## Grandeur Beyond Grandeur: Toward a Cross-Cultural Spirituality

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# Volume 1

#### Introduction



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

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

"Truly, within the Infinite there are Mysteries within Mysteries, Deeps beyond Deeps, Grandeurs beyond Grandeurs. ... Mystery of Mysteries, reaching inward and outward, but ever Beyond! And from that Beyond ever there come new whisperings of other imponderable Glories. Ah! How little is this world at the beginning of the Trail, barely a point in a Space of unlimited dimensions!" (2)

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Franklin Merrell-Wolff, *Pathways Through to Space. A Personal Record of Transformation in Consciousness.* New York: Julian Press, 1973, 17.
- (2) Ibid., 115.
- (3) Ibid., 43.
- (4) The vision is also described here: "Epilogue: Eight Seconds Out of Time," at <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/epilog.html">http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/epilog.html</a>

#### **Preface to Revision 6**



Millions have died over the ages in religious wars

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

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

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

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

It's said that the same cabal or elite that ruled this planet used the strategy of dividing and conquering and no grounds for dividing lent itself as well, it seems, as religion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

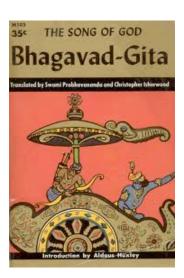
I wish to thank the editorial and management staff of the *Golden Age of Gaia* for working to produce such a wonderful base from which to reach so many people. Thank you to Suzi, Karen, Sitara, Kathleen, and Catherine, as we push the frontiers of knowledge as far forward as we, from our limited perspective,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

# **% The Perennial Philosophy ₩**

## The Perennial Philosophy

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I can't think of a better statement of the perennial philosophy than the Bhagavad Gita or Song of God

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

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

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

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

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

God created a divine drama called "Life" and so the phrase "perennial philosophy" becomes extended to take in all the ins and outs of that drama – what could be called its design features and divine processes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

planned, administered, and altered by divine command, just as we see Ascension being altered now, according to the Mother's Plan. (4)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Huxley's statements on the perennial philosophy are excellent and exemplified by two works: (1) Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944 and his introduction to Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood, trans., *Bhagavad-Gita*. *The Song of God*. New York and Scarborough: New American Library, 1972; c1944.
- (2) However it is developed here: "Christianity and Hinduism are One," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hittp://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/the-one-became-two-and-the-two-became-three/</a>
- (3) For another take on the situation, see "An Introduction to the Perennial Philosophy" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/back-to-the-basics-2/an-introduction-to-the-perennial-philosophy/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/back-to-the-basics-2/an-introduction-to-the-perennial-philosophy/</a>
- (4) See for instance "Transcript of Archangel Michael from An Hour with an Angel, Dec. 26, 2011," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/the-2012-scenario/what-role-are-the-angels-playing/transcript-of-archangel-michael-from-an-hour-with-an-angel-dec-26-2011/an" "Archangel Michael: Transcript of "An Hour with an Angel" Dec. 12, 2011, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/12/archangel-michael-transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/12/archangel-michael-transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel/</a>
- (5) On these matters, see the papers in the section "The Purpose of Life," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/</a>
- (6)At <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/divine1.html">http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/divine1.html</a>

### The Ancient Wisdom or Perennial Philosophy

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

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

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

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#### The Common Ground of Spirituality

#### The Primacy of the Soul

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

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

#### The Purpose of Life is to Know Our True Identity

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

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

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

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

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

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

When God enters the dream and builds the world of illusion, it is characterized by sound and movement, but not otherwise. The whole of the world of matter, *mater*; Mother is created by God with form.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Ultimately There are No Objects; Only One Subject

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

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

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

#### **Everything is Constructed of and from Love**

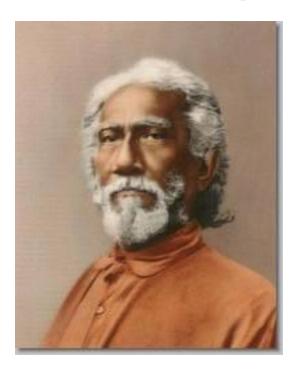
Love is the substratum from which everything is made. Love is the attractive force that holds everything together and the dissolutive agent that releases it again into the general ocean of consciousness. This is not discernible as long as separative or dualistic consciousness reigns but, when it yields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

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

## An Introduction to the Perennial Philosophy

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Sri Yukteswar Giri

Reposted from 2010.

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

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

SaLuSa tells us, "throughout your history, religious battles have been at the root of many wars." (2)

As I understand it, in many of these wars, the controllers funded both sides.

The division and manipulation that Matthew and SaLuSa are referring to are not born of the Truth but of a desire to control. Paramahansa Yogananda explained that religions may argue with each other but "men of realization who have the common

knowledge of the same truth do not contradict one another." It is not they who create dissension. "Their disciples of limited understanding create differences and establish different cults with varying beliefs." (3)

Having seen the Truth of life, the masters searched for words to describe it to the people of their time. If they want others to understand them, they may find themselves limited to a vocabulary that doesn't convey what they want to convey. Or people who haven't had their experience being unable to understand it.

The Truth that lay beyond words and beyond religions has been called the "perennial philosophy" or "ageless wisdom." One group called it the "divine wisdom" or *theosophia*. Another called it the "eternal law" or *sanathana dharma*.

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

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

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

Aldous Huxley devoted his life to an explanation of it. Here's one of his statements of it:

"Philosophia perennis -- the phrase was coined by Leibniz; but the thing -- the metaphysic that recognizes a divine Reality substantial to the world of things and lives and minds; the psychology that finds in the soul something similar to, even identical with, divine Reality; the ethic that places man's final end in the knowledge of the immanent and transcendent Ground of all being -- the thing is immemorial and universal." (6)

The Perennial Philosophy is to be found, Huxley wrote, wherever humans pondered the meaning and purpose of life.

"Rudminents of the Perennial Philosophy may be found among the traditionary lore of primitive peoples in every region of the world, and in its fully developed forms it has a place in every one of the higher religions. A version if this Highest Common Factor in all preceding and subsequent theologies was first committed to writing more than twenty-five centuries

ago, and since that time the inexhaustible theme has been treated again and again, from the standpoint of every religious tradition and in all the principle languages of Asia and Europe." (7)



Aldous Huxley

He never tired of taking up the theme.

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

"The records left by those who have known [the pure state described by the Perennial Philosophy] make it abundantly clear that all of them, whether Hindu, Buddhist, Hebrew, Taoist, Christian or Mohammedan, were attempting to describe the same essentially indescribable Fact." (8)

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

Huxley offered his version of its fundamental tenets.

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

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

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

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

"Fourth: man's life on earth has only one end and purpose: to identify himself with his eternal Self and so to come to intuitive knowledge of the Divine Ground." (9)

Enlightenment itself became known by many names in diverse religions, as John White explains.

"Enlightenment has been given many names. ... St. Paul called it 'the peace of God that passeth understanding' and Richard Maurice Bucke named it 'cosmic consciousness.' In Zen it is satori, in yoga it is samadhi or moksha, in Sufism it is fana, in Taoism it is wu or The Ultimate Tao. Gurdjieff labelled it 'objective consciousness,' Sri Aurobindo spoke of the Supermind, mystery schools and occult paths speak of 'illumination,' 'liberation,' and 'self-realization.'

"Likewise, enlightenment has been symbolized by many images: the thousand-petalled lotus of Hinduism, the Holy Grail of Christianity, the clear mirror of Buddhism, Judaism's Star of David, the yin-yang circle of Taoism, the mountaintop, the swan, the still lake, the mystic rose, the eternal flame." (10)

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

"The perennial wisdom is unchanging; truth is one. That is agreed on by the sages of all major religions and sacred traditions, all hermetic philosophies,

genuine mystery schools and higher occult paths. Enlightenment is the core truth of them all.

"Even more broadly, it is the essence of life -- the goal of all growth, development, evolution. It is the discovery of what we ultimately are, the answer to the questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? What is life all about?" (11)



Hazrat Inayat Khan

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

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

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

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

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

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



Annie Besant

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

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

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

"Each man is his own absolute lawgiver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment." (15)

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

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

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

"ii. From That, the manifested God [unfolds] from unity to duality, (14) from duality to trinity. (16)

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

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

"v. His evolution [proceeds] by repeated incarnations, into which he is drawn by desire, and from which he is set free by knowledge and sacrifice, becoming divine in potency as he had ever been divine in latency." (17)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"When you are given the full truth of your spiritual heritage there will be an appraisal of your beliefs. Much that is false will fall away and thus allow for a coming together as there is but the One Creator, and not the many Gods you have envisaged.

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

I personally look forward to this spiritual flowering with unmixed delight. I welcome the day when our spirituality is truly cross-cultural and the truth is known free of dogma and doctrine. For me, it's of primary importance that the people we listen to at the moment appear to fully understand the truth behind religions and assure us that its restatement and reintroduction into our society are among the highest priorities.

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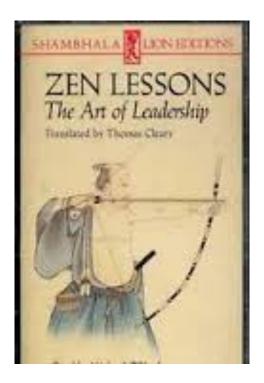
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#### Us and the Ancients

February 13, 2017

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In the course of other research, my eyes fell on *Zen Lessons: The Art of Leadership*. In it I read Master Yuantong's description of a noble man:

"This man is true to the middle way, not biased or dependent. Whether active or at rest, he is noble and dignified. Furthermore, in his study of the Way [the Tao] his actions are correct, and his words are simple yet logically complete. Whenever people have endowments like this, seldom do they fail to become vessels of enlightenment." (2)

What difference does it make to say it this way in the Tenth Century or to say it the way we do today?

