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Volume 4

⌘ All on Earth are Angelics ⌘

All on Earth are Angels

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Did you know that all of us born here on Earth in this generation are angelics?

Why is this? What purpose does it serve? What do we do with that knowledge?

Archangel Michael responds.

Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 16, 2020. Thanks to Dana for our transcript.

Edited for brevity

Steve: The Mother said that there is not one being - human, starseed, hybrid or earth keeper - that is not one of my angelic beings. Did she mean that we were all born as angels in the first instance?

AAM: Yes, that is correct.

And at this interception moment of ascension and shift, all present upon the planet, from what has been judged as the most egregious to the most saintly, are angelics.

Steve: Angelics... So not angels but all the angelic kingdom. So there are many more angels than archangels, obviously.

AAM: Yes, there are.

Steve: And billions of angels?

AAM: Yes, you can think of billions of angels.

Steve: Gosh, when are we going to hear about this? We need to know more about this!

AAM: We could talk, and we certainly have talked a great deal about the angelic realms as you well know (as both of you know). But think of it in this way. The Mother gives this as an indicator and as a reminder to the humans of who they really are.

But one of the reasons we have not spent, especially recently, a great deal of time talking about the angelic kingdoms (which we could have this course for the next several centuries on) but one of the reasons we have not focused there is because there is a ... what I will term a denial factor, a very huge and unproductive denial factor in the human race of the beauty, of the importance, of the magnitude of being in human form.

There is this tendency to think, “Oh, I am an angelic” “I am above the humans” “I am grander than...” And “I can ignore my human self and I can ignore my human vessel because I am an angel.”

It is a very strange (from our perspective) mental process but it is a very prevalent one. And so the emphasis during this time of rebirth has been rebirth as human rather than focusing on the angel within, around, above, below... You understand what I say?

Steve: I do. Now when the Mother says you are all angels... She's not talking about you were born in the beginning as angels. She is talking about no, no, no, right now, you come from the angelic kingdom and agreed to be born... Am I correct in that?

AAM: Yes, but understand. Your initial birth, well particularly for those in the angel kingdom, has been as an angel. Very few simply emerge as a spark of light and stay that way. So the angels in form... you can think of it as a cycle.

So when you're out of form you very often will take the angelic form. So right now, the full presence, let us put it that way, the full presence of your angelic form both recent and original is anchored fully present within and around your human form.

Steve: What does that mean, "is anchored," Lord? I don't understand what that means.

AAM: It means that the awareness, when you choose to acknowledge it, (1) and the, shall we call it, the angelic abilities, are present in the human race, in the individual human form at this time so that the leap into Nova Being is in fact not as great as it might have been in other ages. (2)

Steve: OK. Is there anything we should be doing to take advantage of this situation in the service of the Mother's Plan?

AAM: Yes. ... Listen to what I say, yes, there is a great deal that could be done in terms of assisting the conclusion/next chapter/opening of the Mother's Plan by familiarizing oneself with their angelic self, with merging and acknowledging that there is no separation between your angelic self and your human self.

Now, what I say - and I need to emphasize this - I've used the word "familiarize," not "be mesmerized by." And that has been the shortcoming; that has been the weak link, that the humans become (and this is particularly true of the lightworker/loveholder community) enchanted (which is fine) and then mesmerized (which is not fine) with their angelic self and they forget that they have chosen to be in human form and to have the human experience. So very often that mesmerizing makes them move away from rather than merging into their human form. Is that clear?

Steve: Yes that's clear.

Footnotes

(1) Like bliss, love, peace, etc., our angelic presence needs to be recognized and acknowledged for it to become fully present within us. Otherwise we pass by these moments and states like ships in the night.

(2) Saints and sages in past eras had to engage in severe austerities to cleanse their consciousness for the experiences that will come almost naturally to us.

"You Weren't Ready Before"

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<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/04/22/you-werent-ready-before/>



Before I take a deeper look at the messages that say that all of us here on Planet Earth at this time are angelics, I'd like to look at the way the Company of Heaven (CoH) imparts information to us.

The CoH does not tell us everything about topics that they think we won't be able to comprehend.

Lao Tzu reveals that he does this. He said on *Heavenly Blessings* in April 2013, that, "we have not spoken of [the transformation of the body by Light] before because it was not yet time." (1)

It was not yet time.... Hmmmm....

Archangel Michael told us in 2013 that seraphs and archangels were here and added that we weren't ready to hear that news before.

"This is the circle of 6 billion-plus that I chose to do this with. So, yes. You have gathered from far and wide, seraphs, archangels, those from the Outer Forces, the Inner Forces. It is a gathering the magnitude of which you are just glimpsing. ...

“So then you say to me, ‘Well, Lord, why have you not spoken of this before?’ Because you weren’t ready. Period. Within that sense of lack of self-worth and the ego out of control, you weren’t ready to have this conversation. You weren’t ready to be in that place of the balance, which is the place that you create from.” (2)

Our lack of self-worth and compensating prominence of the ego made it not the right time.

Uriel gives us another example of a topic whose discussion was postponed - our divine authority:

“We had not – and I mean the Mother and Mi-ka-el and many of us – did not speak of this issue of Divine Authority years ago. Think about this, because now you are in a position to truly bring this to full consciousness.” (3)

Clearly the Company of Heaven waits for us to be at a certain consciousness level before broaching some matters, as Mike Quinsey explains:

"At different stages in your evolution you are given information about [what to expect] well in advance. Normally you are only given what you need to take steps forward so as not to overwhelm you." (4)

On another occasion, he continued:

“As you progress through the weeks and months, so there will be more revelations to advance your understanding of the truth. You have previously been given a minimum of information but you are now more advanced and ready to learn some greater truths. ...

“Because you are entering a new phase in your evolution where the greater truths are starting to be revealed, we ask you to keep an open mind so that you can adapt to the changes. It is best that you release your old beliefs where possible, so as to allow for an expansion of your understanding.

“The old beliefs were limited to keep them in line with your ability to absorb and use the information. Now it is time to learn some of the greater truths about life and the world around you. The illusion that you were the one of the only life forms in your Solar System has been broken. When you bring peace to the Earth the floodgates will open and many of your off world friends will be free to visit you.” (5)

Meanwhile, the door is open wide, Mike tells us, to those who want to learn more:

"The door is open wide to those who seek more information, and it is being given in a way that allows for a greater understanding. Since you have shown your dedication to learning more we are allowed to expand upon the details we give you. It is all in preparation for your advancement into the higher vibrations and eventual Ascension.

"Hitherto we have only given out that which has been sufficient to answer your questions. But now your understanding is such that you are able to expand it and move on to more detailed explanations. It is time for you to take a great step forward, and there is no limit to the gains you will be able to make." (6)

The fact that light workers are maturing is allowing for an ever-more-expansive conversation, both Michael and Sanat tell us:

Michael: My beloved friends, you are spiritually evolving and mature, so we can have a much broader conversation at this time. (7)

Michael; We have not spoken of this of a great deal but now you're in a place where you will understand exactly what I am saying." (8)

Sanat: We are at the point where we can have this broader, deeper conversation on the meaning of the journey. (9)

Sanat: Now I am going to be very forthright in this discussion because you are at a level of maturity, spiritual and emotional, where you can truly engage in the discussion, not the soliloquy, but the discussion of 'what does this mean? How does this occur?' (10)

However it's still important to dish out the information in bite-sized packets:

Archangel Michael: In terms of human comprehension in this moment we need to feed or allow the opening of the understandings to the human Collective – we're talking about the broad Collective now – to be in 'bites' that they can chew, swallow and integrate. (11)

Archangel Michael: What you have seen is that you have been given bite-sized pieces of energy, of energy bumps, of input of what you can digest and handle and truly bring to fruition. If you are in the process of expansion, you don't go from Grade 3 to a PhD in a week. (12)

So if we ask the question, why was the CoH not saying earlier that all or most of us here at the present time are angelics, be prepared for the answer to be that we were not ready to hear that some time ago. I presume it's in the wind now because we *are* ready.

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- (9) "Transcript: Sanat Kumara" The Only Litmus Test is Love," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/04/10/sanat-kumara-the-only-litmus-test-is-love/>
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(12) "AAM on Truncated Experiences," March 21, 2017, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/03/21/aam-on-truncated-experiences/>.

Beyond the Beyond

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What lies beyond the purple? Hildegard of Bingen's vision.

In the course of my research, I came across the Divine Mother referring to the Absolute as the "Heart of One" and "Home."

Divine Mother: Now, in this journey — for some of you it is millennia, for some of you it is eons; it matters not — there is a drive and an understanding, an intellectual and spiritual understanding that your drive is to make the U-turn and to come back Home, to return Home to the Heart of One where you are so welcome. (1)

She adds "...until such time as you choose to emanate again." That comment upsets current theories that we merge with the One and are finished with individuation. (2)

So now I'm convinced, until I see compelling evidence to the contrary, that a level exists beyond the Transcendental.

The Divine Mother calls it "Home" and "the Heart of One"; Archangel Michael calls it "Source" and "the space between the spaces"; Sri Ramakrishna calls it the "Absolute" and "the indivisible Satchidananda." These are all sources I trust.

This has many takeaways for me.

The first is personal. If that next level really is Source, the Absolute, or Home, (2) then I've completed my mission to map out the way back to God by the successive levels. The Dimensions ---> The Transcendental ---> The Absolute.

I've fulfilled the promise of the vision at the intellectual level. Ordinarily I'd set about experiencing and realizing these three levels - I don't know how far I'd get!!! - if I were not a lightworker.

As a lightworker, I forgo my own personal enlightenment to remain in sync with those I serve. (3) As you go up, so I go up. (4) And as a pillar, (5) I'm here to the end so you all will have gone ahead of me! So hurry up so I can go too!

I may only get to map it out here and leave it to the loveholders and yogis - and early ascenders - to confirm.

Another takeaway is that, if we are angelics, then the Absolute, the space between the spaces is the level of reality that we reach back into. When we reflect on that, we can understand the many discussions of how masterful we all are and what we're capable of.

If what I've said so far is true, it doesn't mean we're going to change in a phone booth into our Superman and Superwoman costumes. Not if we have lightworker contracts to serve the ascending, most particularly Gaia.

But that leads to a third takeaway: Does it not instill confidence to know that, outside this assignment, you hale from regions so sublime that we could not possibly imagine them?

Speak of divine authority, can we not imagine the spiritual power vested in us if we were to gather as one voice, demanding a cessation to all war? Immediately? Because we say so?

When one tries on the context that we're all angelics, it puts a whole new light on such things as mass meditations. It opens up one fantastic opportunity and possibility after another.

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(2) Loc. cit.

Probably inspired by St. Paul's version of mergence:

"And when all things [all worldly desires] shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son [the Self, the Christ, the individuated spark] also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all [i.e., reunited]." (St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:28.)

The impression left is that we cease to exist as individuals. I by the way agreed with that view.

(3) Archangel Michael: You know that enlightenment is right there in front of you. It is yours to access. But if you are in service, you will not choose to live there. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012.)

(4) Archangel Michael: Because you are a communicator, it is important not only to share the truth of your being, of our being, but also to be able to clearly relate to people where they are. (Ibid., April 19, 2017.)

AAM: It is important that you speak and communicate in language that people understand, embrace and can get behind. (Ibid., Feb. 7, 2013.)

AAM: If you venture, as you would often like, too far ahead of the crowd, then who are you speaking to? (Ibid., Aug. 21, 2015.)

(2) The vast preponderant probability is that the truth value (shelf life) of this statement on the Absolute may be one year at best. But by then we'll have ascertained the next stepping stone.

(3) “Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love,”
ibid.

(4) Steve: The experience [of the Self] at Xenia, Mother, was that truncated?

Divine Mother: Slightly, yes.

Steve: I had the thought [it was]. ... The Light I saw should have been brighter than a thousand suns. The fact that it wasn't suggests to me that the experience was truncated. ...

DM: It was not is brilliant as possible, let us put it that way.

Steve: Alright... And again, the reason is to keep me in sync with my readers?

DM: To keep you in sync with your readers. But let me be very clear... [if you had seen] the light as it actually is - yes, a million, billion suns - you would have simply departed. ...

We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed - yes, with us - for yourself, for the service you are providing - you would have departed and simply said, 'I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!'" (Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.)

(5) A pillar is a person whose lightworker service contract includes remaining here until the end, to assist the stragglers to climb aboard. A pillar can visit the higher realms, but not stay.

Archangel Michael: There is much to be said for Everyman, and that is part of the role you play. Yes, you are a pillar. You are an anchor. You're [a monitor] but you're also playing the role of Everyman – with curiosity, with exploration, with insight. So our desire is not to separate you from the collective. (Ibid., Nov. 11, 2015.)

AAM: I remind you that you are a pillar, that you [are] not [to] venture too far ahead of where people are, both individually in terms of your smaller circle but also in terms of the collective. ...

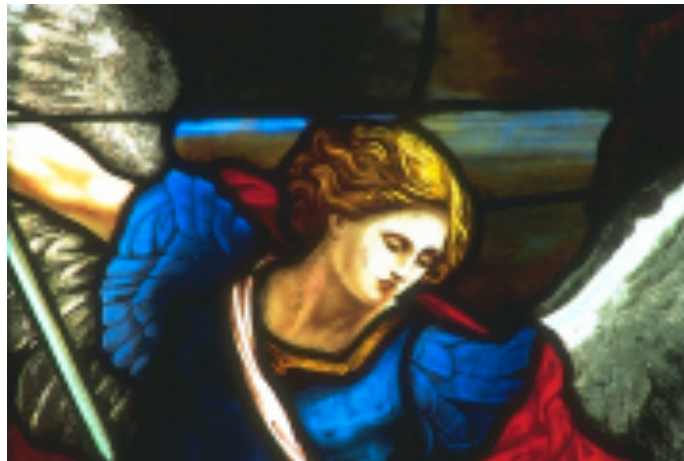
A very large quotient, shall we say, of you is living ... in the higher-dimensional realm. Then there is a part of you that is in the morass of the chaos and the lower-dimensional realm because that's where the work is. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 18, 2020.)

**⌘ Mass, Physical Ascension
into a Brand, New Space ⌘**

Brand New World and the Rules Have Changed

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I'd like to look at how conventional enlightenment theory has been overtaken, by listening to the Company of Heaven on how the rules have changed.

When we listen to the celestials and the masters on the new realm we're headed for, they discuss the fact that we'll see many operational changes.

For example, previously a resident of the Middle Summerlands could not visit the Higher Summerlands within , never mind visit a higher dimension than the Astral Plane.

But now all that is different, St. Germaine says:

"You see all the rules have changed. You have decided to maintain form. That doesn't mean we're going to have you punished by not allowing you access to the 7th.

"That is the old paradigm. 'You can't come here, unless you die.'" (1)

Anyone who thought matters were written in stone may wish to take notice.

Archangel Michael says this new development is a result of the newness of a mass, physical Ascension:

Archangel Michael: You are in a time of individual and collective Ascension that has never occurred upon your planet or elsewhere so many of the historic and accurate understandings with regard to heart openings have shifted, can we say, expanded. (2)

He points out that the realm we're going into is brand new as are its operating rules:

Steve: Is the realm that we're building and taking our physical bodies with us to altogether new?

Archangel Michael: Yes, it is brand new.

Steve: ... Brand new, and the rules have changed?

AAM: That is correct. (3)

I suggested that what he was telling me was very different from what I'd grown up on.

Steve Beckow: It's very different from classical theory.

Archangel Michael: Classical theory has served you well. Now you are on a new course. (4)

Where was the oversight of these changes coming from? The archangels?

Steve: And this is all happening at the archangelic level, is it - this shifting of the rules or application of the rules, is that correct?

Archangel Michael: Yes, that is correct. (5)

In this we're seeing an illustration of what Sri Ramakrishna said a century and a half ago: "He who has made the law can also change it." (6)

Matthew Ward has talked on a few occasions of his work in designing astral worlds. Why am I startled to think of archangels designing a whole new space?

Behind all this and informing it is a totally new approach to enlightenment.

Previously it was a guru/student relationship that worked on instruction and spiritual practice. Now, so many stand to ascend - or not ascend - that the process is meant now to work by entrainment, as Michael explains:

"Now [in olden times] that sense of bringing others along wasn't defined by dimensions. It was more a teacher/student, sage/novice relationship. So the framework was very different.

"What you have now, is the knowingness that you are, for purposes of explanation, moving forward dimensionally, flowing back and forth, and that sense also of the flow throughout dimensions, that you can flow back and forth, that it was not restricted, that it wasn't that you arrived at Heaven's Gate and that was it.

"This flow is new. Well, it is not new but it is new to human thinking and the sense that, yes, you are not looking for students or followers. What you are truly doing, yes, as pathfinders, you are showing the way, but you are also bringing along the collective in entrainment.

"Now the sages did not think of this, of their journey as a process of entrainment, of bringing the entire collective along. You do. And when I say 'you' I mean the current thinking and body of understanding and knowing in the lightworker community. So the fundamental premises have changed." (7)

The environment has changed, the fundamental premises have changed, and the rules have changed to keep up with them.

Many more shockers probably await us as we move closer and closer to a dimensional jump and a brand new world.

Footnotes

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(3) Ibid., Sept. 21, 2015.

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At Levels Unknown in Thousands and Thousands of Years

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I think we're now experiencing something that we're largely taking for granted.

When we live in density, it's very hard to get new ideas, to have a clear picture of anything, to get ourselves moving, etc.

That's how it's been on this planet for all the time up till the dawning of the Millennium, I think.

That meant that we really didn't accomplish much, karmically, in a lifetime. And it also meant that, if our intention was to purify, we didn't get a lot of purification accomplished.

There would not even have been a conversation in Western Europe in the Eighteenth Century for vasanas or core issues. (1) It's only been recently, since the Second World War, that the conversation has been had in western countries.

That then makes a comment by the Divine Mother understandable:

“I say this to you who are listening this night. My beloved ones, children of my heart, of my being, you have done a wondrous job of letting go of the old Third-dimensional paradigm.

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

"And I look at you, I observe you, and I smile. And I think and I say unto thee, “You have done the work of thousands of years in a very brief period of time.” (2)

One has to ponder her comment very carefully and long to get that the simple exercise we do of completing our experience of our childhood trauma releases more burden from us than people will have been releasing in the past over thousands of years. They wouldn't have had a clue as to how to release their trauma - or even a clue as to what “trauma” is.

I get it, even though I'd never have arrived at that thought myself. Only the Mother and higher-dimensional beings could.

The Mother continues:

“So, are you anxious to move forward? Yes. But do not underestimate what you have already accomplished.” (3)

Not only is a pat on the back in order, but we need to appreciate the accomplishment so that we can turn around and offer help to those still struggling with the weight of their vasanas. As the Mother turns up the heat, more feelings will come to the surface.

How many times have I heard people, laden with vasanas, shout at me: “I don't have any vasanas!”

I say this because I believe that our work in the not-so-distant future will be in part helping the newly-awakened to experience and release the trauma of ages that may be coming up as a result of the energy of love being beamed to us.

Footnotes

(1) A vasana is a complex of memories and behavior patterns that were formed out of reaction to usually-early-childhood trauma. These give rise to conclusions and decisions that govern our present-day behavior.

On how to manage vasanas, see (and download) *Preparing For Ascension by Clearing Old Issues* at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Vasanas-R5.pdf>.

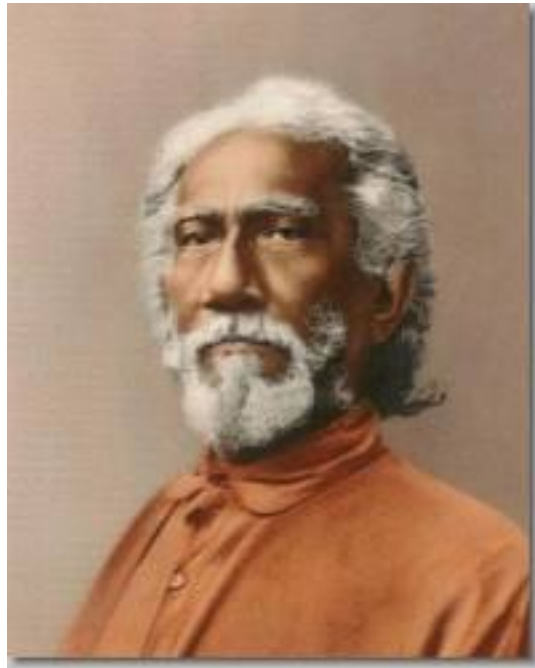
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An Introduction to Ascension

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Sri Yukteswar Giri

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Narendra Misra asked me to write an introduction to Ascension for Hindus. I'm happy to oblige.

If we turn to *The Holy Science* by Sri Yukteswar Giri, Paramahansa Yogananda's guru, we find him telling us what's happening at this moment.

But before he takes up that discussion he has a wonderful, contextualizing comment to make, one that describes the work of my own blog, the *Golden Age of Gaia* (and probably Narendra's as well):

“The purpose of this book is to show as clearly as possible that there is an essential unity in all religions; that there is no difference in the truths inculcated by the various faiths; that there is but one method by which the world, external and internal, has evolved; and that there is but one Goal admitted by all scriptures.” (1)

If we agree with Sri Yukteswar, then we agree that what he talks about are real phenomena – not just real to him but real in the universe – that we of other faiths may have different names for them but we're talking about the same thing, and that all views and all religions carry their sincere practitioners closer and closer to the “one Goal” of all, the transcendent and unknowable God.

I call what Sri Yukteswar is pointing at “cross-cultural spirituality.” (2) Hindus call it Sanathana Dharma; others, theosophy, the ageless wisdom, and the perennial philosophy.

What I want to focus on is his teachings on the various yugas or ages and what's called the precession of the equinoxes. (3)

That term refers to a circuit the Sun makes that covers some 24,000 years in extent and is known to people of many different persuasions.

As a Vedic astrologer, like Sri Yukteswar Giri, Narendra could tell you much more about it than I can.

The period of time we're in right now falls at the height of the circuit, when, as Sri Yukteswar tells us, “the mental virtue becomes so much developed that man can easily comprehend all, even the mysteries of the spirit.” (4)

The gradual process others currently call “Ascension” is the transition from the previous age of darkness (Kali Yuga, Dark Age, Iron Age) to this age of Light (Sat Yuga, Golden Age, Age of Aquarius, New Age).

It has some peaks which mostly correspond to the enlightenment events that most Hindus know well, (5) as the kundalini courses up through the spine.

Then the chakra system is left behind and the heart permanently and fully opens in what Sri Ramana Maharshi calls “Sahaja Samadhi.” (6) “Sahaja” means natural: This is our natural state.

And it’s also the culminating event of our Ascension. Our heart having permanently opened is our entree into higher dimensionality.

We commonly talk about Ascension as a consciousness shift. That’s what lies at the heart of it. But it’s also more.

It’s an experiment as well in taking the physical human body with us, something that hasn’t been tried before in other Ascensions. (3)

And it’s an experiment in a mass Ascension. On Earth until we reached this place in our solar circuit, Ascensions have been individual matters.

But now, we’re receiving assistance from higher-dimensional civilizations.

Consequently, the vibration has been raised sufficiently over the entire Earth for all people who could describe themselves as “decent” to expand their consciousness gradually and gracefully into the Fifth or higher dimension of life; i.e., to ascend.

It’s also more than a simple consciousness shift in the sense that we lightworkers and our friends from other civilizations (galactics, our star family) will be building Nova Earth.

In a flow of abundance that’s expected, we’ll have the chance to end homelessness, hunger, poverty, disease, and all other sources of misery on Earth.

Our star brothers and sisters are the folks who’ve watched over us since the beginning of the human experiment on Planet Earth, our forebears and ancestors from the Pleiades, Sirius, Arcturus, Andromeda, etc.

Right now they’re pouring their higher-dimensional, loving energies into us to assist us to ascend. They’ll join us later for a celebration that’s been planned for eons.

They look like us, can speak our languages, and are keenly aware of and committed to us.

Their arrival among us is referred to as “Disclosure.” They too are part of the Divine Plan for our Ascension, as will be discussed more in the future.

These elements of the Divine Plan and tasks we’ve agreed to make what is transpiring at the moment more than simply a consciousness shift.

I predict that someone right now is asking themselves what they need to do to ascend.

If you’ve reached this level of rising vibration and feel for the most part happy with things, you have nothing to worry about. The rising energies will do the rest in their appointed time. This is not an exclusive process; it’s very, very inclusive. When we “go One,” we go all.

This is an introduction to what’s happening on Planet Earth during this consciousness shift, known to Hindus as entry into the Sat Yuga or Golden Age and to others as Ascension.

Thank you to Narendra for inviting me to comment. And I hope he continues and expands the discussion.

Footnotes

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

(2) See “On Cross-Cultural Spirituality,” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/#15>.

(3) Sri Yukteswar, *ibid.*, 7-20.

(4) *Ibid.*, 8.

(5) Spiritual awakening (4th-chakra); Savikalpa Samadhi or cosmic consciousness (6th-chakra); Kevalya Nirvikalpa Samadhi or Brahmajnana (7th-chakra). This completes the chakra circuit but is still only “halfway up the mountain.”

Sahaja Nirvikalpa Samadhi is a full and permanent heart opening, beyond the 3rd/4th-dimensional chakra system. I interviewed the Divine Mother once on *An Hour with an Angel* and she confirmed that Sahaja was the culmination of Ascension:

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

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

So freed from the Third Dimension, which is what a full and permanent heart opening – i.e., Sahaja Samadhi – does. This is the end-point of our Ascension process. We continued:

SB: It's wonderful to have that confirmed. Thank you very much, Mother.

DM: It is wonderful for us as well, you know!

SB: Is it? How so, Mother?

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

Now, you understand that most people have no conception of what this [discussion] really means. And, yes, you will do a good job of explaining.

SB: Well, you know that I have a website [From Darkness to Light] that discusses Sahaja Samadhi at length. And that's from Sri Ramana Maharshi, more or less. If I take that material and present it to readers, would that be adequate?

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

I've since written on the subject here: <http://goldenageofgaia.com/ascension-to-the-fifth/#4>.

(6) Usually one ascends upon exiting the body at “death,” as with Jesus and the Buddha (who doubtless had already ascended in other lifetimes).

(7) Sri Ramana describes how in each stage of enlightenment, the heart opens for a while and then closes again.

“[The] Heart is the seat of Jnanam [wisdom] as well as of the granthi (knot of ignorance). It is represented in the physical body by a hole smaller than the smallest pin-point, which is always shut [the *hridayam*].

“When the mind drops down in Kevalya Nirvikalpa [samadhi or Brahmajnana], it opens but shuts again after it. When Sahaja [Nirvikalpa Samadhi] is attained it opens for good.” (Ramana Maharshi in Cohen, S.S., *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 96.)

Only with Sahaja does the heart open and remain open permanently. That is the moment of full Ascension, which happens a few subplanes inside the Fifth Dimension.

This is *mukti*, *moksha*, or liberation from birth and death. There is no death in the Fifth and higher dimensions.

Quick Review of Ascension and Sahaja Samadhi

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I've just had a very interesting conversation with a reader about Ascension and enlightenment and our journey to God. I'm sure the reader won't mind if I repost some of the points we discussed there.

Ascension constitutes a full-heart opening and equates with a level of enlightenment known as sahaja samadhi. Most sages achieve Brahmajnana, which is a temporary heart-opening and are said to be halfway up the mountain. Sahaja is the mountain top.

That is not the same as saying "full enlightenment." In my view there's no "full" enlightenment until we reunite with God. (1)

The heart that opens is neither the physical heart nor the heart chakra. It is the hridayam or spiritual heart-aperture, "located" (it's not physical) two digits right of the breastbone. The hridayam is a closed hole smaller than a pinhead, which remains shut until sahaja. (2)

On the other side of the heart pinhole resides the Soul, the Self, the Child of God, the Christ, Atman, prince of peace and pearl of great price which makes its influence felt but completes its connection with God in sahaja.

Sahaja and Ascension (they are the same) results in an end to the need to be reborn into the realm of physical matter. It's what Jesus was speaking of when he said they shall be made a pillar in the temple and go no more out. He meant go no more out into the material world by being physically born.

Of course, all dimensions are physical, until we reach the Transcendent One. Only the One is not physical. It's just that the substance of the higher dimensions becomes more and more rarified or refined. But it's still matter.

The Face of the One in the material domain is the Divine Mother. The Mother and the Father are one. But the Father in his native state does not move and makes no sound. The Mother is the Voice in the Silence, the Voice of One crying in the wilderness.

When silent we call God, the Father; when sonic, we call God, the Mother. When still, we call him/her (God has no gender) the Father; when active, we call him/her the Mother.

It's the Mother whose creative sound (Aum/Amen) calls all matter into being, holds it for a while, and then transforms it.

Once anchored in the Fifth Dimension and having attained sahaja samadhi, we've achieved what all the learning is about - liberation from birth and death. We need never be born again into matter and we need never die again.

Of course, all of us are immortal from the get-go. When we die, we don't die. We simply shed this encumbrance we call a body.

But past the Fifth Dimension, we no longer have to be born into a physical body. If we tire of this one, we create a new look for ourselves - extreme makeover! So Jesus, by saying we'd become immortal upon the resurrection, is really meaning not needing to be born and die in the world of matter.

It's the resistance presented by the body that allows us to learn lessons because we're brought face to face with hard and sometimes painful circumstances and these precipitate mistakes and we learn from those mistakes. It's said that we can learn in ten years in a physical body what it would take us 100 years to learn in an astral body.

Life on the other side, whether in 4D (the astral plane) or 5D (the mental plane) presents us with no such resistance and so we sail through life and learn less.

But all learning is simply geared to win us release from the wheel of birth and rebirth anyways. All learning is designed to bring us out of duality consciousness and into unitive consciousness, which Ascension will do. After that, learning is easier and our consciousness unfolds without the drag or inhibition that materiality places upon it.

Sahaja samadhi is a higher state than 99.9999999999% of all humans alive today enjoy. Only Ramana that I know of achieved sahaja samadhi among terrestrials, excepting of course the avatars like Gautama Buddha, Sri Ramakrishna and Mata Amritanandamayi. But they are not ascenders, but descenders.

Self-Realization is a relative term. Every enlightenment experience can be said to be Self-Realization, just at greater and greater depths. Awakening is an unfoldment. Enlightenment itself in some ways is the same but the intensity of the experience and the depth of the reception determines the extent of the opening. Sahaja completes the opening of the heart and the heart stays open, uniting the person and its Soul (the Christ, the Self).

Personally, if I were fully in Fifth Dimensionality and enjoyed sahaja samadhi, I would probably not give a further thought to enlightenment for, oh, perhaps a few hundred years because Ascension in itself is an exalted state compared to Third Dimensionality.

I'd probably be more interested in service and would gradually unfold from there on in. The really tough lessons would have been behind me by that stage.

Footnotes

(1) In the Sixties and Seventies we used to call Brahmajnana "full" or "complete enlightenment." But of course it was not.

Conceiving it as full enlightenment led to confusion because allegedly fully-enlightened sages were still carrying on in ways that one would not expect from an enlightened being - having sex with their students, driving dozens of cars, and carrying on in other ways.

We now know that the vasanas are not completed until Sahaja so Brahmajnani were still in the grip of their vasanas. Only after sahaja are the vasanas or seeds of action and reaction fried to a crisp. A sahaji like Ramana would never carry on with his students like a Brahmajnani might.

