

Grandeur Beyond Grandeur: Toward a Cross-Cultural 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.

My warmest thanks to my editorial and financial colleagues on the Golden Age of Gaia for constant inspiration and help - Suzi Maresca, Karen Hoffman, Sitara Williamson, Kathleen Mary Willis, and Catherine Viel.

And thank you for coming along with me on this journey. The value is that we shall fashion together 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.

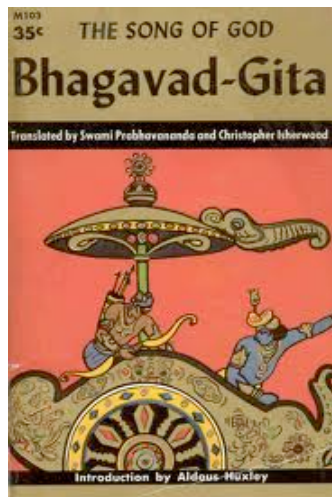
I wish to thank the editorial and management staff of the *Golden Age of Gaia* for working to produce such a wonderful base from which to reach so many people. Thank you to Suzi, Karen, Sitara, Kathleen, and Catherine, as we push the frontiers of knowledge as far forward as we, from our limited perspective,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

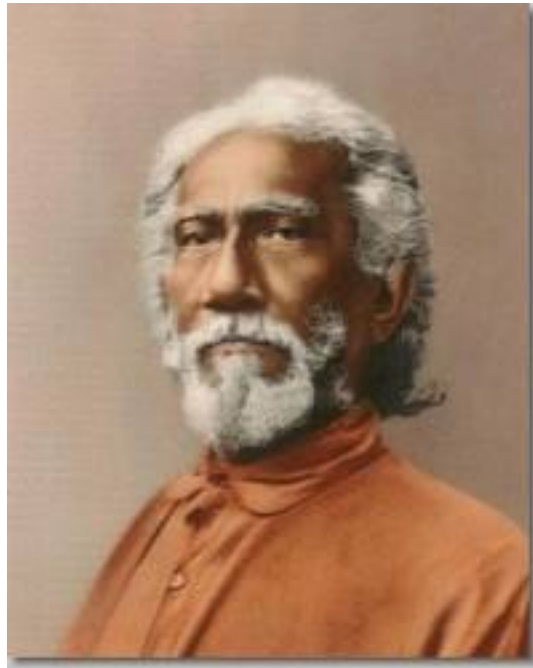
Love is the substratum from which everything is made. Love is the attractive force that holds everything together and the dissolutive agent that releases it again into the general ocean of consciousness. This is not discernible as long as separative or dualistic consciousness reigns but, when it yields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

Reposted from 2010.

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

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

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)



Aldous Huxley

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 questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? What is life all about?” (11)



Hazrat Inayat Khan

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

“The Masters have been numberless since the creation of man; they have appeared with different names and forms; but He alone was disguised in them who is the only Master of eternity.” (12)

“If the Masters were not the same in mortal garb, yet in spirit they were one; if it were not so, how could one and the same truth be disclosed in all?” (13)

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

“Their messages differ from one another in their outer appearances, each message being given in accordance with the age of man's evolution, and also in order to add a particular part in the course of divine wisdom.

“Certain laws and principles were prescribed by them to suit the country where the message was given, the climate, the period, customs, manners and requirements.” (14)



Annie Besant

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)

“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 observes:

“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

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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 rajās, sattwa, and tamās, 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 rajās, sattwa and tamās?

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/>

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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. Prakrithi 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 tube of lifetimes in matter and looked before or 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!

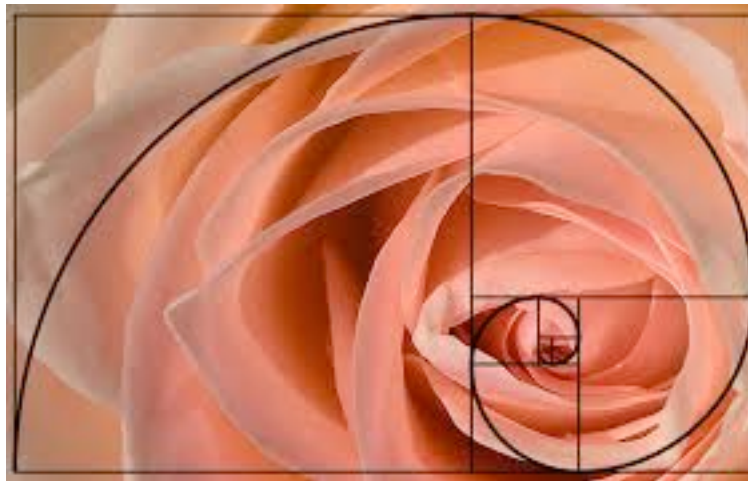
So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - 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/.](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 lightworker 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/.](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 merger in God. (2) It lasted eight seconds in etheric time, but not a second passed in the world's time.