I went to write out how we might say it today and discovered that I couldn't improve a word of it. He said it perfectly.

And all of us, I assert, by the impact of the cleansing energies being sent our way at present are also evolving into noble and dignified men and women. We really are. Slowly and gradually.

Picture this. We've all cleansed ourselves of our core issues over so many years, while being bathed in various, very powerful energies. (3)

We're achieving a degree of balance, what Yuantong calls "the middle way": The avoidance of extremes, dispassion, the senses quietening down, the mind becoming still.

We're seeing our own self-servingness (our biases) and simply acknowledging it. Can I run my self-serving story by you one more time? Please? Good for a laugh.

And we're no longer clinging (dependent). We all got it. Death is not the end. Most of us are angels and we'll go back to that realm once we're done here.

The celestials whom we serve are looking after us, if we'll only ask.

And just through the passage of time in this evolving environment we're part of, we'll ascend. The tipping point was passed long ago. Everyone in their seats is on for the ride.

Therefore, there's no reason to fear. There's no reason to cling.

We're taking a slow and gradual elevator to heaven. "Heaven" in early-Christian literature referred to the Fifth Dimension.

Our bodies are changing from carbon to crystal. A dozen strands of DNA are coming online.

Our telepathic and other powers will be returning at some point. Our memory of who we are will come back.

Our environment will respond malleably to our thoughts and wishes. We'll create what we need by thinking it into existence. There'll be no use for money and we'll only eat as a social pastime.

Having entered "heaven" or the Fifth Dimension, we need no longer go back to the Third. If we were discussing the matter fifty years ago, I might say, having

achieved mukti or liberation, we no longer need to be reborn into the physical world. Same thing.

The culmination of our Ascension is a stage of enlightenment that Ramana Maharshi calls "Sahaja Samadhi," our natural state. Once a sage has reached that state, s/he is not reborn into this world.

He called it Sahaja. We call it Ascension. Again, same thing.

The chance to ascend at the end of a round of yugas or ages is well known. The Bible called it the Rapture, Salvation, being made a pillar in the temple and going no more out.

There's much that's the same between our accounts and the ancients' and much that's different.

But the fundamental truth that everyone is looking at never changes and is the same for everyone. (4)

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) I'm a few days behind in scheduling, as you can see.
- (2) "A Vessel of Enlightenment" in Thomas Cleary, Trans., Zen Lessons. The Art of Leadership. Boston: Shmaballa, 1989, 3.
- (3) Some of these come directly from the Mother (the Tsunami of Love and the Tsunami of One) and some of them are added by higher-dimensional and intergalactic civilizations (Porlana C, of instance).

So we've been bathing in rosewater while having our insides miraculously renewed. The renewal takes the form of raising the emotional floor every time we go through a wave of energy.

(4) We might do well to favour that which never changes.

# **♯ Cross-Cultural Spirituality ¥**

## **New-Age Spiritual Philosophy**

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

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

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

Because the adherents of New Age spiritual philosophy know we're headed away from a dualistic worldview toward a unitive world that works for everyone, it tends to be a cooperative inquiry, at least more so than contemporary conventional religious or spiritual philosophy sometimes is.

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

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

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



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

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

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

The truth is unknown. The way to get to an understanding of it is unknown. And so New-Age philosophers find themselves often on the track of the speculative and the incomprehensible. They've learned to let go of the old and embrace the new, without needing to have all the answers. New-Age philosophy is a mixture of the growth movement, Eastern and Western religions, a tolerant and eclectic spirituality, and guidance from celestials and galactics.

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

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



This type of philosophy grounds itself in credibility assessment. It weighs and estimates the reliability of its sources. But once assured that a source is credible, it

listens to what its sources have to say as intently as any scientific or socialscientific philosopher. It accepts the words of a reliable galactic or celestial where no other disciplines would.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

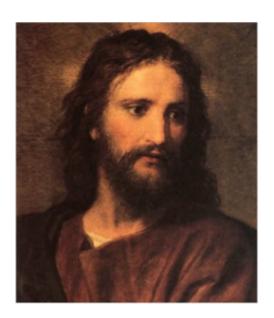
I've heard the term "Big History" applied to the history of the universe. I'd put a hold on that term for a year because I think our idea of "big" is about to explode.

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

### What Are We About Here?

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#### A reader wrote:

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

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

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



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

Thank you for writing. I mentioned that I would reply on the blog.

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

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

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

This Self, Christ or Atman is the truth. And knowing that Self is the way to God. Knowing God brings an end to needing to be reborn and so knowing God through

knowing the Self brings eternal life in the sense of not needing to be reborn and die again.

The Self therefore is the truth, the way, and the life.



Hindus also have a Trinity and it turns out, in my opinion, to be the same Trinity that Christians worship. People on this site have heard me talk about this before so I'll refer you to those articles. (2) It turns out to be the same because the Trinity is real; it exists; it is eternal.

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

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

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

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

That body of knowledge tells us that, at the end of a cosmic cycle such as we're approaching, a period of human history is drawing to a close and a new cycle beginning. The very events that Jesus and his disciples described in certain passages of the Bible are indeed occurring for us in this end-of-cycle time while others are not.

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



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

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

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

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



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

## **God by Any Other Name**

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If you'd permit me, I'd like to share a discussion with an Indian reader by way of making distinctions.

I do this not to offend readers of other faiths, but to break down the barriers between religions by showing that they all worship the same Mother/Father One and the forms that the One creates.

If I asked most people what the equivalent of the Christianity Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost was in Hinduism, I think most people would say Brahma, Vishnu and Shiya.

As it turns out, that's the Trimurthy. Let me return to the Trimurthy in a minute, but the equivalent of the Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is Brahman, Atman and Shakti. (1)

The Trinity describes three levels of Reality – the Transcendental (Brahman, the Father), the Phenomenal (the Mother, the Holy Ghost) and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal (Atman, the Son or Christ). To say the "Phenomenal" is to say the realm of matter, *mater*, Mother.

Jesus is often called a dualist, but the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti is the province of Non-Dualists, is it not? That would make Jesus, a worshipper of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, very much a Non-Dualist, I'd think. (2)

The Divine Mother has revealed to us that the Trimurthy is the same as the cosmic forces known as the gunas.

Steve Beckow: I have a question for you from our Hindu readers. They want to know if the gunas, the cosmic forces which are called rajas, sattwa, and tamas, are the same as the Trimurthy [Triad] of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Divine Mother: Yes. We are the same as that triad.

SB: All right. And the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva is a subset of the Universal Creative Vibration that you are at your essence. Is that correct?

DM: That is correct. [The Trimurthy] is much the same as we have been speaking of. It is a way in which my beloved children can come to know me and to have that experience. It is formless, and yet it is form. It is a way of connection, and it is a way of understanding and entering into a higher vibration of being. So it helps the emergence into my energy. (3)

Just in case anyone might not accept that I was speaking to the Divine Mother, I also asked Sri Shankara when I interviewed him on *An Hour with an Angel* in June 2013:

Steve Beckow: What is the connection between what Hindus call Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and the gunas or the cosmic forces of rajas, sattwa and tamas?

Sri Shankara: I can answer this very quickly. There are no differences. (4)

Or Sri Ramakrishna: "Mother is all – She has become the three gunas." (5)

To speak of the Trimurthy of gods and goddesses is to use a teaching device to bring people to enlightenment through bhakti [devotion] and lead them in gradual steps to knowledge through jnana [wisdom].

That explains why some Indian gurus say that the devotee progresses from dualism to qualified non-dualism to non-dualism. Sri Ramakrishna gives an example of that progression from forms to formlessness:

"The more you advance toward God, the less you will see of His glories and grandeur. The aspirant at first has a vision of the Goddess with ten arms; there is a great display of power in that image. The next vision is that of the Deity with two arms; there are no longer ten arms holding various weapons and missiles. Then the aspirant has a vision of Gopala, in which there is no trace of power. It is the form of a tender child. Beyond that there are other visions also. The aspirant then sees only Light." (6)

The many-armed form would be a dualistic conception of God; Light would be a non-dualistic conception. Beyond light, of course, would lie the Void, which is not even Light. Of That, Pseudo-Dionysius says:

"I pray we could come to this darkness, so far above light! If only we lacked sight and knowledge so as to see, so as to know, unseeing and unknowing, that which lies beyond all vision and knowledge. ...

"Now as we climb from the last things up to the most primary we deny all things ... so that we may see above being that darkness concealed from all the light among beings. ... As we plunge into that darkness which is beyond intellect, we shall find ourselves not simply running short of words but actually speechless and unknowing." (7)

The stages of enlightenment go on very much farther than even knowledge of the Void. They could be called virtually endless. (8)

Who says that the Mother is Aum? Let's listen to Sri Ramakrishna:

"The Divine Mother [is] the Primal Energy." (9)

"The Divine Mother [is] the Cosmic Power itself." (10)

"O Mother! O Embodiment of Om!" (11)

It is the Mother alone who creates, preserves and destroys as Aum. Said Thakur [Sri Ramakrishna]: "The Primordial Power is ever at play. She is creating, preserving, and destroying in play, as it were." (12)

And Paramahansa Yogananda: "The Aum vibration that reverberates throughout the universe (the 'Word' or 'Voice of many waters' of the Bible) has three manifestations or gunas, those of creation, preservation, and destruction." (13)

The distinction between the Father and the Mother is the distinction between stillness and movement. Says Sri Ramakrishna:

"When inactive It is called Brahman. Again, when creating, preserving, and destroying, It is called Sakti. Still water is an illustration of Brahman. The same water, moving in waves, may be compared to Sakti, Kali." (14)

Jesus, when asked for a password to identify the disciples, replied: "Tell them a movement and a rest." (15) That would be the equivalent of saying "Tell them the Mother and the Father."