(2) That is, except for a brief or temporary opening in Brahmajnana. Brahmajnana occurs when the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra. Sahaja occurs when the kundalini doubles back on the spiritual heart.

Heart Openings, Sahaja, and Ascension

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Sri Ramakrishna in samadhi

Following my own heart opening, I more or less have forgotten about the Self and fallen in love with love.

Either the path of Self-realization or the path of love-actualization, I'm quite sure, will take us to the goal.

And, looking back, I think the path of love will appeal to a lot more people in this mass Ascension than would an abstract concept like the "Self."

So "love" is probably a better tool than "Self" to share with others who haven't yet awakened or are newly-awakened to Ascension.

Let's look at sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi, which is the culmination of our Ascension.

One of Ramana's students, Swami Annamalei, tells us that if there are any breaks in our awareness of the Self, we haven't reached safe haven yet.

“If there are breaks in your Self-awareness, it means that you are not a jnani [enlightened sage] yet. Before one becomes established in the Self without any breaks, without any changes, one has to contact and enjoy the Self many times.

“By steady meditation and the continued practice of self-inquiry, one will finally become permanently established in the Self, without any breaks.” (1)

Archangel Michael once told me that it isn't as necessary for this generation to have multiple experiences of the Self.

Let's listen to Ramana describe the manner in which sahaja is achieved:

“Enquire into the nature of that consciousness which knows itself as 'I' and it will inevitably lead you to its source, the Heart, where you will unmistakably perceive the distinction between the insentient body and the mind [i.e., see the Self].

“The latter will then appear in its utter purity as the ever-present, self-supporting intelligence, which creates, pervades its creation, as well as remains beyond it, unaffected and uncontaminated.

“Also finding the Heart will be experienced as being the Heart. When this experience becomes permanent through constant practice, the much-desired Self-Realisation or Mukti [Liberation] is said at long last to have been achieved - the 'I-am-the-body' illusion has [been] broken for ever.” (2)

And what about the vasanas - the trauma-born reaction patterns that ensnare us further into duality? When are they transcended?

With sahaja, the unwholesome vasanas fall away. The seeds of future reaction are incinerated. Those vasanas which are wholesome and don't lead to attachment persist, Ramana says.

“In Yoga Vasistha two classes of vasanas are distinguished: those of enjoyment and those of bondage. The former remain even after Mukti [Liberation] is attained, but the latter are destroyed by it.

“Attachment is the cause of binding vasanas, but enjoyment without attachment does not bind and continues even in Sahaja.” (3)

Let’s go to *Yoga Vasistha* and read what Sage Vasistha says on that subject. He explains how the wholesome vasanas assist our liberation while the unwholesome ones are what keep us in the cycle of birth and death.

“Moksa or liberation is the total abandonment of all vasanas or mental conditioning, without the least reserve. Mental conditioning is of two types - the pure and the impure.

“The impure is the cause of birth; the pure liberates one from birth. The impure is of the nature of nescience and ego-sense; these are the seeds, as it were, for the tree of re-birth.

“On the other hand, when these seeds are abandoned, the mental conditioning that merely sustains the body is of a pure nature. Such mental conditioning exists even in those who have been liberated while living: it does not lead to re-birth, as it is sustained only by past moment, and not by present motivation.” (4)

The use of similar terms does not make two events the same. A "permanent" heart opening such as I had on March 13 is not the same as the permanent heart opening we'll all have some time after Ascension and somewhat deeper into the Fifth Dimension.

A full and permanent heart opening is what ends our connection with the Third and Fourth Dimensions vibrationally and raises us to the frequencies of the higher dimensions.

That alone constitutes what the religions see as liberation from birth and death.

Footnotes

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Enlightenment in Context

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I'd like to make a few spiritual distinctions here to assist us in later discussions.

I'm offering a cross-cultural perspective on what may turn out to be the "sudden" steps in our otherwise gradual Ascension.

These are the conventionally-described levels of enlightenment up to and including the Fifth Dimension.

(1) The Mother has promised us a mass heart opening. This experience occurs when the kundalini reaches the fourth chakra.

Buddhism calls such a first-enlightenment experience, "stream-entering." Hindus call it "spiritual awakening." It fills one with hope and confidence.

(2) Next in classical enlightenment schemes is a sixth-chakra enlightenment experience which westerners call "cosmic consciousness." Hindus call it savikalpa samadhi (samadhi with form). I don't know what Buddhists call it. I have not had this experience this lifetime and so I cannot comment on it.

(3) The first transcendental enlightenment experience occurs when the kundalini reaches the seventh chakra. Buddhists call it becoming an arahant. Hindus call it Brahmajnana (God-Realization) and nirvikalpa samadhi (samadhi without form; i.e., transcendental samadhi).

(4) The arahant becomes a buddha, the Brahmajnani becomes a jivan-mukta (liberated while alive) when the energy moves farther and permanently and fully opens the heart. Not the heart chakra, but the heart. The *hridayam* or heart aperture opens as it did in the earlier heart opening but now remains open.

The resulting torrent of love incinerates the vasanas or core issues. In the earlier heart opening, which I imagine is not as strong as Sahaja, the vasanas were held at bay for the length of the experience. But they were not eliminated. Now they are.

This latter state is what classical scholars would call mukti or liberation. It's what completes our Ascension experience.

(5) If we end up in the Fifth Dimension, that's definitely not the final stop in our much broader Ascension.

Here's an example of a statement made at a deeper level of awareness of the Self than I've reached.

“All creation,
“Streaming out of the Self,
“Is only the Self.” (1)

I cannot make such a statement because I don't know what Ashtavakra, the author, knew. I've never experienced anything streaming out of the Self – not yet, that is.

(6) The final level of all our enlightenment, we think of as “Home.” We've now gone from God to God. But even here, new knowledge is upsetting my accepted beliefs.

The Mother has suggested that we can “come Home” to her and the Father whenever we need replenishment. I think this is what is meant by the 13th Octave.

Until hearing that, I thought it would take endless lifetimes to return Home.

This seems to reflect what Archangel Michael has said, that all the rules of enlightenment have changed:

Steve Beckow: Is the realm that we're building and taking our physical bodies with us to altogether new?

Archangel Michael: Yes, it is brand new.

Steve: Brand new, and the rules have changed?

AAM: That is correct. (2)

Not only are we entering into an altogether-new realm, which we're creating as we go along, but such important matters as dimensional access are being rearranged.

I'm having to drop matters right and left that I thought were "established" by the testimony of ancient sages.

Truly much of our old knowledge will no longer serve us. We'll be finding that matters are actually quite different and letting the old views go.

Footnotes

(1) Thomas Byrom, trans. *The Heart of Awareness. A Translation of the Ashtavakra Gita*. Boston and Shaftesbury: Shamballa, 1990, p. 6.

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 16, 2015. On another occasion, I asked him about the need for repeated enlightenment experiences before Sahaja, as Sadhu Arunachala had asserted, and he replied:

"When [the text] was written it was absolutely correct. But, as you also know, the governing rules have shifted and changed." (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow, Feb. 17, 2017.)

St. Germaine has also said: "You see, all the rules have changed." ("Transcript: Heavenly Blessings – St. Germaine on Where to Look for Results," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 15, 2014, at <http://goo.gl/OxNpnG>.)

⌘ Empirical Materialism ⌘

Exoanthropology is Too Big for a Shoebox

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Too big ...

Anthropology focuses on human culture, society, and personality.

Exoanthropology widens the focus to all cultures, societies, and personalities. (1)

It includes civilizations in other galaxies.

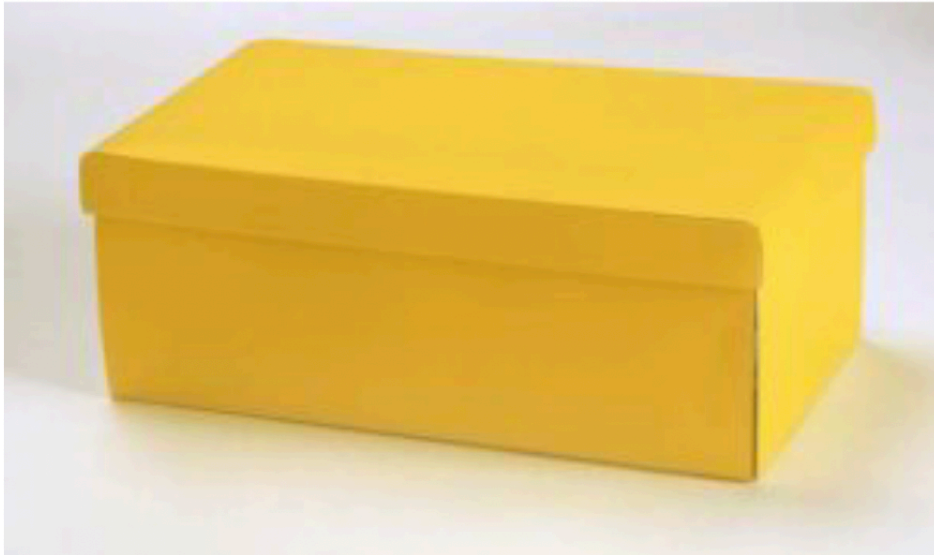
It includes those in other dimensions.

It includes past lives.

Such a transformation of paradigm cannot occur within existing contexts, like, for example, empirical materialism. You can't put an elephant in a shoebox. It won't fit.

Empirical materialism holds that only what can be seen, heard, touched, tasted, or smelled is real. But we know that the Third Dimension - which is what we're talking about here - is only a small part of the whole truth.

One cannot describe civilizations of higher dimensions within a paradigm that recognizes only our more limited and constricted one. (2)



... for a shoebox.

One cannot fit unseen beings into a context that recognizes only the seen.

And one cannot look at personality from an exoanthropological standpoint without considering the factor of past lives, karma, soul contract, etc., none of which are entertained by empiricists.

For me, empirical materialism has outlived its usefulness.

It was very useful when science was battling for its very existence against religion.

But I'd like it to yield place now to spiritual disciplines, which alone are capable of taking in such things as extraterrestrial civilizations, higher dimensions, unseen realms, and past lives.

Exoanthropology will face the task of describing and measuring the collective

consciousness.

It'll face the task of standardizing languages related to the afterlife dimensions of reality ("the heavens") and to the physical dimensions - One to Twelve.

Having standardized terminology, it could map the heavens, as far as "mapping" is an apt metaphor.

How Big is Big History?

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I was following the trail of an article on evolutionary spirituality and ended up on a website dedicated to "the Great Story" or "Big History." Here's an excerpt from that site.

"The Great Story (also known as the Universe Story, Epic of Evolution, or Big History) is humanity's common creation story. It is the 14-billion-year, science-based, sacred story of cosmic genesis, from the formation of the galaxies and the origin of Earth life, to the development of self-reflective consciousness and collective learning, to the emergence of comprehensive compassion and tools to assist humanity in living harmoniously with the larger body of life.

"In the course of epic events, matter was distilled out of radiant energy, segregated into galaxies, collapsed into stars, fused into atoms, swirled into planets, spliced into molecules, captured into cells, mutated into species, compromised into thought, and cajoled into cultures. All of this (and much more) is what matter has done as systems upon systems of organization have

emerged over thirteen billion years of creative natural history." — Loyal Rue, philosopher at Loyola College

"'Big History' is the academic discipline that looks for patterns and interpretive significance within the mainstream scientific understanding of cosmic, geological, and biological evolution over the course of 13.7 billion years, plus the patterns and lessons drawn from the flow of human and cultural history." (1)

I wondered to myself how we're going to feel when even our most advanced reaching out, backed in some cases by spiritual adepts who regard themselves as being at the leading edge of spirituality and inquiring scientists at the leading edge of science, realize that even their most progressive views are not going to survive, oh, perhaps another year or two into the Golden Age of Gaia.

The view that evolution is somehow random, sparked by mutations or even adaptations to outside stimuli, the view that the human race developed on Earth and can be found nowhere else in the universe, the view that the human race developed on its own in a descent from, I suppose, single-celled amoeba - all these treasured views that survive even cross-fertilization with spirituality, all these views that represent the farthest reaches of an empirical materialism that has "gone about as far as it can go" are destined to yield to the truths that will soon emerge.

None of them allows for the existence of a Divine Plan. None of them accounts for the role in creation of the force known colloquially as "the Divine Mother," not a she, not a mother, but decidedly divine. None of them sees that we arose from emptiness at the command of a Divine Source and that to emptiness we'll return. None of them recognizes dimensions of frequencies or the existence of other universes or the creative intervention of celestial beings, the real scientists.

None of them has room for other human races existing elsewhere in the cosmos. None of them acknowledges that other lifeforms can reach the level of human existence by descent from other lines than mammals. Perhaps none has a suspicion that humanity on this planet is in fact "amongst the least advanced life forms." (2) Star beings looking down at us Earthlings from the reaches of outer space conclude: "Without being disrespectful to you, you are more like babes in arms." (3)

One galactic civilization said of us: "Indeed, our continuing observations of your scientific, political, and cultural arenas reveal that you still have much progress to make to meet our nominal preconditions for first contact." (4)

In light of this, how big is "big history"? And how great is "the great story"? And how will we survive the bruising of our egos when we find that our most umbrageous and benign attempts at conceptualizing it, at bridging all views, at arriving at a comprehensive synthesis - our grandest schema to date - won't even begin to capture the truth in any of its particulars?

Some among us will have to serve as the equivalent of grief counsellors to assuage the potentially-hurt feelings when the truth becomes known. History is so much bigger than we can possibly imagine and the great story is so much greater than our wildest dreams.

And the first spaceship that lands on Earth will begin a process that revolutionizes everything in our imagination and knowledge base. Everything written on this site, which took us scads of time to write, will have had a shelf life of perhaps a few years. It'll then slide into the dustbin of history. Everything written (period) will be obsolete. Speak of a need for detachment!

Time to start afresh with an open, empty mind. Time to let go of everything we've been told, everything we've "learned," and everything contained in every book on every library shelf, on this soon-to-be Nova Earth.

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Basic Third-Dimensional Illusion: Separate Selves Struggling for Survival amid Seeming Scarcity

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What is the mindset we're trying to let go of, that tells us how life is in our everyday setting? Can we state it in its simplest and most fundamental form?

Let me offer my version of it:

We are separate selves struggling for survival amid seeming scarcity.

The best label for this view of life, in my opinion, is "social Darwinism." Life is a struggle for existence, in which only the strong survive.

Can we look at this short statement, as an approach to dispelling our primary 3D illusions?

(1) *We are separate selves.*

(a) We are selves. That's true. God tied a knot in the ocean of love, light, and consciousness. The balloon thus formed, full of God-stuff and consciousness, we call a self.

(b) So long as our vibrations are dense and heavy, we can only know that self as something separate from all other selves.

We don't see or feel the God-stuff. We refuse to admit that the seeming individuality we have is not fixed, permanent, or eternal. We are God but we refuse to abandon our penultimate state as God the Self, Christ, Atman, or pearl of great price.

St. Paul describes the ultimate surrender of the Self - in Biblical code - here:

"Then *cometh* the end [final enlightenment], when he shall have delivered up the kingdom [all the bodies, all the selves] to God, even the Father." (1)

This surrendering of the Self constitutes "final" enlightenment, which, in my vision of 1987, was represented by the small golden star returning to the Father and immersing itself in him. (2)

Therefore, viewed from the standpoint of ultimate Reality, there is only One and therefore we must be that One. Otherwise there would be a second.

Viewed from the Highest Reality, then, there never was, is, or ever shall be separation between God and this apparent "me."

So the separation from God is only a seeming, which occurs on the Third and Fourth Dimensions, the lowest and most dense we'll ever see.

Therefore, this part of our statement - that we are separate selves - is not absolutely and fundamentally true. In the end, it's revealed as an illusion.

(2) *struggling for survival*

Survival - do we actually need to survive? Have we ever questioned that?

(a) I've been outside my body and see that I am not my body. When I was outside it, I never felt hunger or questioned where I'd sleep that night. I was free of all those conditions.

Whatever happens to my body at death need not concern me for I have a life independent of it. So for me, anyways, survival is not an issue.

(b) Struggling - do we need to struggle to survive? Or struggle for anything?

In the time I spent in Fifth- and Seventh-Dimensional love, I found myself in a state of consciousness where any idea of struggle would have been laughable. Laughable because I could not have struggled for anything, so deeply awash with love was I - rich, profligate, generous. I could have given it all away, knowing that the replenishing flow was endless.

No struggle there. But no struggle also because I had everything I wanted. Don't you see? Love - real love - is what we're looking for. So I know a state of being where real love is free and plentiful and in that state is not a thought of struggle.

In that state, we're certain that we've arrived. There is nowhere else to go except deeper and deeper into Love.

Therefore, that we need to struggle to survive is another myth, another illusion.

(3) *amid seeming scarcity.*

Leaving aside the fact that any scarcity we create increasingly seems to arise out of our own beliefs in lack and limitation, there was certainly no scarcity where I ended up. I drowned in an ocean of love. No scarcity there and I wanted nothing else.

If you offered me gold while I was in that state, I'd have only smiled. I wouldn't have lifted a finger for it. What can gold give me that love does not? In that state you really get the importance to us of how we feel. Because when we feel brimful of love, we want nothing else.

All I wanted was to touch the fingers of other love-soaked pilgrims as they passed me by going wherever they were going in an unrushed, love-drenched world.

Consider the free gifting of replicators as a mid-term tangible indication that there's no scarcity. The replicator will give you whatever you ask of it.

Then consider that, before our journey of Ascension has ended, we'll be creating what we want by thought. No scarcity there either.

The trend is not towards scarcity but away from it. So this part of our statement too seems to be an illusion.

There isn't a part of our statement of the fundamental credo of the Third Dimension that has held up to scrutiny when viewed from a higher-dimensional perspective.

And yet this point of view is so basic to our behavior patterns that we "live it," without thinking about whether anything about it is true, real, eternal. And nothing about it is.

We are not separate selves struggling for survival amid scarcity.

We are Children of God, not different than or separate from the Mother/Father, learning our true identity by willingly entering an illusory world and limited existence for a time. Our journey ends when all individuating bonds are broken (the balloon is burst) and we experience our Oneness again.

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Killing for Market Share: The Old Paradigm in Business - Part 1/2

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*It's eat or be eaten in business.
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As financial wayshowers, one of our tendencies is to look to see how people did business in the past and then to borrow from them.

But we have to consider that those who went before succumbed to some pretty shallow and often corrupt business practices and have very little in the way of philosophy to bequeath to us. My own suggestion to financial wayshowers is to forget how business in the past operated and to carve out new paths, based on love, compassion and integrity.

The article that follows was written some time ago. I began to craft it anew and realized that the way I'd written it then was far clearer and more precise than the way I was recrafting it now.

What's missing here is an appreciation of the extent to which the Illuminati owned the economy and were working it for their own enrichment and the subjugation of the working and middle classes. While I suspected collusion in business, I had no idea that everything - business, politics, religion, medicine, education, the military, etc. - was permeated by Illuminati control.

I'd like to look here at the philosophy I call "Business Darwinism." Business Darwinism is the pseudo-scientific application of the principles of Charles Darwin to business.

Business theorists who followed its tenets represented business as a struggle for existence in which only the fittest survived. The business world was a jungle, red in tooth and claw, and the business that succeeded was the one that could pounce first.

"In that modern-day tribe called a corporation," said a Dow Jones ad in *Business Week*, "it's still the survival of the fittest." (1)

Firms rose and fell because "it's evolution. Successful firms will grow big, and smaller ones will shrivel and die." (2) This doctrine was held to be synonymous with economics itself, as if it were an invisible law of the universe.

Megafarms, for instance, many of them in Florida and California, favored letting the weak go under. "It sounds cruel, but that's what economics is all about," says John Zonneveld Jr., who had a 10,000-head operation in Laton, Calif. (3)

"Social Darwinism is respectable again," *Report on Business Magazine* observed in 1991. (4) The modern firm had to be ready to turn on a dime, downsize their workforce, locate overseas, and do anything else to see that no one else ate their lunch.

The sense of urgency that business leaders saw all around them in the nanosecond nineties moved some to declare that "a major shakeup is coming soon -- one in which only the strongest, best prepared companies will survive." (5) This was the decade of the major global meltdown, the first in which computer technology

combined with global telecommunications to make world trade wars possible in real-time.

"If management really wants to be around in the nineties, something has to be done. We no longer are just competing with the company down the street. Today, the name of the game is global competition. Survival is what many businesses are facing." (6)

The Nineties were considered to be the first decade of true global competition and global economic warfare.

"Today's manufacturing market is a truly world-wide market where only the world class manufacturers will survive. ... To achieve the dramatic results needed for world class competition, dramatic changes are needed in manufacturing philosophies and techniques." (7)

The business page read like the sports page. Where nations once squared off against each other, now global businesses went toe-to-toe. Sometimes America lost ground:

"While internecine strife hogged attention at home, the U.S. retreated in the far more important war of global competition. Biggest winner: Japan, where companies stay in fighting trim without having to listen for predator's footsteps." (8)

At other times America surged forward: With the rise of low-cost capital, the U.S. "scored a victory in its battle to become more competitive in the global economy." (9) The successful survivors were lean and mean. "What is GE Capital's edge?" asked *Business Week*. "Most important is a culture that successfully blends an entrepreneurial spirit with the hard-driving and intensely competitive focus of its parent." (10)

This point of view supplanted the liberal tone of discussions from the Seventies and early Eighties. Where once caring and commitment had been praised, now lip-service was paid to the would-be-masters of the universe who overpowered,

dominated and controlled. (11) In the service of market share, global firms were pictured slugging it out and fighting glorious battles.

Business Darwinists often described the competitive process as a game like boxing, hardball, or football. For example:

“For much of the last decade, U.S. companies have been maligned as wimps that lacked the grit and gumption to stand up to Japanese and European rivals. As they cowered in the big shadows thrown off by the Siemenses and Matsuhitas of the world, American firms caved in to quarterly earnings pressures and skimmed on long-term technology investments, But lately, the derisive criticism has begun to ring hollow.

“Domestic corporations, perceived by many as the world's weaklings, have put on new muscle and become industrial warriors capable of blowing away even the most intimidating global competitors.” (12)

Facing stiff competition from Germany and Japan, the nation was encouraged by tales of American companies muscling their rivals, aceing them, trouncing them, and leaving them quaking. (13) American firms were depicted blindsiding their opponents, blitzing them, and giving them palpitations. (14) Like IBM and Microsoft they were "fighting tooth and nail [for] market position." (15) Like U.S. Surgical, they "took the market by storm and left once-dominant [competitors] stunned." (16)

Those who toughened up were congratulated for "[getting] the jump on the competition" and "[knocking their] socks off." (17) Examples ranged from the local to the international, from companies to nations. The supermarket down the block "squares off" with its union. (18) An international computer maker "goes toe-to-toe" with its international rivals for its share of the world market. (19) The American nation enjoys enhanced prestige because of its "new economic muscle." (20)

When the business press talks about life in the global ring, it classifies companies into fast and powerful. Nissan and Toyota are powerful. Europe is fast. The

Japanese carmakers are characterized as "heavyweights," facing "a leaner, meaner Europe Inc.", which is "just what's needed to fend [them] off." (21) Hewlett-Packard is powerful and also fancy. Attacked by Japanese clone-makers, HP is eulogized for "slugging back" and "packing a powerful punch." (22)

"By 1989, more than 60 Far Eastern clones were closing in on HP's market. In a lightning-fast response, the Silicon Valley company struck back with cheap and technologically advanced machines. 'We hit them with a left, then a right hook,' says Richard Watts, Hewlett Packard's director of worldwide sales and distribution for computer products. ... That fancy glove work ultimately landed pugnacious HP in the winner's corner." (23)

When firms slug it out, some "get pummeled"; others "clobbered." (24) The weak end up "showing bruises." (25) However, no matter what the situation brings, it's expected that no competitor will "give up ... without a fight." (26)

Whether fighting among themselves or against foreign competition, says *U.S. News & World Report*, "America's toughest companies [are displaying] tenacity and innovation in beating up global foes." (27) In case its drift escapes its readers, the commentators make it abundantly clear: "The moral of these stories is simple: Getting tough is the only way to thrive in today's global market." (28)

Business gets bloodier than the boxing metaphor allows. In some accounts, savvy companies are metaphorically represented as bloodthirsty predators, searching for prey. A European firm is congratulated for having "a killer instinct for competition." (29) Airbus is depicted as "aiming at Boeing's jugular." (30) General Electric is "always prowling for new businesses" to expand into. (31) When it finds one, it strikes quickly and "gobble[s] up assets from weakened rivals." (32) These companies will kill for market share.

A normally conservative company (Corning), "which had been eyeing Damon for years, jumped in with a decisive strike -- a \$401 million cash offer of its own. Done deal." (33) Counsels a broker in *Business Week*: "The people who can pounce first are going to make money." (34) Competition here is truly bloodthirsty.

But the situation is praised for waking complacent corporations up. Says one CEO: "There's nothing like the survival mode to get humans moving." (35)

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Killing for Market Share: The Old Paradigm in Business - Part 2/2

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Sometimes even failing in the chase paid off. Dealmaker Samuel J. Heyman "never bagged his prey, but he pulled down about \$500 million in profits from his investments," reported *Business Week*. We would be "hard put to find a dealmaker whose instincts were so beautifully in sync with the quick-buck mentality" of the times. (6)

The business environment is dog-eat-dog, "a cutthroat marketplace," (37) in which "we'd all kill for [profitable] savings." (38) Businessmen are warned: "He who hesitates is lunch." (39)

Scenarios are replayed in which readers are warned who is eating whose lunch: "Competition from the likes of Hewlett-Packard and Co. was eating CalComp's lunch," offered *Electronic Business*. (40) A senator fumes: "While the White House is debating ideology, other countries are eating our lunch." (41) Quipped a phone company ad: "In the 90s, let's do lunch may have a slightly different meaning." (42)

When metaphors of slugging it out or pouncing on prey did not get business's message across, the business process was compared to war. Said one "super-banker" of another: "We don't meet, we have battles." Here is *Business Week's* account of that "meeting."

"Bennett A. Brown ... the chairman of Citizens & Southern Corp. rejected a hostile takeover bid from NCNB Corp.... Even though [NCNB chairman Hugh L.] McColl [Jr.] told Brown that he had launched his missiles, the brash, acquisitive McColl backed off with uncharacteristic meekness." (43)

Explained *Business Week*: "Every day around the world, corporations do battle." (44) Among the trade warriors, "Japan is the force to beat." (45) Public attention was focused on the Japanese as "the world's most feared global competitor." (46) First American and later European corporations were reported to be "running scared. The reason: They fear an onslaught of competition, especially from the Japanese." It is left to a British union official to remind us of the fate of the weaker trade rival: "Everyone realizes only the fittest will survive." (47)

The U.S. electronics industry is "pinned down in the trenches of an economic battle, according to our troops in the R&D labs and engineering workplaces of America. And right now, the battle is going nowhere." (48) The U.S. semiconductor industry has been "driven to its knees by Japanese targeting of the industry." (49)



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"Having softened up the U.S. semiconductor industry by sapping its profits with low-ball pricing, Japan's electronics giants are moving in for the kill. That's the alarmist view of the proposed takeover of Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. by Fujitsu Ltd." (50)

The American press watched for any sign of winning and leapt on it.

"At first glance, it would appear to be sweet revenge on the Japanese corporate titans that have been beating up on their North American and European counterparts. ... More Japanese companies fell off the [Business Week Global 1000] list than those of any other country." (51)

Domestically and internationally, said small-business author Jay Conrad Levinson, "it's a marketplace out there. In order to survive, let alone thrive and prosper, you've got to be a guerilla." For the "guerilla marketing attack," he offered "strategies, tactics, and weapons for winning big profits." (52) Levinson took Business Darwinism to its logical extremes and showed the doctrine's ultimate direction. According to him, business competitors were our enemies.

"You are surrounded. All around you are enemies vying for the same bounty. They're out to get your customers and your prospects, the good and honest people who ought to be buying what you're selling. These enemies are disguised as owners of small and medium-sized businesses.

"These enemies thrive on competition. They're out to get you and get you good. ... Your enemies mean business, your business, your profits." (53)

The businessman with the most powerful arsenal will win: "Your bank account will brim with profits in direct proportion to how your marketing arsenal brims with these weapons." (54)

Levinson supplies business with the marketing weapons to take to war: "[These] fundamentals for winning the battle for healthy, honest, and growing profits ... will serve you well on your way to the battlefield." (55)

Daily the skirmish reports and body counts roll in from feature wars, price wars, standards wars, PC wars, cola wars, and semiconductor wars. Said the executive VP of an industrial research firm: "We're seeing the industry move in such a way that these two big forces are going to be really fighting it out. ... The battle will take place on the fronts of 'audio, video, voice CD-ROM, stereo, mass storage'." (56)

The corporation was represented as being engaged in a "do-or-die marketing battle to win over increasingly sophisticated and demanding customers." (57) The fate to be avoided is "unconditionally surrendering the ... market" to the enemy (58) while the highest grace lay in emerging dominant. U.S. News & World Report observed: "Merely being competitive is not enough in today's global markets. Rather, [a firm's] long-term success will depend upon [its] domination of markets." (59)

Said Peter Cohen in *The Gospel According to the Harvard Business School*:

"Tomorrow is the future. We trained our business leaders to successfully wage its battles.

"World War III is going to be fought on the shelves of your neighborhood shopping center, and the Harvard Business School is a sneak preview of it. How its generals are prepared. The weapons and tactics they learn to use. How, fighting against each other, against humiliation and delusions of

grandeur, they run each other down, yet somehow, desperately at times, seek to maintain at least the appearance of friendship. (60)

"This is an account of [the] education [of a class of 94 MBA students] to become lords over a new kind of army in a new kind of warfare, ready to take over from the military who have perfected their technology to the point where its use is guaranteed to leave nothing worth using it for. But since men will continue to be ambitious; since they will still want to be, they don't know what, except different, they will go on fighting for those things of which there aren't enough to go around -- money, love, land, praise, power and perquisites." (61)

"Epic tales are told around the campfire. Not all the participants are happy with the process.

"At the Vick School of Applied Merchandising: It was a gladiators' school we were in. Selling may be no less competitive now, but in the Vick program, strife was honored far more openly than today's climate would permit. Combat was the ideal - combat with the dealer, combat with the 'chiseling competitors,' and combat with each other. There was some talk about the 'team,' but it was highly abstract. Our success depended entirely on beating our fellow students, and while we got along when we met for occasional sales meetings the camaraderie was quite extracurricular.

"Slowly, as our sales-to-calls ratios crept up, we gained in rapacity. Somewhere along the line, by accident or skill, each of us finally manipulated a person into doing what we wanted him to do. Innocence was lost." (62)

The author also questioned the satisfaction that predatory competition brought its new entrants:

"The Harvard Business School's blind faith in competition alienates its students from one another, driving them to the destructive selfishness, the

rugged individualism that, for too long, has been mistaken for a mainspring of progress." (63)

That was about as much lip service as "destructive selfishness" got but no truer words were spoken. The selfishness at the heart of Business Darwinism conditioned society for the final push that began with 9/11.

