words for death are the same, their references are different.

I should also clarify a second point. When I said earlier "trip through the ascension portal," I was being metaphorical. I didn't actually proceed through a gate marked "Ascension Portal." I did not go from point A to point B.

I experienced an expansion of consciousness. And that expansion was temporary. I'm back in 3/4D again now. Archangel Michael calls this passing back and forth through the ascension portal. If I understand correctly, experiences will not be permanent until Sahaja Samadhi, which occurs several more years into the future.

But it does remind me that, especially when one is exploring new territory, one has to watch his or her use of metaphors. Others may take them literally - and why would they not? None of us knows very much about this new "land" ("land" is also a metaphor) as yet.

The "ethnographer" of a new land (this too is a metaphor) does not only establish matters that most other people will have no knowledge of - since ethnographers in the beginning usually go into territory that is as yet unvisited.

They also lay down metaphors for understanding that are like a double-edged sword. The metaphors make understanding easier. But they also serve as a filter. They at once focus on certain features of a "landscape." But they also exclude other features from consideration.

In a social science, the initial metaphors, over time, become contested and new metaphors established. This process goes forward with these new metaphors themselves being contested over time as well.

This is the process by which scientific knowledge grows.

The revelatory knowledge that realized saints and sages come into is direct and unmediated by words, etc. But it too must be communicated to people who haven't had the original spiritual experience of a Jesus or a Buddha.

And when it is, metaphors are again used. "I am the door. No one enters in but through me." (Paraphrase) Even the "me" there is metaphorical, because it isn't that we enter in through the "me" that was Jesus but through the "me" that is the soul, Atman, Self or Christ.

You can see how complicated it can become to explore a new field. One cannot avoid using metaphors in order to communicate. And these metaphors will approximate, filter things out, ignore some features of the situation, etc.

One has to simply trust that, in the course of things, the most robust understanding will emerge from the to-and-fro of discussion.

If that understanding at least clears the brush away and creates a space in which realization can arise, that may be the most that can be hoped for.

Truth itself lies beyond words and cannot be captured by them.

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Who Am I?

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These statements appear true to me.

There is no question more important than “Who am I?”

Everything created in form was brought forth from the Formless to help me answer this question.

Every event that happens to me, and every event that does not, happens or does not to help me answer it.

Ascension, transformation, enlightenment, spiritual evolution are just words that point to the eternal unfoldment of my knowledge of who I am.

The created universe is a closed loop designed to carry me from the Formless, who I am, into form and back to the Formless again. Said Jesus: “I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (1)

The same could be said for each and every one of us: We are on a journey out from the Formless into the world, to know our true identity as the Formless, and then leave the world and return to the Formless again.

Down into form we go, physical angels descending Jacob's ladder of consciousness, and then up we ascend returning to God.

Up the dimensions we travel, to the Transcendental, at each stage knowing more deeply who we are until we reach full knowledge and the end of our journey. The prodigal child has returned to the Father.

When I ask the question, "Who am I?", I get an experience of who I am or a barrier to that experience. The whole of my journey is about transcending the barriers to knowing who I am.

It may be that, as long as I am in form, I may never know the whole answer. I don't know. But no duty, I believe, has been laid on me higher than to find out that whole answer. No duty stays with me eternally as the duty of answering that question does.

I cast that question, again and again, and get experience or barrier. Sometimes the experience I get is a little more bliss; sometimes an insight; sometimes a moment of direct knowing.

Sometimes the barrier I get is fear, resistance, or remembrance.

No matter which, no matter what else happens, the duty upon me never lifts to persist in answering the question through lifetime after lifetime.

This eternal duty alone was laid upon me – to find out who I am. As far as I'm concerned, all other temporary duties serve it.

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In the World but Not of It

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I feel guided to look at duality, to show that it isn't inherently bad or wrong.

The very first act in the drama of our lives was one of imaginary separation, individuation.

No, not our birth in this lifetime, though that too, but our "birth" from the One.

It isn't as if individuation was not part of the Divine Plan.

Individuation was mandated in order to set up a puzzle, a game of hide and seek. We're not that individuated spark from the Divine Fire. We ARE the Divine Fire. Hooray! We got it. We solved the puzzle.