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

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

The very best description of it that I've seen was just a remark by Jesus: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (3)

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

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

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

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

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

(4) "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/> .

(4) Sri Yukteswar Giri, *The Holy Science*. Los Angeles: Self-Realization Fellowship, 1984, 6.

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

(6) Al-Ghazzali, *The Alchemy of Happiness*. trans. Claud Field. Lahore: ASHRAF, 1971; c1964 19.

(7) J. Krishnamurti, *Commentaries on Living. First Series*. Bombay, etc.: B.I. Publications, 1972; c1974, 1, 20.

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

(10) Ibid., 74.

(11) Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 818.

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 dumbed us down, divided us and conquered, and erected artificial barriers based on language, religion, nationality, class, color and many other variables. Any variable in fact could be made a barrier and many were.

It's now time, I believe, to begin the slow march back towards addressing matters without those barriers, to address each other as a world.

In doing so we accomplish numerous goals. We roll back the artificial divisions imposed on us by the powers that were. We recognize our commonality and our shared interests. We promote unitive consciousness, We prepare ourselves for Ascension.

What does it look like to have a conversation as a world? I can't pretend to know that. I can only imagine it. 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/>
- (3) “Having a Global Conversation” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/having-a-global-conversation/>
- (4) “Let Us Have a Global Conversation” *ibid.*
- (5) *Loc. cit.*

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.

⌘ 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

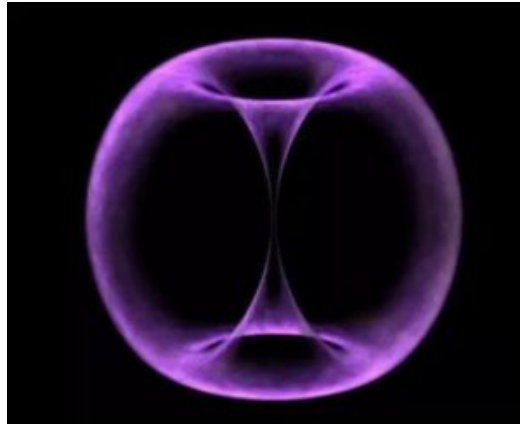
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From God We Came; To God We Return

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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 is said to 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/mattsmmessage.htm>.)

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/novice 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/> .

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Source Knowing Source, Me Knowing Me

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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.

Footnotes

(1) “12-12-12 Message from The Council of Angels and Source via Goldenlight: I Am Always with You, Ever Near, Ever Loving,” as channeled by The Golden Light Channel, Dec. 12, 2012, at <http://tinyurl.com/dxpwlgz>

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(3) My wife D—— invented the phrase in the midst of a transcendental moment in which she realized that all of life was God meeting God meeting God meeting God.

- (4) David Wilcock, "Wilcock Reading, Dec. 2011, by the Source -- with David Wilcock," Aug. 28, 2012, at <http://divinecosmos.com/start-here/davids-blog/1078-2012shift>.
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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

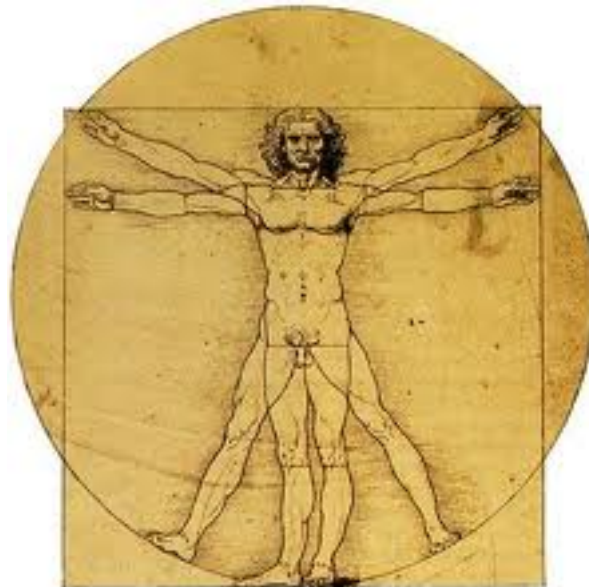
more interested in, a treasure buried in the field of this body, in the heart to be precise - a Pearl of great price, a mustard seed, a something which can't be known for looking, can't be found for thinking, can't be called out, or cajoled out. A something that only responds to (and in fact IS) openness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