She is no different from the Father, according to Sri Ramakrishna:

"God Himself is Mahamaya." (16)

"That which is Brahman is also Kali, the Mother, the primal Energy." (17)

"That which is Brahman is also Kali, the Adyashakti, who creates, preserves, and destroys the universe." (18)

All avatars, such as Sri Rama and Sri Krishna, would be incarnations of the Divine Mother, according to him.

"It is Sakti alone that becomes flesh as God Incarnate." (19)

"The Incarnation of God is part of the lila of Sakti." (20)

"The Full Brahman is the Witness, pervading all space and time, equally. It is his Energy (Shakti) that incarnates." (21)

There is no reason for the religions, such as Hinduism and Christianity, to look down on each other and think one account is more accurate than another. All accounts simply tell of the One God.

There is no God of the Christians, of the Hindus, of the Muslims, and of the Jews. There is only God, by any name. As Sri Ramakrishna said:

"A lake has several ghats. At one, the Hindus take water in pitchers and call it 'jal'; at another the Mussalmans take water in leather bags and call it 'pani.' At a third the Christians call it 'water.'

"Can we imagine that it is not 'jal,' but only 'pani' or 'water'? How ridiculous! The substance is One under different names, and everyone is seeking the same substance; only climate, temperament, and name create differences.

"Let each man follow his own path. If he sincerely and ardently wishes to know God, peace be unto him! He will surely realize Him." (22)

As lightworkers, I think it's our mission to help lower the barriers among the religions. The way to do that is to establish first the correlation among the various conceptions of the Trinity.

There's no basis for fighting holy wars, jihads, or crusades to convert people from their faith to ours. All faiths worship the same One God, who has no partiality, is present everywhere, and is the Source of everything.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) On the equivalence of the Trinities see "Christianity and Hinduism are One" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/christianity-and-hinduism-are-one/</a>; "A Note to Hindu Readers on "the Christ" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/a-note-to-hindu-readers-on-the-christ/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/the-one-became-two-and-the-two-became-three/</a>
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- (8) "Ch. 11 Enlightenment is Virtually Endless" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-11-enlightenment-is-virtually-endless/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-11-enlightenment-is-virtually-endless/</a>
- (9) PR in GSR, 116.
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- (12) Ibid., 134.
- (13) Paramahansa Yogananda, Autobiography of a Yogi. Bombay: Jaico, 1975, 17.
- (14) PR in GSR, 634.
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# **God is Intelligent Love**

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No one "knows" what God is. I imagine only God does.

The way I see the One, the Creator, Source, is as Intelligent Love.

I use the words "Intelligence," "Consciousness," and "Awareness" as synonyms.

I use the terms "Father," "Mother," and "One" as synonyms as well, in the following way: Imagine that I'm a passenger in a car. I blow up a balloon half full and then twist it in the middle to make two.

I then place "one" balloon outside the car above the window glass and roll up the window. That means that the "first" balloon is outside now and the "second" balloon is inside.

We then drive around for an hour in the rain, stop the car, and look at the "two" balloons. The one outside the car has rain drops, leaves, and other residue on it. The one inside is pristine clean. They look different because of this.

Now, we clean off the residue, untwist the "two," and, lo and behold, they reveal themselves as One balloon!

The Mother is the outside "balloon" (the active side of God) and the Father the inside (the passive side of God), but they remain One.

Each time we ascend to a new dimension, we're untwisting the balloon a little more.

Following a lifetime of trying to put the matter in an understandable way, that's the best I've come up with.

I will never stop trying to describe the indescribable, as Michael suggested, in relation to the heart this time:

Steve: The heart is another one of those things that is very difficult to define or understand or communicate.

Archangel Michael: But you will keep trying.

Steve: I know - a thousand words - but I will keep trying.

AAM: Because it is the essential work. It is the essential message for humans to truly come to understand who they are. (1)

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We often talk about the fulfilling, connecting, and rejuvenating aspects of Intelligent Love. Here is Michael doing so:

Archangel Michael: Now, does [this love] fill you? Does it restore you? Does it nourish you? Does it alter you? Does it change you? Does it give you that evolutionary jump? Yes. It nourishes you, but it also clears you out. In some ways, it will purge many of your remaining illusions." (2)

I guess then it's no surprise to be saying "I'm feeling more loving these days" and at the same time say, "all my issues are up."

This higher form of love will in time be here. Don't despair. Was it God through Matthew this past week who said this chaos is only a clearing away of debris. (3)

But we seldom talk about love's intelligent aspects.

Love is constantly flowing. It's only our vibrations that are not refined enough that prevent us from regularly experiencing the love that constantly flows in the higher realms Our higher-dimensional sisters and brothers experience it moment by moment, day by day, forever.

This love they feel knows who is open to it or not. It goes where it's needed.

The minute we try to confine it, it disappears. It has a mind of its own: it's intelligent.

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I was handed the answer to my needs maybe seven years ago. It's been right here under my nose all this time. And I grow to appreciate that more each year.

That flow of love? It's accessible through the higher-dimensional door that we all have, called the hridayam. We access it by the imaginative use of our breath.

Imagine that your heart door is open and that by using your breath you can draw up the higher-dimensional, transformative, transfigurative love that flows behind it.

On your in-breath, draw love up from your heart.

Remember: Love must flow so what are you going to do with it?

On your out-breath, send it out to the entire world. We get to experience it as it passes through us, as Michael points out here:

Archangel Michael: Love is the energy of the universe. It is the energy of the Mother. And *it moves constantly*, continually, eternally, infinitely. *So*, *to have an experience of love*, *it [must move] through you*. (4) [My emphasis.]

Michael told me after the heart opening on March 13, 2015 that doing this breathing exercise primed the pump for the heart opening.

Archangel Michael: So what you do when you bring the love up and out, when you begin to send, to share, it is as if you have in fact activated what we call the wellspring. The visual you may think of is the volcano.

It is not that you empty out. It is that you discover that that wellspring is SO full and overflowing that it is a steady stream. That steady stream does not ever, ever (think of what I say!)... it never has to cease!

The feeling, the experience - because it is so much more than a feeling - the knowingness is actually very simple. It is love. In that, there are the elements of joy, of peace, of calm, of serenity...of simply being.

This occurs, not merely because you have asked for it, (5) but because you (and this does apply to the collective) have done your, can we say, your homework, your due diligence. What we mean by this is simply, think of it in spatial reality, time and space reality: you have created the space for this [energy of love] to, not only pass by you like a passing breeze or a rain, but to anchor within you because there is a sense of this spaciousness within thee. (6)

Once we're in that love, problems become simply situations. Why? Because we lose our attachment to the outcome. We already have the eternally-sought-after goal in life: To love and be loved as fully as can be.

Archangel Michael: So there is forward thrust and movement into this higher-dimensional understanding of who you are. And, yes, it begins and it ends with - it always comes back to - the heart. You know this. (7)

I most certainly do.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Dec. 5, 2018. [Hereafter AAM.]
- (2) "Archangel Michael: Go with the Ebb and the Flow of Love," channeled by Linda Dillon, April 3, 2014, at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/04/05/archangel-michael-go-with-the-ebb-and-the-flow-of-love/">https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/04/05/archangel-michael-go-with-the-ebb-and-the-flow-of-love/</a>
- (3) God: "There will be confusion and tumultuousness that you can think of positively, like clearing away debris left by a hurricane so things can be put in good order again." (Matthew's Message via Suzy Ward, Dec. 1, 2022.)
- (4) AAM, Dec. 5, 2018.

- (5) We must ask.
- (6) AAM, March 13, 2015. Also "Activating the Wellspring Part 1/2," March 14, 2015, at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/14/activating-the-wellspring-part-1-2/">https://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/03/14/activating-the-wellspring-part-1-2/</a>
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## **Spirituality 101**

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Hands up everyone who's waiting for the Reval?

No, not physically waiting. We all are that.

I mean emotionally, spiritually, waiting for the Reval?

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

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

What would the curriculum be?

Read well because an assignment will follow.

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## **Spirituality 101 – Curriculum**

## (1) The Purpose of Life

Without this, nothing. What is the purpose of life?

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

The purpose God had in creating life was to experience his own love in a moment of our enlightenment. When one of us realizes his or her true identity, God meets God.

God realizes God in a moment of our enlightenment. And for that meeting was all of this created.



Life is designed as a sacred arc from God to God, which travels in a spiritual spiral returning to the same karmic lesson until they're learned

### (2) The Trinity

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

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

Between these two religions – Christianity and Hinduism (and I'm an adherent of neither, by the way) – enough of a Rosetta Stone can be formed

that religion, for those who prefer it, can be made much more accessible, understandable, and helpful.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The spiral related to karmic lessons that were unlearned and, so, incessantly returned to until the lessons were gotten. Not always returned to right away, but eventually.

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

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



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

### (4) Building Nova Earth

Why are we here as lightworkers?

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

How do we get that back?