One might ask how much these metaphorical ways of speaking actually translated into business practices? Just as, upon listening to President Nixon on the Watergate tapes, our view of White House policy-making shifted, so our view of business's wisdom and maturity may also shift when we listen to the tapes presented at a trial between Bankers Trust and Procter & Gamble.

What the evidence (and other earlier examples of Bankers' shoddy practices) demonstrated was that ethics took a back seat to profiteering at the bank. In the Economist's account, the Business-Darwinist drift is plainly seen being translated into action.

"In January [1995] the bank settled a similar case with Gibson's Greetings, a card company, after internal tapes revealed the bank's employees giving the client false information about trades in 1993.

"Now BT has been shamed by further revelations about its derivatives sales practices in 1993-94, following a court ruling on October 3rd, which made public previously sealed documents and tapes relating to the P&G case. Astonishing comments by BT employees raise fresh concerns about the bank's culture at that time.

"Consider, for example, oral references by BT staff to a 'rip-off factor' that was attached to complex deals involving leveraged derivatives. One BT salesman describes how he would 'lure people into that total calm and then totally f*ck them.' Perhaps worst of all, a video shown to new employees includes a telling description by a BT instructor of how a swap works: he says that BT can 'get in the middle and rip them [the customers] off.'" Remembering that cameras were rolling, the instructor then apologises. (64)

Anyone not harmed by events could reflect on them philosophically, as *Fortune Magazine* did, capturing the mood of the times.

“The financial civil war that swept across America in the past decade was a ripsnorting string of shoot-'em-ups like nothing ever seen on Wall Street or Main Street. Withering volleys of money shot back and forth as insurgents stormed one entrenched corporate position after another.” (65)

But the fact remains that getting tough with one's rivals, which would have been repulsive in a gangster, was made right and desirable in the predatory market environment of the 1985-95 period.

No quarter was given or expected. Getting your licks in, bagging prey, and blitzing one another were just good competitive practices.

Had these been two boxers fighting each other in the ring, perhaps matters might have stopped there. But these lean and mean contenders for the world title stripped millions from their payrolls to get into fighting trim. And they used any weapons they could find to achieve competitive advantage.

Many of those weapons were technological and meant that the employees so eliminated would never return. Thus, what was represented as being in America's interest may have been in the interest of CEO's who, like IBM's Aker, laid off 14,000 in 1990 and had his pay doubled to \$2.2 million for (and I speculate) having “what it took to do what was needed.” (66) But it was not in the interests of the wave of Americans who had to walk the plank.

An unbridled wave of global competition was initiated by following the tenets of a philosophy of predatory competition, a phenomenon which harmed workers in every country it affected. The leaders of business would have said that nothing could be done about it, that it was the market working itself out according to its own ineluctable laws.

However, there's nothing in any natural law that specifies the human community must operate this way. Their explanations, needless to say, were small comfort to the millions whose lives were, in this age of the smart machine, irreversibly impacted.

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Looking over David DeGraw's article, "Full-Blown Civil War Erupts On Wall Street: As Reality Finally Hits The Financial Elite," which Pat published yesterday, (1) I'm struck by two things.

In discussing them, I have to acknowledge that I don't claim deep understanding or awareness of financial matters or indeed some of the other matters that I'll refer to tangentially. What I wish to relay more is just my sense of things.

The more I read about the cabal's forward motion in any area – finances, police, military, UFO cover-up, pharmaceuticals, pandemics, whatever - a few things seem to leap out at me.

One is the supreme confidence the cabal appears to have had that they'd succeed in taking power from the people and enforcing the "New World Order." That regime would see the elite dominate global society and the rest of us "useless eaters" die or serve them.

A second is the lock-step, dinosaurian manner in which the cabal seems to move. It lacks a brake or reverse gear. Its answer to every dilemma is to press ahead and more or less overcome resistance by its sheer weight and momentum.

When it genuinely meets opposition that it cannot overcome, it possesses no Plan B and almost shreds itself crashing into the barricades put up against it, taking everyone of its own kind down with it, which is just what DeGraw is pointing at.



We tend to look at matters in a linear, compartmentalized manner so for instance we often examine financial events as if they go on in a vacuum. But I remember listening to a George Green video once in which Green was attending a party of the Illuminati and said that there was every kind of notable there – politicians, financiers, big corporate players, superstars, leaders in all fields of endeavors. I think we tend to forget that the people behind the New World Order's agenda covered the entire spectrum of social, financial, business, medical, educational, and other leadership. And I think we also forget that they believed what they were up to could not fail.

This is not that George Green video, but it'll serve to give a pretty good picture of the elite's intentions for all of us.

[youtube]<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNK9OWgO1QA>[/youtube]

The New World Order had the military behind them, the police, government agencies and indeed the government itself. Their legislative program was the only one in town. They vied for spots at the various deep underground military bunkers, Green said, and knew about the depopulation agenda and the plan for a nuclear World War III to bring the world's population down from 7 billion to 500,000.

Did I hear someone draw back in surprise? Let me cite SaLuSa and Matthew about that agenda:

SaLuSa: “There is truth in the claims that the dark Ones have always planned to drastically reduce the population numbers, but they have been severely set back through our actions.” (2)

Matthew Ward: “Evidence of this new flu effort and other Illuminati activities to drastically reduce the population is being amassed and eventually will completely eliminate that dark group’s long control through fear, ignorance and economic slavery.” (3)

MW: “Depopulation by any means is an Illuminati goal.” (4)

MW: “All of that theft — that is exactly what it has been, and on a mind-boggling scale — has been completely in accordance with the Illuminati's generations-old plan to attain global domination by creating and spreading impoverishment, devastation, and death of the masses who are not needed to serve their sinister purposes.” (5)

MW: “[9/11’s] even deeper purpose than controlling oil resources in the Mideast, ... is to dominate the entire planet and kill or enslave its peoples.” (6)

As far as the elite were concerned, they had the bases pretty well covered and plutocracy would rule. This confidence in their ability to master the planet oozes from a report by Citigroup issued on March 6, 2005, entitled *Equity Strategy. Revisiting Plutonomy: The Rich Getting Richer*. That report says in part:

“Our thesis is that the rich are the dominant drivers of demand in many economies around the world (the US, UK, Canada and Australia). These economies have seen the rich take an increasing share of income and wealth over the last 20 years, to the extent that the rich now dominate income, wealth and spending in these countries.

“Asset booms, a rising profit share and favourable treatment by market-friendly governments have allowed the rich to prosper and become a greater share of the economy in the plutonomy countries.

“Also, new media dissemination technologies like internet downloading, cable and satellite TV have disproportionately increased the audiences, and

hence gains to “superstars” – think golf, soccer and baseball players, music/TV and movie icons, fashion models, designers, celebrity chefs, etc.

“These ‘content’ providers, the tech whizzes who own the pipes and distribution, the lawyers and bankers who intermediate globalization and productivity, the CEOs who lead the charge in converting globalization and technology to increase the profit share of the economy at the expense of labor, all contribute to plutonomy.” (7)

This concentration and centralization of wealth, I believe, was fully intended to funnel it to an ever decreasing number of hands. What the “superstars” and others did not realize, in my opinion, was that they too, like everyone else, were intended simply to be the intermediate holders of society's wealth before it was also skimmed from them and found its true home with the very small circle of Illuminati megarich.

And then, for reasons known to us but to few others, the whole scene began to come crashing down.

I say “known to us but few others” not because the information is private, not because we too are some kind of elite, but because few others would or do believe the story that is being told by such sources as Matthew Ward, SaLuSa, Wanderer of the Skies, and the many other galactic and spirit sources who reveal exactly what's going on in our world. At some point, after Disclosure, everyone will know and very many more people will buy what's being said. But I don't think we're at that place now.

But the galactics, the spirit hierarchy, and their Earth allies have been hard at work for decades, bottling up the elite, using space technology to deprive them of their funds, removing their nuclear weapons, and defeating their attempts to stampede society with false-flag operations and weather warfare. I don't want to run through the whole story here because it's been told in many other places, (8) but let me just quote one example, from Matthew Ward, of the way the Company of Light worked to defeat Illuminati aims.

“ET technology will be directed at electronic issues wherein money movement will not go the way the dark forces intend and undetectable glitches in their communication efforts will create confusion and errors. I am not speaking 'out of school' here as the dark forces are aware that this has started happening and they cannot locate the origins or detect and correct the flaws. This adds to their fear that they are losing control and their activities will become even more clumsy and obvious until all is 'brought to light.’” (9)

I'd say that's a pretty good statement about exactly what David DeGraw is getting at but probably doesn't know about.

In the beginning, the cabal, through the use of blackmail, intimidation, assassination, and similar measures, worked their way into a position where no force could stand against them. They controlled the government, the press, the police, the courts and every other significant social institution. And, because they thought they were unstoppable, they became narrower and narrower in focus and more and more complacent in action.

Now we see them unable to manoeuvre, unable to cover up their atrocities, unable to stop the investigations which Pat has shown are starting to really gear up.

A dinosaur is a fearsome adversary as long as strength and momentum are what determine the issue. But when an opponent comes along with more strength, more momentum, and a vastly bigger brain, a dinosaur can be a pathetic figure. And the cabal has become just such a pathetic figure in the face of the combined efforts of the Company of Light.

I think its ultimate fate will look a lot like *Judgment at Nuremberg*, where once-feared criminals will try to hide behind arguments like “just following orders” and blame everyone else but themselves. Deprived of their high-priced lawyers and ad agencies, their actual pleas and explanations will evoke only pity.

But until the day when they're totally removed from power, expect them to keep blundering along, out of the hubris of the once mighty that more of the same will produce victory – as it always had in the past. We're the little mammals that survived the ponderous dinosaurs, small but nimble.

Pity the poor monstrosities as everything they worked so hard for collapses around them. They'd even decided to bring this world down in a nuclear conflagration and escape to Mars if need be. Now none of that will occur. Instead they face the ultimate humiliation of trading places with their victims and their undoing will be too pathetic to watch.

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[On NESARA](#)

- [Ch. 1. Introduction](#)
- [Ch. 2. NESARA's History](#)
- [Ch. 3. Recent Times](#)
- [Ch. 4. Earth Allies](#)
- [Ch. 5. NESARA's Benefits](#)
- [Ch. 6. NESARA's Range](#)
- [Ch. 7. Economic Meltdown](#)
- [Ch. 8. Remaining Work](#)

[High Noon](#)

[The Fate of Those Who Oppose the MIC](#)

[The Black Hats Must Go](#)

[How Do the Illuminati Make Money?](#)

[Freeze the \\$1.5 Quadrillion Derivatives Bubble](#)

[The Tower of Basel: BIS and a Global Currency](#)

[Citigroups' Plutocratic Vision for America](#)

[The Global Economic Crisis: The Great Depression of the XXI Century](#)

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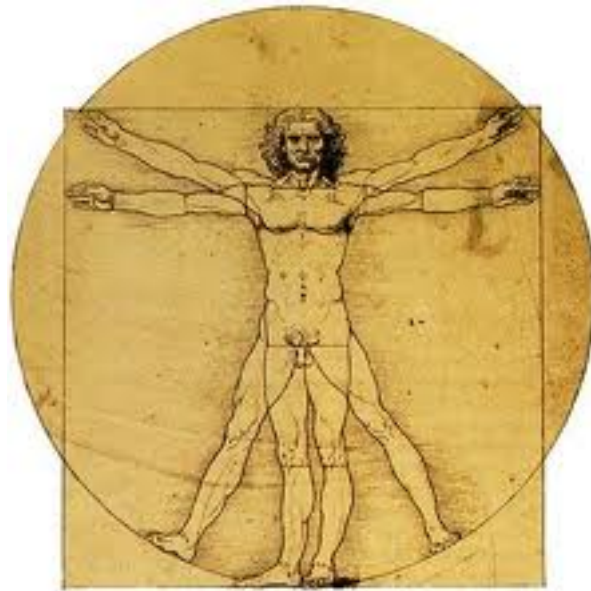
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What Does It Mean to be Human?

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The Adam/Eve Kadmon template

A global conversation is addressed to the human race. So perhaps I can be permitted a few words on my view of what it means to be human.

I'm not an anthropologist but I worked many years as a cultural historian. Nonetheless this is meant as a commonsensical discussion and not one that's somehow scholarly or academic.

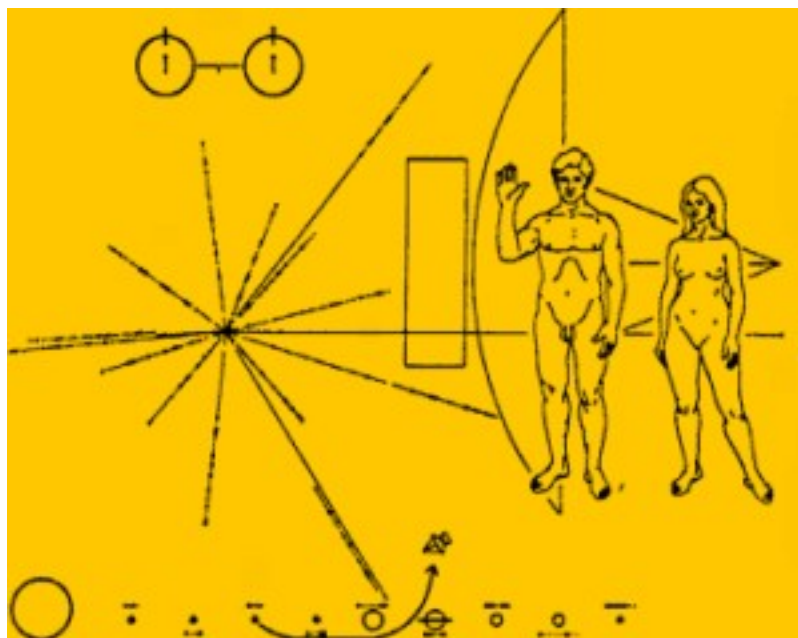
What does it mean to be human? Believe it or not, human beings can achieve that level of evolution by different paths. David Wilcock described some of them:

“The human body shows up in the galaxy on every planet where life can form. It's a natural evolution. Some might get there by an insect; some might get there by a lizard; some might get there by mammals like we do; some might get there by cetaceans; some might get there even by vegetation, apparently.” (2)

Even though humans can be mammalian, reptilian, or even plant-based, the humans around our planet at the present time are all of the same mammalian genetic makeup as we are; in fact they're our ancestors, the races that first populated the Earth.

The basic human form is known as the Adam/Eve Kadmon template and is best represented in Leonardo's drawing (above) or the Voyager Plaque (below). That template is upright, bipedal, bilaterally symmetrical, with stereoscopic vision located on the front of the face, arms, legs, opposable thumbs, a brain with hemispheres, etc.

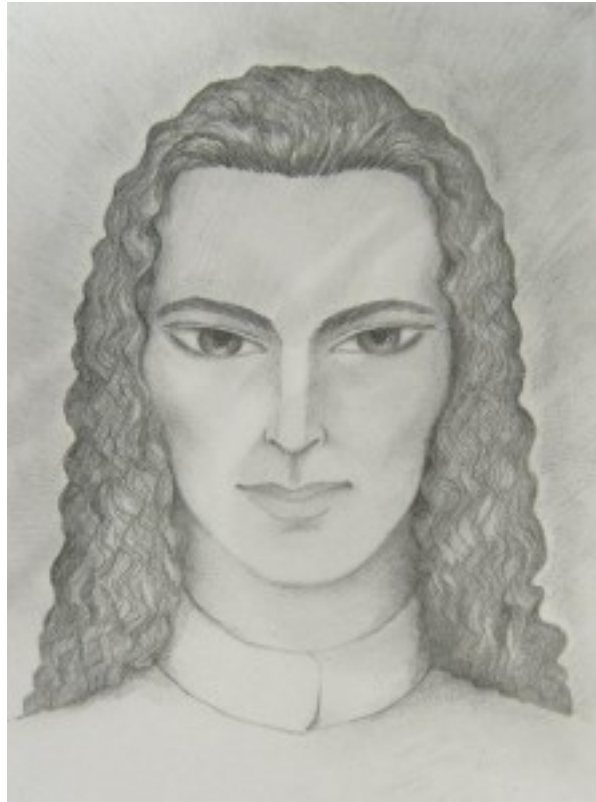
The form is human, but the soul divine. The soul is at a level of evolution called being human. As the saying goes, we are not humans having a spiritual experience but spirits having a human experience. We're immortal and live many lives, only some of them as humans.



The Voyager Plaque: Another view of the Adam/Eve Kadmon Template

The physical human form has certain aspects: the biological, cultural, emotional, and spiritual. The biological aspect centers around the need to eat, drink, breathe, sleep, procreate, clothe ourselves, etc. These needs are only associated with the Third Dimension. On higher dimensions, our needs are fewer and our means of satisfying them don't depend as much on work. We share this 3D level of existence

with animals, but we satisfy our needs in a peculiarly human way, through the use of culture and tools.



SaLuSa, higher-dimensional being from Sirius

The cultural aspect relates to the fact that we traffic in ideas. Culture = ideas. To create an idea that can be communicated, we bestow meaning on symbols, freely and arbitrarily. This tall wooden thing before me I think I will call a “tree.” (Non, non, un "arbre.") This barking animal I will call a “dog.” (Non non, un “chien.”) With ideas, we communicate and dream, rehearse and remember. We get the idea, make believe, and pass the word along.

When I was a cultural historian, I used to say that culture was an organization of ideas, manifest in act and artifact, though consisting of neither, by means of which we think, respond and take purposive action. We live in a world of ideas, whether animals do or do not. (Some say they do.)

There is an emotional aspect to us which builds on both biology and culture. We respond emotionally to our body's needs and urges and to our thoughts and

actions. We respond emotionally to others. We even respond emotionally to our dreams and fantasies. We love and hate, desire and reject, lean towards and away from. We're repulsed and inspired, jubilant and depressed, encouraged and discouraged. And we then we double back and have thoughts about our emotions

The spiritual aspect builds on the cultural and emotional, beginning with the power to make an object of ourselves. Taking cognizance of ourselves we term "self-consciousness." It was a huge innovation. We can make of anything an object and end up making one of God as well.

As we expand our consciousness more and more, moving towards the event for which all life was created (enlightenment), we move ever closer to transforming God from an object into the one and only Subject. We've moved from self-consciousness to Self-Realization, using object-consciousness to reach consciousness without an object.

These processes are what all of us humans share. If we want to take a human perspective rather than an American or a Catholic or a Republican one, then we'll be looking at what we are and do relative to our biological, cultural, emotional, and spiritual selves and others.

We haven't been speaking about these before now – not commonly. Certain scholars do, but not the mass of society. We've been speaking about Presidential candidates, the pound sterling, and housing prices. We've been speaking about the Vatican, and Burma, and space shuttles. Always we take the partial view, the specific view, the named and unique perspective. Always we focus on differences.

But we're being obliged to become aware of ourselves as a planet by the guests who are coming to dinner. If we're talking about Pleiadians and Arcturians, how can we not think about terrestrials? We're suddenly finding that we need to know more about ourselves, even as we attempt to know more about them. We can see that the galactics are studying us. Just get yourselves onto Ellie Miser's distribution list. Ellie is a conscious Pleiadian starseed who studies us like an anthropologist.

They're studying us. We're studying them. Now we must also study us. We have to survey us, take stock of our credits and debits, surpluses and insufficiencies, gifts and weaknesses.



Asket, Billy Meier's human Timorian mentor

As I said in an earlier article, in regard to the work that needs to be done between now and the end of the year, primarily what we address is “problems.” We aim to turn unworkability into workability.

But we also need to get to know each other from a human vantage point. After years of focusing on our differences, we now need to focus on our similarities. What ties us together? We all have the same biological needs. We all live our lives by using and communicating ideas. We all have emotional reactions to things. And many of us also feel the tug of the spiritual.

So this is what it means to be human – at least on Planet Earth. Who's coming to dinner are more humans like us, from other dimensions and places. We already know they'll have the Adam Kadmon form. Their bodies may have some of the biological processes that ours do or maybe fewer of them. They'll traffic in ideas, though perhaps telepathically. They'll react to things with emotions, though less dramatically than us. And we know they worship the same God, see the purpose of life as knowing themselves and God as one, and live their lives in service to others.

So this is a framework that we can use to see what it means to be a human being, whether we are talking about us as humans or the galactics. As we begin our global conversation, we're talking as one human being to another and what this article describes is what we share in common.

Footnotes

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The Key Motivator of Human Behavior

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Again and again I keep coming back to one central notion: That what's most important to us, what our key motivator in our daily lives seems to be is how we feel.

I might have said how much money we have, whether we have a life partner or not, whether we have a pension or not, etc. People do value these things.

But if we look deeper into our situation, what we probably will come up with is that these external facts are not as important to us as how we feel.

And this isn't just so with unwanted or unpleasant feelings. Wonderful feelings like excitement, joy, and love also motivate us. We want them. We buy a Maserati to have them. We vacation in Hawaii to have them. When all along, they're always there for us to enjoy if we only knew how to access them. (1)

Let me give examples from my own experience.

I saw myself today feeling concern about how I fit in, how I measure up. This introspection was caused by a legal wrangle that's occurring.

This line of thinking - that I need to measure up - is malarkey, but nevertheless there I was thinking it - and feeling it, which is the important part. I felt dismayed and "less than."

This feeling of dismay was what spurred me into my reflection. It was my motivator.

I reviewed the plus side of my life resumé and felt confident and reassured again. My feeling state had changed. No longer was I motivated by dismay; now I was motivated by confidence.

Since I like the feeling of confidence and security, I allowed the matter to pass from my attention. That was my action taken: I let the issue go.

But I did not like the feeling of concern. Therefore that matter remained with me longer. (What we resist persists.)

A second example.

Being a writer means a lot of time alone. And I constantly wall myself off to have that time.

But that leads to an empty schedule and feelings of loneliness.

Loneliness is one of the most difficult feelings to tolerate. It often spurs us into action. I think of it as a good example of a key motivator.

You'd think I'd be motivated by *thoughts about* loneliness. But, no, the motivator is to escape this awful feeling itself.

So I set up a coffee engagement to enjoy a little human company. And later that day I brought a coffee home to a friend in my building. Two social contacts dissolved my loneliness. But the dislike of loneliness motivates my action.

When an unpleasant or unwanted feeling arises, we often automatically respond to it.

We might then be found to say, "You made me (mad, jealous, frustrated, etc.)." We completely overlook our own feelings as the motivator and blame the upset and its results on another.

If we remember that our feelings are our key motivators, then we can interrupt the cycle of unconsciousness and automaticity.

We can treat the feeling as simply a feeling and "be with it" - experience it and observe it with neutrality until it leaves, rather than acting on it and risking making a foolish mistake. Here's Archangel Michael describing that process:

"The [traumatic] event can be remembered, or not, without the impact of trauma, without the impact of feeling that you have been damaged, hurt, compromised. It is a piece of information that has been brought within you, and not even what you would think of as healed, but held, the same way you would hold a child, until the feeling or the experience of the charge, of the trauma, is gone." (2)

Exactly. If we can observe the feeling without engaging it, being aware of the thoughts that attach to it without judging anything, the condition will run its course and disappear. And we haven't blown our stack or in other ways made an idiot of ourselves.

This'll become more and more important as time passes. The Arcturians once said to me that we lightworkers will "have to be the master of your consciousness at all times." (3) On another occasion: "You will be called up to master EVERY thought and feeling." (4)

I've just been sitting with the feelings, as Werner Erhard used to say, "like a brick in your lap" and they've passed without me embarrassing myself. But it's going to get tougher and tougher in the months and years ahead. The challenge will be to use this time to prepare.

What I set out to do in 1974, when I started the study of patterns in thought, word, and deed by reading Eric Berne's *Games People Play* was to understand the wellsprings of human behavior - how it's conceived, what drives it, and how it can be harnessed to fulfill divine intentions. I'll continue burrowing down until I feel I've really seen the way the mind and feelings work.

Erroneous views such as another person makes me (mad, afraid, jealous, etc.) are not going to help me. They don't describe what's really going on.

And it's what's really going on that I want and need to know.

Footnotes

(1) Draw them up from your own heart, where they "reside." Use your breath to do so.

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 11, 2011.

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A Basic Change of Opinion

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I'd like to continue a thread. It's about the importance of how we feel.

I often feel like an anthropologist, studying customs in the North American culture to which I belong because all seems so new.

I have absolutely no awareness of any other culture but ours - on or off planet. But following the path of awareness is where in spirituality you'd expect to find a curious newbie and a wannabe anthropologist.

I notice things. I also know I'm being fed thoughts and have caught "them" in the act on one or two occasions. For instance, I have a very loud ringing in my ears right now, which tells me that Michael is here. (1)

And I'm always trying to take these noticeings and explain what sociologists call "the definition of the situation" and what I'll call "what's going on here?"

So I had a "what's going on here?" moment today, listening to music. I observed myself changing my mood based on a thought having changed. The music reminded me of someone and the minute I remembered her I was swept away by love. (2)

A minute before I had been listening to different music and grumbling about daily issues. Oh my Gawd, it was so much more enjoyable to be swept away by love. But I saw that *I did it*. I caused the change in feeling by changing my thought.

I let go of the daily issues and began thinking about an angelic being whom I love. My mood changed like that!

And yet, if I were feeling an unpleasant way like humiliated or lonely, I'd be thinking to myself that I need to feel that way until it lifts. I need to stay with the experience. I need to be with it.

In actuality that isn't totally true.

If I change the focus of my attention, I actually can change my mood.

For years, I regarded this as dodging the issue. By staying with the experience, I was getting at the root of the matter. But I now feel the tug of weightier matters and I no longer have the time to go the long route, as useful as it is.

I'd like to leave that noticing for a moment, to show you how the process of consciousness works. The next thing to arise was a stray issue, triggered by noticing I no longer had time.

I now engaged with the issue that my time was no longer my own. I'm in service now. I feel regret, wistfulness, sorrow.

I've lost control ... or yielded control ... of my time. That goes along with - it's implicit in - service.

So let me count. I now have agreed to stay to the end, yielded expectations of enlightenment and given over control of my time. Those are big sacrifices, what the Arcturians would call "big initiations."

It demonstrates that service will ask certain things of us. We're called upon to make some sacrifices. And they're sometimes not small.

OK, that illustrates how one thought follows another - triggered or not - in a stream of consciousness. My private life is just moving from one thought and the mood it brings to the next. At least that's the way it is on Earth.

Returning now to my overall theme, I do have some control over my feelings. I can change a thought that has negative energy streamers attached to it to one that has positive.

I'm not arguing about the rights and wrongs of seeing things that way. I'm simply observing what shows up for me like fact. Changing our thoughts can change our feelings. (3) If we don't want to feel the way we do, then among the many strategies we can use, the quick one is to change our thoughts.

When I'm standing in front of a group of government officials and corporate officers and we're contemplating how to bring a universal basic income to Canada and I'm feeling grumpy, I'll remember this.

Footnotes

(1) Steve: How do I know when you are whispering in my ear?

Archangel Michael: Often it is prefaced by a high-pitched ring.

S: Oh, I hear that all the time.

AAM: Yes, I know.

S: [laughing] Are you here all the time?

AAM: Yes, I am. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 18, 2011.)

(2) Here's an example of mood-changing music. See if you can listen to Ennio Morricone's *Theme from the Mission* and not have your mood shifted.

[audio mp3="https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Ennio-Morricone-The-Mission-Main-Theme-Morricone-Conducts-Morricone.mp3"][/audio]

I have never watched *The Mission*, just so you know. I only know this piece of music from it.

(4) I acknowledge that certain vasanas or core issues may not yield to changing our thoughts. For those there is the upset clearing process at “How to Handle Unwanted Feelings: The Upset Clearing Process,” December 29, 2018, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/12/29/how-to-handle-unwanted-feelings-the-upset-clearing-process-2/>

We Must Become as a Child

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Jesus said thousands of years ago that we must become as a child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Well, of course, Jesus is still with us today, speaking through John Smallman, Linda Dillon, Pamela Kribbe, and others. I await the day when he says you must source all your vasanas and be squeaky-clean to ascend to the Seventh Heaven.

I joke with you, but you get my drift. It's our conditioned reaction patterns, our habits of resistance to life formed long ago that prevent us from flowing with life and finishing with the old Third Dimension.

And until we let go of all that old baggage, come into the present again, and allow the divine qualities that are inherent within us to emerge and take command of our being, as they did when we entered into life, we're prevented from entering the Kingdom of Heaven that higher dimensionality is and condemned to continue experiencing and relating to the drabness of duality.

It's becoming easier to let go of our "stuff," but it still doesn't happen automatically. We have to be willing to emerge from our rackets and numbers, our fears and resistances. We cannot insist on keeping our

conditioned reactions alive and wanting to open in love and acceptance to the New World emerging.

The price of admission to the Heaven of our hearts is releasing all our unhealthy conclusions about life, our resistant decisions, our burdensome stories, and everything else that our biocomputer's programs (our vasanas) are fashioned from.

And letting go of these programs, these scripts, these file cabinets full of instructions on how to look good, succeed in life, and outcompete others, letting go of all our rackets, winning formulas and zero-sum strategies is only half the battle.

The other half is to commit ourselves from this moment on to allow what is native to us - the love that we are, the bliss that arises, the compassion that we feel - to motivate us, steer the ship from now on, and be the only reward we seek.

I think it wouldn't be going too far to suggest to us how rewarding it may prove to be to let go of all our grounds for complaint, all our fears about life, and all our lists of things to watch out for.

I think it wouldn't be going too far to ask us to resolve to simply live in the moment in the experience of our own divine beingness, to revel in the love and the bliss which is the treasure in the field of our own Self or soul, and to seek nothing else beside it.

I think it would be wise to ask us to cease seeking love from others and to seek love instead from the ancient spring that lies inside ourselves.

I think it would be wise to ask us to invite ourselves to surrender to the knowledge that Nature is benevolent, life has a purpose, and our future is already set in its largest contours, that the direction of our travels throughout all that lies ahead of us is unerringly set for Home and that nothing can prevent our eventual arrival there and our welcome.

In his youth, St. Francis was a reckless but rich young hedonist until one day, as he followed a raucous procession through Assisi, the Holy Spirit stopped him, snatched away his reveling, and left him penniless but so rich in love

that he fed every beggar, indigent laborer and even pope until the end of his days from his vast treasury of bliss and compassion.

Are we not penniless but rich in love? Have there ever been times that were worse and yet more blissful? Are we not obliged to turn away from the way it has been, which was rich in materiality but poor in spirit, to embrace a time that is poor in materiality but rich in spirit?

Have we not also been stopped in our tracks by the Holy Spirit (or Divine Mother) and snatched away from our reveling?

And is it not the case that we loving beggars are now inheriting the world and emerging as stewards of Light, the holders of the purse strings of the treasury of love? And is it not being asked of each of us, not that we do, but that we love till we ache?

Can anyone see where we're headed? No, but does it matter? If each of us can simply open ourselves to this love that is sweeping the world, (1) will it not be clear to us all what is next? And what next could there be and what next would matter if we could, till the end of our days, be fountains of love and bliss? Will the world then not work effortlessly?

Footnotes

(1) "You will shortly notice a wave of love sweep the Earth, that will show that your civilization has taken a quantum leap forward." (SaLuSa, Dec. 28, 2012.)