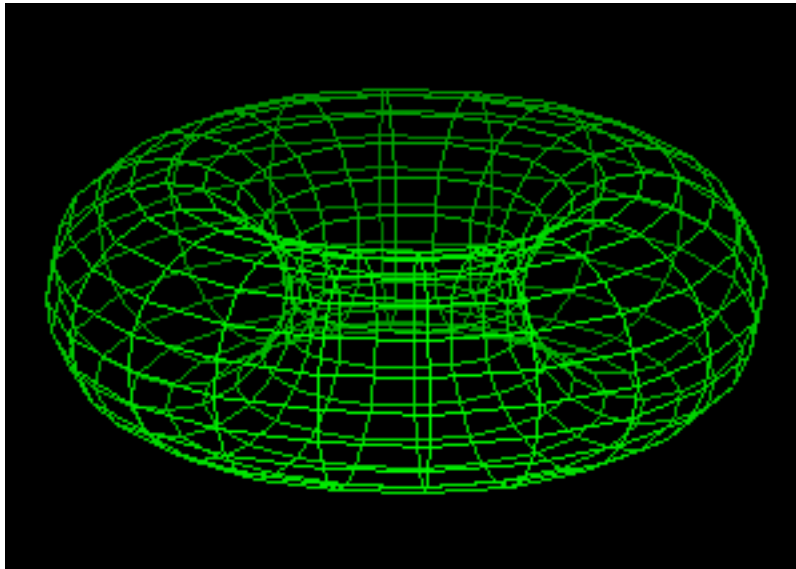


Mammalian version of the Adam Kadmon template

The 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.

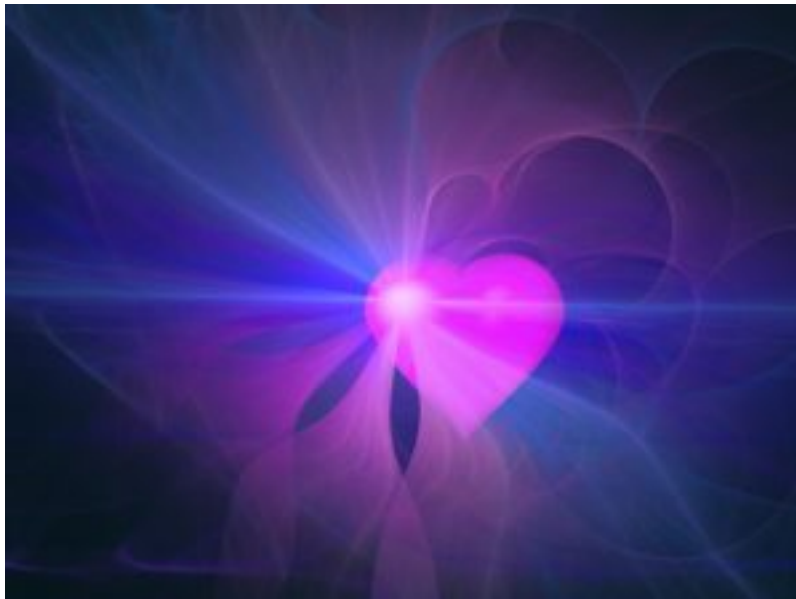
(6) It conjures up for me the common, collective pathway of all our lifetimes - a sacred arc and a spiritual spiral, reaching from God to God.

⌘ The 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.

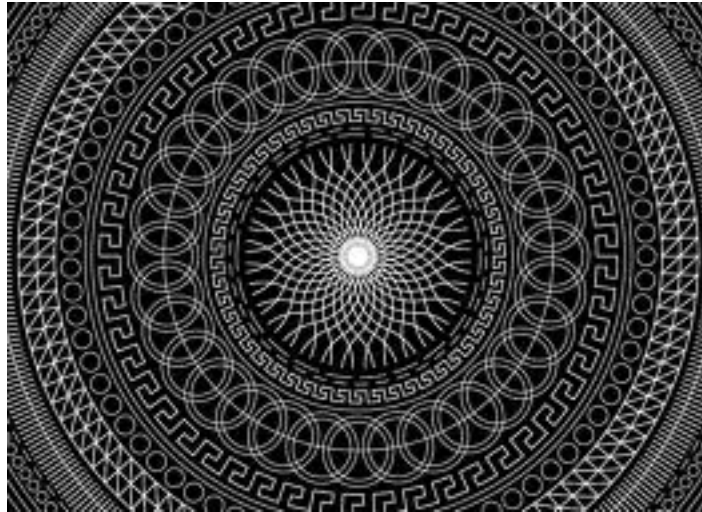
Steve: So you really have to meter it out to us, so to speak, so as not to send us flying off into some other pursuit?

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

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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.

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

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