### (5) Sacred Partnership

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

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

- (2) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 17.
- (3) A heart opening = Fourth-chakra enlightenment; not a permanent state yet.

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

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

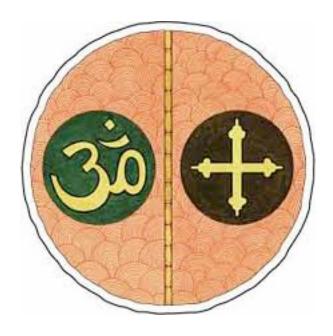
Sahaja Samadhi (Sahaja = Natural) = A complete and permanent heart opening, Fifth-Seventh-Dimensionality, the culmination of Ascension.

(4) Three research libraries are available to you: Here (<a href="http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=Main\_Page">http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=Main\_Page</a>), here (<a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/download-page/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/download-page/</a>.)

## **Christianity and Hinduism are One**

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It's an article of faith with me that all religions worship the same God. I'd like to look at two religions to test this assertion: Christianity and Hinduism.

According to Christianity, the God we commonly worship has three facets and thus is called "the Trinity." Those three facets are the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Here's St. Matthew's reference to them.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (1) Let's take a closer look at the Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

These words are just names, but what do they point to? The Father, King of kings, or Lord God Almighty, is described in the Old Testament as a stillness, a void, from which everything originated and into which everything resolves itself.

He ("He" is not a He) is described in the New Testament as our Home in which are many mansions. Do we recognize this void, this origin and home of all? In Hinduism, it is called Brahman, Sat-Chit-Ananda (Being-Awareness-Bliss).

Who in Hinduism is the Son? The Son in Christianity is the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in a field (kshetra?), the great fish among fish, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, the measure of leaven that leavens the whole loaf.

Jesus said that the Son and the Father are one. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son. Yet all along the Father is greater.

Moreover, no one can know the Son but the Father and the Father but the Son. Do we recognize this Son in Hinduism? If I am correct, it is the Atman, the offspring of Brahman, the immortal Self, Brahman-in-the-individual.

The Atman is in Brahman and yet Brahman is in us (in our heart-center, beyond the spiritual aperture that the hridayam is). Yet Brahman is greater than the Atman. Moreover, no one can know the Atman but Brahman and no one can know Brahman but the Atman.

Another way of saying this is that the Atman is the "individualized" Self and Brahman is the "universal" Self. It is only by knowing the individualized Self

first that the universal Self can be found. This is the foundation of the universal spiritual teachings like "Know thyself" and "The Kingdom of Heaven [i.e, the Father] is within."

As Jesus taught, when true disciples find the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field, they sell all they have and purchase it.

Translated into Hindu terms, when true disciples see the Atman in the first experience of enlightenment, often called "spiritual awakening," they divest themselves of all their worldly desires ("sell what they have") and contemplate only the Atman, until the Atman becomes Brahman in sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi (a permanent heart opening that liberates). (2)

Having attained Brahman in permanent enlightenment, they've "purchased" the Pearl; they've made It their own.

Therefore, Hindus call these two Divine Entities Brahman and Atman; Christians call them Father and Son. But they're the same Divine Personalities no matter what name we use for Them.

What about the third Divine Entity in the Christian Trinity -- the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost? Who is the Holy Spirit in Hinduism? If you did not know by now, I suspect that you may be able to guess.

"Spiritus" in Latin means "breath." The word is used to signify that which moves across the waters of God's Being and calls all creation into existence. While the Father is stillness, the Holy Spirit is motion.

Jesus referred to this relationship. He was asked what password would be used so that disciples could recognize each other and he said to tell them "a movement and a rest." (3) The Holy Spirit is movement; the Father is rest. Sages in ancient times used the metaphor of a universal male and female to distinguish between these two levels of reality, which have no gender.

The Holy Spirit was with the Father since the beginning of Time, before ever there was an Earth. She's called by many names in the Bible: the Glory of God in Exodus, Wisdom in Proverbs, the voice in the wilderness in Isaiah, the noise of many waters in Ezekiel, the sound in the silence, the Word of God, the Amen, the true and faithful witness of creation, the law (as in Jesus' phrase "the law and the prophets"), and so on.

In all those names, the Holy Spirit is movement (voice, noise, sound, word). God is a wilderness because He's prior to the natural laws of this phenomenal world; no law can bind him. He's stillness and silence.

Looking now at Hinduism, what was with Brahman since before Time? What moved like breath and creation came into being, where Brahman, who willed the movement, is stillness and silence itself? What is the fabric of creation, of phenomenal nature? Hindus will reply: Shakti.

Shakti is the Divine Mother of creation, Prakriti (Procreatrix in Latin), nature, the phenomenal or relative world. Shakti is movement, sound, energy, Aum, the Sabda Brahman [Sound God], the Nada Brahman. Shakti is the natural law, the dharma, the true Guru. Shakti is the name of the Holy Spirit in Hinduism.

The Hindu (and Buddhist) dharma is the Christian law. The Hindu Sabda Brahman is the Christian Word of God. The Hindu Aum is the Christian Amen. Prakrithi is Procreatrix. Shakti (energy) is the Holy Spirit (breath). The Divine Mother and the Holy Spirit are one. (4)

What are we left with? The Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman, and Shakti is no different than the Christian Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. And it's on this basis that we can say that Hindus and Christians worship one and the same God and that their religions are fundamentally one.

Stripped of all the different rituals, these two great world religions are seen to be two roads to the same destination.

What then is the secret of the Trinity as far as evolving human beings are concerned? It is this. Enlightenment proceeds by levels. The first level we are destined to know is the Light within our own hearts (the Son or Atman); the second level is the Light within all of creation (the Holy Spirit, the Divine Mother); and the third level is the Light beyond creation (the Father, Brahman).

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

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

I'm filled with awe and gratitude that I've been permitted to utter these words. I'm aware that, had I said them in the sixteenth century, I might have been burned at the stake. I bow at the altar of the freedom to worship as we please.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Matthew 28: 18-19.
- (2) A higher experience than simple Brahmajnana or nirvikalpa samadhi.

- (3) Guillamont et al. Gospel According to Thomas, p.29.
- (4) I learned later from the Divine Mother that the Holy Spirit and Shakti are but small parts of herself:

Divine Mother: Sometimes you tend to think of me as the Holy Spirit, but there is more to me than that, and there is a shade of the Father within there as well. ("The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012 at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-you-part-12/</a>.)

Divine Mother: When I have spoken about this with Shakti, I have spoken about a part of me. As I have said, I am the bridge, I am the clasp between the Father and the universe and your world. And Shakti has been experienced — yes, inter-dimensionally for eons as you well know - but she is not the totality of my being. My being is bigger than you can fathom, dear one. So I do not simply mean that she is an aspect manifesting. But it is simply larger than any of you can imagine, particularly at this point. ("The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012 at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/</a>.)

## That's the Roadmap

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Footnotes**

- (1) No experience short of Sahaja Samadhi is permanent. It may leave its traces and after-effects, but the space in its full bloom never lasts, unless the person has entered into Sahaja the Natural State. Sahaja is moksha or liberation.
- (2) Bayazid of Bistun in Aldous Huxley. *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 12.
- (2) The fact that the path can be messy at times is why Ramakrishna would say: Run into the lake, jump into the lake, get pushed into the lake. The important matter is to get into the lake of bliss.

# That's My Destination

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Footnotes**

- (1) See "Immersed in an Ocean of Love Part 1/2" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-12/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-12/</a> and "Immersed in an Ocean of Love Part 2/2," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/</a>
- (2) Archangel Michael, *An Hour with an Angel*, March 26, 2012, at <a href="http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/">http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/</a>.)

- (3) "From Here to Eternity Part 1," September 4, 2014, at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/09/04/from-here-to-eternity-part-1/">https://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/09/04/from-here-to-eternity-part-1/</a>
- (4) "Universal Mother Mary explains the last Universal Law in our series: the Law of Constancy and Continuity," at <a href="https://counciloflove.com/2013/12/universal-mother-mary-explains-the-last-universal-law-in-our-series-the-law-of-constancy-and-continuity/">https://counciloflove.com/2013/12/universal-mother-mary-explains-the-last-universal-law-in-our-series-the-law-of-constancy-and-continuity/</a>.
- (5) At the 10th Dimension, I believe, we go formless. But even avatars still assume bodies out of service.

# The Basis of My Interest in Cross-Cultural Spirituality

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

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

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

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

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

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



If you were in the tube of lifetimes in matter and looked before or after, this is what you would have seen. Each little pocket is a lifetime.

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

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

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

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

Well, I've since learned that we do go home to Mother/Father God, but we also remerge. We are seen again. (2)

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

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

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

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

For ten years afterward, I read only the works of enlightened authors. I created a database from that reading and then a book from that database. (3) I was obsessed with finding words for that vision.

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) For a description of the vision and its aftermath, see Chapter 13. "Epilogue," in The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf">http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf</a>
- (2) Divine Mother: Now, in this journey for some of you it is millennia, for some of you it is eons; it matters not there is a drive and an understanding, an intellectual and spiritual understanding that your drive is to make the U-turn and to come back Home, to return Home to the Heart of One where you are so welcome until such time as you choose to emanate again. ("Divine Mother: My Desire is that Every Being on the Planet Falls in Love," October 3, 2014, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/10/03/divine-mother-my-desire-is-that-every-being-on-the-planet-falls-in-love/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/10/03/divine-mother-my-desire-is-that-every-being-on-the-planet-falls-in-love/</a>.)