Feeling Loving, Blissful, and Ecstatic is an Inside Job

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Thou shalt become like a child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven

If it's all about how we feel, as I believe it is for us humans, then what am I doing, in a take-charge manner, to see that I feel my best (as defined by me)?

No, I don't mean anything external. Let's keep our attention on the internal. It doesn't cost anything and promises the best results.

In my opinion, feeling loving, blissful, and ecstatic, which is our end goal, is an inside job.

Despite what we've been sold ... I mean, told ... feeling these ways happens on the inside of "us," and it happens because of events that happen on the inside of "us," whatever "we" are.

Let me put first things first: There is an "I" that's always around. It doesn't sleep when the body sleeps. As a matter of fact, even the lower bodies - lower than the "I" - don't sleep; only the physical body does.

That "I" witnesses and experiences what the other bodies experience. The purpose of those bodies is to give the "I" experience on the level the body is appropriate to - etheric, astral, mental, causal, buddhic, etc. (1)

We seek enjoyment from experience, but we also seek wisdom. All that is taken with us, when we leave the body for good, is the memory of the experience.

Experience, enjoyment, memory - all of these happen inside. With me so far?

Really, as far as I can see, we live in a bubble or field of awareness. We go through life experiencing, enjoying, and remembering. It's no stretch to then observe that my field of awareness is my responsibility to work with such that I maximize the love, bliss, and ecstasy that I feel. No one else can do it for me; no one else would want to do it for me, not even my guides.

Here "I" am in my field of awareness. My body comes and goes, but I carry this field of awareness with "me."

How do I work with it? Well, first of all, I need to take my thoughts seriously. I need to listen to myself, above all else, so that I can effectively do Step Two.

You'll recognize this as the basic agreement of the awareness path: To maintain awareness of ourselves.

Second, when I find a bad idea, I need to raise it to awareness as much as need be and then drop it. Just drop it. No need to fill it in with anything else.

We're heading, among other things, for stillpoint so no need to manufacture a new thought. Let all thoughts go if you can. (That doesn't mean to lose situational awareness. Be safe.)

Raising the idea to awareness in the first place, however, has three benefits.

(A) It means we'll recognize the ill-advised idea more easily next time it comes. We can then dodge it like a matador.

(B) Awareness is not neutral; it's dissolving. Raising something to awareness and allowing it to be hastens its departure. The flip side is that what we resist persists, Werner Erhard once observed.

(C) Becoming aware of something ill-advised makes it more difficult to do a second time. We're now consciously watching ourselves do it whereas before we were unconscious of doing it.

Let me draw a line here so as not to tax your willing patience.

The start of every spiritual path is purification, cleansing of the vasanas or core issues. The cleansing of our field of awareness is that first step on the spiritual path.

That cleansing process begins with awareness.

Footnotes

(1) The purpose of experience is to help us to develop discrimination. What we ultimately need to discriminate between to fulfill the purpose of life is between the Real and the unreal. Realizing the Real is the purpose of life.

(2) "How to Handle Unwanted Feelings: The Upset Clearing Process," December 29, 2018, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/12/29/how-to-handle-unwanted-feelings-the-upset-clearing-process-2/>.

Realized Knowledge, Heart Consciousness, and Fairness

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I assume that your life experience is similar to mine. If it is, then you, like me, are watching new grids, new ways of seeing the world, forming to replace the third-Dimensional grids, which are falling away.

Three elements of consciousness are impressing themselves on me at the moment as a kind of complete way to see an important life process. They are: realized knowledge, heart consciousness, and fairness.

Realized Knowledge

Werner Erhard used to talk about dimensions of certainty. Our sense of knowing becomes more certain as we move up a ladder of consciousness from mystery to belief to original thoughts, feelings, knowledge born of action, not-knowing, observing and then what he called "natural knowing." Natural knowing is the same as what I call realized knowledge.

I've spoken of intellectual knowledge yielding to experiential knowledge (what he meant by feelings and knowledge born of action) and experiential knowledge yielding to realized knowledge.

Buddhists have a slightly different model, the most relevant parts of which are *cita-maya-panna*, or knowledge born of hearsay and our thinking processes, and *bhavana-maya-panna*, or realized knowledge.

We usually think of these things in a linear way. So realized knowledge would be seen as further down the road from intellectual knowledge. But that doesn't capture what is being referred to.

When we enter into the realm, if only briefly, to which realization is the doorway, everything about our modes of experiencing is transformed. It isn't just different. It's enhanced, expanded, and actualized in ways that are not merely different but unavailable before.

Realized knowledge results in clarity, certainty and confidence. We *know* at those moments in a way we never did before and doubt vanishes before it.

Realized knowledge is no different than Fifth-Dimensional knowledge. The difference is that we have it only in moments while for them it's everyday life.

Heart Consciousness

The heart knows through love. But again, I'm not talking about romantic love or even the impersonal love of friendship. I'm talking about transformational love.

Transformational love lifts one (usually briefly again) into a higher dimension. So it too is a doorway into the same higher dimension where things are known with clarity, certainty and confidence.

Transformational love lifts, elevates and renews. It isn't bound necessarily to realization. It's full and complete within itself and needs no trigger but itself.

An experience of transformational love is all that's needed to show one that love cannot be gotten from another, that love comes from within. Granted that this whole world is composed of love so that love is everything, within and without, still our special connection to it comes from our own heart, from within.

Just as our Self is the All-Self and only illusion convinces us otherwise, so is our heart THE Heart and only illusion convinces us otherwise.

Going deeper and deeper into our heart brings us at last to the Heart of all. For that reason we can say that all exists within the heart.

There's an inner universe, which I've seen. In some kind of crazy inversion, we go within to find the same universe that exists without. (1) We think of the heart as the doorway to transforming love, but it's the doorway to much else besides.

Fairness

Having sat on the adjudicative bench and having studied the law from that vantage point, I feel confident in saying that what underlies all justice systems is the notion of fairness. We need a moral guide even more now, as we emerge from illusion, than we did when we were mired in it.

Because now, as we begin to experience states of being and awareness that can at times be sublime, we think less and less. A friend reminded me the other day that I needed to renew my passport. The mere thought of filling out paperwork almost did me in.

So little of what I do these days is of the nature of the bureaucratic things we were enmeshed in in former years. I'm sitting here right now, watching the sun come up over Vancouver, and I haven't a pre-existing thought in my mind. My hands type as the thoughts come to me, but they come to me newly, not in a linear fashion, and without an ounce of effort.

There is no more room for me at this moment to reason things out in ways I might have done before. I need one easily-remembered standard to live by, to ensure that I live a moral life where many of my older-dimensional ways of doing things no longer appeal to me and no longer work. Fairness is that standard.

The essence of fairness is equal sharing. The essence of fairness is taking into account the other person's situation and dealing with that person out of what's deserved or appropriate in light of their situation. Disabled people get special treatment on the bus, as do seniors and young children. And we see that as fair, given their situation.

If fairness were in place all over the world, this world would work and laws would not be needed. So fairness is the one easily-remembered standard that I embrace as the third leg on this tripod, the way I intend to meet and treat with my world.

Realized knowledge, heart consciousness and fairness blend together in a way that I can't describe. The three of them open areas of myself that were inaccessible in

the sluggish density of the Third Dimension. For me, they're a fully-developed, fully-comprehensive basis for being and doing in a higher-dimensional world.

If you wish to see it from the standpoint of spiritual practice, realized knowledge is the wisdom path, which Hindus call jnana yoga. Love is the devotional path, which Hindus call bhakti yoga. And fairness is indispensable to the path of service, which Hindus call seva and karma yoga.

Footnotes

(1) I assume what I saw was the same universe that exists without.

How Are We All One?

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Perhaps I could be permitted a word about what is for me the outstanding trait of this conference. For me that trait is warmth. The energies are rising on the planet, people are simmering in them, many of our major unwanted conditions appear to have been released, peace is slowly returning to the world, and so many people in the conference room seemed very mellow.

Some years ago, I'd have expected to see a great deal of activism, resistance to the cabal, complaints about weather warfare, chemtrails, vaccines, and the like. But all that seems to have passed now. We're all concerned about the hurricane on the East Coast, which seems like a last cabal attack. But, even with that, the scene in the conference room is still like a passenger plane coming in for a landing.

The only piece of unfinished business appears to be the re-election of President Obama and that too will be decided very shortly. The general belief of the speakers appeared to be that once that last detail is attended to, things will begin moving at a rapid pace.

Perhaps I can also be permitted a moment's reflection on something that is becoming very clear to me at this moment as I sit and watch what occurs in the conference room.

We say we are all one. But if one looks around the room, one sees different faces, different hair colors, different heights and shapes. One hears different thoughts being expressed, different desires, and different perspectives. In what way are we all one?

It's now become crystal clear to me that the way in which we're all one is that each of us is at essence the one Light, the Light of Lights, the same divine spark, the same flame in the heart.

Different cultures call that Light by different names. Hindus call it the Self or the Atman; Jews call it the lamp always burning on the altar and the firebrand plucked from the burning; Buddhists, our original face and buddha nature.

Christians call it the Son of God, the Christ, the Prince of peace. They also call it the Pearl of great price, treasure buried in a field and mustard seed that grew into a great tree. It's called by dozens of names.

Once we shed the various bodies that surround it in one Ascension after another, (1) we're all revealed as commonly being that Light.

When it's said that humanity was made in the image of God, that image for me is Light of that Light. The Light that the Father and the Mother are, the Father/Mother One as Archangel Michael says, we, the children of God, are as well.

It's that Light that we share in common. It's our identity as that Light which unites us. Everything else flows from the one basic and common identity.

I see this as plain as day after two days in the conference and seeing that, I feel tremendous joy and peace.

Footnotes

(1) In our Ascension coming up, we don't shed the body. But in ascensions on the spirit planes (the etheric, astral, mental, causal, etc.), we do.

I Love; Therefore, I Am

April 22, 2018



Blossom's Federation of Light was talking about "the Event" recently. (1) We here, following the Council of Love's lead, talk about a major, planetary heart opening. We're all pointing at the same thing with different names.

It's one of those spikes on the road to full Ascension (Sahaja Samadhi). It goes gradual, gradual, sudden; gradual, gradual sudden. The Divine Mother once described it as "leap-frogging." (2)

Michael has called them ignitions and snaps.

I've had a sneak preview of the one upcoming and, as my movie review, I can tell you that this is one great film. Get your seat (popcorn and soda pop) early.

Never mind your senses being catered to. Imagine if every desire, every wish, every hankering you ever had was completely satisfied by something like a wall of water that came sweeping towards you and drowned you. Sound paradoxical?

The inner tsunami of love that is released some time after a heart opening is like a spiritual wall of water, a torrent of love that sweeps away every concern and fulfills every wish.

One could say that a heart opening is like a cosmic orgasm. Orgasm itself is a brief moment of higher-dimensional love (and bliss).

Combine everything good you've ever had in your life and that's the quality of higher-dimensional, open-hearted love. It's entirely satisfying. We want nothing else but more of it.

The inner tsunami washes us free from all impurities, obfuscations, issues - whatever you want to call them - the chains we drag along behind ourselves. We have this to look forward to in "the Event" or "the planetary heart opening." (Put that on the marquee.)

It's at this moment that we might say:

"F-f-f-r-r-r-e-e-e-ed-d-d-do-o-o-m-m-m-m-m!"

Classical enlightenment theory would distinguish between levels of enlightenment, differentiating each. Spiritual awakening is different from cosmic consciousness, cosmic consciousness from God-Realization, etc. In fact they are different in that they mark levels of awareness.

But what is missed out when seeing things this way is the continuity. In my view, we concentrate on one divine blessing - peace, joy, love, courage - and we go through deeper and deeper experiences of it.

In my case, I imagine that for me the heart will just keep opening more and more. For another they'll see more and more Light. Another the forms and then formless form of God.

The Mother appears to have chosen a heart opening as the modality for Planet Earth. Since we're setting the template for the wave of Ascensions that follow us, I imagine this is the Mother's favored template for everyone.

I think that we'll all just find that the heart just keeps opening wider and staying open longer, as we pass through all the chakras and beyond them. (Sahaja, the final stage of Ascension, is beyond the seven-chakra system.)

I can say with assurance that "the Event" will be unlike anything you've ever experienced. Not just a cut above; a world above. A world that we never knew existed. Certainly a world that works and a world that lacks for nothing.

Some things are mysteries - until they're not. I now know that I love; therefore I am. (3) It's all as clear as a bell to me.

Only the fact that I'd never known the inner tsunami of love made it a mystery. One dip, one drowning in the Ocean of Love immediately makes the matter clear: *I love*; therefore I am.

I live to love. I love to love. When I'm loving, I'm being the deepest me I can be.

It's obvious after a heart opening, but not before. "What's he talking about?" we might say.

But soon I'll be joined by millions of playmates and it won't be so lonely any more!!!! What you'll know then will convince you that your life is complete.

I love; therefore I am. Yes....

Footnotes

(1) The Federation of Light via Blossom Goodchild, April 20, 2018 at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/04/21/the-federation-of-light-via-blossom-goodchild-april-20-2018/>

(2) Steve Beckow: When does Sahaja Samadhi occur?

Divine Mother: It occurs with a more gradual awakening and lifting up. So there is the abrupt "I am not the same," then there is the working and the anchoring, the integration, then there is another jump, and another jump, and another jump. And you don't know it — well, some of you do — but you are leap-frogging. And then you will be there.

SB: Now, are those jumps equivalent to sub-planes?

DM: You can think of them as sub-planes, dimensional sub-planes, yes. ("The Divine Mother: We are Creating a New Species of Humans," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 10, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/07/12/the-divine-mother-we-are-creating-a-new-species-of-humans/>.)

(3) Don't limit that sentence to one meaning. Play with every word. Entertain alternate meanings. Expand. Who is speaking?

Drowning in an Ocean of Love

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... inside the heart

Someone's "shouting" in my inner ear. Alright, alright! Where's my computer?

Love lies below everything.

Yes. Everything I've ever known.

If we think we've found something higher than love? We can be assured that it's but a waystation on the road to love. There *is* nothing higher than love. Or deeper. Not in my books.

We may have to dig through more debris. Or forgive ourselves and move on.

Here's my overall thesis: Love is One without a Second. Love is everything, a truth more obvious in the higher dimensions than ours. That is to me a fundamental truth.

From Love in Stillness came Love in Movement. And from the union of the two issued all else. This is a description of the Trinity - Father [Love in Stillness], Son

[all else, life forms, creation], and Holy Ghost [Love in Movement] = Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. From the union of Father/Mother God came all else. The "all else" includes you, me, and all other life forms.

Imagine pouring molten gold into three statues. One is the God the Father [Stillness]. The other is God the Mother [Movement] and the third is us [a marriage of Stillness and Movement]. We are the "all else," a divine spark in a body made by the Mother. All three (Father, Mother, Child, if I may use that terminology) are made of the same gold - love.

I thy Lord am a jealous god. Yes, love flees the instant I take my attention off it. It disappears in the presence of an ill thought. It's a jealous god.

Be still and know that I am God. Yes, super-stillness would very likely lead to Self-Recognition. And drowning in an Ocean of Love.

Divine Mother: Does God Recognize Service to a Fallen Teacher?

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I'm part of a group that was doing a task for the Divine Mother and so I had the opportunity to talk with her through Linda Dillon on Oct. 26, 2018.

I'm going to post a few extracts from the later part of the reading.

Since I didn't anticipate her coming through, I was madly searching through my mind for what I should remember to ask her, what I've long wanted to ask her.

One question that came up was one I've had since 2000 and I'm so glad I remembered it.

That was the year in which I found out that my guru of 25 years was a child molester, or what today we'd call a pedophile. And he was not the only guru who fell for one reason or another.

I asked her if God recognized service even if I'm serving a fallen guru. Her answer was revealing and reassuring.

Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon,
Oct. 26, 2018.

Steve Beckow: I'm operating on the principle – and please correct me if I'm mistaken here – that I serve Archangel Michael, period.

If I were to go to another medium and she was not channeling Archangel Michael and I were to do what was being said, and it turns out to be a colossal error, I'm still serving Archangel Michael.

Am I correct in continuing to say to myself, “The source is not what they say they are but it doesn't matter. I'm still serving Archangel Michael.”

Divine Mother: You have reached this place of clarity. Now, dearest heart, this is exactly what I am talking about in terms of your divine knowing. And nothing is swaying you from that balanced center of knowing.

So it does not matter whether somebody says they are channeling Hilarion or Mickey Mouse. You know that you are serving my beloved Michael and I would like to suggest to you, Sweet One, not to distract you, but you are also serving me.

Steve: I so much know that, Mother.

DM: You always have. And so, yes, how we have constructed this is that you are employed, you are in joint venture, you are in sacred partnership with Michael, with Me-Ki-Al, and that is the way that you have chosen and that he has chosen and that I have chosen for you to proceed.

Steve: Yes, Mother. Thank you for confirming that.

DM: Let us give you further insight into this. So, if you were channeling with somebody and they said it was Hilarion, and in fact it was Hilarion, understand on our side the conjoining is so much stronger [with Michael] that Michael would simply funnel through Hilarion what needs to be said.

Steve: Interesting!

In Any Conceivable Future

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It's interesting that Archangel Michael used the word "transformation" recently, (1) when describing our Ascension, which he said was happening now, but in gradual steps. What's the difference between transformation and Ascension?

"Transformation" refers to an abrupt and discontinuous alteration in consciousness that cannot be ascribed to any normal event, cannot be measured, cannot even be proven, but alters the experience of the one transformed in a remarkable or non-ordinary way.

"Ascension" refers to the achievement of a permanent heart opening (in an enlightenment known as "Sahaja Samadhi"), ending the need to be reborn into Third-Dimensional physicality. It follows the actual entering into the Fifth Dimension, happening on a higher level of vibratory expansion (or subplane) than the first.

Thus the use of the word "transformation" can be applied to all the stairstep experiences that lead up to and include "Ascension." Moreover, we'll continue transforming after we ascend. In fact we almost never stop. (2)

Therefore "transformation" is a more general and generic term than Ascension. Its domain of applicability is more extensive.

Many people are going through transformations daily. I've been popping into spaces that Archangel Michael described to me in a personal reading, Jan. 20 as being higher-dimensional - transformative love, bliss, and ecstasy. I can say, from my own experience, that my consciousness is expanding. I have no grumbles and I don't want my money back.

For me this is the real reward for all this work, speaking personally rather than as a lightworker. This is the object of it all for me: To experience love, bliss, and ecstasy. Whenever I'm in one of those states, I want nothing else.

But some people may not have had similar experiences or have had and haven't recognized them or made use of them.

If you haven't yet experienced them, hold onto your hat. I believe you soon will. The energies are quite strong. Let this be the trailer. (I've confirmed with AAM that that's what they're using me for - trailers, previews of "Coming Attractions".)

Change is like putting a happy face on. It only convinces those interested in superficial knowledge of us. "Transformation" is not change. It occurs as a result of knowledge at the level of realization.

Remember in *Monopoly* how one of the pieces we moved around the board was a Scotty dog? Well, "change" is like moving your Scotty dog around the board. The change that it brings is superficial. Moreover, we remain playing the game of *Monopoly*. There may be a change in content, but not in context.

Nothing really happens. We don't get to go past the cosmic "Go" or collect the spiritual \$200.

As Werner Erhard said, "change causes persistence." If you want something like a core issue to disappear, you have to not try to change it but experience it just as it is, until the experience is complete. Then the core issue lifts of its own accord. Awareness is dissolutive.

This "be with and observe" process is an illustration of transformation, rather than change. The "change" it brings is much more powerful and lasting than merely moving our Scotty Dog from Baltic Avenue to Park Place. It brings the experience of love, aliveness, satisfaction, joy, and peace. A mere "change" has at best a

pleasurable effect on us for a short while - like the magic moment of our first night in Hawaii - and then we're back in the grind again.

So I very much like that Archangel Michael has introduced the word "transformation" because it allows a discussion which is deeper, more detailed, and more comprehensible than one limited to "Ascension." As a lightworker, I'll follow the contours of discussion and explore the avenues that the Company of Heaven opens up. But I feel myself freed up a great deal through the introduction of that term.

Last point. Transformation in what? Consciousness. What is consciousness? That *is* the question.

Can an individual who's used to thinking only in terms of dollars and cents, pounds and miles conceive of consciousness? Where does it show up in the physical world? It doesn't.

It's another one of those things like the soul and bliss that's noticeable only in its effects, only through backlighting and inference.

It's who we are, but notice that we haven't got the slightest conception of it, nor will we ever have. It can only be experienced directly.

Intellectual and experiential knowledge cannot contain it. Only realization - achieved by the surrendering of the machinery of a lower dimension and the taking up of the machinery of a higher - is adequate to cause us to know it. We know it directly, immediately, and the experience is usually unforgettable.

So we are being asked to realize something we've never seen, cannot conceive of, and cannot even imagine. The transformations in consciousness that are happening now, the sum or product of which we currently call "Ascension," are leading us well past Ascension, well past the Twelve Dimensions, ever onwards to a reunion with our Self/No Self that's the object and goal of all of this we do now and in any conceivable future.

Footnotes

(1) In *An Hour with an Angel*, Jan. 21, 2016, at <https://inlightuniversal.com/>.

(2) "Almost never" = "With one exception: our reunion with the One."

Mapping a Possible Soul Merge

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I write this article for future Ascension mapmakers. I'm trying to draw new maps of Heaven and Nova Earth, as you know, and the territory has few known markers.

On the difficulties this causes, take the case of the June 7 experience of desirelessness. What happened that day? What merged with me?

It didn't introduce itself. It didn't pass me a business card. It didn't even ask my permission!

Hatonn, Matthew, and Ashtar through Suzy Ward say it was probably not a walk in. (1)

OK, but what was it? Because I merged with something. I can't bring myself to deny the experience. I'm left to look for evidence or intuit.

And then I remember here as well: I've been here before. I'm convinced it was a merge with the Oversoul such as Michael discusses here:

"For many, it resulted in a Soul merge, and others who had already awakened to their Soul Self were ready for a merge with a facet of their Higher Self." (2)

Undoubtedly these are moderated or toned-down experiences or else in all likelihood I'd be gone back to wherever I came from.

Here then is the 2017 description I gave of a soul merge with my 7th-Dimensional Oversoul. (3)

“Is This What You’re Looking for?” – Part 1/2, August 21, 2017, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/08/21/289210/>.

To return to the vision, when I saw my Higher Self, I was awestruck. I saw a knight in shining armor, mounted on a white horse and holding a lance. ...

Upon trying on the notion that the man I saw in my vision was actually a higher-dimensional version of me, it and I began to merge.

How can I describe merging? Let me look for a metaphor that both of us can agree on. Here’s my metaphor, aimed at the experiential level. Remember that a metaphor only captures some of the similarities, not others.

Imagine a large piece of blotting paper. Pristine and pure. Suddenly wet patches begin to show on it. Gradually wetness pervades the whole of the blotting paper.

I was that blotting paper and my Higher Self was the water. When I was soaked through and through, who was I? The “water” or the “blotting paper”? Or water-and-blotting-paper?

All I know is that, before the merging, there had been a subject and an object, me and the man in the vision. After recognizing it as my Higher Self and merging with it, as I did with the divine states of bliss and peace, there was only a subject.

It feels as if the everyday man is the one that remains. I hear Michael saying that I need to keep my feet on the ground. And, for many reasons, I do. ...

Our Higher Selves are magnificent. It’s just as Sanat, Jesus, and all the masters say: We truly are great masters on the higher planes. ...

Those aspects are us. We are One and connected, like a slinky going downstairs. The fact that one part is on one stairstep and the other is on another does not break the connection.

On another occasion, Michael described the results of such an experience:

"One of the greatest gifts awaiting those who are now resonating with the frequencies of the higher Fourth-Dimension is access to the etheric White Fire Memory Seed Atoms within the OverSoul-Self, which contain the many attributes, qualities, virtues and talents for this lifetime." (4)

I did indeed notice an uplevelling of my experience as of June 7. I found myself suddenly feeling confident, competent, self-trusting, grounded, balanced, peaceful, and desireless. (5)

I remember saying that it felt like I was now capable of doing the work asked of me.

The fact that I experienced a terrific uplevelling of experience from an occurrence that lasted no more than a few seconds should demonstrate to us how we'll get from wherever we are to a place of feeling confident and competent about the work ahead of us. The Company of Heaven will give us what we need, exactly as you're seeing here.

I never know ahead of time what tomorrow will bring. I just allow the Mother to show me her Will.

So this experience is one dot for future Ascension mapmakers to connect. Meanwhile, for us here, it shows us the ways the Company of Heaven can work with us to get us ready for largescale service ... or whatever service we prefer.

Footnotes

(1) "My trio [Hatonn, Matthew, and Ashtar] don't think there was any walking-in." (Suzy Ward to Steve Beckow, June 22, 2021.)

(2) "Archangel Michael: Are You Ready to Embody Your Sacred Fire Energy?" Channelled through Ronna Herman, November 29, 2013, at: <http://www.ronnastar.com/messages-aam/latest.html>.

(3) I know what the Oversoul feels like. I had a second experience of it at a meditation retreat somewhere around 2007. It felt regal. Michael and I discussed it:

Steve Beckow: I had an experience at a meditation workshop in which I felt regal. It was a partial experience [it lacked bliss]. Can you tell me what that part of me was that I accessed.

Archangel Michael: ... Your Highest Self, your Oversoul, is very regal.

SB: So that was an experience of the Oversoul.

AAM: Yes. (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Sept. 13, 2011.)

(4) See “Desirelessness,” June 15, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/06/15/desirelessness/> and “And Here It Is,” June 11, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/06/11/and-here-it-is/>.

Again this dot connects with what the Lord Arcturus told me about my own soul design:

Lord Arcturus: A very good design team [contributed] qualities or aspects, understandings ... talents, capacities that would serve you and in turn, of course, serve the grander Plan, the collective, and ultimately the Mother. (The Lord Arcturus in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, June 12, 2019.)

(5) “Michael through Ronna: The Memory Seed Atoms Within Your Soul,” July 1, 2019, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/07/01/michael-through-ronna-the-memory-seed-atoms-within-your-soul/>.

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Someone asked me for an introduction to the times, which they could give to their inquiring young child.

That's a tall order, especially because every generation has a different culture - every decade even.

How would I at my age speak to a child? I'm not sure.

Perhaps I'd say that ...

Humans on this planet have had the run of the place for a very long time and, having forgotten the Divine Creator of all, made a pretty big hash of it.

Pollution, radiation, pandemics - the list could go on of the ways we've made this planet a place that doesn't work. For almost anyone.

Many, perhaps most, of the citizens of the planet are tired of this. The planet itself is tired of it, so I'm told. And the Divine Creator of all is happy to oblige by inviting people to come help us, people who have the ability and the wherewithal to change things for the better.

Everyone has seen the "UFOs" and "flying saucers" in the day and night skies. These are visitors from other worlds here on peaceful missions to begin the work of cleaning up the planet, a task well beyond our Earthly means.

We made the mess but we don't have the power to clean it up. We need the help of our nearest neighbors.

They're well ahead of us in technology. Our computer, for instance, came from a silicon chip taken from a spacecraft (at Roswell) and back-engineered by an American company (Hughes Aircraft). I personally know about it. (1)

Teflon, kevlar, fiberoptics - another list could be made of useful items we back-engineered from that and other crashed craft.

Now it's time for the folks themselves to show up and give us more help.

What help is that? Healing technologies. Free energy. Anti-gravity technology. Abundance. How's that for a start?

They and we will begin cleaning up the planet together, using their technology. Right up there on the command deck. It is, after all, our planet and they're only here to help, not dictate. It's we who have the final say.

Pretty exciting stuff.

No, they don't look like octopuses or Tyrannosaurus Rex. They look like us. They *are* us.

Humanity was not descended from the apes. Humanity came from star systems like the Pleiades, Arcturus, Andromeda, and Sirius. These are our ancestors, our future, and our closest relatives, come for a celebration of life, if you like.

Our history goes back a long, long time, not the few thousands years we've been commonly taught. (2) Our ancient history is mostly fable.

There'll be so much change in the next few months and years. And from it all you'll feel better in every way, I guarantee it.

When abundance comes, it will radiate outwards in all directions, effecting an end to hungry stomachs and shivering homeless kids.

Hospitals will be open to all, free of charge. Medical care will be denied to no one, as was always meant to be the case.

Things will begin to work the way you'd want them and expect them to. Naturally and normally.

For me, it'll be a return to a carefree time when I was a child, when you could leave your bike on your best friend's lawn.

The only thing someone else would do with your bike might be to prop it up so it doesn't get wet from the sprinkler. I remember those days. That's where we're headed. Forward to a better day.

It's a very exciting time to be a child, I would think, to watch things happen that make kids out of your parents.

Spaceships landing. World leaders joining together. Love abounding.

We're about to launch ourselves on the adventure of many lifetimes. And you're welcome to come along. Or not, as you please. You're also welcome to just sit and watch.

I'm told that all kids have a free pass, whenever they want to use it. (3)

Footnotes

(1) I worked for Hughes as a document configuration-management administrator. A project manager and senior engineer told me about Hughes back-engineering the silicon chip from recovered Roswell technology, which became the heart of the modern computer. Some weather balloon! Some story!

Other gifts from them over the years have been the Looking Glass (google), underground boring machines that melt rock, stealth technology, and spacecraft themselves.

(2) "You are suddenly to learn about ... why you first came here some 900,000 years ago. Lost memories are to be recovered and explained." (The Spiritual Hierarchy and Galactic Federation through Sheldon Nidle, March 7, 2017, at <http://paoweb.com>)

(3) Steve Beckow: Two questions on children. I'm under the impression that children below a certain age are regarded as innocent and will automatically ascend with their parents. Is that a true statement?

Archangel Michael: Yes. Most children are of pure heart. They are of love. And that is particularly true of the children that have come in in the last 20 years. That

is why so many of them are completely disillusioned and feel disenfranchised. They don't understand what on earth they are doing here and how they got here. Because they still have that core of innocence and of love. There may be some confusion, but they are still in that state of innocence. They are like little cherubs. ... So, under eleven.

SB: Under eleven. Okay. Will children who appear not to understand ascension or issues dealing with ascension still ascend?

AAM: Yes. The issue isn't intellectual. It is a heart decision. It is a heart knowing. Each of you on Earth have had situations where your guide or guardian angel has nudged you and you say, I'd better get out of here, this doesn't feel right. And so you leave a place where, perhaps, danger is lurking. That is the sensation many of the children will have: "I don't think I'm going to stay here; I think I'm going to go." And it will be that simple. ("Archangel Michael on NESARA, Opposing the Cabal, and Ascension - Part 3/3," Oct. 3, 2011, at <http://the2012scenario.com/2011/10/archangel-michael-on-nesara-opposing-the-cabal-and-ascension-part-33/>.)

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In the Beginning was the Stillness

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I joked to a friend that she was the quintessential female (action) and I was the quintessential male (stillness).

And as I did so, I realized: I aspire to stillness.

And I notice - because I'm using my awareness and my heart to penetrate into stillness - that stillness is prior to the divine qualities.

Something is only a quality relative to something that's not. If there are two men, we might say that one's taller and one's shorter. But if there's only one man, it doesn't make sense to call him taller.

The divine qualities are themselves therefore part of the realm of dualities. Stillness is prior to any qualities and prior to duality. Dualities recede and disappear in the presence of stillness.