It all works out in the final reel!

God met God in a moment of our enlightenment. Mission accomplished! Welcome home, my Daughter/Son. You and I are, as we always have been, One.

Imagine this as a circle, from God into the Mother's world of matter (*mater*, Mother) and back to God again. As Jesus said:

“I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (1)

As do we all. That's exactly it - the entire life journey of an individual soul from God to God. He came forth by a little more direct route perhaps, being an avatar, (2) but we all set out from the same Origin and are going back to the same place, as he was at great pains to make clear.

Jesus has described a circle, going out from God into the world in ignorance until the built-in longing for liberation brings us to a point of self-consciousness and knowledge. After that our lives become about discovering who we are - Self-consciousness - which leads us back to the One God we've always been.

So it isn't as if individuation is something inherently bad. We sometimes say, "Oh, duality. That's the problem." No, duality is neutral. It's God's mechanism for bringing us to Self-Knowledge and for experiencing Itself.

The problems that we create out of duality - fear, anxiety, greed, etc. - are something separate and strictly optional.

This world has been designed not to last. Nothing about it is permanent, not even the soul/self/Christ that attends it like a high-school student attending class.

Every attraction is designed not to satisfy forever but to wane after a time so that, in the end, nothing material holds our attention forever. Thus are we brought to the Spirit underlying the material, whose love (in all its forms) is the only thing that permanently satisfies.

The dual world has its uses. I want to use it for what it's good for, to present a counterfoil to God, in the study of which I discover my true identity.

Footnotes

(1) John 16:28.

(2) As he confirms here: "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." (Jesus in John 8:23.)

Judgment or Discernment?

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How do we judge when we're discerning or discern when we're judging?

Oh, the whole thing is so confusing. Aren't they the same?

Well, words can be made to fit any circumstance. They're symbols upon which we freely and arbitrarily bestow meaning.

So I could use "judgment" and "discernment" as if they're the same. But I find it useful to consider them as two.

The distinction is for me that "judgement," as I'm using the word, (1) is a thought that derives from the ego whereas "discernment" is a thought that derives from the Self.

The Self "lives" in the heart. Love lives in the heart. So it could also be said it derives from the heart.

I use "judgment" to refer to thoughts that denigrate, deprecate, demean, and stigmatize others.

I use "discernment" to denote thoughts that factually describe a situation without denigrating others.

Sometimes discernment may require us to protect ourselves or others who are using and acting on judgment. It happens as long as some of us remain in third-dimensional belief systems with third-dimensional vasanas.

But using discernment is always in aid of protecting people's rights to grow and evolve, it seems to me, rather than to conquer and subjugate.

Where judgment is not found, discernment is the way of being. That was my experience after my heart opening: No judgment, but discernment. But as a natural state, not something that needed to be maintained as our judgments seem to.

Gradually, I think we'll find ourselves relying more and more on the verdict of the love that lives in our hearts. (2) Judgment won't arise. The conditions that give rise to it will have gone.

Footnotes

(1) And it doesn't apply to a judge whose job is to make judgments. We're talking about personal judgments that blame, shame, and criticize.

(2) I'm referring to a higher-dimensional form of love, not what we ordinarily think of as love.

Uttering God's Name

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Life has to be worth living

Y'know, I really have to thank you for allowing me to use the word "God" in a sentence here. I hear from so many people so often that they cannot share about what they're involved in or up to. And it hurts them.

If I could not share my love for God, I think I would pack my bags and leave this planet. Life would not be worth living.

Don't get me wrong. When I say "God," I mean all of us. I was going to say "all of us too," but there is no "too." There is only One, playing all the parts. So it isn't even as if I'm saying something about someone outside of us. It's us I'm speaking of.

What unites all of us could be described in a number of ways. I could say the flame in the heart is what unites us - that flame is called the soul, the Self, the Christ, the Pearl of great price, the Atman, and I could go on and on listing the names it's known by.

We all have a soul and that soul is one Soul, much like a fiber optic lamp. The light seen in the filaments is the same light that emanates from the Source.

Or I could say that what unites us is that we're all God - focusing on the Father rather than the Son, Brahman rather than Atman. (And the list of names could go on endlessly here too ... I mean, One.)