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

DM: Yes. If they so choose, yes. ("The Divine Mother: Each and Every One of You

Carries Divine Might, Part 1/2," June 17, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might-part-12">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might-part-12</a>.)

Divine Mother: As this transition is completed, including the shift in your structures, then you will continue on.

This is the beginning, not the end. Each of you is infinite and eternal. Will the day come, in terms of what you think of as time, when you will simply re-emerge? Yes. ("The Divine Mother on the Divine Plan" from 2012, reported Nov. 11, 2015, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/11/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/11/11/the-divine-mother-on-the-divine-plan/</a>.)

Archangel Michael: And when you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of of One, do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!

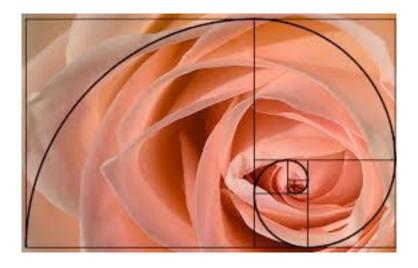
So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - you emerge again. (Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, March 26, 2012, at <a href="http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/">http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/</a>.)

(3) From Darkness unto Light at <a href="http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?">http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?</a><a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf">https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf</a>

# A Cross-Cultural View of Spirituality

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Life was designed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

We're one family. We're all traveling together toward one destination, following one set of laws and requirements. It's in our interests to lay down

our weapons, which have only ever been an impediment to security and happiness, and build a community based on loving-kindness and support. Take one moment to just acknowledge this in your heart ("Yes") and the work begins.

## **Footnotes**

- (1) "What is the Matrix that Held us in 3D?" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/22/what-is-the-matrix-that-held-us-in-3d/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/12/22/what-is-the-matrix-that-held-us-in-3d/</a>
- (2) Archangel Michael: And when you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of One, do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!

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# What Questions Would a Cross-Cultural Spirituality Answer?

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

It would answer the following:

- (1) Who is asking? What is a human being? Are human beings only to be found on Earth?
- (2) How did human beings originate? How did life originate? And is there an Originator?
- (3) Did the creation of life serve a purpose? If so, what is the purpose of life? (2)

- (4) What is the destination of life? Is the origin the destination? Do we go back to that from which we came?
- (5) What journey did the soul make after its creation and until its reunion?

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

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

What you won't find in this spirituality:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Footnotes**

- (1) What I call "cross-cultural spirituality" Leibniz call the *philosophia perennis* or "perennial philosophy." Annie Besant called it the "ancient wisdom."
- (2) I don't want to ask such a large question and leave the reader hanging.

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

Why is our enlightenment important? That concerns the purpose of life for God. That purpose is to have the pleasure of knowing itself. God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment. Hindus call life a divine leela or play. My discussion of a cross-cultural spirituality is an attempt to put what I saw that day into words.

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

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

## **Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 1/2**

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Mother and Child; Father is unseen

I'm doing the research for a series on sacred partnership. (We write what we need to learn.)

And I'm awed at the superb knowledge that we're gifted with, for the most part through Linda Dillon (because I follow her work most closely), but through others as well, too numerous to name. (1)

Before I give a few examples, let me give a bit of background.

You know I consider myself a student of cross-cultural spirituality.

The basic questions there are: Who am I? What is "God"? Is there a purpose to life? If so, how do I achieve it? Etc.

If we look at "What is 'God'?", we soon encounter Mother and Father God, Shiva and Shakti, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

We find that the Mother is the creator, preserver, and transformer of everything in the domain of matter, *mater*; Mother, while the Father is void of anything material. If she's everything, he can be said to be nothing. (2) God is therefore, in Werner Erhard's terms, Everything/Nothing.

They've drawn a line. She has dominion over the entire material realm, which extends ... I used to think ... as far as the Twelfth Dimension. I'm now no longer sure because I've learned, from Linda's sources, that the Transcendental has gradations. (3)

But listen to these next two passages. Keep in mind that I've never had a conversation with a living master about these questions. And I certainly would never have dreamed that I'd be talking to an archangel and the Mother herself.

I almost swooned each time one of them confirmed one of my theories. It was like being back in college.

Archangel Michael: The Mother ... is the ultimate architect, you know.

Steve Beckow: Yes, and just for our listeners the Mother and the Father are not different.

AAM: They are one.

SB: Yes, they are one. (4)

I'm sitting there, so to speak, with a living master - Archangel Michael - having a conversation with him, and hearing him confirm what I've only so far heard from sacred books or from gurus way off in the distance, whom I can't speak to. I am thrilled.

It would have been enough to have Archangel Michael confirm "in person" that the Mother is the architect of creation, which he drops as if we're having coffee together. (5)

He then goes on to confirm perhaps the most basic axiom of a cross-cultural, New-Age spirituality and that is: The Mother and Father are One.

The impact on me of hearing that teaching directly from him in a conversation was ... well, Hindus would appreciate me saying it was like a darshan.

A darshan is a revelation or manifestation of a teacher's divinity in sight, sound or some other sensory means. It's an elevating experience for the student. His words were like a darshan to me.

One needs authoritative sources to base core principles of a cross-cultural spirituality on. Statements like these from our sources represent authoritative confirmation for me, which I can cite in my publications. (6) Not only does it free me up as a scholar, but it gives me confidence in what I've been writing. And hearing it directly in conversation allowed the teachings to really take root.

Here's another pet theory. I've always held that the Mother/Father metaphor is a teaching device, a useful educational tool. There's no gender at the level of the Mother and Father.

Michael seems to confirm that particular theory by telling us that the Company of Heaven are drawing on our ideas of gender, to help us understand the nature of God.

Having said that the Mother is the architect of creation and she and the Father are One, he adds:

AAM: You differentiate for purposes of clarity and understanding. But you do not differentiate in terms of what you think of as Source, and that is why I have used this term today, to say that we are fueled by Source. (7)

"You differentiate for purposes of clarity and understanding." I imagine that sages first used the device of differentiating between a Mother and a Father to reflect prevailing parental procreation patterns. They intended it as a teaching device. It promotes the student's clarity about and understanding of the nature of God: Active/inactive, silent/sonic, laws/no laws, Everything/Nothing, etc.

In my own eyes, I've just had another important theory validated - that the use of the device of Divine Parentage is not an actual comment on God, (8) but simply a useful device for teaching. I was ecstatic. Each of these comments

is one more point established in the construction of core principles for a cross-cultural, multi-dimensional New-Age spirituality.

(Concluded tomorrow in Part 2.)

## **Footnotes**

- (1) If I named some, I'd wound others whom I might leave out. I've written private emails to some acknowledging their contribution so they know who they are.
- (2) I was much maligned as a child as a "lazy, no-good good-for-nothing." I wish I'd been alert enough to reply, "God does nothing. Is he lazy?"
- (3) That in itself is an example of a mind-blowing acknowledgement. How is it "Transcendental" if it has differentiation? It upsets all our existing knowledge of the Transcendental. I need a bigger brain.
- (4) "Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom," June 13, 2014, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/</a>
- (5) I once saw him in a lucid dream in a cafe onboard ship. That's the closest I got to having coffee with him.
- (6) Of course academia would not entertain my sources of knowledge, but I left academia a long time ago when they wouldn't recognize the study of enlightenment as being within the university's paradigm. My writings are not intended for academics such as I knew in the Sixties through Eighties.
- (7) "Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom," ibid.
- (8) There are not two forms of God "up there" who are actually female and male.

## **Invaluable Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 2/2**

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The active Mother (Shakti) stands on the inactive Father (Shiva)

(Concluded from Part 1, yesterday.)

I'm only giving you a few examples from many. Time doesn't permit me to canvass all the literature in the Golden Gaia Database. (goldengaiadb.com)

Really what I'd most like you to hear is the great thrill it is for me to be interviewing the Divine Mother, and, along with her, Archangel Michael, Shankara, the new Buddha, etc. Such an outcome was never within my universe of possibility and I am floored looking back on it as how privileged

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

In olden days, we held that we left the Third Dimension (or attained liberation, *mukti*), by walking up what used to be called a staircase to Heaven. (1)

The first floor was the enlightenment of the Child (Christ, Atman) at the fourth chakra; the second floor was the enlightenment of the Mother at the sixth chakra; the third floor was the enlightenment of the Father at the seventh chakra; and the last floor was enlightenment at the level of the One, as in "Mother/Father One." It was a permanent heart opening.

At this point we left the Third Dimension of everyday consciousness and the Fourth Dimension of afterlife astral consciousness for the Fifth Dimension of permanent non-dual consciousness.

Knowing this, you can imagine that knowing about the Holy Family assumes an importance for me it wouldn't have for many people. Each time the Divine Mother or Archangel Michael confirms a spiritual verity in our conversations, I get a chill.

My head is swimming whenever I connect with who it is I'm talking to. "Steve, don't get nervous," I'm saying to myself.

She drops remarks about ultimate mysteries, in passing, each part of her casual sentence confirming a profound teaching on the nature of life.

Listen to the following conversation. This is information I can only get from the Mother. (2)

"You may address me however you choose — Father/Mother One, All — but certainly I come to you this day in what you would think, or feel, as the presence of the Mother." (3)

She casually confirms that she is Father/Mother *and* the One, the All. She is everything. This is information which religious scholars somewhere are probably right now arguing over. Maybe even fighting over.

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

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

To a cross-cultural scholar, building a new theoretical basis for spirituality, this confirmation and others like it is like a treasure hunter coming across a chest full of gold doubloons. I'm reminded of Solomon: "She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." (4)

She adds that it's her choice to come before us in what we'd think or feel was "the Mother." She wishes us to think of her as we would the Mother - whatever that phrase may mean to us - our mother, Mother Earth, Mother Nature, the Divine Mother.