Only from a place of balance - which implies stillness - does transformative, universal love come alive.

Stillness is prior to everything I can think of.

In the beginning was the Stillness. And then there was the Word. (1)

Footnotes

(1) Aum, the Mother's instrument in creating and dissolving worlds.

Moksha, Mukti, or Liberation

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I contend that what New Agers call Ascension, Hinduism calls Sahaja, Jesus called Salvation and Redemption, and the Buddha called buddhahood. All these terms refer to the same event.

Sahaja is beyond the seven-chakra system. Brahmajnana is a seventh-chakra enlightenment event but it is not generally known to be still within the Third/Fourth Dimension.

In the Buddha's language, the aspirant would not have left the wheel of birth and death, what the New Age would call the Third/Fourth Dimension. The aspirant is still an arahant and not yet a buddha.

I always wondered at a passage in Da Free John, when his chakra system fell away. When I first read it, I could not believe his account. Da Free John had surely lost it.

But now I believe it.

"In February I passed through an experience that seemed to vindicate my understanding. ... I saw that what appeared as the sahasrar, the terminal chakra and primary lotus in the head, had been severed. The sahasrar had fallen off like a blossom. The Shakti, which previously had appeared as a polarized energy that moved up and down through the various chakras or centers producing various effects, now was released from the chakra form.

"There was no more polarized force. Indeed, there was no form whatsoever, no up or down, no chakras. The chakra system had been revealed as unnecessary, an arbitrary rule or setting for the play of energy. The form beneath all of the bodies, gross or subtle, had revealed itself to be as unnecessary and conditional as the bodies themselves. ...

"Now I saw that reality or real consciousness was not in the least determined by any kind of form apart from itself. Consciousness had shown its radical freedom and priority in terms of the chakra form. It had shown itself to be senior to that whole structure, dissociated from every kind of separate energy or Shakti. There was simply consciousness itself, prior to all forms, all dilemmas, every kind of seeking and necessity." (1)

But let me draw here upon my own spiritual currency, my own spiritual wealth as a New-Age cross-cultural spiritual scholar. I am wealthy in that I have the Divine Mother's own confirmations of various spiritual verities; in this case, that Sahaja is Ascension and that it lies beyond the seven-chakra system:

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

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

(2)

So whether we look at Hinduism or Buddhism, Christianity or the New Age, Ascension is known by different names, as Sahaja, Buddhahood, or Redemption - but it *is* known.

It is a full and permanent heart opening, entry into the Fifth Dimension, and a leaving of the Third Dimension's wheel of birth and death. It is moksha, mukti, or liberation.

Footnotes

(1) Da Free John, *The Knee of Listening*. Original Edition. Clearlake, CA; Dawn Horse Press, 1984; c1973, 117-9.

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

Which “Transcendental” are We Referring to?

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As we continue to look at the foundations of Nova Earth in oneness and love, I encounter a problem that I've had over the years with different terms being used to describe similar dimensions and experiences.

Let me make a brief note here about the difficulties that that presents.

I studied life after "death" in the composition of the database, [New Maps of Heaven](#). At the time, I thought of myself as an "afterlife cartographer."

At one time, I gave an interview to spiritualist editor Michael Tims in which I expressed my frustration that there was really no agreement among people on what names to call the various "planes" or experiences:

"Different spirit communicators use words like the 'borderlands,' 'Hades,' 'purgatory,' 'Kamaloka,' the 'misty region,' or the 'grey world' for what we can only hope is the same region. ...

"Some say 'the Christ sphere' and others 'the God plane,' but are they identical? Do they signify plane or subplane? Spirit researchers usually do not specify. Establishing residency and equating descriptions takes painstaking research. (There must be a better way.)" (1)

Nowhere was this more confusing than in the discussion of the Transcendental. To look at that, let's now change our focus from afterlife commentators to classical enlightenment sages and scholars.

If we keep in mind that the seven-chakra system is strictly a feature of Third/Fourth Dimensionality, here's Swami Prabhavananda calling a sixth-chakra experience (or savikalpa samadhi) a transcendental one:

"[Savikalpa samadhi is] the first stage of transcendental consciousness, in which the distinction between subject and object persists. In this state the spiritual aspirant may have a mystic vision of the Personal God, with or without form." (2)

By "transcendental" here, he probably means "formless" and "beyond conscious knowing."

Here's Brahmacharini Usha defining a seventh-chakra experience (also called Brahmajnana or nirvikalpa samadhi) as "the supreme transcendental state of consciousness."

"Nirvikalpa samadhi. The supreme transcendental state of consciousness in which the spiritual aspirant becomes completely absorbed in Brahman [i.e., the Father] so that all sense of duality is obliterated." (3)

It's in no way supreme. It's not even outside our present Third-Dimensional reality.

Only a later experience of sahaja samadhi is beyond the seven-chakra system. It lifts us out of this dimension and into Fifth. But even the Fifth Dimension is far removed from the Transcendental, which is beyond the Twelfth.

Now let's leave afterlife commentators and classical scholars and turn to our own sources in the Company of Heaven.

After my heart opening in 2015, which was a fourth-chakra experience, I had lengthy tastes of higher-dimensional love and bliss and brief experiences of ecstasy and exaltation. I asked Archangel Michael what dimensions these were associated with:

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

Archangel Michael: It is the Seventh Dimension.

Steve: Then what dimension is bliss?

AAM: It is between Eighth and Ninth.

Steve: And ecstasy?

AAM: Twelfth.

Steve: And what about exaltation?

AAM: Then you have moved beyond.

Steve: What is beyond? How many dimensions are there Lord?

AAM: Twelve. (4)

Well, of course, what lies beyond the Twelfth Dimension is ... you guessed it ... the Transcendental, in which most lightworkers, being angels, have their beings anchored, whether or not they also enjoy spending time on a planet in various of the dimensional environments.

While classical sages describe an enlightenment experience that is still within Third Dimensionality as "transcendental," Michael reserves the term for experiences that are altogether beyond the dimensional ladder.

Entirely-different meanings are being given to things and events by afterlife commentators, classical sages, and the Company of Heaven.

This reveals the crying need for standardization in ways of referring to both the dimensions themselves and our experiences of them. If we're to have a truly cross-cultural spirituality, the first task at hand is to standardize our use of terms.

After the Reval, I plan to fund research to standardize our spiritual language (just as Shakespeare was subsidized to standardize English). (5)

If we're to be able to compare descriptions of dimensions and experiences in our Nova-Earth spirituality, the first thing we'll need is standard terms that allow us to understand what our informants are talking about.

Footnotes

(1) "New Maps of Heaven," Oct. 2, 2011, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/10/02/new-maps-of-heaven/>. Originally published in *The Searchlight*, a publication for the Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies.

Among the names given to the Fifth Dimension by residents of the afterlife worlds are Heaven, the Celestial Plane, the Creative Sphere, the Devachan, the Fourth Plane, Eidos, and the Plane of Color.

(2) Swami Prabhavananda, *The Eternal Companion. Brahmananda*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1970; c1944, 299.

(3) Brahmacharini Usha, *A Ramakrishna-Vedanta Wordbook*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1971; c1962, 52.

(4) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.

(5) Shakespeare: "It was part of my work - and I must say that I was encouraged a bit by patronage - to standardize spelling and grammar. That's why you can recognize it now. ... Almost every civilized country has had to 'appoint' someone to do this particular piece of work.

"After all, in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries, language was in a state of chaos.... Had it not been for people such as me in English letters, it would be very difficult for an English-speaking scientist to write a technical paper about a scientific event. ...

"It was thought best to do my work in a theatrical form -so it would help standarize the pronunciation. Now, this was not an effort that I was alone in - there were many people working on it." ("Shakespeare Returns" in Robert R. Leichtman, M.D, *From Heaven to Earth: The Dynamics of Creativity*. Atlanta, GA: Ariel Press, 1998; c1978, 19.)

What Makes Our Work Different from That of the Classical Sages?

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From 1976, the year I "graduated" from a three-month encounter group which introduced me to spirituality, until 2008, the year my friend Len Satov introduced me to the notion of Ascension, I studied the works of terrestrial sages on enlightenment.

I also studied the communications of people who had passed over into the spirit realms.

From 1977 onwards, I'd studied most of the world's versions of the perennial philosophy. I knew, from my 1987 vision, (1) that enlightenment was the purpose of life.

However, as of 2008, I began to see things from a different perspective. Such matters were introduced into my thinking as dimensionality.

Moreover, I gradually became weaned from the idea that this lifetime was about personal enlightenment and came to accept that it was about the enlightenment of the whole world.

In 2018, I said to Archangel Michael, who entered my life in 2011:

Steve Beckow: [Ascension teachings are] very different from classical theory.

Archangel Michael: Classical theory has served you well. Now you are on a new course. (2)

On another occasion, during a discussion of heart openings, he said:

"You are in a time of individual and collective Ascension that has never occurred upon your planet or elsewhere so many of the historic and accurate understandings with regard to heart openings have shifted, can we say, expanded." (3)

As he implies here, these two subjects were new to spirituality: dimensionality and global entrainment.

In 2017 Michael explained how terrestrial sages did not teach dimensionality:

"Now [in olden times] that sense of bringing others along wasn't defined by dimensions. It was more a teacher/student, sage/novice relationship. So the framework was very different.

"What you have now, is the knowingness that you are, for purposes of explanation, moving forward dimensionally, flowing back and forth, and that sense also of the flow throughout dimensions, that you can flow back and forth, that it was not restricted, that it wasn't that you arrived at Heaven's Gate and that was it, this flow is new.

"Well, it is not new but it is new to human thinking." (4)

We have the examples of Jesus and the Buddha as to how dimensionality was handled previously. After his crucifixion, Jesus said that he was going back to his Father. He didn't say he was ascending the dimensional ladder and going beyond them to the Transcendental.

Moreover, upon his death, or mahasamadhi, the Buddha is represented as going through many "stages" and "spheres" to Parinirvana. Here's how his ascent of the dimensions was described:

"Then the Master entered into the first stage of meditation. Rising out of the first stage he passed into the second. Rising out of the second he passed into the third. Rising out of the third stage he passed into the fourth. And

rising out of the fourth stage of meditation he entered into the sphere of the infinity of space.

"And passing out of the sphere of the infinity of space he entered into the sphere of the infinity of consciousness. And passing out of the sphere of the infinity of consciousness he entered into the sphere in which nothing exists.

"And passing out of the sphere of nothingness, he fell into the sphere of 'neither-perception-nor-nonperception'. And passing out of the sphere of 'neither-perception-nor-nonperception' he entered the sphere of the 'cessation-of-perception-experience'. ...

"Then the Master, passing out of that sphere, ... continued in the reverse order through the spheres and the stages of meditation, to the first stage; from this he passed again to the second stage, then to the third stage, and then to the fourth stage of meditation. From the fourth stage of meditation the Master passed immediately into [Parinirvana]." (5)

Absent is the mention of dimensions. However, the same message is conveyed using the metaphor of "stages" and "spheres," which probably reflects what the writer of this passage (not the Buddha, who had passed away) thought his listeners could comprehend.

Our discussions of dimensionality, therefore, are one way in which the discussion has changed from that of classical sages.

A second way in which it has changed is the movement from a discussion of personal enlightenment to one of global enlightenment, with accompanying movement from a discussion of personal sadhana (or spiritual practice) to one of global wayshowing and entrainment.

Remember that the Divine Mother told me, after my fourth-chakra sight of the Self at Xenia on Sept. 18, 2018, that personal enlightenment was not to be my goal (and, by extension, our goal) in this lifetime.

"Let me be very clear.... If you had seen the light as it actually is ... yes, a million, billion suns ... you would have simply departed. ...

"We don't mean die but you would have departed the life that you have designed - yes, with us, for yourself, for the service you are providing -

you would have departed and simply said, 'I do not need to do this. I will just simply sit in the bliss of love and good luck, everybody!'" (6)

Michael said the same thing on another occasion:

"If you were completely involved in your [own] full awakening, you in very great likelihood would not be forming a platform [GAoG] with me. You would be off somewhere in an ashram meditating. ...

"Ground yourself. Be human and love the experience of being in form."
(7)

Personal enlightenment will arrive with planetary Ascension for the lightworker wayshowers of this generation. It's not, unto itself, our agenda - ahead of that event.

Instead we participate in the entrainment of the world's population, to have them follow us to Ascension. This accent on entrainment, Michael tells us, distinguishes our work from those of classical sages:

"The sense [is] that, yes, you are not looking for students or followers. What you are truly doing - yes, as pathfinders - you are showing the way, but you are also bringing along the collective in entrainment.

"Now the sages did not think of this, of their journey as a process of entrainment, of bringing the entire collective along. You do. And when I say 'you' I mean the current thinking and body of understanding and knowing in the lightworker community. So the fundamental premises have changed." (8)

The fact that we'll retain our physical bodies, combined with the mass aspect of Ascension, mean, as St. Germaine reminded us, that "all the rules have changed."

"You have decided to maintain form. That doesn't mean we're going to have you punished by not allowing you access to the 7th. That is the old paradigm. 'You can't come here, unless you die.'

"Well, that's not true! That's what enlightenment and Ascension is about. You can go as far [as you like], you can go and feel and be the Love that is the 7th Christ consciousness. You can have it all and then you pull it into your physical form so that you are a walking, talking, working, creating Christ-conscious Being." (9)

These two changes then make our work different from that of classical sages. The changes open up vistas that were not developed in classical philosophies (though they may have been metaphorically referred to). In fact, they make the work of all the work of one and the work of one the work of all.

Footnotes

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

(2) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 20, 2018.

(3) Ibid., Aug. 3, 2015.

(4) Ibid., Feb. 17, 2017.

(5) The actual term used, which is, I believe, Pali and Theravedin, is "Parinibbana." Description of the Buddha's mahasamadhi in Trevor Ling, *The Buddha's Philosophy of Man. Early Indian Buddhist Dialogues*. London, etc.: Dent, 1981, 204-5.

(6) Divine Mother in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Oct. 26, 2018.

(7) Archangel Michael, *ibid.*, May 6, 2013.

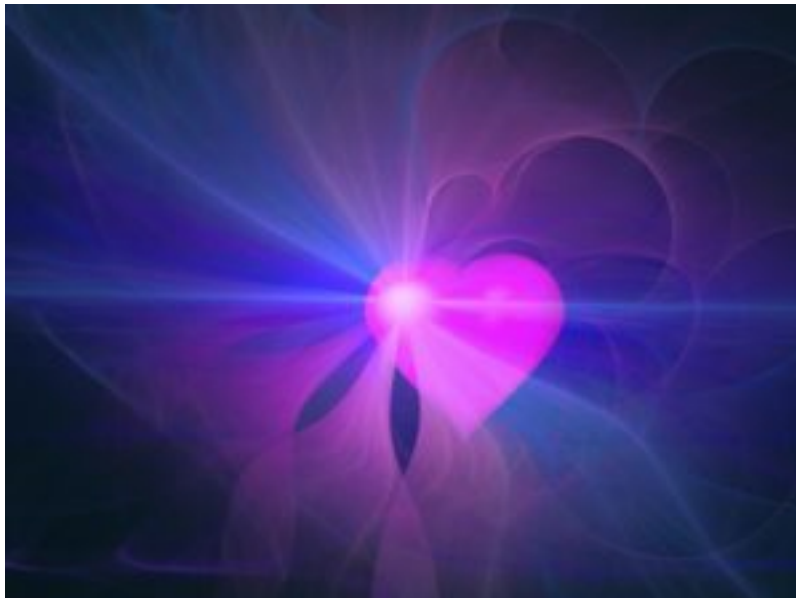
(8) Archangel Michael, *ibid.*, Feb. 17, 2017.

(9) "Transcript: Heavenly Blessings – St. Germaine on Where to Look for Results," channeled by Linda Dillon, July 15, 2014, at <http://goo.gl/OxNpnG>.

New Way of Thinking of the Heart

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The Self is found in the seat of the soul, deep inside the heart Credit: Ute Possega Rudel

I'd like to wave a magic wand and change the way we think about the heart.

At present we think of it as a closed structure - a box, a treasure chest, a throne room, etc.

It has that aspect, but I'd like us to imagine it in a different way, for what it produces.

I'd like us to imagine it as a door. And it's a door into the higher dimensions.

Now I'm only speaking with regard to the divine states. I'm not discussing any other element of our multidimensional personalities.

I can't say I'm only talking about how we feel for this reason. A feeling is something that happens inside us. It's localized in a part of me - my heart, my throat, my stomach.

A divine state is something that includes us, something that envelops us, uplifts us, sweeps us away. We're drenched, immersed, awash in it.

A feeling is *in* us; *we* are in a divine state. For me that's the difference between the two.

Just staying with the door for the moment, the "door" of the heart, the heart aperture, is called in Sanskrit the hridayam. When it's closed we're simply Third/Fourth Dimensional. When it's at all open, we experience higher-dimensional love and want nothing more than to share it.

The heart is more than that however. Back in the late 1980s I saw the inner universe inside the heart. In 2018 I saw the Self at the very deepest part of the heart, the seat of the soul. I think the heart is our agreed-upon meeting place with Mother/Father God. In fact I'm sure of it.

For now we open the door of the heart and then close it. But with Ascension the door will be permanently opened, forever and ever. Bringing with it all the gifts of the higher realms, which for me will be the divine states of love, bliss, and ecstasy.

Shifting Attention from Structure to Flow

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Flow is the paradigm of the higher dimensions

My attention has shifted generally from structure to flow, from linearity to multidimensionality.

I'm much more likely to allow myself to float from feeling to feeling. So long as I was only intellectual and not also experiential, I wouldn't abide in one feeling, never mind spending time transitioning to a second.

I ignored the requests of my emotional side for me to experience what it was experiencing.

If I'd have given in, I'd accuse myself of being an idler, a shirker, a daydreamer. You just don't sit there and dawdle with your feelings if you're a male raised in my culture. Feelings were for sissies. Real men pushed through them and got the job done.

So now, after spending months in the flow of the inner tsunami of love in 2015, I see immediately that everything worth having - joy, love, happiness, bliss - is a

flow and that the thing in question and the flow itself happen at a higher dimension than our everyday awareness is attuned to.

And, what might you may ask, is it a flow of? Well, it starts as a flow of emotions but, as we evolve, these expand from being emotional states to being divine states.

The difference between the two is that a feeling state seems to occur within us and can be pleasant or unpleasant or a mixture of both whereas a divine state seems to envelop and contain us and is uniformly beyond pleasant; it's exquisite.

Never mind a body getting rusty from a lack of exercise; a mind that only can think - and then adds to that restriction only thinking structurally - is condemned to rust, so to speak.

The greater prize is experience, rather than ideas. And the greatest prize is realization, during the enjoyment of which the curtains are briefly opened.

On the one hand, Archangel Michael has invited me to spend more time in bliss and on the other hand he's issued warnings:

"If you fully enter into the bliss, into the One, you will not be interested in returning and serving. It will be a different experience, and it is not the experience that you have selected and chosen for yourself at this time. " (1)

I have no interest in subverting my mission. I can wait.

I don't know how many times I've said that the higher dimensions from Five on up are characterized by endless love and bliss, but of a form and nature that we're unused to in this dimension, whatever it may be. Here Michael confirms aspects of that hypothesis for me:

Steve: And the new realm of existence is characterized by universal love and bliss?

Archangel Michael: Yes.

Steve: Alright, so that is what we should be looking for.

AAM: Yes, and it is what is knocking on your door and you are letting in. You have been doing this so it is transcending into a more permanent state of that realm of existence.

Steve: Very good. Anything more you want to say on that?

AAM: I think this would entice you adequately, would it not?

Steve: Oh, that state would be the answer to all my dreams, all my requests, I'm sure, Lord!

AAM: It would be the answer to many dreams and you will help many to see it, to discover it, to shift into that realm.

It is not about the separation of humankind when [one is] stuck in the old and the other in a new realm. It is simply opening the floodgates. (2)

That's what lies ahead for us, folks. You don't open floodgates if you want to tightly control the outflow. Everyone in range gets through these pearly gates.

Everyone in range means everyone who can live amid the higher, more refined vibrations. All are welcome to come.

Never has humanity had greater access to the Divine Mother and the archangels than this generation has. Never have so many people in this world even dreamt of the wonders that await us - the chief of them being a totally-satisfying, never-ending flow of love and bliss.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Feb. 14, 2012. (Hereafter AAM.)

(2) AAM, April 13, 2016.

We Either Weep or Take Up the New Tools

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I'm still amazed at the Company of Heaven's assertion that, after we return Home to the One, we re-emerge again. That so stands contemporary theory on its head that I need to pinch myself and put it down on paper to make sure I'm not dreaming.

In doing so, I hope to demonstrate how, in the years ahead, the Company of Heaven will be sharing information that challenges all our ideas. If I can tolerate watching my own pet theories - formulated after a lifetime of research - go down the tubes one after another, anyone can do it.

Contemporary theory is that you return to the One and that's the end of it. Here's one of the foundational statements by St. Paul:

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom [all desires] to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power [the ego]."

"... And when all things shall be subdued unto him, *then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him* that put all things under him, *that God may be all in all.*" (1) [My emphasis.]

At the end, God is made all in all: This passage is widely interpreted as implying the extinction of individuality.

But consistently today, we're hearing that our interpretation is incorrect. And from more sources than just one. Here's Mike Quinsey, for example, channeling SaLuSa, stating part of the contemporary view:

"You might ask where do we stand as far as evolution is concerned, and we would reply that we as member civilizations of the Galactic Federation have already ascended. We continue to evolve, and will do so until we find ourselves at One with the Source of All That Is.' (2)

So far, so good. But later, channeling a higher-dimensional source he calls his Higher Self, Mike adds:

"In the scheme of things you periodically return to the Godhead, only to be sent out again for further experience." (3)

But, Mike, that's just not the way it's always been considered. Woe is me. Are my theories in peril?

Even more surprising, here's Ashtar, who lives beyond the twelve dimensions, saying he returns Home to the One periodically and re-emerges:

"The place that I feel most at home, above and below, is in the new Jerusalem. Failing that, where I feel most at home is when I return to the heart of One, when I sit with my beloved brothers and [our] Father, our Mother. Yes, like you, of course, I do that daily. But the time will come when all of us will return to Source, to that pure light." (4)

He's referring to the exercise to return to the Thirteenth Octave, where Reunion occurs. (5)

And he does it daily. My theories are going up in smoke!

Let's turn to the Divine Mother and Archangel Michael for comfort and clarification.

Let's begin with the Mother:

“As you hold greater and greater quotients of light, quotients of love, you ascend into various forms until, of course, one day, in my infinite ocean of now, you come and you rejoin with the Father and I, in the unity of One, in the unity of All. And that is also a form of ascension.” (6)

Nothing unusual there, as with SaLuSa’s initial quotation. But then we begin hearing the Mother make reference to returning again after Reunion. Oh oh.

In 2013, for instance:

"[The emanations] are very specifically placed in what you would think of as universal or global roles, and they are positioned to do the work that the specific archangel or master has chosen to do ... until such time as they return. *In which case they will begin again, regardless.*" (7) [My italics.]

Excuse me? “They will begin again, regardless”? Did I hear correctly?

And again in 2014. I’m going to quote this passage at length because it exactly describes my 1987 vision - except for the ending.

"Now, in this journey — for some of you it is millennia, for some of you it is eons; it matters not — there is [an urge] and an understanding, an intellectual and spiritual understanding that your drive is to make the U-turn and to come back home, to return home to the heart of One where you are so welcome, *until such time as you choose to emanate again.*" (8) [My emphasis.]

The U-turn describes the arc that I saw in my vision. (9) It's caused by what Shankara called the “longing for liberation,” which constantly asserts itself. (10) This longing is a sub-tidal thirst for God, implanted by God, that draws us back to the One.

But wait a minute! As interesting as that is, back up. Back up. Begin again? Emanate again? No, no, Mother. My theoretical house of cards will collapse!

In 2015, she returned to it:

“As this transition is completed, including the shift in your structures, then you will continue on.

“This is the beginning, not the end. Each of you is infinite and eternal. *Will the day come in terms of what you think of as time, when you will simply re-emerge? Yes.* But even that is an instant.” (11) [My emphasis.]

Re-emerge? I'm in cardiac arrest.

Do I find relief when I turn to the one I serve, Archangel Michael? No, I do not. He says:

“When you go home, and you can reunite in the heart of One, do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. *You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!*

“So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - *you emerge again.*” (12) [My emphasis.]

I'm prostrate. My theoretical house of cards has been scattered to the winds.

When I complained to Michael that he had just annihilated contemporary theory, he quipped:

Archangel Michael: Oh, you haven't heard anything yet! We will talk about the evolutionary ladders (as you tend to think of them) and the various choices that are available in terms of that evolutionary ladder.

Steve: Oh please! We've got it all wrong down here! Help! Help! Message in a bottle!

AAM: I will send it parcel post and express mail! (13)

Undoubtedly that discussion is in 2300 pages of readings that I haven't even begun to tap yet.

I hope this demonstrates how much our understanding of important things like enlightenment and evolution is all going to change. If I can take such a drubbing in an area that means so much to me, and even laugh about it, we can all let go of our pet points of view and embrace something bigger and more accurate.

Because I can guarantee that very little of them will survive the first encounter with higher-dimensional love. Compared to that, attachment to our theories will be dust in the wind.

How else is it that Einstein can appear before us and happily admit to mistakes in his theories rather than making excuses, justifications, and denials as most of us poor blokes would probably do? Because he lives in love. All ascended beings do.

Love has tamed the ego. It has eradicated attachments. It has laid trauma and drama to rest. And it undoubtedly retired some of his theories. He's said as much in his channelings through Linda Dillon.

And it will for all of us.

For me, there's nothing for it. We either weep or take up the new tools.

Footnotes

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(2) SaLuSa, July 14, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(3) Mike Quinsey's Higher Self, Feb. 14, 2020, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.

(4) "Transcript of Ashtar on An Hour with an Angel, April 23, 2012," through Linda Dillon, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/04/25/transcript-of-ashtar-on-an-hour-with-an-angel-april-23-2012/>.

Ashtar: If you were looking for me, I would be out of the realm of human experience. So, let us make that clear as well.

Steve Beckow: That means above the twelfth dimension, is that correct?

A: That is correct. ("An Introduction to Enlightenment and the Trinity – Part 2/2," May 14, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/05/14/an-introduction-to-enlightenment-and-the-trinity-part-22/>.)

(5) The 13th Octave appears to be the Company of Heaven's name for the Absolute. It's such a sacred subject that I'd best leave it to Linda Dillon to elucidate. She also has a meditation which again I'll leave to her to post.

(6) Transcript & Videos ~ Universal Mother Mary – Ascension: You're Already There, January 15, 2018, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2018/01/15/transcript-videos-universal-mother-mary-ascension-youre-already-there/>.

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(8) “Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love,” October 3, 2014, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/10/03/divine-mother-my-desire-is-that-every-being-on-the-planet-falls-in-love/>.

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

(10) See “The Longing for Liberation,” August 20, 2010, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2010/08/20/the-longing-for-liberation/>.

[The] longing for liberation is the will to be free from the fetters forged by ignorance -- beginning with the ego-sense and so on, down to the physical body itself -- through the realization of one's true nature. (Shankara in Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, *Shankara's Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*. Hollywood: Vedanta Press, 1975; c1947, 36.)

All things long for [God]. The intelligent and rational long for it by way of the stirrings of being alive and in whatever fashion befits their condition. (Pseudo-Dionysius in Cohn Luibheid, trans., *Pseudo-Dionysus, His Complete Works*. New York and Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1989, 54.)

(11) “The Divine Mother on the Divine Plan” from 2012, reposted Nov. 11, 2015, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/11/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan/>.

(12) Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, March 26, 2012, at <http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/>.

(13) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Jan. 20, 2016.

Is Suffering an Illusion?

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A reader asked why God would consider suffering to be illusion, why I (Steve) would risk opposing the government, and whether God listens to what we say. Allow me please to share my response and expand on it here.

If you think about it for a moment, everything is illusion except the One. (And of course the kicker is that everything *is* the One.)

What does illusion mean? It means that something is not permanent, eternal. The illusory comes and goes and only the Real remains.

Your thoughts are illusory in the sense they come and go. But the thinker doesn't come and go.

One can consider the matter from the perspective of levels. At the level of the Relative, if we change our focus from the Third Dimension to the Fifth, then the Third Dimension fades from view.

Suffering is suffering to us relative to the level we exist on. But that same suffering fades immediately from our body and even our mind if and when we find ourselves on a higher level of life.

Was our suffering real then? If it's attached to a lower state of feeling and thought, we tend to call it an "illusion" and the state of being free from suffering "real."

Consider how Sri Ramakrishna saw people with his divine vision:

"I see the body as a frame made of bamboo strips and covered with a cloth. The frame moves. And it moves because someone dwells inside it." (1)

"I see you all as so many sheaths, and the heads are moving." (2)

Ramakrishna could see the God that lived in each body and moved it.

"Do you know what I see? I see that God alone has become everything. Men and animals are only frameworks covered with skin, and it is He who is moving through their heads and limbs. I see that it is God Himself who has become the block, the executioner, and the victim for the sacrifice. ... There sits Latu resting his head on the palm of his hand. To me it is the Lord who is seated in that posture. " (3)

"It seems to me that men and other living beings are made of leather, and that it is God Himself who, dwelling inside these leather cases, moves the hands, the feet, the heads. I had a similar vision once before, when I saw houses, gardens, roads, men, cattle -- all made of One Substance; it was as if they were all made of wax.

"I perceived that it was God alone who had become all living beings. They appeared as countless bubbles or reflections in the Ocean of Satchidananda. Again, I find sometimes that living beings are like so many pills made of Indivisible Consciousness. ... Again, I perceive that living beings are like different flowers with various layers of petals." (4)



Our suffering happens to our physical body and its senses and faculties. But our physical body is in turn revealed as no more than an overcoat for the soul and what we considered to be permanent damage is revealed to be no such thing.

It isn't illusory for us to suffer from a disease or be hit by a bus. But if we transition to the other side, we forget these matters within a short time and nothing real remains from them except the intermittent memory.

We think of death as the epitome of suffering. But in fact it isn't. Listen to what travellers say who have passed the bourne of death.

"All pain is lost at last in the final peace. ... The suffering of Earth is so short compared with the eternity of bliss, that all thoughts of compensation are lost in the very reality." (5)

"Death is ... a mere episode which we regard with a certain tenderness and not with any pain. ... There is contained in it a time of stillness, of sinking gloriously into rest." (6)

"They do not suffer, these people, in their passing. I think sometimes their friends suffer more, when they see the body writhing in apparent agony, while in reality the spirit is already tasting the first freedom from pain, or lies in a blessed insensibility." (7)

Regarding your second question, it's my job to confront the government on the harmful actions they take against people (planning wars, creating pandemics, draining the wealth from everyone but the elite).

Since I regard my body as illusory, having been outside it many years ago and seeing that it wasn't "me," I'm not much moved by what may happen to it. So let the government do what it wishes. Death is early retirement for me.

God not listening is impossible. God is everything that is, including you and me. We are God. The air that carries the sound is God. The ear is God. The mind is God. Where is God not? And so how could he not be listening?

Footnotes

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Is Death Painful?