But in truth what unites us is we're all God, some of us plain vanilla, some chocolate, and some spumoni. To deny God is to deny any contact with our deeper Self. To deny God, who is inward, is to condemn ourselves to face outward. To deny God is to deny love and bliss and compassion, which are to be found inward. And that would be a lonely, lonely life - not one I could face.

So thank you for allowing me to use "God" in a sentence, something that allows me to indulge in my delirious love for God, to rave on like a fool and an idiot, to lose myself in bliss, more and more each day.

I am God's fool. I'm told I actually lived with St. Francis in one of my very few lives on Earth so I can call myself God's fool legitimately because he was the original fool of God. Compared to him, I am Howdy Doody, a fool who cannot even speak his own words.

The Humpty Dumpty Man has become the town fool, the village idiot. And I'd become worse than a fool if I could not utter God's name.

A Tightrope Between Accuracy and Comprehensibility

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A reader has asked a philosophical question on Ascension which looked at several spiritual traditions (Christianity, Buddhism, Shaivism, Vedanta), that spurs this comment.

The response may not be of interest to all readers. It may only be relevant to those who are explaining Ascension matters in terms of cross-cultural spirituality.

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 used 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.

So again, as we begin to look at esoteric Buddhist doctrines relative to enlightenment and compare them to everyday strands of Christian doctrine relative to, say, the Rapture, or Hindu dualistic doctrine and compare it to Hindu non-dualistic, 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.



Everyone can encounter problems of communication

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.

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 explaining 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.

SB: I will. But if you would just confirm for me that you are speaking about the conditioned Brahman rather than the Transcendental Absolute, I can do the rest.

DM: Yes, that is exactly what I am speaking of. (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>

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A Problem with Faulty Comparisons

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Apples and orange

I was re-reading Matthew Ward's new maps of heaven (1) and really looked at his interpretation of the Trinity. He said:

"The Trinity of the Christian churches could be interpreted as this: Father (Creator: the highest power in the cosmos, who is called God or other names in Earth religions). Son (God, who is the creation — the 'son' — of Creator and is the supreme being of our universe and who is not generally recognized on Earth as different from Creator. Holy Ghost (the highest angelic realm, also called the Christed realm, where the highest beings are total love expressed as light; and from whence come the souls who have incarnated as major religious figures throughout this universe, including Jesus and Buddha)."

I know Matthew would allow me to use his teaching to illustrate a possible difficulty we could stray into as information begins to be released to us about cosmic matters? It's called faulty comparisons. I'm about to show you one to illustrate a problem we may encounter later.

To explain it, I first need to borrow from anthropology (Leslie White, to be specific) the definition of a symbol, such as a word. A symbol is a thing or event upon which meaning is freely and arbitrarily bestowed. I call it a "tree"; you call it an "arbre." Is one right and the other wrong?

No. We have the ability to freely and arbitrarily bestow whatever meaning we want on symbols, including words. And for us, that then becomes its established meaning.

Keep that as background as we hear a second interpretation of the Trinity, which would ordinarily invite comparison with what Matthew said. I offer that:

"The Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, known in Hinduism as Brahman, Atman, and Shakti, represents three levels of Reality. The first is the All, the One, the Totality, to use Matthew's phrase. The second is the One's creative power, which we call the Divine Mother (Holy Ghost), and the third is the spark of the Father within a form created by the Mother - that is, us (the Christ, the Atman, the Buddha nature)."

Is one of us wrong? No. The symbol "trinity" is neutral and can be applied to anything. He's taken the concept and used it as a framework to look at different phenomena than I did.

I haven't included the being he calls "God" (the God of this universe) in my map - just because I freely and arbitrarily chose to focus on the relationship between three other phenomena.

I cannot comment on the "Christed realm" - and would not - because I haven't experienced it. Because I have no knowledge of it - intellectual or otherwise - you wouldn't expect to see it in my "trinity." In fact, it couldn't be.

The only thing the two trinities have in common is the use of the word "trinity" itself. It's not right or wrong. It's just different.

I cite this example because I'd like to dispel notions of right and wrong to prepare us for where we're going. Matthew's interpretation is a contribution to our knowledge and I'd like to think mine is too. To compare them, given that they look at different phenomena and that both might be correct, is to compare apples and oranges.