It's an important piece of the puzzle to know that she chooses to appear as "the Mother." Whoever created the metaphor - whether here or in another universe - she chooses to appear in the way it prescribes, in a way that we would understand.

She speaks a sentence and I write article after article on it. I can only say: There is no topic more important to all facets of our life than knowledge of the Mother - except perhaps knowledge of our Self.

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



Now watch how tenderly but honestly she treats me in this next exchange. She could have patronized me, but she didn't. It's such a fine balance of honesty, compassion, and kindness.

Her earnest young pupil chirps "Well, Mother..."

Steve Beckow: Well, Mother, in sacred partnership, is it not the case that, for the male, his partner is the embodiment of the Divine Mother, and, for the female, her partner is the embodiment of the Holy Father?

Divine Mother: Not entirely, my friend. The short answer would be for me to agree and to say, well done. But that is not what you are asking.

You are asking — and I mean all of you are asking — for a depth of understanding that you have not fully had before.

SB: Yes, Mother.

DM: Now, you have come leagues, but of course there is further yet to go. (5)

So no condescension and yet delicately handling my ego.

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

But what I learned. Here's another example in what she said next.

"When you come into sacred union, you are both and you are all with what you would think of as primary energies." (6)

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

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

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

Now, as if I weren't dizzy enough back stage at having just been given my report card and lots to think about, she goes on to describe how she and the

Father have divided their work. Again priceless, priceless information. A big piece of the puzzle. No one else can tell us this.

"There is no true separation between the Father and me. There is delineation and definition, just as there is in your own roles and the choices that you have made time after time." (7)

So the same One decided to delineate itself into two roles: The role it itself played (still, silent) and the role it played within the dream-like realm of matter (active, sonic). And the two that then resulted divided the tasks between them much as we define and delineate our own roles. Thank you, Mother.

And all the time you hear me asking silly questions or a question that's already been answered, but what you don't see is me in the background utterly astounded, losing track of the conversation I'm so blown over. What was the last thing she said? Where were we? Give me a minute to digest that last comment.

Add this to a lack of memory. But I wouldn't surrender talking to the Mother.

Actually speaking to her is something given to few people in ancient times.I can't think of anyone offhand speaking to her, with the exception of Sri Ramakrishna. Most prophets spoke to angels and archangels.

But this generation has access to her on the radio! I feel immensely honored to be speaking with her and we as a generation are blessed to hear her words.

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

## **Footnotes**

(1) "Do you not realize that you are the Ones that you have waited and longed for, beloved? Until you do, your star kin will be unable to meet you halfway up the staircase to Heaven." ("White Cloud: On Seeking the Savior Within," channeled by Eliza Ayres ((AKA Tazjima Amariah Kumara)), December 25, 2013 at <a href="http://bluedragonjournal.com">http://bluedragonjournal.com</a>.)

Perhaps remember that "heaven" was the word used by early Christians to denote the Fifth Dimension. The place that we went when we were "saved," which we'd now call "ascended." Jesus modeled ascension.

(2) The Father doesn't speak.

Only she has a voice - in the wilderness, the nothingness, the lawlessness of the Father.

- (3) "The Divine Mother: You Are Experiencing Love," ibid.
- (4) Proverbs 3:15.
- (5) "The Divine Mother: You Are Experiencing Love in Ways that You Have Not Known Before," channeled by Linda Dillon, November 14, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-experiencing-love-in-ways-that-you-have-not-known-before/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/11/the-divine-mother-you-are-experiencing-love-in-ways-that-you-have-not-known-before/</a>.
- (6) Loc. cit. Here's the rest of what she said:

"When you are in sacred union — and it does not matter whether it is male-female, male-male, female-female, because what we are talking is energetics — there is the embodiment. For purposes of explanation, the masculine will tend to embody my energies, and vice versa, the feminine will merge and embody the Father.

"But because there is no separation, it is not as pure or as delineated as one might think. There is the blend. And in that blend there is the time when the one that is holding the Divine Masculine will in fact hold the Divine Feminine, because that is what is required in the true union. And again, vice versa.

So there is this ebb and flow, the infinity, and you are meeting in the middle, in the still-point of creation, of the place of insemination, inspiration, implosion, explosion. And I have not even begun to speak of sexuality!

"So, is it correct, what you say? Yes. But broaden it, my friends, my family."

(7) "The Divine Mother: The Role of Clarity," Oct. 8, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/10/08/the-divine-mother-the-role-of-clarity/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/10/08/the-divine-mother-the-role-of-clarity/</a>

# Towards a New, Integrated Spirituality

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

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

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

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

But we also speak a straight non-dualistic version that includes unitive consciousness, sahaja samadhi (a stage of enlightenment that follows Ascension), and the Triflame (the Company of Heaven's version of the

Trinity: in Hinduism, Brahman, Atman and Shakti; in Christianity, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"She turns 'yea' into 'nay' and 'nay' into 'yea.' Without her grace no embodied being can go beyond Her realm. ... Yet again, beyond the body and mind She resides in Her Transcendental, Absolute aspect. She is the Brahman [God, the Father] that Totapuri had been worshiping all his life." (1)

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

I'm probably aware of this because I, a student of jnana yoga, the wisdom path, (3) have now had my introduction to love, normally considered a concern of bhakti yoga, the devotional path, while on a lightwkrker path of sea or service. How confusing is that?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We'd be helping to awaken the large numbers of people whom we intend to travel along with in this larger Ascension effort. We need to create a more viable, flexible and simpler spirituality suitable for the newly awakened.

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

## **Footnotes**

- (1) Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 31.
- (2) Keep in mind that Totapuri was already a Brahmajnani: that is, he had already experienced enlightenment at the level of the seventh chakra. He got that far without taking the Divine Mother into account.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The purpose of life is to know ourselves as God. But that isn't the end. We emerge again, according to Archangel Michael, as and when we're needed. (1)

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

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

Worlds upon worlds, universes upon universes were created by God so that God could meet herself for her own delight.

## **Footnotes**

(1) Archangel Michael: When you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of of One, do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!

So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - you emerge again. (Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, March 26, 2012, at <a href="http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/">http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/</a>.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We become aware of a whole different stream of life that's been passing by us, invisibly, since forever. Finally we hit upon a few names for it - the

Perennial Philosophy, the Ancient and Ageless Wisdom, the Dharma. Life. Truth. Love. God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) "Archangel Michael: Back to the One with the Speed of Love," July 16, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/07/16/archangel-michael-back-to-the-one-with-the-speed-of-love/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/07/16/archangel-michael-back-to-the-one-with-the-speed-of-love/</a>.
- (2) "The Longing for Liberation at <a href="http://goldengaiadb.com/">http://goldengaiadb.com/</a>
  <a href="Liberation">L#Longing for Liberation</a>
  <a href="http://goldengaiadb.com/">The Nature of Life 1#The Longing for Liberation</a>
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## An Integrated, Direct and Unitive Spirituality - Part 3/7

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

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

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

It's a bit confusing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### The Source

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

I've always called the Source the Father.

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

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

#### The Creator

When the Source dreams, it dreams itself as a creator, preserver, and transformer of worlds. The Source Itself is still and silent. The Creator that the Source dreams into existence is active and soundful. (3) The Creator is as close to the Unknowable as we can get. We know what we know of the Source because the Creator has told us.

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

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

I prefer to call the Creator the Divine Mother.

#### The Created

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

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

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

It continues when the kundalini reaches the crown or seventh chakra and we realize the Father. This is called by Hindus Brahamajnana or God Consciousness or nirvikalpa samadhi (samadhi wthout form).

This is part of the journey of Ascension.

Once the kundalini passes beyond the seven-chakra system and reaches the spiritual heart - the end of its journey - the heart opens completely and permanently. We are now liberated from the need to be born back into the Third and Fourth Dimensions of gross materiality.

But there's much, much more.

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Muhyideen Ibn Arabi, *Kernel of the Kernel*. trans. Ismail Hakki Bursevi. Sherborne: Beshara, n.d., 3.
- (2) "There is but one common essence." (The Buddha in Dwight Goddard, *A Buddhist Bible*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1966; c1938, 283.)
- (3) I created the word to fill a gap.
- (4) She is not a "she"; he is not a "he." God is beyond gender. The use of gender is for educational purposes.

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

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### Krishnamurti once said:

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

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

The Divine Plan is the overall script for life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Through the stairway of existence
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Jacob's ladder, the stairway to heaven - these both describe the process of spiritual evolution that the Plan supports. The Plan depicts a being rising through gradations of consciousness from unconscious awareness to conscious awareness and from self-consciousness to Self-Consciousness and beyond.

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 17.
- (2) See "Ch. 13. Epilogue" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/</a> 16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-13-epilogue/
- (3) Jesus in Matthew 16:28.
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<sup>&</sup>quot;have you now come,

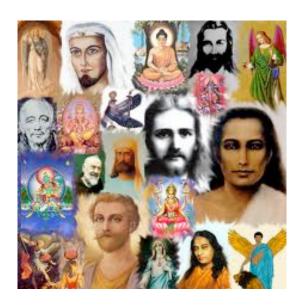
<sup>&</sup>quot;have we all now come,

<sup>&</sup>quot;to the Beloved's door." (5)

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

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

As much fun as we may be having in probing the mysteries, this account is intended to perform work: to offer an account that spans the religions and receives from them their truths, while leaving the rest behind.