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<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2021/10/29/is-death-painful/>



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As a student of cross-cultural spirituality, I often face people with a fear of death.

I haven't had that fear myself since an out-of-body experience in 1977. The fear of death evaporates when we see that we're not our bodies, but something that exists independent of them.

Part of the fear of death is the fear of pain. It therefore is my pleasant task to report, based on my studies of the afterlife, that death is painless. (1)

I base that assertion upon passages such as these from the literature:

John Scott: They do not suffer, these people, in their passing. I think sometimes their friends suffer more, when they see the body writhing in apparent agony, while in reality the spirit is already tasting the first freedom from pain, or lies in a blessed insensibility. (2)

Julia Ames: With me the change [i.e., death] was perfectly painless. (3)

Gordon Burdick: I feel sure if people were to know that the actual moment of passing is not even noticeable, the fear of death that haunts so many people would vanish. (4)

Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson: The whole process of transition which is so much feared by the folk on earth is a natural, normal, and painless process. It is as natural and painless as removing your outer garment when you have no further use for it. (5)

The case that tests these assertions is a fatal accident. Surely, that would be painful.

Actually we find that people heading for a fatal accident are removed from their bodies prior to impact.

To fix that picture in our minds, here's an extended account of a car accident. It features an early rescue. The transitioned Mike Swain tells us:

"I see a black car coming towards us. As it approaches us, I see this other car coming behind it. I can see this other car clearly, because it is in the middle of the road, trying to pass the black car."

Nina [Merrington, the medium channeling Mike Swain] paused a moment, and then said: "The sun is glaring on the windscreen of the black car, and reflecting back into my eyes. I can see nothing but a bright silver radiance. It is blinding me.

"All of a sudden, the radiance changes from silver to gold. I am being lifted up in the air, out through the top of the car. I grab little Heather's hand. She too is being lifted up out of the car.

"We have been lifted thirty feet above the Mini. And in one horrifying second, I see the little Mini and this large car collide head-on. There is a noise like the snapping of steel banjo strings. The little Mini bounces right off the highway, right over into the gravel verge. It is finally brought to a halt in a cloud of dust when it hits a giant anthill...."

Nina stopped, obviously too agitated to continue.

What impressed her listeners was the fact that [their son] Mike [who is speaking through Nina] had never seen the other vehicle *until after the silver light had changed to gold*. He and Heather had felt no sense of impact.

They had suffered no pain. Just a gentle ascent into the air. "We feel vaguely sorry that this thing should have happened to them. And we both fully understand that we are, now, so far as mortals are concerned, dead.

"We are also both aware that a lot of people have begun to gather round us. They are dressed in glorious colors. We recognize familiar faces, the faces of friends who passed beyond the earth before us. We are still hand in hand; now, guided by the one who first lifted us into the air, the two of us sweep towards the skies. We drift above the two round hills known as the Breasts of Sheba."

In heartfelt joy, the [parents] listened, transported by the fact that the passing had involved neither fear ... nor suffering. (6)

Very convincing for me and on a subject of great importance to many people.

So even in our test case - a fatal accident - we see that death is painless thanks to the intervention of lightworkers (perhaps our guides) on the other side.



Given all this, you can imagine my interest when, in putting together a compilation of the Divine Mother's messages, I came across this passage from her.

On a tragic school shooting in 2012, the Divine Mother said:

"Each of these angels - human, child, adult - have been welcomed into my arms prior to them being injured in any form." (7)

"Prior to them being injured in any form." That seems to indicate a merciful rescue and a painless passing, does it not?

Sounds like we can relax our concerns about the assumed painfulness of death.

Of course our fears also have a built-in "best before" date. After Ascension, reincarnation no longer occurs and we'll forget what it was that we were afraid of.

Ascension is liberation, moksha, mukti. Liberation from what? Liberation from birth and death.

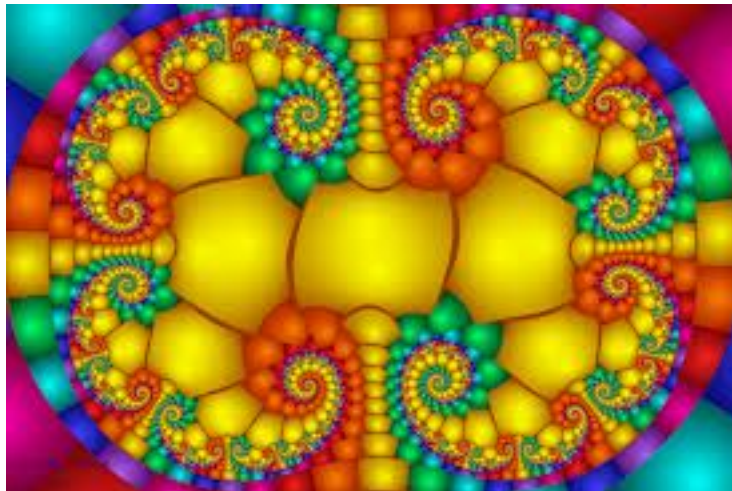
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Everything is Illusion

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Everything is illusion.

Everything we see, hear, feel, think.

Every object. Every event. Every thing.

The One is indivisible, changeless, and eternal.

Everything divisible, changeful, and temporary is illusion.

Including me.

Everything that's born dies. The One is not born. (1)

Everything that's made falls apart. The One is not made.

Everything that's compound disintegrates. The One is not compound.

Only the One was never born and will not die, has not been created and will never be destroyed.

Everything else is illusion.

Including me.

Footnotes

(1) "Monks, there is a not-born, a not-become, a not-made, a not-compounded. Monks, if that unborn, not-become, not-made, not-compounded were not, there would be apparent no escape from this, here, that is born, become, made, compounded." (The Buddha in Trevor Ling, *The Buddha's Philosophy of Man. Early Indian Buddhist Dialogues*. London, etc.: Dent, 1981, xiii.)

"If we examine the origin of anything in all the universe, we find that it is but a manifestation of some primal essence. Even the tiny leaves of herbs, knots of threads, everything, if we examine them carefully we find that there is some essence in its originality. Even open space is not nothingness. How can it be then that the wonderful, pure, tranquil and enlightened Mind, which is the source of all conceptions of manifested phenomena, should have no essence of itself." (The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 126.)

Everything's a Hologram!

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Celine and holographic friend

Werner Erhard use to say that unexpressed joy is an upset. So please humor me and allow me just to express my joy in the way that I am. If I don't, I'll probably explode and I need to stay together for two more days!

I'm chuckling at the moment at how serious we all are. Some people are looking very closely at many statements that are made.

For instance, some want to know the nature of the hologram that Archangel Michael said people who are doing more clearing will go to. And if we can't explain it, they're in the metaphorical position of saying: "Alright! That's enough. Let's call the whole thing off!"

If you'll allow me to say with a smile on my face: Everything's a hologram!

Scientists have told us that matter is 99.9999% space, that there's an electron here and a proton there and space bigger than the Grand Canyon between them. What you thought was solid is not solid. It's mostly emptiness.

And by the way, the Emptiness is what's real! Realize the Emptiness and you can go Home!

I am a hologram. You are a hologram. Worse! We're both only a thought. A relatively exalted thought in the Mind of God, but a thought nonetheless. An illusion, a dream, call it what you will.

Earth is a hologram. Your mother is a hologram. You're petting a hologram and eating a hologram.

All existence, short of One Thing, is a hologram and we're all looking for that One Thing that is not a hologram - when It's everything that is!

Stop looking! You're in it. Worse. You *are* It!



Lighten up!

All the world is waiting for us to wake up to the One Thing that's not a hologram (not a thing either) but meanwhile everything we see with our eyes, everything we touch, everything we hear, feel, approach, walk away from is a hologram.

Listen, we got as far as we got. Time now not to figure it out any more than we have. The show is over. The crew is taking the set down. The actors are in their dressing rooms removing their makeup and looking forward to the party. We got as far as we did. Time now to celebrate.

It was a good play. It scared us. It rocked us. It made us laugh.

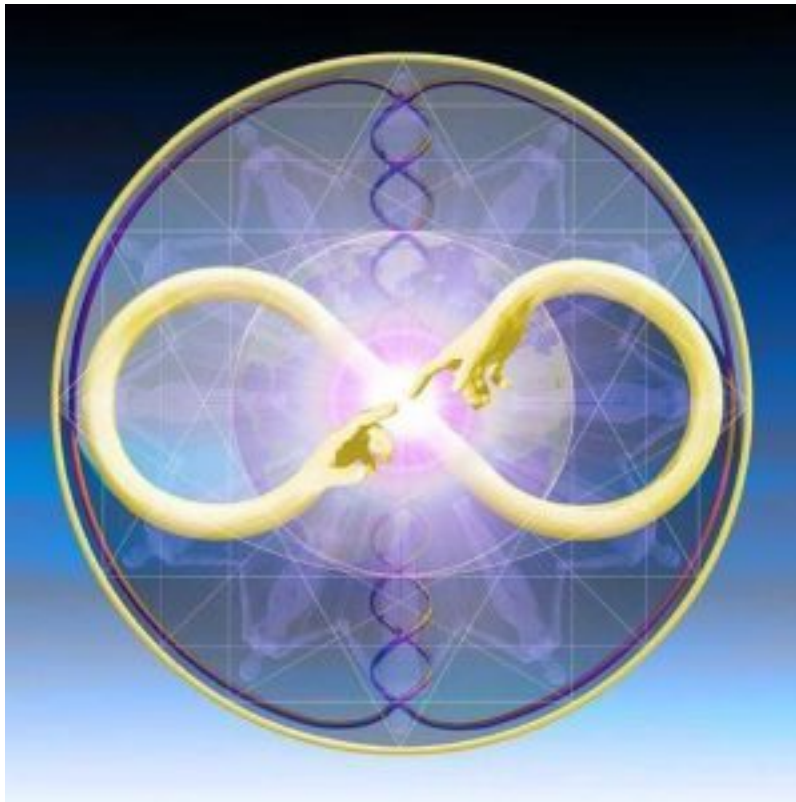
Now the great Director has said thank you to all, paid us our wages, and slapped us on the back. We're free to go.

You are free. I am free. Two silhouettes on the shade, two holograms in a Paradise for holograms. Meet you at the beach. No, you don't have to bring a thing!

Life is Open-Ended

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My chemistry teacher taught me never to say never. Always leave room for doubt, error, new perspectives, additional information. Life is open-ended.

My ongoing namaste to him has been to use the word "etc." to convey this open-endedness. It acknowledges just what he said - that I could be wrong, more knowledge may come in ... etc.

If you need a personal testament to this, listen perhaps to Franklin Merrell-Woolf and to the person he quotes, who if I recall correctly was known as the Atlantean Sage. This is the vista some ways down the road - perhaps beyond the Twelfth Dimension. Just to encourage us to leave room for new knowledge:

"A certain Sage..., speaking of unfolded Consciousness above the level of the highest human Adepts, said: 'We attain glimpses of Consciousness so Transcendent, rising level upon level, that the senses fairly reel before the awe-inspiring Grandeur.'

"Here, certainly, is space for evolution far beyond the highest possibility of man as man.

"Here is our future. Here is the ultimate direction of humanity's common journey. Our future lies not with exploitation, crime, and oppression. It lies not in corruption and decline. It lies in traveling through 'level upon level, [such] that the senses fairly reel before the awe-inspiring Grandeur.'" (1)

It lies not with exploitation, crime, oppression ... etc. No, it does not, as we may reflect on now as we face exploitation's last stand on Planet Earth.

As an aside, Archangel Michael told me that Franklin ascended before he ever put pen to paper and reached the 11th Dimension while still in the body. If so, that demolishes another enlightenment theory that the physical body, as it then was, could not take the finer vibrations. (2)

It's interesting to consider that Franklin may be looking from the 11th Dimension at a sage who's seeing further.... How much further? Into the Transcendental?

But you see my point? I have a hard time putting a period on an assertion without adding "etc.," knowing how much will change in the very near future.

First of all, to illustrate that, what do I know? Two or three things. One, I know that the purpose of life is enlightenment. Two, I know the nature of love. Three, I know that I am in essence pure and innocent.

That's it. All the rest is speculation. Or, as Len would say, illusion.

I'm going to make a concerted effort to stop using "etc." as shorthand/code for all that I just said. I'm going to restore it to its original function to indicate a series that continues.

I'm going to have to find another way for saying that, in my opinion, speculative or informed, life is open-ended. That is, until life for us as individuals ends in our final merger with God.

What? you say. We come right back out again? (3) Life really is open-ended?

Well, there you are. If that's the case, it never stops getting better. Never ever. Ever better.

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(3) Archangel Michael: When you go home - and you can reunite in the heart of One - do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!

So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - you emerge again. (Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, March 26, 2012, at <http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/> .)

SaLuSa agrees:

"We continue to evolve, and will do so until we find ourselves at One with the Source of All That Is". (SaLuSa, July 14, 2010, at http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/Channeled_Messages_by_Mike_Quinsey.htm.)

"In the scheme of things you periodically return to the Godhead, only to be sent out again for further experience." (Mike Quinsey's Higher Self, Feb. 14, 2020.)

And the Divine Mother acknowledges it:

Divine Mother: Now, your question to me is, are there millions of emanations? And my answer, sweet one, is no, there are not. They are very specifically placed in what you would think of as universal or global roles, and they are positioned to do the work that the specific archangel or master has chosen to do, decided to do,

committed to do — for me — throughout eternity, or until such time as they return. In which case they will begin again, regardless. ("The Divine Mother: Each and Every One of You Carries Divine Might," June 17, 2013, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/into-the-golden-age-of-gaia/the-golden-age-of-gaia/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might/>)

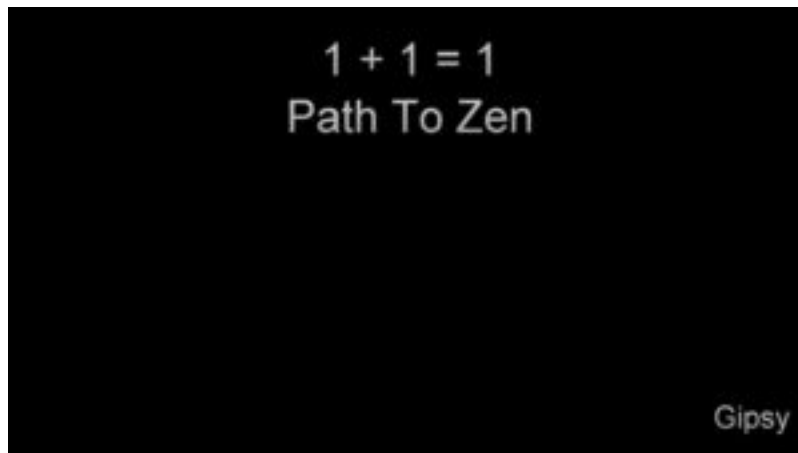
This is a denial of our classical enlightenment theories that say we return to God and surrender our individuality, never more to return. Evidently we do neither.

It just illustrates the ways in which our knowledge base is going to be challenged and transcended in the years ahead. We'd better not hold on to our theories or it'll be a rough ride.

One Plus One is One

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I used to be able to separate awareness from love years ago, but nowadays, when I tune into my awareness, love arises with it.

Noticing this came about in the course of looking more deeply into my core issue of self-importance/entitlement, so as not to be swept away by the Reval.

When I went to expand my awareness, I experienced the flow of love. But I hadn't called upon love. I'd called upon awareness.

I then realized that love and awareness travel together - provided we can vibrationally recognize and welcome them to begin with.

I'd known awareness before, but much of my learning about love has been much more recent. I hadn't associated the two before. It just never occurred to me.

But how could awareness be everything and love be everything and awareness not be love? Everything plus everything is everything, is it not? One plus One is One.

A very simple consideration of the matter suggests that the situation couldn't be any other way.

Perhaps two years ago, I saw that awareness was not neutral but dissolutive. All I needed to do was to rest in awareness of a vasana and its elements for it to disappear.

Now I see that awareness and love are one.

Some people say we should raise our core issues to awareness; other people say we should love them. As matters stand at the moment, with awareness and love being one, both sides are shown to be right.

Seeing this was for me the first incident of the day that was startling. The second came on the bus and was so novel to me that it surprised me.

For the first time in memory, I sat facing a man whom I smiled at without having anything going on with me or any conditioned reaction. I was completely empty - at that moment - of reactivity. I was surprised at what it felt like. I almost wanted to stand up and shout "Hooray!"

Until that time, I'd look on someone else ready to flinch or turn aside. Always defensive, always protecting myself. My wife called it my "scared-wolf look." And that was pretty accurate.

I marveled at feeling totally in balance for the moment, absolutely neutral in response but loving in initiative. It might soon disappear and I'd be my ordinary somewhat-isolated self again, but it was eye-opening while it lasted.

Each one of these mini-breakthroughs is like a milestone on the path up the mountain, telling me we're getting somewhere.

The One Became Two and the Two Became Three

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Our lives are destined to change in a dramatic way upon Ascension.

We'll expand from the Third Dimension (physical plane) and Fourth Dimension (astral plane) to the Fifth Dimension (mental plane).

Where does all this fit into the overall journey of life? That's a question which has to be answered if we're to feel at peace with what's occurring.

Some people consider these to be rarified topics, but they form the basis of my own knowledge and the ground I stand on. So I feel the need to state the case for those to whom it's of interest. So let's begin.

The one formless God, decided that It wished to know itself, a circumstance that was difficult when It's all there is. Reflecting upon the matter, it hit upon a Plan - a Divine Plan.

It decided to create a temporary and fictitious Other. The Formless would create an Other in form and then unite with this Second to create a Third. It would then hide this Third in a multitude of other fictitious and temporary forms created by the Second.

It would set for this multitude of others the task of knowing themselves as the essence of their forms, at which point the Unknown would become known. God would meet God if only for a flash in a moment of our enlightenment.



Only the Mother can be visualized; the Father is formless and unknowable

And so it set about to divide itself. The patriarchal ancients named the Indivisible the "Father." And the Other, which was created from the formless Father, the form that moved and spoke and acted upon the physical elements ("moved upon the waters"), they named the "Mother."

In fact she was given many names: Shakti, the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Prakriti/Procreatrix, Aum/Amen. And so the One became Two ... or so it seemed.

And the Two created a Third. This fragment of the Father, which the ancients called the Self, the Christ and the Atman, was embedded in countless individual forms created by the Mother.

This individuated Self was again fictitious, a time-bomb that would, when the match was lit and the time was right, burst into light and (eventually) return to the One that was All, leaving only the One again. The Christ would make itself subject to the Father again so that the Father became All in all is the way I believe Jesus phrased it.



The Son or Atman is a discrete or individualized light, a fragment of the Father, a Light always burning on the altar of the heart

But in the process the One, ever mirthful, ever blissful, would catch a glimpse of Itself.

What a wonderful game had been created, the Game of Life! It was a masked ball, a game of hide-and-seek, a game of blind man's bluff.

The Father, the Mother and the Child. In altered order: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Or Brahman, Atman, and Shakti if you prefer. All the same.

This Trinity represents the three levels of reality that we all must know before we reach the mountaintop of human life, the top of the stairway to heaven, the pinnacle of Jacob's ladder.

And we do so by realizing the three members of the Trinity in reverse order: Child, Mother, Father.

When the spiritual current or kundalini reaches the fourth or heart chakra, we realize the Child or Christ, as a discrete light burning in the darkness. We experience spiritual awakening or stream-entering.

When the kundalini reaches the sixth or brow chakra, the Third Eye is opened and we realize the Mother, the Light in all creation. We experience cosmic consciousness or saviklpa samadhi, samadhi with differences intact.

When the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra, we realize the Father, the Light beyond creation, the Transcendental Absolute. We experience Brahmajnana (God Realization) or kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi, samadhi with a temporary heart opening, samadhi without differences.

Ah, but that's not all. Even that, though it shows us all three members of the Trinity, is not the end of the tale. Next the kundalini reaches the spiritual heart-aperture or hridayam and the temporary heart opening becomes permanent. This is sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi and brings us liberation from birth and death. And this is the level we'll reach upon deep penetration into the Fifth Dimension.

Now we've truly reached the mountaintop that humans must climb. But off in the distance as far as the eye can see, we glimpse more mountains rising range upon range.

And we see more travellers, in different forms, some with bodies of light, some with wings, all of them marching on or returning, angels ascending and descending Jacob's ladder.

And ever as we climb, we know ourselves more deeply as love, bliss and wisdom. Ever as we climb, our experience of life expands and our needs and desires fall away, save the one desire to reach the pinnacle of the highest mountain that we can see, where waits for us the Secret of Life.

The One became Two and the Two became Three. And the Three became a multitude and went out into the world. The Mother taught her children well and showed them the direction of the journey they must take to return to their Father fully Self-realized.

The prodigal Child enjoyed the material world; ate, drank and made merry. And when finished with all the delights of the world, it took up the journey again, driven on by an inextinguishable longing that only God could satisfy, placed there by God himself to drive us on.

And It tasked all who had completed the journey to return and help the numberless children along by showing them the way.

And now the Three became Two and the Two become One and the journey was complete. And this realized One, this realized Child who had become the Father, went out again into the world to help the many.

And so the cycle continues, worlds without end.

Was Akhenaten a Worshipper of the Sun? Surely Not

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“Worshipper of the Sun”

It seems to me quite a common view of Amenhotep, later Pharaoh Akhenaten, that he was a "worshipper of the sun." The notion seems to have arisen because he performed a worship of the Sun in the morning.

But surely he was not a simple sun worshipper. Surely something much deeper was intended by his words and deeds, something that may have escaped us.

National Geographic quotes him as saying:

“Oh living Aten, who initiates life.... Oh, sole god, without another beside him! You create the Earth according to your wish.... You are in my heart, and there is none who knows you except your son.” (1)

It is said that he spoke these words as the Sun rose. But was he a worshipper of the outer, physical Sun or the inner, spiritual Sun, that is ultimately God?

Oh living Aten, who initiates life.

Who initiated life? Ultimately, God the Father did. Do not the Upanishads, which predate Akhenaten, say that "the whole universe came forth from [God] and moves in [God]"? (2)

Oh, sole god, without another beside him!

Who is the sole god, without another beside him? The Heavenly Father is One without a second, is He not? Is there any difference between what Akhenaten said and what Isaiah said? "I am God, and there is none else." (3) Or Sri Shankara: "[God] alone is real. There is none but He." (4) Surely what Akhenaten is saying is that only God exists; there are not two, but only One. "Hear, Oh Israel, the Lord thy God. The Lord is One."

You create the Earth according to your wish.

Did He not create the Earth (and the heavens) according to His wish? Observes Solomon: "The Lord ... hath founded the earth." (5) Says Shankara: "[God] is the cause of the evolution of the universe, its preservation and its dissolution." (6)

You are in my heart.

Does He not reside in the heart of each being as the Immortal Self? Sri Krishna declares: "The Lord lives in the heart of every creature." (7) Or the Upanishads: "The Supreme Person, ... the Innermost Self, dwells forever in the heart of all beings."(8)

There is none who knows you except your son.

Where is the difference between saying that "there is none who knows you except your son" and saying, with Jesus, "no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father;

and who the Father is, but the Son." (9) This same Son, this Christ, this Pearl of great price and treasure buried in a field -- is not this the immortal Self, the Son of God?

Akhetaten....

When Akhenaten says, "I shall make [the royal city of] Akhetaten for the Aten, my father, in this place," is he referring to his earthly father or to his Heavenly Father, whom he revered?

The rising of the Sun....

I do not believe that Akhenaten worshipped the physical star we call the "Sun." However, if you look at the Sun, it exactly resembles, I am told, the sight of the Self in enlightenment. It is the most obvious symbol for the experience of enlightenment of all symbols that I can think of. It itself is no appropriate thing to worship; it is a metaphor for the Self, the Prince of Peace, the Atman.

Other sages who worshipped the "sun"

Here are other examples of enlightened sages using the sun as a teaching device, as, in my opinion, Akhenaten did. They also are not "sun worshippers."

When we hear Sri Ramakrishna, let us recall that he was talking to a circle of very precocious spiritual aspirants, unlike Akhenaten who was probably talking to people around him who understood little of what he was saying. Probably unlike Akhenaten, Sri Ramakrishna was an avatar, who descended with what he called his "merry band" of special souls.

Paramahansa Ramakrishna

As long as you live inside the house of maya, as long as there exists the cloud of maya, you do not see the effect of the Sun of Knowledge. Come outside the house of maya, ... and then the Sun of Knowledge will destroy ignorance. (11)

Bodhidharma

In the body of mortals is the indestructible buddha-nature. Like the sun, its light fills endless space. But once veiled by the dark clouds of the five shades [the five shades refers to the five bodily coverings of a mortal], it's like a light inside a jar, hidden from view. (10)

Sri Krishna

When the light of the Atman
Drives out our darkness
That light shines forth from us,
A sun in splendour,
The revealed Brahman. (12)

The Upanishads

As the sun, revealer of all objects to the seer, is not harmed by the sinful eye, nor by the impurities of the objects it gazes on, so the one Self, dwelling in all, is not touched by the evils of the world. For he transcends all. (13)

Yung-chia Ta-Shin

The Inner Light ... knows no boundaries,
Yet it is ever here, within us,
Ever retaining its serenity and fulness. (14)

There is a unity among the sayings of these enlightened sages. Are they not all describing, in different words, the same one ultimate Reality, a Reality known perhaps to Akhenaten?

I suggest that the inner Sun, the Buddha-nature, Brahman, the Supreme Self is what Akhenaten knew, just as Bodhidharma knew it, Pseudo-Dionysius, Plotinus,

Apollonius of Tyana, St. Augustine, St. John of the Cross, etc. It is hidden from most men; it is seen in the experience of enlightenment.

Enlightenment and the Trinity of Levels

Akhenaten's statements in his poem to the Sun are those we might hear from any enlightened sage we may investigate. Yes, of course, only he could communicate with the Aten. Only an enlightened individual can "know" God. Another name for "enlightenment" is "God-realization." Those who are enlightened KNOW God.

I define enlightenment as an event in which we perceive, in a sudden discontinuity of knowledge, a spiritual reality beyond this material dimension. It could be a glimpse of one of three realities, which Christians call the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and Hindus Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

Rearranging this order and using generic terms, it could be a glimpse of the Child of God (the Son, the Atman), God the Mother (Holy Spirit, Shakti), or God the Father (the Father, Brahman). These three levels have been called the Transcendent (Father), the Phenomenal (Mother), and the Transcendent in the Phenomenal (Child). (15) Enlightenment could also be of a level of Reality beyond these three.

Enlightenment opens up communication with what Hindus call (interestingly, given Akhenaten's use of the term Aten) the Atman, which Jesus called the Prince of peace, the Pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field (of the body), the mustard seed, and the leaven that leavened the whole loaf.

Having seen the Light of the Christ or Atman, we put aside all desires for anything else than to fully experience it and find that meditating on it (or pursuing some other spiritual practice) makes that discrete point of brilliant light (the Child) turn into a light that suffuses all creation (the Mother) and thence to a light that utterly transcends creation (the Father). We've found the treasure buried in the field. We've sold all that we owned and have bought field and treasure.

Does any enlightened master, apart from Jesus, support this conjecture that knowing the Christ or inner sun leads to knowledge of the Father or transcendent sun? Here's medieval mystic Jan Ruusbroec on the subject:

“In the abyss of this darkness in which the loving spirit has died to itself, God's revelation and eternal life have their origin, for in this darkness an incomprehensible light is born and shines forth; this is the Son of God, in whom a person becomes able to see and to contemplate eternal life.

“It is Christ, the light of truth, who says, ‘See,’ and it is through him that we are able to see, for he is the light of the Father, without which there is no light in heaven or on earth. (16)

Zoroaster called the inner sun "Fire the Son of God." (17) Look at the misunderstanding which surrounds him. A scholar as wise as Sir Leonard Wooley can say, misunderstanding Zoroaster's description as many Egyptians probably did Akhenaten's, that Zoroaster worshipped "embodied fire." (18) “Fire the Son of God” is not embodied fire and it's no different from the inner sun that Akhenaten may have seen.

Here are other examples of the use of a fire metaphor to describe the inner sun, Christ, or Atman. Biblical prophets called it a "firebrand plucked from the burning" (19) and "the fire ... ever ... burning upon the altar" of the heart. (20) Modern masters have called it the “divine spark buried deep in every soul.” (21) Krishnamurti called it “the Star.” His description of his enlightenment is very compelling. Perhaps it may have happened to Akhenaten the same way.

“I sat crosslegged in the meditation posture. When I had sat thus for some time, I felt myself going out of my body. I saw myself [with the inner eye] sitting down with the delicate tender leaves of the tree over me.

“I was facing the east. In front of me was my body and over my head I saw the Star, bright and clear. ... There was such profound calmness both in the air and within myself, the calmness of the bottom of a deep and unfathomable lake. Like the lake, I felt my physical body, with its mind

and emotions, could be ruffled on the surface but nothing, nay nothing, could disturb the calmness of my soul. ...

“I was supremely happy, for I had seen. Nothing could ever be the same. I have drunk at the clear and pure waters at the source of the fountain of life and my thirst was appeased. Never more could I be thirsty, never more could I be in utter darkness; I have seen the Light.

“I have touched compassion which heals all sorrow and suffering.... Love in all its glory has intoxicated my heart; my heart can never be closed. I have drunk at the fountain of Joy and eternal Beauty. I am God-intoxicated.” (22)

It is this "incomprehensible light" which Akhenaten attempts to make known to Egyptians who do not know it. This light of the sun, seen in the first experience of enlightenment, opens up and becomes a transcendent light, in a further, more transformative experience of the Father. The Son proves to be the truth, the way, and the life – the doorway to the Father, with which it is one.

I have said that all enlightened sages know the same thing. Let me end with a quote from Sri Yukteswar Giri, on the unity of religions.

“There is an essential unity in all religions; ... there is no difference in the truths inculcated by the various faiths; ... there is but one method by which the world, external and internal, has evolved; and ... there is but one Goal admitted by all scriptures.” (23)

Summary

To summarize, I submit that Pharaoh Akhenaten was an enlightened man, who had knowledge of the Heavenly Father through mystical insight, as did all the world's saints and sages. He had this experience, as they all did, when the Inner sun of the Self arose, not on the earthly horizon, but on the inner horizon of the heart.

That first mystical vision led him eventually to Aten, the Father. The religion that he initiated, which was overthrown after his death, was the worship of the same Heavenly Father that all mystics and masters through eternity have revered.

Seeing him in this way eliminates the difficulties inherent in casting him as a mere worshipper of the Sun and restores to him his true accomplishment: he fulfilled the purpose of life -- to realize God. That his contemporaries did not give him his due is unfortunate.

But, with the benefit of thousands of years of spiritual learning, we have the opportunity to set that unfortunate circumstance straight and give Akhenaten his true place in history, along with such other enlightened mystics as Solomon, Socrates, Jesus, and Buddha.

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Absolutes and Metaphors

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I had a friend say to me that it was not accurate to say I was love because I acted this unacceptable way and that.

Yes, that's true and raises a valuable point.

I am - we are - many things at the relative level of existence. But, however we be there, we are love at the absolute.

When I say "I am love," I'm speaking of my essence, my true identity, the absolute.

At the relative level, I may be prickly, grouchy, awkward, etc. But that's not "me," not the true and essential me.