Of course a more thorough-going solution is not to make anyone's interpretation wrong. If nothing else, it's right for them. The sooner we allow other people their interpretations, I believe, the sooner we recover our original state of peace in ourselves and the world.

Footnotes

(1) "Matthew Ward Provides a New Map of Heaven – Part 2/4," September 26, 2022, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/09/26/matthew-ward-provides-a-new-map-of-heaven-part-2-4/>.

A Pivotal Distinction

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White Cloud speaks

I'd like to highlight two statements that were made recently to make the point that I think we're being moved from what I conceive of as a society-wide or humanity-wide constructed self into a society-wide higher Self and I consider the ultimate completion of that movement to lie in Ascension.

I know this article may be long for some but the distinctions made here are extremely enabling and powerful. I urge you to read it slowly and contemplate on what the two masters are saying.

The first source is White Cloud, who channeled through Blossom Goodchild for our July 29 *An Hour with an Angel*.

White Cloud began by saying that "an Event" was going to happen soon. "We do not give dates any more," he added, "because when it cannot work in the way we had perhaps planned it is too detrimental in the long term. " In this he's no different than Linda Dillon's sources.

He then continued, making a distinction that I think is pivotal to us right now:

“If you are to live your life in the way that is desired and that is by living every moment that you can in joy, ... working with that, concentrating only on that, focusing only on the joy of your life, then it is that you are raising the vibration.

“And the more the vibration is raised, the more quickly these things shall come about that you are desiring.

“But when so many of you ... are saying please, and when Blossom looks up at the sky, and says please, will you show yourselves, it is not because she does not believe that such a thing can happen. It is not she needs proof. It is for her that when that takes place, in the deepest part of her, she knows then that the Plan is well underway, so to speak, and that is what so many are yearning for.

“But what I wish to say again is that that will happen by you concentrating on the joy of your life, when you when you have stopped wondering when and take the focus away from that [expectation] and focus on the moment of “Do I feel happy right now?” ...

“I spoke yesterday as well of the Event that many speak of and many thought it would be of December of last year. But I am saying to you that this Event has not gone away. This event will be taking place.

“And it is a showering of love that will descend, if you like, on your planet, in a way that it has not been done before. But that Event can take place according to, in simple terms, depending upon the happiness of those souls on Earth.” (1)

I then asked him if we should feel detached and balanced about whatever happens or should we be joyful in anticipation of what is happening. And he replied, making a distinction that I think is key to lifting us outside the socially-constructed self:

“I am saying to you [to be] detached from any outcome. It is ... the joy within the Self [that is profitable]. It is not about, for me I would say, the Event is coming. Yes, that is joyful. It is indescribably joyful. But the soul/ Self knows before it came, in the greater knowledge of itself, that this Event shall take place. ...

“By wanting to be joyful about what is coming ahead, you are not being joyful about the moment you are in because you are desiring that something

in the future will bring you joy instead of concentrating upon the joy you are in now.

“And I would just say, with all things, ... be detached from all outcomes. Just be in the presence of yourself in each given moment so that whatever lies ahead will be joyous because you are not putting expectation upon something, because you are concentrating fully on being love and light in this very moment.” (2)

We are joy. Joy is a divine state and we are the Divine. So when we concentrate on being the joy, we’re in alignment with the Self.

When we concentrate on experiencing joy in the future when something happens that we want, we’ve broken the contact with the Self and invested instead in the constructed self. No pass. Do not pass “Go.” Do not collect \$200.

What White Cloud said here reminded me so much of what the second source, the master Kuthumi, told us on July 12, 2012.



Depiction of the master Kuthumi

He advised us to let go of all contracts, even the contracts we’ve made around Ascension, in favor of allowing our Divine Self to emerge and simply be. He said:

“[It] will take time but eventually you will see the falling of all forms of contracts, even contracts created to bring forth peace and love, even contracts made with your soul, the inner planes, guides and the Creator,

until there are no more contracts in existence within the entire universe of the Creator.