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

## **Integrated**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Direct**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Unitive

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

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

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

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

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

So this new spirituality is integrated, direct, and unitive. It intends to draw together teachings from Earth and elsewhere, now and the past, and explain them in an integrated fashion to assist people to a direct and knowing relationship with their Source and Creator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For me, enlightenment is a radical discontinuity in knowledge and experience that lifts a person, temporarily or permanently, to a higher plane of life. It may involve the seeing of a light or a cherished form of God. Or it may involve an event in consciousness such as a heart opening x 100.

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

Enlightenment, Krishna has said, is the reward of all action. (4) Very few desire it and, of the few who do, very few again have the discipline or perseverance to carry that wish through to the end. (5)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

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- (2) J. Krishnamurti, *At the Feet of the Master*. Adyar: Theosophical Publishing House, 1974; c1910, 27.
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"The glory of the Lord shall be thy reward." (Isaiah 58:8.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for hearing our call for a new, recast spirituality. May we realize that goal in the near future.

# **%** A Global Spirituality **₩**

## What is a Global Spirituality? 2018

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If we're to build Nova Earth, we have to come to peace with our spirituality.

We can't be fighting crusades, holy wars, and jihads any more.

And to come to peace, we try to arrive at a consensus on spiritual verities.

A "global" spirituality aims at arriving at cross-cultural agreement on those verities, such as the existence of the One, the nature of Reality, and the purpose of life.

A global "spirituality" means that we're looking at everything connected to our relationship with Spirit, the Divine, or God – both personally and collectively.

Not simply our time spent in worship but our entire lives.

What are other partial or full synonyms for "global spirituality"?

The Perennial Philosophy, the Ancient Wisdom, the Watercourse Way, Theosophy, etc. – all these terms point to the same changeless Reality that all religions worship.

I've already written about some of its tenets including the purpose of life, the nature of enlightenment, and the nature of the Trinity.

What I want to do here is add a note on cross-cultural spirituality itself from the vantage point of the particular path I follow.

I follow the path of love and awareness.

When I say "the path of love," I mean actually drawing up love from an open heart, the flow being higher dimensional than the Third. This'll be the outcome of the planetary heart opening or "Event" that we're all anticipating. We'll all know what the inner tsunami of love feels like – and then watch the world change.

When I say "the path of awareness," I mean making of oneself an object of awareness and remaining self-aware through all that happens.

I don't mean becoming super-sensitive and taking offense at everything. I mean remaining aware of even that when it happens, along with everything else.

Both love and awareness are active practices. Drawing love up from my heart and sending it out to the world is an active practice.

Remaining aware means actually holding myself in my field of awareness always and observing all that occurs. That too is an active practice.

Awareness itself is neither passive nor neutral; however I am passive and neutral when I'm practicing being aware.

Awareness itself is active, just as love is: It dissolves conditions and moods. It's the spiritual solvent that makes the statement come true, that "this too shall pass."

Taking up these two practices, I apply what I know from cross-cultural spirituality to align with the nature of Reality and the purpose of life. I live my life according to what arises, trusting in the Divine and the Divine Plan.

## **Religious Reunification**

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I could now relax my grip on the rudder

When I asked Sri Shankara to confirm two matters on *An Hour with an Angel* this week, (1) I told myself that it would be advisable to explain those two matters to readers. Let me work my way up to them please.

Sri Shankara acknowledges that he and all the other masters are returning in the name of unity and reunification. He says:

"My purpose, as you know, is unity. Now, that is going to be a theme of all the masters. So let me be clear about this. There is not one master that returns ... that does not come with a theme of unification." (2)

Next week on *An Hour with an Angel*, we'll hear from the new Buddha, Ranjit, who is also here to serve it. And certainly the Lord Maitreya said it as well. (3)

I've called the cause of the reunification of the world's religions "cross-cultural spirituality" and have done as much as I could to promote it. (4) Leibniz, Huxley and others called it the Perennial Philosophy. (5) Helena Blavatsky called it Theosophy and Annie Beasant called it the Ancient Wisdom. (6)

For me, the relationship that holds the key to the reunification of the world's religions is this: What Christians call the Father, Son and Holy Ghost = What Hindus call Brahman, Atman and Shakti. These three terms refer not to persons (except in the divine sense) but to levels of reality, each with their own level of enlightenment (within Third Dimensionality).

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



The three members of the Trinity could be described as the Transcendent (the Father, Brahman), the Phenomenal (the Holy Ghost, Shakti, the Divine Mother) and the Transcendent within the Phenomenal (the Son, the Christ, the Atman, the Self). I've discussed the three elsewhere, at some length, and don't wish to do that again here. (7)

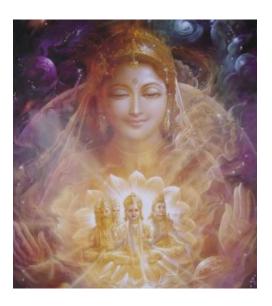
By "Transcendent" I mean that which transcends the material world, the world of matter, *mater*; Mother. By "Phenomenal," I mean the world of matter.

What I wish to do here is to underline that the three levels of reality are known to all sages, but called by different names. Lao Tzu knew the Mother, as he demonstrates here:

"It began with a matrix:

"Nameless indeed is the source of creation,

He called the "nameless" Father "the Way." (8)



The Mother with the Trimurthy within her

Buddha called the Father the "not-born" and our "common essence."

#### For instance:

"Monks, there is a not-born, a not-become, a not-made, a not-compounded. Monks, if that unborn, not-become, not-made, not-compounded were not, there would be apparent no escape from this, here, that is born, become, made, compounded." (9)

<sup>&</sup>quot;The world had a mother."

<sup>&</sup>quot;But things have a mother and she has a name."

I'm prepared to argue that his name for the Mother was Dharma, emphasizing her nature as the universal law.

We could work our way through the sages of other religions finding the names they used for the three levels of reality. In that way we could link up the world's religions and render their sayings equivalent.

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

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

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

Each of the members of the Trimurthy is itself a phase of Shakti.

Given that Shakti or "energy" is, in one of her aspects, a sine wave known to many as Aum, Brahma is the energetic phase of that sine wave (Akar) associated with creation, known as the guna or cosmic force of rajas.

Vishnu is is the energetic phase of that sine wave (Ukar) associated with preservation, known as the guna of sattwa.

And Shiva is the energetic phase of that sine wave (Makar) associated with transformation, known as the guna of thamas.

Now I know that asking Hindus to accept these connections may invite an amount of discomfort and adjustment, but adjustment of this kind is being asked of all religions at this time. It's the price of the reconciliation and reunification of the world's religions, or more specifically of spirituality.

It'll take a tremendous amount of adjustment for Christians as well to accept that, when Jesus said, "I am the truth, the way and the life," he was not speaking about himself as Jesus, but of the Self, the Christ, the Atman.

When I asked him on *An Hour with an Angel* what he meant by saying that, he responded that he was talking as the "I am." He was "aligning with All, with Source, with Father/Mother One. That is the alignment. And if you, Steve, or listeners, say, 'I am the truth, [the way, and the life]' then you have aligned with that, and you have become that." (10)

If Jesus wasn't speaking as Jesus, then where is the foundation for saying only the followers of Jesus will be saved? It's no longer there.

We'll all need to adjust in the time ahead if we want to release the truth from its metaphorical packaging.



You heard Sri Shankara say that both my conjectures - that Christian and Hindu notions of the Trinity were equivalent and that the Trimurthy was really the gunas - were correct. (See footnote 1.) Hearing him say that was for me the culmination of research that had been underway since 1977. I was thrilled.

I felt jubilant as well as weary hearing his corroboration. It was as if I had gained the farther shore, at least in my spiritual research, and could now relax my grip on the rudder.

I felt the same way when the Divine Mother acknowledged that Sahaja Samadhi was the level of enlightenment associated with Ascension.

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

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

SB: Sorry, I am overwhelmed to hear you say that. It's wonderful to have that confirmed. Thank you very much, Mother.

DM: It is wonderful for us as well, you know! (11)

At last a critical piece of research had been confirmed. All else is built upon the foundation of key points like these. And there are not many people in the world I can share these matters with. Most people I share them with stare at me with blank incomprehension.

So this is my expansion on the exchange that happened, this time with Sri Shankara. I report this simply because you also may find yourself in reinterpretive work in the incredible times ahead of us.

#### **Footnotes**

(1) Steve Beckow: Let me ask you two questions that you don't need to take a long time to answer. I'll ask them both at the same time. The first is, is what Hindus call Brahman, Atman and Shakti the same as what Christians call the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? And the second is, what is the connection between what Hindus call Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and the gunas or the cosmic forces of rajas, sattwa and tamas?

Sri Shankara: I can answer this very quickly. There are no differences. ("Sri Shankara: Everywhere You Look Will be a Monsoon of Love," June 26, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/sri-shankara-everywhere-you-look-will-be-a-monsoon-of-love/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/sri-shankara-everywhere-you-look-will-be-a-monsoon-of-love/</a>.

- (2) Loc. cit.
- (3) "Maitreya: I am Among Many who Return to Walk Among You," June 4, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/maitreya-i-am-among-many-who-return-to-walk-among-you/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/maitreya-i-am-among-many-who-return-to-walk-among-you/</a>.
- (4) See the essays attached to "Cross-Cultural Spirituality" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/</a>.
- (5) See "The Perennial Philosophy" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/back-to-the-basics-2/the-perennial-philosophy/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/back-to-the-basics-2/the-perennial-philosophy/</a>.
- (6) Wisdom is a name used by Moses, Solomon, Isaiah and others to indicate the Divine Mother. Blavatsky and Besant use the term "Theosophy" (the wisdom of God) for the "Ancient Wisdom" but it's really another way of saying "the Divine Mother." Here's Solomon on the subject:

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars." (Proverbs 9:1.)