The "new paradigm" concerns our essence. It doesn't concern who we are at this everyday level. Our evolutionary movement is always from the relative towards the absolute.

I grant that there are also paradigms for this everyday level. The sociologist Erving Goffman was a master of those as are many sociologists and anthropologists. But, in the article "I Love; Therefore I Am," (1) I'm focusing on the absolute.

If we fail to make the distinction between the relative and the absolute, we run into all kinds of problems. One classic one is a student asking a non-dual teacher a question that concerns life at the relative level and receiving an absolute answer. Not helpful.

Oftentimes spiritual teachers (and I am *not* a spiritual teacher) pose conundrums for their students, in which they mix the relative and the absolute. The student cannot figure these puzzles out without (hopefully) having a realization.

An example is "die before dying." This sentence mixes the relative and the absolute. "Die" refers to the death of the ego; "dying" refers to the death of the body. The first would give us an experience of the Transcendental; the second would give us an experience of physical death. While the words for death are the same, their references are different.

I should also clarify a second point. When I said earlier "trip through the ascension portal," I was being metaphorical. I didn't actually proceed through a gate marked "Ascension Portal." I did not go from point A to point B.

I experienced an expansion of consciousness. And that expansion was temporary. I'm back in 3/4D again now. Archangel Michael calls this passing back and forth through the ascension portal. If I understand correctly, experiences will not be permanent until Sahaja Samadhi, which occurs several more years into the future.

But it does remind me that, especially when one is exploring new territory, one has to watch his or her use of metaphors. Others may take them literally - and why would they not? None of us knows very much about this new "land" as yet ("land" is also a metaphor).

The "ethnographer" of a new land (this too is a metaphor) does not only establish matters that most other people will have no knowledge of - since ethnographers in the beginning usually go into territory that is as yet unvisited.

They also lay down metaphors for understanding that are like a double-edged sword. The metaphors make understanding easier. But they also serve as a filter. They at once focus on certain features of a "landscape." But they also exclude other features from consideration.

In a social science, the initial metaphors, over time, become contested and new metaphors established. This process goes forward with these new metaphors themselves being contested over time as well.

This is the process by which scientific knowledge grows.

The revelatory knowledge that realized saints and sages come into is direct and unmediated by words, etc. But it too must be communicated to people who haven't had the original spiritual experience of a Jesus or a Buddha.

And when it is, metaphors are again used. "I am the door. No one enters in but through me." (Paraphrase) Even the "me" there is metaphorical, because it isn't that we enter in through the "me" that was Jesus but through the "me" that is the soul, Atman, Self or Christ.

You can see how complicated it can become to explore a new field. One cannot avoid using metaphors in order to communicate. And these metaphors will approximate, filter things out, ignore some features of the situation, etc.

One has to simply trust that, in the course of things, the most robust understanding will emerge from the to-and-fro of discussion.

If that understanding at least clears the brush away and creates a space in which realization can arise, that may be the most that can be hoped for.

Truth itself lies beyond words and cannot be captured by them.

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Who Am I?

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These statements appear true to me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Footnotes

(1) John 16:28.

In the World but Not of It

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I feel guided to look at duality, to show that it isn't inherently bad or wrong.

The very first act in the drama of our lives was one of imaginary separation, individuation.

No, not our birth in this lifetime, though that too, but our "birth" from the One.

It isn't as if individuation was not part of the Divine Plan.

Individuation was mandated in order to set up a puzzle, a game of hide and seek. We're not that individuated spark from the Divine Fire. We ARE the Divine Fire. Hooray! We got it. We solved the puzzle.

It all works out in the final reel!

God met God in a moment of our enlightenment. Mission accomplished! Welcome home, my Daughter/Son. You and I are, as we always have been, One.

Imagine this as a circle, from God into the Mother's world of matter (*mater*, Mother) and back to God again. As Jesus said:

“I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (1)

As do we all. That's exactly it - the entire life journey of an individual soul from God to God. He came forth by a little more direct route perhaps, being an avatar, (2) but we all set out from the same Origin and are going back to the same place, as he was at great pains to make clear.

Jesus has described a circle, going out from God into the world in ignorance until the built-in longing for liberation brings us to a point of self-consciousness and knowledge. After that our lives become about discovering who we are - Self-consciousness - which leads us back to the One God we've always been.

So it isn't as if individuation is something inherently bad. We sometimes say, "Oh, duality. That's the problem." No, duality is neutral. It's God's mechanism for bringing us to Self-Knowledge and for experiencing Itself.

The problems that we create out of duality - fear, anxiety, greed, etc. - are something separate and strictly optional.

This world has been designed not to last. Nothing about it is permanent, not even the soul/self/Christ that attends it like a high-school student attending class.

Every attraction is designed not to satisfy forever but to wane after a time so that, in the end, nothing material holds our attention forever. Thus are we brought to the Spirit underlying the material, whose love (in all its forms) is the only thing that permanently satisfies.

The dual world has its uses. I want to use it for what it's good for, to present a counterfoil to God, in the study of which I discover my true identity.

Footnotes

(1) John 16:28.

(2) As he confirms here: "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." (Jesus in John 8:23.)

Judgment or Discernment?

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How do we judge when we're discerning or discern when we're judging?

Oh, the whole thing is so confusing. Aren't they the same?

Well, words can be made to fit any circumstance. They're symbols upon which we freely and arbitrarily bestow meaning.

So I could use "judgment" and "discernment" as if they're the same. But I find it useful to consider them as two.

The distinction is for me that "judgement," as I'm using the word, (1) is a thought that derives from the ego whereas "discernment" is a thought that derives from the Self.

The Self "lives" in the heart. Love lives in the heart. So it could also be said it derives from the heart.

I use "judgment" to refer to thoughts that denigrate, deprecate, demean, and stigmatize others.

I use "discernment" to denote thoughts that factually describe a situation without denigrating others.

Sometimes discernment may require us to protect ourselves or others who are using and acting on judgment. It happens as long as some of us remain in third-dimensional belief systems with third-dimensional vasanas.

But using discernment is always in aid of protecting people's rights to grow and evolve, it seems to me, rather than to conquer and subjugate.

Where judgment is not found, discernment is the way of being. That was my experience after my heart opening: No judgment, but discernment. But as a natural state, not something that needed to be maintained as our judgments seem to.

Gradually, I think we'll find ourselves relying more and more on the verdict of the love that lives in our hearts. (2) Judgment won't arise. The conditions that give rise to it will have gone.

Footnotes

(1) And it doesn't apply to a judge whose job is to make judgments. We're talking about personal judgments that blame, shame, and criticize.

(2) I'm referring to a higher-dimensional form of love, not what we ordinarily think of as love.

Uttering God's Name

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Life has to be worth living

Y'know, I really have to thank you for allowing me to use the word "God" in a sentence here. I hear from so many people so often that they cannot share about what they're involved in or up to. And it hurts them.

If I could not share my love for God, I think I would pack my bags and leave this planet. Life would not be worth living.

Don't get me wrong. When I say "God," I mean all of us. I was going to say "all of us too," but there is no "too." There is only One, playing all the parts. So it isn't even as if I'm saying something about someone outside of us. It's us I'm speaking of.

What unites all of us could be described in a number of ways. I could say the flame in the heart is what unites us - that flame is called the soul, the Self, the Christ, the Pearl of great price, the Atman, and I could go on and on listing the names it's known by.

We all have a soul and that soul is one Soul, much like a fiber optic lamp. The light seen in the filaments is the same light that emanates from the Source.

Or I could say that what unites us is that we're all God - focusing on the Father rather than the Son, Brahman rather than Atman. (And the list of names could go on endlessly here too ... I mean, One.)

But in truth what unites us is we're all God, some of us plain vanilla, some chocolate, and some spumoni. To deny God is to deny any contact with our deeper Self. To deny God, who is inward, is to condemn ourselves to face outward. To deny God is to deny love and bliss and compassion, which are to be found inward. And that would be a lonely, lonely life - not one I could face.

So thank you for allowing me to use "God" in a sentence, something that allows me to indulge in my delirious love for God, to rave on like a fool and an idiot, to lose myself in bliss, more and more each day.

I am God's fool. I'm told I actually lived with St. Francis in one of my very few lives on Earth so I can call myself God's fool legitimately because he was the original fool of God. Compared to him, I am Howdy Doody, a fool who cannot even speak his own words.

The Humpty Dumpty Man has become the town fool, the village idiot. And I'd become worse than a fool if I could not utter God's name.

A Tightrope Between Accuracy and Comprehensibility

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A reader has asked a philosophical question on Ascension which looked at several spiritual traditions (Christianity, Buddhism, Shaivism, Vedanta), that spurs this comment.

The response may not be of interest to all readers. It may only be relevant to those who are explaining Ascension matters in terms of cross-cultural spirituality.

As we Starseeds turn to the task of explaining what on Earth is happening and explain it to widely-varying audiences, many at different levels of comprehension, we encounter some difficulties that we need to watch for and avoid.

One predictable pitfall is the equating of various non-equatable interpretations with each other.

The very simplest way I could put the matter is that, if we critique the arguments of a person who says that the end times will culminate in doom and gloom by comparing them with those of a person who says that everything is maya or illusion, what we are doing is comparing a person arguing from the relative level of existence with one arguing from an absolute level.

If we aren't careful in how we approach this task, we may end up as confused as we've made our readers be.

Gloom and doom happen on a physical or Third-Dimensional level. Everything being illusion is a viewpoint characteristic of the highest Transcendental or Absolute level of existence, not characteristic of the physical or Third-Dimensional level. In answering questions, we need to sort out the various levels or dimensions that are being discussed.

Let me illustrate by referring to a saying I used some time earlier: "Die before you die." Two deaths are being referred to. As long as we think both are physical deaths (Third Dimensional), the saying will not yield its meaning.

But when we see that a spiritual death (death of the ego, a higher-dimensional event) is being discussed alongside a physical death (death of the body and Third Dimensional), the saying yields its meaning: Cause the death of the ego before experiencing the death of the body, if you wish to be enlightened.

So again, as we begin to look at esoteric Buddhist doctrines relative to enlightenment and compare them to everyday strands of Christian doctrine relative to, say, the Rapture, or Hindu dualistic doctrine and compare it to Hindu non-dualistic, we absolutely have to remember that what life looks like

on the relative plane is different than what it looks like on the absolute plane (if the absolute could be said to be a plane, which it really can't be).

Many, many a ship of interpretation has foundered on these rocks.

As we discuss dimensions of reality more in the time ahead, we'll experience yet more confusion, I think, because life viewed from each higher dimension - Fourth, Fifth and beyond - I would imagine, will look radically different than life viewed from this Third-Dimensional one.

So a lot will depend on us identifying what level of reality and understanding the people are speaking from whose arguments we're looking at and what level of reality our arguments are being pitched from.



Everyone can encounter problems of communication

It may be fine to assess the arguments of one who interprets physical reality from an absolute standpoint, providing we identify what we're doing and providing we assess them on their own terms (although how many of us have that understanding? I certainly don't), but one can readily see that it won't yield fruitful results to try to reduce an argument from an absolute level to a relative one so as to compare and contrast them. They are apples and oranges.

That having been said, a second necessity plays upon us Starseeds who have signed on to be interpreters of the new reality from a terrestrial standpoint, and that is the necessity to explain things in comprehensible language, language that our readers can understand.

And our readership is the widest possible or imaginable because everyone will want to know what's happening and we have only a few short weeks or months to do the explaining when that explaining begins.

We often hear our sources admit that they are using language suitable to our understanding. When I called the Father the "conditioned Brahman," the Divine Mother chastised me in the following manner:

Steve Beckow: When you use the word "the Father," are you referring to the conditioned Brahman? And if you are, could you tell us about your aspect as the transcendental Absolute?

Divine Mother: Many who listen do not understand ... these terms.

SB: Yes, I realize that.

DM: And part of my desire is to make [myself] very clear, [so] that people do understand. So, ensure, beloved, that you do make these terms very clear for your readers and listeners.

SB: I will. But if you would just confirm for me that you are speaking about the conditioned Brahman rather than the Transcendental Absolute, I can do the rest.

DM: Yes, that is exactly what I am speaking of. (1)

This was a great revelation to me. Up till this time I was beginning to think that some of what our sources were saying was not muscular enough.

But the Mother revealed that they were aiming their talks at a level that the majority of listeners could understand. If we terrestrials did this, others would accuse us of not understanding things properly. But the Mother speaks for comprehension and doesn't care what Earthly reviewers may think.

Sanat Kumara also revealed this same intention:

"I try to use language that is completely understandable, not only to you, my beloved Steve, my beloved Graham, and my beloved Linda, but to all of our listeners; I try to use language that will make common sense to each of you." (2)

The galactics too practice this measured and responsible approach to communications. Witness SaLuSa:

"I am SaLuSa from Sirius, and on behalf of the Galactic Federation I am always pleased to present my views to you. They are measured for your enlightenment, as we do realize that they cannot meet each of you at your own level of understanding." (3)

Since the time the Divine Mother chided me, I too have tried to make what I say more comprehensible, sacrificing a fastidious desire for accuracy to the need for comprehensibility.

The need for comprehensibility is one factor to pay attention to and the need to sort out the levels of reality we are discussing is a second factor. The needs of the two do not always correspond.

The assignment for us Starseeds as interpreters of events and the new approaching reality is to walk this difficult tightrope between accuracy and comprehensibility.

Footnotes

(1) "Transcript of the Divine Mother on An Hour with an Angel, May 7, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/transcript-of-the-divine-mother-on-an-hour-with-an-angel-may-7-2012/>

For the promised explanation of the term "conditioned Brahman," see "The Father and the Father ... by the Mother" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/the-father-and-the-father-by-the-mother/> and "An Introduction to Enlightenment and the Trinity" at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/enlightenment/an-introduction-to-enlightenment-and-the-trinity/>

(2) "Sanat Kumara on the Purpose of Life, the Universal Law, and the Longing for Liberation," June 6, 2012, at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/06/sanat-kumara-on-the-purpose-of-life-the-universal-law-and-the-longing-for-liberation>

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A Problem with Faulty Comparisons

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Apples and orange

I was re-reading Matthew Ward's new maps of heaven (1) and really looked at his interpretation of the Trinity. He said:

"The Trinity of the Christian churches could be interpreted as this: Father (Creator: the highest power in the cosmos, who is called God or other names in Earth religions). Son (God, who is the creation — the 'son' — of Creator and is the supreme being of our universe and who is not generally recognized on Earth as different from Creator. Holy Ghost (the highest angelic realm, also called the Christed realm, where the highest beings are total love expressed as light; and from whence come the souls who have incarnated as major religious figures throughout this universe, including Jesus and Buddha)."

I know Matthew would allow me to use his teaching to illustrate a possible difficulty we could stray into as information begins to be released to us about cosmic matters? It's called faulty comparisons. I'm about to show you one to illustrate a problem we may encounter later.

To explain it, I first need to borrow from anthropology (Leslie White, to be specific) the definition of a symbol, such as a word. A symbol is a thing or event upon which meaning is freely and arbitrarily bestowed. I call it a "tree"; you call it an "arbre." Is one right and the other wrong?

No. We have the ability to freely and arbitrarily bestow whatever meaning we want on symbols, including words. And for us, that then becomes its established meaning.

Keep that as background as we hear a second interpretation of the Trinity, which would ordinarily invite comparison with what Matthew said. I offer that:

"The Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, known in Hinduism as Brahman, Atman, and Shakti, represents three levels of Reality. The first is the All, the One, the Totality, to use Matthew's phrase. The second is the One's creative power, which we call the Divine Mother (Holy Ghost), and the third is the spark of the Father within a form created by the Mother - that is, us (the Christ, the Atman, the Buddha nature)."

Is one of us wrong? No. The symbol "trinity" is neutral and can be applied to anything. He's taken the concept and used it as a framework to look at different phenomena than I did.

I haven't included the being he calls "God" (the God of this universe) in my map - just because I freely and arbitrarily chose to focus on the relationship between three other phenomena.

I cannot comment on the "Christed realm" - and would not - because I haven't experienced it. Because I have no knowledge of it - intellectual or otherwise - you wouldn't expect to see it in my "trinity." In fact, it couldn't be.

The only thing the two trinities have in common is the use of the word "trinity" itself. It's not right or wrong. It's just different.

I cite this example because I'd like to dispel notions of right and wrong to prepare us for where we're going. Matthew's interpretation is a contribution to our knowledge and I'd like to think mine is too. To compare them, given that they look at different phenomena and that both might be correct, is to compare apples and oranges.

Of course a more thorough-going solution is not to make anyone's interpretation wrong. If nothing else, it's right for them. The sooner we allow other people their interpretations, I believe, the sooner we recover our original state of peace in ourselves and the world.

Footnotes

(1) "Matthew Ward Provides a New Map of Heaven – Part 2/4," September 26, 2022, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/09/26/matthew-ward-provides-a-new-map-of-heaven-part-2-4/>.

A Pivotal Distinction

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White Cloud speaks

I'd like to highlight two statements that were made recently to make the point that I think we're being moved from what I conceive of as a society-wide or humanity-wide constructed self into a society-wide higher Self and I consider the ultimate completion of that movement to lie in Ascension.

I know this article may be long for some but the distinctions made here are extremely enabling and powerful. I urge you to read it slowly and contemplate on what the two masters are saying.

The first source is White Cloud, who channeled through Blossom Goodchild for our July 29 *An Hour with an Angel*.

White Cloud began by saying that "an Event" was going to happen soon. "We do not give dates any more," he added, "because when it cannot work in the way we had perhaps planned it is too detrimental in the long term. " In this he's no different than Linda Dillon's sources.

He then continued, making a distinction that I think is pivotal to us right now:

“If you are to live your life in the way that is desired and that is by living every moment that you can in joy, ... working with that, concentrating only on that, focusing only on the joy of your life, then it is that you are raising the vibration.

“And the more the vibration is raised, the more quickly these things shall come about that you are desiring.

“But when so many of you ... are saying please, and when Blossom looks up at the sky, and says please, will you show yourselves, it is not because she does not believe that such a thing can happen. It is not she needs proof. It is for her that when that takes place, in the deepest part of her, she knows then that the Plan is well underway, so to speak, and that is what so many are yearning for.

“But what I wish to say again is that that will happen by you concentrating on the joy of your life, when you when you have stopped wondering when and take the focus away from that [expectation] and focus on the moment of “Do I feel happy right now?” ...

“I spoke yesterday as well of the Event that many speak of and many thought it would be of December of last year. But I am saying to you that this Event has not gone away. This event will be taking place.

“And it is a showering of love that will descend, if you like, on your planet, in a way that it has not been done before. But that Event can take place according to, in simple terms, depending upon the happiness of those souls on Earth.” (1)

I then asked him if we should feel detached and balanced about whatever happens or should we be joyful in anticipation of what is happening. And he replied, making a distinction that I think is key to lifting us outside the socially-constructed self:

“I am saying to you [to be] detached from any outcome. It is ... the joy within the Self [that is profitable]. It is not about, for me I would say, the Event is coming. Yes, that is joyful. It is indescribably joyful. But the soul/Self knows before it came, in the greater knowledge of itself, that this Event shall take place. ...

“By wanting to be joyful about what is coming ahead, you are not being joyful about the moment you are in because you are desiring that something

in the future will bring you joy instead of concentrating upon the joy you are in now.

“And I would just say, with all things, ... be detached from all outcomes. Just be in the presence of yourself in each given moment so that whatever lies ahead will be joyous because you are not putting expectation upon something, because you are concentrating fully on being love and light in this very moment.” (2)

We are joy. Joy is a divine state and we are the Divine. So when we concentrate on being the joy, we're in alignment with the Self.

When we concentrate on experiencing joy in the future when something happens that we want, we've broken the contact with the Self and invested instead in the constructed self. No pass. Do not pass “Go.” Do not collect \$200.

What White Cloud said here reminded me so much of what the second source, the master Kuthumi, told us on July 12, 2012.



Depiction of the master Kuthumi

He advised us to let go of all contracts, even the contracts we've made around Ascension, in favor of allowing our Divine Self to emerge and simply be. He said:

“[It] will take time but eventually you will see the falling of all forms of contracts, even contracts created to bring forth peace and love, even contracts made with your soul, the inner planes, guides and the Creator,

until there are no more contracts in existence within the entire universe of the Creator.

“This would signify that karmic laws and patterning would completely be erased. It would also symbolise that you and humanity would have accepted your own inner power, truth, peace, love and divine oneness with the Creator, humbly and lovingly existing in and as all that is the Creator.” (3)

He isn't saying that we should not do what we came here to do but he's saying that there's a higher state even than just simply fulfilling our duty and that higher state is being the Divine that we are. The bonds that then arise will be stronger than the sense of duty that has us fulfill our contracts. There will then be no need for contracts.

I cannot help remarking that we're being given at this time teachings that in past ages probably would only have been given to high initiates.

“Even creations of the mind that seem appropriate and needed may collapse. This is only to allow and make way for a true manifestation of peace which in many ways needs no words or explanation but simply manifests and is experienced creating a unified bond that is beyond your imagination but is stronger than any contract of the mind.

“Rather than contracts, bonds will be formed which are an expression and manifestation of the divine unity and oneness of all souls and the Creator. The reforming of the Creator's vibration within all of us and between each soul will manifest creating a consciousness of oneness, trust, love and truth. Therefore no contracts will be needed of any form and healing will have taken place within and between all.” (4)

He then goes on to nail the point down. Contracts are flimsy compared to pure love and Self-knowledge.

“In many ways contracts could be seen as flimsy, they have the opportunity to be broken, divine bonds are created from the purest place of love and Creator familiarity which cannot be broken or misused because it is the synthesis of all that you are and all that is the Creator. It is not to create bonds but to reform that which has been separated, the separation of the Creator.” (5)

Remarkably he then says almost the same as White Cloud did, that attachment is grasping but unconditional love causes everything to move.

“It is very similar to the process of attachment and detachment. When you are attached to a person, energy or outcome you are not experiencing a divine flow but are grasping, hindering and holding the flow.

“When you dissolve all attachments but replace the attachment with a connection of unconditional love, everything begins to move with and in the divine flow of the Creator. In truth the Creator is experienced.” (6)

He ends by advising us “to ask for all contracts and agreements made by you and even your soul to be brought into the highest vibration of peace and love to work in unity and oneness with this new era and the Creator’s vibrations upon the Earth.” (7)

These two passages say to us that it isn’t conditional love and joy, it isn’t love and joy for a reason, that is profitable, but it's simply being the love and joy, being our native and divine state, that is profitable.

This alteration moves us from the constructed self of all of us as a society, that waits for expected events to be happy and loving and so postpones our love and joy and makes it depend on the outcome of events, to the self outside the box of all of us as a society that concentrates on being the unconditional and unconditioned joy and love that we always, already are.

It’s a fine distinction, but, I think, a very powerful and, as White Cloud says, a very profitable one.

Footnotes

(1) White Cloud on *An Hour with an Angel*, July 29, 2013.

(2) Loc. cit.

(3) "Master Kuthumi: The Breaking of Peace Contracts," channeled by Natalie Glasson, July 12, 2013 at <http://omna.org>.

(4) Loc. cit.

(5) loc. cit.

(6) Loc. cit.

(7) Loc. cit.

Sword and Shield? Against Whom?

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I wanted to comment on Archangel Michael's interview from *Hour with an Angel* on Dec. 26.

I've never worked with a kinder or wiser boss than AAM. I've watched how he phrases things with me and the people I work with and marvelled at the manner in which he takes a person's vasantas and shows how they can be made into virtues.

One person's tendency to worry makes him an ideal watchdog. Another person's thrown (1) concern for social justice makes him an ideal ombudsman. Werner Erhard used to advise us to co-opt our critics by appointing them in charge of the area they see clearly in. AAM makes that the ultimate art.

Specifically what I wanted to draw attention to was this passage in his message:

"I wish tonight to reach into your hearts – yes, as I ignite the blue flame once again of truth - but to truly ignite the flame of inner peace. I ask you, I encourage you, I urge you – I beg you, pick up your sword and shield that I have gifted you so long ago and wield them.

"This is not simply a defensive posture. It is the declaration of who you are in awakening peace within your heart. I also wish to awaken fully your

warrior self. When you are in peace, it is not simply a blissful, quiet place, it is a place where there is no fear, where there is no worry, where there is no anger, where there is no frustration, that there is only the clarity of your soul."

Pick up our sword and shield against whom? How can a warrior of peace assume a warlike stance, a defensive posture? I'd like to say two things about that, one derived from karate and one from growth work.

Anyone who has studied karate will know that all karate responses begin with a defensive move. A punch comes in, or a kick comes in and the karate student responds with a block. But it isn't until the first time a person is required to use their karate skills that they realize the manner in which they've been trained. If one is taught to respond only with a defensive move, one has been inconspicuously trained not to attack.

I had no training in how to attack another. If the person attacking me abandoned their intention, nothing ever got started because I was trained only to initiate by defending. Here too Archangel Michael is not trying to invite us to attack but to defend ourselves, in the same way the karate instructor did.

But who have we taken up sword and shield against? Someone out there? Probably not. More likely someone in here. Who is it that fears, worries, and gets angry? It's the ego. The Self has no fear and no reason to fear. The Self has no worry and no reason to worry. And the Self does not anger and has no reason for anger. Only the ego does.

So, yes, we may need to yield the sword and shield against attack from outside. It could happen. But principally the chief violator of the peace is our own ego. And if we restrict matters to ourselves alone and leave others out of the equation for the moment, then the violator of the peace is always only our own ego.

Nowhere has that become more obvious to me than in the present work I'm involved in. I watch my own ego become territorial. I watch it want to conserve all the glory to itself. I watch it strut and sing its own praises. And I take up the sword and shield that AAM has given all of us starseeds and I take a stand against my own ego. And every time I do, after the fact, I see how mistaken was my ego's appraisal of the situation and how well it worked out when I didn't listen to it. But it takes a struggle to unhitch from the mischief maker.

Let me stop there for now and in a second post tomorrow look at one of the interesting revelations in David's Project Camelot interview. Yes, the concerted

effort of lightworkers and insiders may have saved David from a terrible fate, but his revelations have also provided us with some valuable insights into NESARA and the New Society.

Footnotes

(1) A "thrown" concern is a concern that springs from a vasana or automatic tendency. It is usually an unexamined concern.

⌘ Appendix ⌘

On the Nature of the Divine Mother

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While not a person, the Divine Mother is thought of as one. Here she is depicted in the Hindu tradition as the Creator of worlds.

I've been asked who the Divine Mother is. Let me reproduce an article written many years ago on the subject, for that reader and for other readers new to the blog.

God has two aspects: Our Heavenly Father, who is passive and silent, and our Divine Mother, who is dynamic and sonic. We cannot "know" him; she is all we can know.

Sri Ramakrishna used many metaphors to suggest what the situation with the transcendental Father was. In one, a man sits atop a wall. Suddenly his face lights up; he goes into ecstasy; and he jumps down off the wall, never to return. Who is there then to tell us what he saw?

A second metaphor is a doll made of salt who wants to measure the depth of the ocean. But when he wades into it, he dissolves. Now who is there to tell us the ocean's depth?

If the transcendental Father cannot be "known," the material or phenomenal Mother (*mater*, matter) can. But I'll leave the rest to this article.

The article is long and may best be read in parts.

If I were to change one element of this article it would be the equation of the Mother with Aum, energy, Shakti. When I spoke to her on *An Hour with an Angel*, October 15, 2012, through Linda Dillon, she had this to say on the subject:

"When I have spoken about ... Shakti, I have spoken about a part of me. As I have said, I am the bridge, I am the clasp between the Father and the universe and your world.

"And Shakti has been experienced — yes, inter-dimensionally for eons as you well know - but she is not the totality of my being. My being is bigger than you can fathom, dear one.

"So I do not simply mean that [Shakti or energy] is an aspect manifesting. But it is simply larger than any of you can imagine, particularly at this point." ("The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012 at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/>.)

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The spiritual Phenomenon called the Divine Mother has always been deeply interesting to spiritual seekers.

Known to sages and saints throughout history, it is the Divine Mother whom we in the West address as the Holy Spirit and Mother Nature. In India, Hindus address Her as Shakti, Maya, Kali, and Durga. She is also known as Wisdom, Aum, Amen, the Word of God.

By whatever name we refer to Her, She is an actual Entity that exists and can be directly experienced. In this paper, I present a number of conjectures about Her identity based on the recorded experiences of these saints and sages.

The Mother's nature is one of the unfathomable mysteries of life. Nothing can be said about Her directly or positively. Almost everything that can be said of Her must be couched in metaphors; She is described in terms of waves, clouds, lights,

fire, voices, music, though She is none of these. I know of no other way to discuss Her than metaphorically.

Her existence preceded language. Therefore it stands to reason that She operates without recourse to or dependence on words. As I am led to believe, no amount of intellectual understanding can substitute for a direct and personal experience of Her.

The subject of the Mother's identity can be very dense. Even arriving at the generalities presented here required the matching of many pieces of a large and complex spiritual puzzle. In the end, all of it must remain guesswork on my part.



The Mother incarnated as Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

If we mean to follow the case as set out here, we will have to suspend disbelief, at least until the full argument has been stated.

Every name used in this essay, unless otherwise stated, is a name by which the Mother has been known to an enlightened master. Towards the end of the essay, a list of these names is given. Because all refer to the same Entity, I could have

chosen any one of them as definitive. In fact, I have chosen to follow Sri Ramakrishna's practice and refer to this high power as the "Divine Mother."

If, after finishing this article, you wish to pursue the subject further, the best source to turn to is the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, the recorded conversations of the Mother's greatest devotee. While most sages knew a single facet of the Mother, the Avatar of Dakshineswar scaled the lofty peaks of enlightenment by several routes and displayed a sublime, multi-faceted knowledge of the Mother which offers a standard of comparison for other accounts.

The Mother is neither a female nor a person

To arrive at a notion of the Mother, we must first put aside our anthropocentric ways of thinking and realize that She is not a person, and not a female either, but an agency, a power in the universe which can only be understood as it is.

Avatars and enlightened saints and sages, who refer to the Holy Father and Divine Mother, find themselves in a position of needing to speak about entities which are one at the absolute level of existence and apparently two at the relative. To differentiate between them, they draw upon a metaphor of gender, as Kabir and Lao Tzu illustrate:

Kabir: "The formless Absolute is my Father, and God with form is my Mother." (1)

Lao Tzu: "Nameless indeed is the source of creation [i.e., the Father], But things have a mother and she has a name." (2)

Both Kabir and Lao Tzu are differentiating between an absolute realm where name and form are not to be found and a relative plane where they are. The former is designated the Father; the latter, the Mother.

However, down through the centuries, using the gender metaphor has given rise to a difficulty. We ordinary people, lacking the knowledge that accompanies enlightenment, project onto these two high powers stereotypes and conclusions, likes and dislikes proper to actual males and females and improper to these genderless sublime entities. The Divine Mother becomes anthropomorphized into a woman, leading us to distort Her true nature and enmeshing us in a web of imprisoning thoughts.

Not a female, the Mother is nonetheless the necessary cause of gender; not a male, the Father is its sufficient cause. Not a person Herself, the Mother is the source of personhood; not a person Himself, the Father is the source of existence itself.

If we truly wish to approach an understanding of Her Nature that may help us realize Her, we must be vigilant against taking the gender metaphor farther than its usefulness permits.