“This would signify that karmic laws and patterning would completely be erased. It would also symbolise that you and humanity would have accepted your own inner power, truth, peace, love and divine oneness with the Creator, humbly and lovingly existing in and as all that is the Creator.” (3)

He isn't saying that we should not do what we came here to do but he's saying that there's a higher state even than just simply fulfilling our duty and that higher state is being the Divine that we are. The bonds that then arise will be stronger than the sense of duty that has us fulfill our contracts. There will then be no need for contracts.

I cannot help remarking that we're being given at this time teachings that in past ages probably would only have been given to high initiates.

“Even creations of the mind that seem appropriate and needed may collapse. This is only to allow and make way for a true manifestation of peace which in many ways needs no words or explanation but simply manifests and is experienced creating a unified bond that is beyond your imagination but is stronger than any contract of the mind.

“Rather than contracts, bonds will be formed which are an expression and manifestation of the divine unity and oneness of all souls and the Creator. The reforming of the Creator's vibration within all of us and between each soul will manifest creating a consciousness of oneness, trust, love and truth. Therefore no contracts will be needed of any form and healing will have taken place within and between all.” (4)

He then goes on to nail the point down. Contracts are flimsy compared to pure love and Self-knowledge.

“In many ways contracts could be seen as flimsy, they have the opportunity to be broken, divine bonds are created from the purest place of love and Creator familiarity which cannot be broken or misused because it is the synthesis of all that you are and all that is the Creator. It is not to create bonds but to reform that which has been separated, the separation of the Creator.” (5)

Remarkably he then says almost the same as White Cloud did, that attachment is grasping but unconditional love causes everything to move.

“It is very similar to the process of attachment and detachment. When you are attached to a person, energy or outcome you are not experiencing a divine flow but are grasping, hindering and holding the flow.

“When you dissolve all attachments but replace the attachment with a connection of unconditional love, everything begins to move with and in the divine flow of the Creator. In truth the Creator is experienced.” (6)

He ends by advising us “to ask for all contracts and agreements made by you and even your soul to be brought into the highest vibration of peace and love to work in unity and oneness with this new era and the Creator’s vibrations upon the Earth.” (7)

These two passages say to us that it isn’t conditional love and joy, it isn’t love and joy for a reason, that is profitable, but it's simply being the love and joy, being our native and divine state, that is profitable.

This alteration moves us from the constructed self of all of us as a society, that waits for expected events to be happy and loving and so postpones our love and joy and makes it depend on the outcome of events, to the self outside the box of all of us as a society that concentrates on being the unconditional and unconditioned joy and love that we always, already are.

It’s a fine distinction, but, I think, a very powerful and, as White Cloud says, a very profitable one.

Footnotes

(1) White Cloud on *An Hour with an Angel*, July 29, 2013.

(2) Loc. cit.

(3) "Master Kuthumi: The Breaking of Peace Contracts," channeled by Natalie Glasson, July 12, 2013 at <http://omna.org>.

(4) Loc. cit.

(5) loc. cit.

(6) Loc. cit.

(7) Loc. cit.

Sword and Shield? Against Whom?

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I wanted to comment on Archangel Michael's interview from *Hour with an Angel* on Dec. 26, 2011.

I've never worked with a kinder or wiser boss than AAM. I've watched how he phrases things with me and the people I work with and marvelled at the manner in which he takes a person's vasanās and shows how they can be made into virtues.

One person's tendency to worry makes him an ideal watchdog. Another person's thrown (1) concern for social justice makes him an ideal ombudsman. Werner Erhard used to advise us to co-opt our critics by appointing them in charge of the area they see clearly in. AAM makes that the ultimate art.

Specifically what I wanted to draw attention to was this passage in his message:

"I wish tonight to reach into your hearts – yes, as I ignite the blue flame once again of truth - but to truly ignite the flame of inner peace. I ask you, I encourage you, I urge you – I beg you, pick up your sword and shield that I have gifted you so long ago and wield them.

"This is not simply a defensive posture. It is the declaration of who you are in awakening peace within your heart. I also wish to awaken fully your warrior self. When you are in peace, it is not simply a blissful, quiet place, it is a place where there is no fear, where there is no worry, where there is no anger, where there is no frustration, that there is only the clarity of your soul."

Pick up our sword and shield against whom? How can a warrior of peace assume a warlike stance, a defensive posture? I'd like to say two things about that, one derived from karate and one from growth work.

Anyone who has studied karate will know that all karate responses begin with a defensive move. A punch comes in, or a kick comes in and the karate student responds with a block. But it isn't until the first time a person is required to use their karate skills that they realize the manner in which they've been trained. If one is taught to respond only with a defensive move, one has been inconspicuously trained not to attack.

I had no training in how to attack another. If the person attacking me abandoned their intention, nothing ever got started because I was trained only to initiate by defending. Here too Archangel Michael is not trying to invite us to attack but to defend ourselves, in the same way the karate instructor did.

But who have we taken up sword and shield against? Someone out there? Probably not. More likely someone in here. Who is it that fears, worries, and gets angry? It's the ego. The Self has no fear and no reason to fear. The Self has no worry and no reason to worry. And the Self does not anger and has no reason for anger. Only the ego does.

So, yes, we may need to yield the sword and shield against attack from outside. It could happen. But principally the chief violator of the peace is our own ego. And if we restrict matters to ourselves alone and leave others out of the equation for the moment, then the violator of the peace is always only our own ego.

Nowhere has that become more obvious to me than in the present work I'm involved in. I watch my own ego become territorial. I watch it want to conserve all the glory to itself. I watch it strut and sing its own praises. And I take up the sword and shield that AAM has given all of us starseeds and I take a stand against my own ego. And every time I do, after the fact, I see how mistaken was my ego's appraisal of the situation and how well it worked out when I didn't listen to it. But it takes a struggle to unhitch from the mischief maker.

Let me stop there for now and in a second post tomorrow look at one of the interesting revelations in David's Project Camelot interview. Yes, the concerted effort of lightworkers and insiders may have saved David from a terrible fate, but his revelations have also provided us with some valuable insights into NESARA and the New Society.

Footnotes

(1) A "thrown" concern is a concern that springs from a vasana or automatic tendency. It is usually an unexamined concern.

⌘ Appendix ⌘

On the Nature of the Divine Mother

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While not a person, the Divine Mother is thought of as one. Here she is depicted in the Hindu tradition as the Creator of worlds.

I've been asked who the Divine Mother is. Let me reproduce an article written many years ago on the subject, for that reader and for other readers new to the blog.

God has two aspects: Our Heavenly Father, who is passive and silent, and our Divine Mother, who is dynamic and sonic. We cannot "know" him; she is all we can know.

Sri Ramakrishna used many metaphors to suggest what the situation with the transcendental Father was. In one, a man sits atop a wall. Suddenly his face lights up; he goes into ecstasy; and he jumps down off the wall, never to return. Who is there then to tell us what he saw?

A second metaphor is a doll made of salt who wants to measure the depth of the ocean. But when he wades into it, he dissolves. Now who is there to tell us the ocean's depth?

If the transcendental Father cannot be "known," the material or phenomenal Mother (*mater*, matter) can. But I'll leave the rest to this article.

The article is long and may best be read in parts.

If I were to change one element of this article it would be the equation of the Mother with Aum, energy, Shakti. When I spoke to her on *An Hour with an Angel*, October 15, 2012, through Linda Dillon, she had this to say on the subject:

"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 [Shakti or energy] is an aspect manifesting. But it is simply larger than any of you can imagine, particularly at this point." ("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/>.)

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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.



The Mother incarnated as Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

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 Dakshinewar 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, Pearl of great price, Prince of peace, and 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; He 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 Mother birthing a universe? 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 creating the universe. What we may be hearing is a vision of 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)



Hildegard's vision of the Trinity: Son/Christ, inside the Mother's creation (brown corduroy), but connected to the Father (grey corduroy), which, as the conditioned or personal God, is shown located within the unconditioned God or Godhead (purple).

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.

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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; Paramahansa 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)

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Sahaja [samadhi] is also *Nirvikalpa*. You are probably meaning [*Kevalya*] *Nirvikalpa*, which is temporary, while the *Samadhi* lasts. The *Sahaja Nirvikalpa* is permanent and in it lies liberation from rebirths. (S.S. Cohen, *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 88.) [Hereafter GR.]

[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.)

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