The term “Mother” refers to the relative plane of existence; the term “Father” refers to the absolute

Understanding some basic distinctions about Her will require us to think in vast terms. Sri Ramakrishna hinted at this to his devotees: “The macrocosm and microcosm rest in the Mother's womb. Now do you see how vast She is?” (3)

One of Sri Ramakrishna's translators and biographers, Swami Nikhilananda, explains: reality has two levels, one of which may be called the absolute, acosmic, or transcendental level and the other the relative, cosmic, or phenomenal. (4) It was these two levels of Reality that saints and sages wished to speak about by using the metaphor of a cosmic male and female.

According to Swami Nikhilananda, at the phenomenal level, one perceives the universe of diversity and is aware of one's own individual personality or ego, whereas at the transcendental level, differences merge into an inexplicable non-dual consciousness. Both these levels of experience are real from their respective standpoints, though what is perceived at one level may be negated at the other. (5)

Thus, the Mother, coterminous with this relative plane of existence, includes all things, all creation, all manifestation, all matter. The Father, the source of creation, remains ever no-thing, un-created, un-manifest, im-material.

On the relative plane, the Divine Mother creates all there is, preserves it for a time, and then dissolves it into the formless Father again

According to the saints and sages we shall hear from, it is the Mother who operates the world; that is, who creates, preserves, and destroys everything there is.

As Swami Nikhilananda observes, She is "Procreatrix [cf. Prakriti], Nature, the Destroyer, the Creator." (6) His remarks echo ancient texts. Of Her the *Upanishads* declared: "Thou art the creator; thou art the destroyer by thy prowess; and thou art the protector." (7) In the *Bhagavad-Gita*, Sri Krishna addresses Her as Maya.

"Maya makes all things: what moves, what is unmoving.
O son of Kunti, that is why the world spins,
Turning its wheel through birth and through destruction." (8)

This knowledge is not privy to Hindus alone. The avatar Zarathustra taught that the Mother was in sole charge of "the management of the bodily and spiritual worlds." (9) Solomon also knew that Wisdom "operates everything." (10)

Swami Nikhilananda used various metaphors to suggest how She operates:

"She projects the world and again withdraws it. She spins it as the spider spins its web. She is the Mother of the Universe, identical with the Brahman of Vedanta, and with the Atman of Yoga. As eternal Lawgiver, She makes and unmakes laws; it is by Her imperious will that karma yields its fruit. She ensnares men with illusion and again releases them from bondage with a look of Her benign eyes. She is the Supreme Mistress of the cosmic play, and all objects, animate and inanimate, dance by Her will. Even those who realize the Absolute in nirvikalpa samadhi are under Her jurisdiction as long as they live on the relative plane." (11)

She is metaphorically called the Voice in the Wilderness in the Bible because no law, no principle of organization, no structure can apply to the formless God. Only the Mother has form; as such She gives Voice to God and cries in the "wilderness" that the Father is.

The Mother made the body

Having created the universe, the Divine Mother dwells within it, as King Solomon, an enlightened devotee of the Mother, suggests: "Wisdom [Solomon's name for the Divine Mother] ... penetrates and permeates everything that is, every material thing." (12) Sri Ramakrishna agrees: "After the creation the Primal Power [the Mother] dwells in the universe itself. She brings forth this phenomenal world and then pervades it." (13) The Avatar of Dakshineswar confided to his devotees that "the Divine Mother revealed to me that it is She Herself who has become man." (14)

She made the five material bodies (or *pancha kosas*) by which we act and know. Solomon cryptically comments that: “Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn her seven pillars.” (15) It is my impression that the “seven pillars” are the seven chakras. St. Paul too was referring to Her role as the body's creator and indweller when he said: “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God [the Mother] dwelleth in you?” (16) In Sri Krishna’s words: “Every human being is essentially a soul [the Child of God or Atman, one with the Father], covered with a veil of maya [the Mother].” (17)

Let us pause with this mention of the immortal soul. We now have three eternal actors in our divine play. We have the Father without form, the Mother with form, and the immortal soul, their offspring, which the prophet Amos called “a firebrand plucked out of the burning.” (19) What is the divine drama in which all three are engaged?

If we look at events from the standpoint of the immortal soul, then it could be said, as I have done elsewhere, (18) that the purpose of life is enlightenment. The purpose of life is that the undying soul should travel out from God, into the world, where, after eons of spiritual evolution and enlightenment, it will learn that it and God are one.

The purpose of life, viewed from the Creator’s standpoint, is that God should meet God, and, through that meeting, enjoy His own bliss. (20) The Father created the Mother, who went on to create trillions of forms – prodigal children, embodied souls - which left the Father and travelled in the realm of matter, until every form comes to know itself as God.

These three actors could be called the Transcendental (the Holy Father), the Phenomenal (the Divine Mother), and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal (the immortal soul or Child of God). If we alter their order, we have what Christians call the “Trinity” – the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We explore the Father and Mother in this article. The immortal soul is the unrealized “Son of God,” (21) the treasure buried in a field, Pearl of great price, Prince of peace, and mustard seed that, upon realization, grows into a great tree. (22) The point at which Christianity and Hinduism intersect is right here, at exactly this same Trinity, which Hindus know as Brahman, Atman, and Shakti.

The Divine Mother made the body and the Holy Father hid a fragment of Himself within its heart (the Child of God), which the Mother has raised and educated until the divine spark realizes its true identity.

The Mother arises from the Father and merges in Him again.

The Mother arises from the Father and falls back into Him again. She is like the clouds in the sky; the Father is the sky from which the clouds emerge and into which they melt again. Sri Ramakrishna tried to convey Their relationship by using the metaphor of impermanent waves forming on the ocean of Satchidananda:

"These waves [arise] from the Great Ocean and merge again into the Great Ocean. From the Absolute to the Relative, and from the Relative to the Absolute." (23)

"It has been revealed to me that there exists an Ocean of "Consciousness" without limit [i.e., the Father]. From it come all things of the relative plane [i.e., the Mother], and in it they merge again." (24)

Paramahansa Yogananda also used a wave metaphor to describe the Mother: "The storm-roar [the Mother] of the sea [the Father] creates the waves [materiality] – preserves them for some time as larger or smaller waves -- and then dissolves them." (25)

While the great ocean of consciousness is formless, the waves, which are a part of it, have form. Nonetheless waves and ocean are one. "That which has form," Sri Ramakrishna asserted, "again, is without form. That which has attributes, again, has no attributes." (26) "Water is water whether it is calm or full of waves. The Absolute alone is the Primordial Energy, which creates, preserves, and destroys." (27)

Sri Ramakrishna describes how the relative plane emerges from the absolute and falls back into it again.

"Brahman [the Father] may be compared to an infinite ocean, without beginning or end. Just as, through intense cold, some portions of the ocean freeze into ice and formless water appears to have form, so through intense love of the devotee, Brahman appears to take on form and personality. But the form melts away again as the Sun of Knowledge rises. Then the universe [the Mother] also disappears, and there is seen to be nothing but Brahman." (28)

She is energy, movement, vibration; He is an inactive, unknowable void

According to Swami Nikhilananda, the essence of the Divine Mother is *shakti* or energy; in fact, *adyashakti* or the primordial energy. “Maya, the mighty weaver of [the mysterious garb of name and form],” he said, “is none other than Kali, the Divine Mother, She is the primordial Divine Energy, Sakti.” (29)

What is Shakti and what is Brahman? What is the Mother and what is the Father? Sri Ramakrishna says the distinction between the two is the same as distinction between the static and the dynamic:

"When inactive He is called Brahman, the Purusha [i.e., the Supreme Person]. He is called Sakti, or Prakriti [the Primordial Energy], when engaged in creation, preservation, and destruction. These are the two aspects of Reality: Purusha and Prakriti. He who is the Purusha is also the Prakriti." (30)

He equates the static Father with the impersonal God, Nirguna Brahman (or the Father without attributes), and the dynamic Mother with the personal God, Saguna Brahman (the Father with attributes):

"When the Godhead [the Father] is thought of as creating, preserving, and destroying, It is known as the Personal God, Saguna Brahman, or the Primal Energy, Adyasakti [the Mother]. Again, when It is thought of as beyond the three gunas [the three qualities of the phenomenal world – sattwa, rajas, and thamas, or balance, energy, and sloth], then It is called the Attributeless Reality, Nirguna Brahman, beyond speech and thought; this is the Supreme Brahman, Parabrahman." (31)

Sri Ramakrishna revealed the secret meaning behind the statues of Shakti and Shiva that show Shiva lying recumbent while Shakti dances on His body.

"Kali stands on the bosom of Siva; Siva lies under Her feet like a corpse; Kali looks at Siva. All this denotes the union of Purusha and Prakriti. Purusha is inactive; therefore Siva lies on the ground like a corpse. Prakriti performs all Her activities in conjunction with Purusha. Thus She creates, preserves, and destroys." (32)

Thus the Father is “immoveable and actionless” (33), a profound stillness in which we discover Sat-Chit-Ananda, or Being, Awareness, and Bliss Absolute. The

Mother is the movement in this stillness, the voice in the silence, the primordial, active energy in the eternal tranquillity of the Father. It is this relationship between the dynamic and the static that Jesus hinted at when he called the totality of God “a movement and a rest.” (34)

Bernadette Roberts stressed the Father's stillness when she called him “the 'still-point' at the center of being.” (35) Lao Tzu emphasized it when he asserted that: “The Way [the Tao or the Father] is a Void.” (36)

Empty of name and form, qualities and attributes, and quintessentially tranquil and still, the Father is in the end inconceivable. “What Brahman is cannot be described,” declared the Godman of Dakshineswar. (37) Because ego is subdued for a time upon attaining the Father, leaving no observer to observe, no thinker to think, “no one has ever been able to say what Brahman is.” (38)

The essence of the Mother is a universal creative vibration, symbolized by the sacred syllable 'Aum,' which calls matter into being, sustains it for a while, and then releases it back into the general dissolution of the Father

Hindus symbolize the primal power - the Mother as vibration or energy - by the sacred syllable – or rather vibration - 'Aum.' Sri Ramakrishna makes this connection when he equates Aum with the Divine Mother, exclaiming: “O Mother! O Embodiment of ‘Om.’” (39)

Paramahansa Yogananda identifies “Aum,” or “Amen,” with the Holy Spirit: Christians are familiar with the Amen from *Revelation*: “These things saith the Amen [the Mother], the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.” (40)

"The ancients, not versed in the polished language of modern times, used 'Holy Ghost' and 'Word' for Intelligent Cosmic Vibration, which is the first materialization of God the Father in matter [i.e., the Mother]. The Hindus speak of this Holy Ghost as the 'Aum.'” (41)

Holy Ghost, Aum of the Hindus, the Mohammedan Amin, the Christian Amen, Voice of Many Waters, Word, are the same thing. (42)

Yogananda links “Aum” and the “Holy Ghost” to the primordial energy:

“The Bible refers to Aum as the Holy Ghost or invisible life force that divinely upholds creation. ‘What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which we have of God, and ye are not your own?’ (I Corinthians 6:19.)” (43)

Now we know the Mother, Shakti, the Holy Ghost, as Aum. Aum creates, preserves and destroys.

"The cosmic sound of Aum creates all things as Nebulae, preserves them in the forms of the present cosmos and worlds, and ultimately will dissolve all things in the bosom-sea of God." (44)

Nature is an objectification of Aum, the Primal Sound or Vibratory Word. (45)

Sage Vasistha made the same point in the *Yoga Vasistha*. The form of his teaching is similar to Sri Ramakrishna's, that waves or vibrations arise out of the Ocean of Sathchidananda.

"When the infinite vibrates, the worlds appear to emerge. When it does not vibrate, the worlds appear to submerge, even as when a firebrand is whirled fast a circle appears. And when it is held steady, the circle vanishes. Vibrating or not vibrating, it is the same everywhere at all times." (46)

Theosophist Annie Besant propagated this view as well:

"The source from which a universe proceeds is a manifested Divine Being, to whom in the modern form of the Ancient Wisdom the name of Logos, or Word, has been given. The name is drawn from Greek philosophy, but perfectly expresses the ancient idea, the Word which emerges from the Silence, the Voice, the sound, by which the worlds come into being." (47)

Have we any representations of the Mother birthing a universe? A recent article in *What is Enlightenment?* magazine relates a vision of the author, Maura O'Connor, a student of the Kabbalah. In it she was taught by a rabbi, Moses de Leon, the following:

"Emptiness, what the kabbalists call *ayin*, exists far beyond concepts or language. It is like a pure ether that can never be grasped by the mind. ... Emptiness is the ultimate mystery, the *secret* of the Cause of Causes, and it brought everything into being. ...

"I must tell you of the great rabbi, Isaac Luria. Luria was a visionary like none other: he lived during the fifteenth century in the holy town of Galilee.... He spent his life ceaselessly contemplating the source of the universe, the primordial emptiness we call *ayin*.... He recognized that in order for the latent divinity of *ayin* to manifest its glorious potential for life, a cataclysmic contraction had to take place. ...

"Luria understood that the absolute nature of this emptiness meant that it was so pervasive, nothing else *but* it could exist. In order for life to become manifest, a seismic contraction of emptiness *in on itself* had to occur, creating a space in which divine emanation was possible. ...

"Following this immense contraction, God's first cosmic act was the emission of a single perfect ray of light. This beam pierced through the void and then expanded in all directions. Think of it as God's first breath ['spirit' = 'breath'] exhaling into the abyss after eons of slumber and filling it with His divinity. This is how the universe was born." (48)

This first perfect ray of Light is the Holy Spirit or Divine Mother creating the universe. What we may be hearing is a vision of what scientists call "the Big Bang."

Ultimately, She is one with the Father

This Light, this vibration called "Aum," the Divine Mother, is one with the vibrationless Father. Patanjali states: "The Word which expresses [God] is "Om" (49) "Oh, Lord, dweller within," says Shankara, " "Om is your very self." (50) Or the *Upanishads*: "Om is Brahman, both the conditioned [Mother] and the unconditioned [Father], the personal [Mother] and the impersonal [Father]." (51)

Krishna, speaking as God, declares:

"I am ...
Om in all the Vedas,
The word that is God." (52)

Three Hindu masters – Swami Yukestwar Giri, Swami Sivananda, and Paramahansa Ramakrishna explain the relationship between Brahman and Shakti, or Father and Mother, by using a fire metaphor.

Swami Yukteswar Giri, guru to Paramahansa Yogananda

"[The] manifestation of the Word (becoming flesh, the external material) created this visible world. So the Word, Amen, Aum [the Mother], being the manifestation of the Eternal Nature of the Almighty Father or His own Self, is inseparable from and nothing but God Himself; as the burning power is inseparable from and nothing but the fire itself." (53)

Swami Sivananda

"Just as one cannot separate heat from fire, so also one cannot separate Sakti [Mother] from Sakta [Father]. Sakti and Sakta are one. They are inseparable." (54)

Paramahansa Ramakrishna

"Brahman and Sakti are identical. If you accept the one, you must accept the other. It is like fire and its power to burn. If you see the fire, you must recognize its power to burn also. ... One cannot think of the Absolute without the Relative, or the Relative without the Absolute." (55)

"Sakti is Brahman itself," concludes Swami Sivananda. (56) Sri Ramakrishna agrees: "Brahman is Sakti; Sakti is Brahman. They are not two." (57) "[Brahman and Sakti] are only two aspects, male and female, of the same Reality, Existence-Knowledge-Bliss-Absolute." (58)

When we speak to the Divine Mother, we are speaking to the Holy Father. Sri Ramakrishna teaches: "It is Brahman whom I address as Sakti or Kali." (59)

She plays a central role in enlightenment

As we have seen, the Mother is portrayed as leading the Sons and Daughters of God to a final meeting with the Father, in what is the culminating event of many lives. As Jesus did, so have we all come from the Father into the world. We are all prodigal children wandering in the domain of matter (*mater*, Mother), until we realize our true nature. Many metaphors are used to suggest how this realization of true identity happens. The Mother is depicted as withdrawing Her veil of phenomenal reality and revealing the Father. She is portrayed as leading the Child of God to the Father.

Hindus, like Swami Sivananda, advise us to beseech the Mother's help in our attempts to reach the Father.

"It behooves ... the aspirant [to] approach the Mother first, so that She may introduce Her spiritual child to the Father for its illumination or Self-realization."
(60)

The knowledge of God as the Child, the Mother, and the Father constitutes three discrete levels of enlightenment. When we know this Trinity in full, we have completed the human leg of our journey back to God.

Let us examine the Mother as bringer of enlightenment and object of enlightenment.

There is a passage in *Proverbs* where the Mother (as "Wisdom") is represented as speaking directly. Her words are consistent with what we've learned about Her so far:

"Doth not wisdom cry...

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

I was set up from everlasting [that is, before time], from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways." (61)

Why are they blessed who keep Her ways? Because God the Mother will enlighten those who follow Her commands.

We see evidence of this throughout the *Bible*, as the Mother enlightens those who "keep Her ways." Hebrew kings and prophets were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Here She brings enlightenment to the disciples of Jesus upon the Day of Pentecost, after his death.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all of one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat

upon each of them.

And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. "(62)

Sri Yukteswar explains the significance of this event. "Being baptized in the sacred stream of Pranava (the Holy Aum vibration)" the spiritual aspirant "comprehends the "Kingdom of God." (63)

For many years I believed that Islam recognized only Allah, the Father. But recently I have found a passage in the *Koran* which demonstrates that its author acknowledges the Mother or Holy Spirit as well. The passage concerns the Holy Spirit enlightening the worthy in the penultimate experience of illumination, immediately prior to God-Realization, symbolically preparing the Child of God for meeting the Father. The *Koran* says:

"Exalted and throned on high, [Allah] lets the Spirit descend at His behest on those of His servants whom He chooses, that He may warn them of the day when they shall meet Him." (64)

The Divine Mother or Holy Ghost enlightened the 12th-Century German saint Hildegard of Bingen, who testified:

"When I was forty-two years and seven months old, a burning light of tremendous brightness coming from heaven poured into my entire mind. Like a flame that does not burn but enkindles, it inflamed my entire heart and my entire breast, just like the sun that warms an object with its rays." (65)

Following this experience, Hildegard could not stop from singing the praises of the Holy Spirit or Divine Mother:

"Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is a Burning Spirit. It kindles the hearts of humankind. Like tympanum and lyre it plays them, gathering volumes in the temple of the soul. The Holy Spirit resurrects and awakens everything that is." (66)



Hildegard's vision of the Trinity: Son/Christ, inside the Mother's creation (brown corduroy), but connected to the Father (grey corduroy), which, as the conditioned or personal God, is shown located within the unconditioned God or Godhead (purple).

The Mother manifested to Sri Ramakrishna as clouds of consciousness and bliss:

"Suddenly I had the wonderful vision of the Mother and fell down unconscious." (67)

"It was as if houses, doors, temples, and everything else vanished from my sight, leaving no trace whatsoever. However far and in whatever direction I looked I saw a continuous succession of effulgent waves madly rushing at me from all sides, with great speed. I was caught in the rush, and panting for breath I collapsed, unconscious." (68)

"I did not know what happened then in the external world -- how that day and the next slipped away. But in my heart of hearts there was flowing a current of intense bliss, never experienced before, and I had the immediate knowledge of the light that was Mother." (69)

And She appeared to Ramakrishna's doubting non-dualistic guru Totapuri, who until that moment refused to accept Her reality:

"Suddenly, in one dazzling moment, [Totapuri, saw] on all sides the presence of the Divine Mother. She is in everything; She is everything. She is in the water; She is on land. She is the body. She is the mind. She is pain; She is comfort. She is life; She is death. She is everything that one sees, hears, or imagines. She turns 'yea' into 'nay,' and 'nay' into 'yea.' Without Her grace no embodied being can go beyond Her realm. Man has no free will. He is not even free to die. Yet, again, beyond the body and mind She resides in Her Transcendental, Absolute aspect. She is the Brahman that Totapuri had been worshipping all his life." (70)

She is the kundalini energy in the body and, when that energy rises from the muladhara chakra to the sahasrara, Shakti is said to merge with Shiva. This is another way in which the Mother can lead the aspirant to the Father. Swami Sivananda says: Shakti "leads the individual from Cakra to Cakra, from plane to plane and unifies him with Lord Siva in the Sahasrara." (71)

Sri Ramakrishna and his disciples used to sing a song whose aim was to invoke the kundalini to rise, so that Shakti would meet Shiva at the sahasrara.

"Awake, Mother! Awake! How long Thou hast been asleep
In the lotus of the Muladhara!

"Fulfil Thy secret function, Mother:
Rise to the thousand-petalled lotus within the head,
Where mighty Siva has His dwelling;
Swiftly pierce the six lotuses
And take away my grief, O Essence of Consciousness!" (72)

As each chakra awakens under the influence of our growing spirituality, the Mother is heard to "knock at the door," in Paramahansa Yogananda's words.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock (sound through Om vibration): If any man hear my voice (listen to Om), and open the door, I will come in to him. (Revelation 3:20)." (73)

Many aspirants, prominent among them Franklin Merrell-Wolff and Da Free John, were led to Brahmajnana (or God-realization attendant upon the spiritual energy reaching the seventh chakra) by the kundalini. Here is how Dr. Wolff described it:

"The Current is clearly a subtle, fluid-like substance which brings the sense of well-being already described. Along with It, a more than earthly Joy suffuses the whole nature. To myself, I called It a Nectar. Now, I

recognize It under several names. It is ... the 'Soma,' the 'Ambrosia of the Gods,' the 'Elixir of Life,' the 'Water of Life' of Jesus, and the 'Baptism of the Spirit' of St. Paul. It is more than related to Immortality; in fact it is Identical with Immortality." (74)

Da Free John called it this “current of immortal joy.” (75) His energetic experiences with the Divine Energy or the Shakti are unusual. His process, which ended in God-realization, began one day when:

"I could feel and hear little clicking pulses in the base of my head and neck, indicating the characteristic Presence of the Mother Shakti." (76)

The Mother knocks at the door and Da Free John hears Her and invites Her in. Meditating in a Vedanta Society temple in Hollywood, which he found to be a very powerful centre of Shakti:

"I felt the Shakti appear against my own form. She embraced me, and we grasped one another in sexual union. We clasped one another in a fire of cosmic desire, as if to give birth to the universes. Then I felt the oneness of the Divine Energy and my own Being. There was no separation at all. The one Being that was my own nature included the reality that is all manifestation as a single cosmic unity and eternal union.

"The sensations of the embrace were overwhelmingly blissful. It exceeded any kind of pleasure that a man could acquire. And soon I ceased to feel myself as a dependent child of the Shakti. I accepted her as my consort, my loved-one, and I held her forever to my heart." (77)

This proved to be his penultimate experience before God-Realization, the “harbinger” of the Father. He returned to the temple the next day but nothing happened. He simply sat in the temple. In a moment, he became aware of his true nature.

"In an instant, I became profoundly and directly aware of what I am. It was a tacit realization, a direct knowledge in consciousness itself. It was consciousness itself without the addition of a communication from any other source. I simply sat there and knew what I am. I was being what I am. I am Reality, the Self, and Nature and Support of all things and all beings. I am the One Being, known as God, Brahman, Atman, the One Mind." (78)

Withdrawing Her veils, moving us onward by her evolutionary coaxings, teaching us in Her school of matter, liberating us through the rising of the kundalini – there are many ways that the Mother leads the prodigal child to the Father.

No other spiritual agency has received the attention She has, under such a variety of names, and yet has been so little understood

The Divine Mother has been known to sages throughout the centuries, around the world, in religions from Advaita to Zarathustreanism. But the myriad names She has been called and the lack of integrated studies of Her have sometimes proved confusing.

I'd like to summarize the names I've found linked to the Mother. I've given one or two references for each use, though many more could have been given. This list has been derived by starting with undoubted epithets like “Holy Spirit,” “Divine Mother,” and “Shakti,” and then noting what other synonymous terms are used by the same enlightened source.

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These are full or partial synonyms for the Divine Mother

Adyasakti (or Ancient Power) (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 218 and 460.)

Ahunavairya (Zarathustra in GZ, 8-9.)

Amen (Revelation 3:14; Shankara, CJD, I; Sri Yukteswar Giri, HS, 23 and 24; Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 237n and 363n and SCC, 1, 17 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Amin (Paramahansa Yogananda in, 237n.)

Aum or Om (UPAN 50 and 53; Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 299; Sri Yukteswar Giri, HS, 24; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 143-4, 237n, 363n, 484, and 487n and SCC, 1, 15-6 and 19 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Breath of God (Job 33:4; Solomon in APO, 191.)

Comforter or Comforter Spirit (Zarathustra in GZ, 217; Jesus in John 14:16 and 14:26 and 15:26; Hildegard of Bingen in IHB, 9; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 144n and 363n and SCC, 1, 19.)

Cosmic Power or Energy (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 116; Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 2, 22; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25.)

Cosmic Sound (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 237, SCC, 1, 15 and 17 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Cosmic Vibration (Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 1, 15-6, 17, and 56 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Creator, Preserver, and Destroyer (UPAN, 37; Zarathustra, GZ, 187, 227 and 240; Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 32, 107, 135, and 653; Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 1, 15-6.)

Divine Mother (Lao Tzu in WOL, 53, 72, and 105; Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 32, 107, 136, 200, and 299; Swami Sivananda Sarasvati in KYW, 25; Nikhilananda in VIV, 24; Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, LAS, 1, 15, 21, 22, and 28; Da Free John in KOL, 132; etc.)

Divine Power (Sister Vandana, NJ, 190-1.)

Durga (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 216.)

Embodiment of Om (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 299.)

The Fashioner of all things (Solomon in APO, 191.)

Holy Ghost (Jesus in Matthew 12: 31-2; John 14:26 and 20:21-2; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 143-4, 363n, and 487n and SCC, 1, 15-6 and 19 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Holy Spirit (Solomon in APO, 195; Zarathustra, 217 and 227; Luke 11:13.)

Holy Vibration (Paramahansa Yogananda in SCC, 1, 56.)

Hum (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 237n.)

Kali (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 107 and 634; Nikhilananda, “Introduction,” to GSR, 9-10; Nikhilananda, “Vivekananda” in VIV, 24; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 10, 40n, and 41.)

Kundalini (Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25 and 30; GSR, 182.)

Logos (Annie Besant, AW, 44; Vivekananda in Nikhilananda, VIV, 422.)

Matrix (Lao Tzu in WOL, 105; Sri Aurobindo, SOY, 3.)

Maya (Sri Krishna in BG, 80; Shankara in CJD, 49; Sri Aurobindo, UP, 27; Nikhilananda, HIN, 42-3 and 45; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26.)

Mother - See Divine Mother.

Mother Nature, Mother of nature (Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 10 and 41; Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, CML, 19; Nikhilananda in GSR, 9-10.)

Mother of the universe (Nikhilananda, “Vivekananda” in VIV, 24.)

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Nature (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 40n and 41 and SCC, 1, 33; John Redtail Freesoul, BI, 11-2.)

Noise of many waters (David in Psalm 93:3-4; Ezekiel 43:1-2.)

Personal God or Saguna Brahman (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 32, 149, 218 and 277.)

Power of God, Power of the Lord (Solomon in APO, 191; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25.)

Prakriti/Procreatrix (Sri Krishna in BG, 103, 104, and 106; Sri Aurobindo, UP, 27; Ramakrishnananda, GDI, 1 and 8; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26; Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 32 and 123; Nikhilananda, “Introduction” to GSR, 9-10; Paramahansa Yogananda, SCC, 1, 33.)

Prana (UPAN , 35-8; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 484; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 26.)

Primal Energy, Primal Power (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 116 and 135; Swami Sivananda in KYW, 25.)

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Sound-Brahman, Shabda Brahman, or Pranava (PR in GSR, 263; Swami Vivekananda in Nikhilananda, VIV, 422; Sister Vandana, NJ, 190-1.)

Sound of many waters (Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 267-8.)

Sphota (Swami Vivekananda in Nikhilananda, VIV, 422; Usha, RVW, 74.)

Spirit of the Bridegroom (St. John of the Cross, CWSJC, 580.)

Spirit of God, Spirit of the Lord (Genesis 1:2; Exodus 35:31; Isaiah 11:2; Ibn Arabi, KK, 15-6; Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 142 and 143.)

Spirit of Truth (Jesus in John 14:17.)

Spirit of Wisdom (Zarathushtra, GZ, 13 and 187; Exodus 28:3 and 35:31; Deuteronomy 34:9; Isaiah 11:2; St. Paul in Ephesians 1:15-7.)

Spouse (St. John of the Cross in CWSJC, 75.)

Syama (Sri Ramakrishna in GSR, 271.)

Voice in the Silence (Annie Besant, AW, 44; Mabel Collins, LOP, 22.)

Voice of many waters (St. John in Revelation 14:2; Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 17n and SCC, 1, 19.)

Voice of one that crieth in the wilderness (Isaiah 40:3.)

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Witness (St. John in Revelation 3:14 and Paramahansa Yogananda in AY, 143-4 and 237 and SCC, 2, 22.)

Womb of God, Womb of Brahman, womb of wombs; Brahmayoni (Sri Krishna in BG, 106; Sri Ramakrishna, GSR, 870; Yogeshananda in VSR, 41; Sri Aurobindo, SOY, 3.)

Word (Hermes, DPH, 8 and 17; Zarathustra in GZ, 8-9; John 1:1 and 1:3; Annie Besant, AW, 44; Sri Yukteswar Giri, HS, 23 and 24; Paramahansa Yogananda, AY, 143-4, 237n, and 363n, SCC, 1, 19 and SCC, 2, 22.)

The Mother will always be incomprehensible and Her significance will remain immeasurable

One day we shall be able to say with Solomon: “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom... She is more precious than rubies; and all things thou canst desire are not to be compared with her.” (79) But though we merge with Her and reap all the rewards of doings so, we can never know Her as long as we are human.

Only those who have achieved what Jesus called everlasting life, the immortality that the experience of *vijnana*, (80) or stable and permanent realization, confers reach a high enough vantage point even to begin to inquire into, let alone understand, Her mystery. Even then, they can only marvel and say, with Shankara:

[The Mother] is neither being nor non-being, nor a mixture of both. She is neither divided nor undivided, nor a mixture of both. She is neither an indivisible whole, nor composed of parts, nor a mixture of both. She is most strange. Her nature is inexplicable. (81)

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Sahaja [samadhi] is also *Nirvikalpa*. You are probably meaning [*Kevalya*] *Nirvikalpa*, which is temporary, while the *Samadhi* lasts. The *Sahaja Nirvikalpa* is permanent and in it lies liberation from rebirths. (S.S. Cohen, *Guru Ramana. Memories and Notes*. 6th edition. Tiruvannamalai: Sri Ramanasramam, 1993, 88.) [Hereafter GR.]

[The] Heart is the seat of *Jnanam* as well as of the *granthi* (knot of ignorance). It is represented in the physical body by a hole smaller than the smallest pin-point, which is always shut. When the mind drops down in *Kevalya nirvikalpa [samadhi]*, it opens but shuts again after it. When *sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi* is attained it opens for good. (GR, 96.)

This is the final goal. (Ramana Maharshi, *Self-Enquiry*. Trans. T.M.P. Mahadevan. https://www.realization.org/page/namedoc0/self/self_0.htm Downloaded 1 August 2005, answer to question 40.)

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