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

"For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

"She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

"Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

"She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her." (Proverbs 3: 13-18.)

- (7) See Footnote 3.
- (8) Lao-Tzu, *The Way of Life. The Tao Te Ching.* trans. R.B. Blakney. New York, etc.: Avon, 1975, 105 and 53.
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- (11) "The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/</a>. We discussed the matter again later:"

Steve Beckow: When does Sahaja Samadhi occur?

Divine Mother: It occurs with a more gradual awakening and lifting up. So there is the abrupt "I am not the same," then there is the working and the anchoring, the integration, then there is another jump, and another jump, and

another jump. And you don't know it — well, some of you do — but you are leap-frogging. And then you will be there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I asked the question of Jesus on *An Hour with an Angel* in December 2011. The belief that only Christians matter comes primarily from Jesus having said "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (2) But did Jesus mean "I Jesus"?

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

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

"When I have used the term 'I am,' I was aligning with All, with Source, with Father/Mother One. That is the alignment. And if you, Steve, or listeners, say, 'I am the truth,' then you have aligned with that, and you have become that." (3)

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

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

Here are some of those statements:

#### Sri Yukteswar Giri

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

## Ibn Arabi

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

#### Al-Ghazzali

"Knowledge of self is the key to knowledge of God, according to the saying: 'He who knows himself knows God.'" (6)

## Krishnamurti

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

#### St. Catherine of Genoa

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

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

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

"In this darkness an incomprehensible light is born and shines forth; this is the Son of God in whom a person becomes able to see and contemplate eternal life." (9)

"It is Christ [the Son, the Self, the Atman], the light of truth, who says, 'See,' and it is through him that we are able to see, for he is the light of the Father [the All-Self, Brahman], without which there is no light in heaven or on earth." (10)

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

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

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

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

As Sri Ramakrishna said: "All will surely realize God. All will be liberated. It may be that some get their meal in the morning, some at noon, and some in the evening; but none will go without food. All, without any exception, will certainly know the real Self." (11)

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) I presume denominations such as Catholic and Protestant or Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, etc.
- (2) John 14:6.

- (3) "Transcript of Interview with Jesus on Biblical Mysteries, Dec. 19, 2011," Dec. 21, 2011, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/12/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-1-2011/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/12/transcript-of-interview-with-jesus-on-biblical-mysteries-dec-1-2011/</a>.
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- (6) Al-Ghazzali, *The Alchemy of Happiness*. trans. Claud Field. Lahore: ASHRAF, 1971; c1964 19.
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# Let Us Have a Global Conversation

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A global conversation is a chat we have as a world. A global conversation is a discussion that arises from the context of our shared circumstances and characteristics. A global conversation is a conversation that speaks to our commonalities.

Our prime and inescapable commonality is that we're all God. We're all divine. If God is everything that is, if God is omnipresent, then we must be God too. God must be present as us as well as every other thing. How can the one be true and the other not?

We're all immortal beings whose task in life is to realize our divinity. That task was given us by God so that, when one of us realizes her or his divinity, God meets God.

The realizations "I am God" and "God has become everything" are moments in which the formless God, the One without a second, experiences Itself in the nanosecond of our enlightenment.

Bayazid of Bistun captures that moment: "I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!" (1) O thou I: separation vanishes and oneness is realized.

The created form arose from the Formless and merges back into it again. Said Jesus: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (2) What was he describing if not the journey that all of us make from God to God?

Our shared characteristics start with the fragment of God's light that we are at essence. It resides in the spiritual heart or *hridayam*. Various religions call that light by various names: the Christ and Pearl of great price by Jesus, the Atman and Self by Hindus, our original face and Buddha nature by Budhhists, the firebrand plucked from the burning and the fire always burning on the altar by the ancient Hebrews.

Because all of us are divine, we also share the divine qualities in common. We all know and recognize at some deep level the value of love, bliss, compassion, truth, wisdom, discrimination, patience, detachment and equanimity, etc. That is why those aligned with darkness have such a difficult time when faced with love and truth. At some deep place, they recognize the primacy of the divine qualities.

Although we have different skin colors, different genders, and different cultures, we also know deeply that these differences need not divide us. Under our skin, behind our gender, and outside our culture, we're all children of God; we're all One.

And when we come together in the realization of our commonness, we're able to build a new world on a strong foundation – on the rock of unity, rather than on the sand of separation.

Of course that new world will see all treated as equals. When we remember our divine origin, the divine qualities we share, and our common future as a human collective headed towards abundance, peace, and harmony, how can we not see our common unity and equality?

We're leaving behind us all that keeps us apart, all that has us compete for the necessities of life, all that has us see our interests as divergent. We're seeing more

and more each day that we live together in one house – this planet – that we're all of us crew on Spaceship Earth, and that Nova Gaia needs our care and love.

So it's time now to turn our attention to what's out in our world, what does not work and never has. It's time to stop our behavior that causes pain and damage, whether to our environment, to our fellow beings of light, or to ourselves.

It's time to awaken to the global nature of the human family, to shake the sleepy dust of ages from our eyes, look to the next person, and perceive our Oneness.

It's time to turn to all our neighbors and have a global conversation for the birth of Nova Gaia, to set all unworkable things right and to put us on the path to human unity, equality, and abundance.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Bayazid of Bistun in PP, 12.
- (2) John 16:28. He was also asserting his beingness as an avatar, a direct descent of the Divine into matter (*mater*, Mother).

# **Having a Global Conversation**

April 7, 2012

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No, I'm not a megalomaniac or an egomaniac, but I do believe that we need to make a leap in our communications and I believe the time is here to make it.

I'm sure everyone has experienced breaking through to being able to make a speech before the class, perhaps before the school, then maybe on the radio, etc.

Each time we break through to a new level of communication, there's a corresponding expansion of consciousness.

I'm suggesting that the time has come to have a conversation as a world.

No, I don't mean the world conversing with the world. I mean us addressing the whole world in our communications. It's a level of communication but it's also a level of consciousness.

I'm convinced that our former planetary controllers dumbed us down, divided us and conquered, and erected artificial barriers based on language, religion, nationality, class, color and many other variables. Any variable in fact could be made a barrier and many were.

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

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

What does it look like to have a conversation as a world? I can't pretend to know that. I can only imagine it. It means, for me, to start thinking in terms of men, women and children, regardless of location or any other variable.

It means to start thinking in terms of the human condition, of what all human beings want and what all human beings have. It means to dedicate ourselves to seeing that everything on the planet is fairly shared. If there is not enough to go around, then we all share the pain. If abundance flows, then we all share the gain.

Readers of this site will know that abundance is in fact around the corner. You've heard of treasure ships sunk in the sea containing fortunes in gold, platinum, currency and bonds. You've heard of rooms as big as gymnasiums filled with gold. You've heard of funds coming from St. Germain's World Trust.

You may not be as familiar with gold being brought here from other planets. You've heard of projects starting up worth trillions of dollars designed to kickstart the new economy. Wrap all these reports up and more and put them in a file marked "NESARA" because they are all about NESARA. (1) So abundance is on its way. Once the cabal has been arrested and removed from the scene, I expect NESARA will begin (not like I know).

In our conversation as a world, let's stay with this one subject. What does it mean that NESARA comes in? Well, it means that our debts will be relieved, our needs will be met, and services will be established such as universal medicare and other aspects of the social-safety net.

But it also means that many of us will volunteer to take the fruits of NESARA to places where people currently exist for under a dollar a day. NESARA will spread from the developed world, if I understand matters correctly, to the underdeveloped world. And we will lead that effort.

Looking at that one subject alone and having a conversation as a world, the task before us will be to work together as a community without borders, without divisions, without separative interests.

Knowing this ahead of time, the work that we can accomplish now is to begin to obliterate the borders in our mind, to cease thinking as Britons, Australians and Mexicans, Americans, Chinese and Russians, and begin to think as sovereign citizens of Planet Earth.

Borders were yesterday; the world is today. National interests were yesterday; human interests are today. National security was yesterday; planetary wellbeing is today.

We must make the leap, first in our minds, next in our speaking, and finally in our actions from a world of nations, classes, and so on, to a world without borders or divisions.

# **Creating the Context of a Global Culture**

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The time is approaching when we're going to need to have global conversations.

The very same year that I began conversations with Archangel Michael, he told me:

AAM: You have known that the time would come when we would ask you to work very much on a very global level. And this is the beginning of that undertaking. You have already built a very firm foundation for this to occur and for this we thank and bless you. (1)

More recently he said this about the charities I'll be founding:

AAM: This is you becoming the steward of an organization and of an undertaking of massive, massive global impact/import. (2)

I won't be able to escape what I called "growing up" earlier. I mean that spiritually rather than chronologically. I cannot do the work being laid out for me operating from the rather slack way of being I operate from at the moment. There's no better term for it than "growing up."

One of the ways I grow up is to start thinking globally (acting locally).

How does one think about global society? Whenever I want to establish a beachhead of understanding in a new area, I start with the basics.

What's basic to global society? Global culture. Let's start with that.

Anthropologists talk about our "culture." Sociologists talk about our "social construction of reality." They're both looking at the same thing.

What is a culture? In an earlier lifetime as a cultural historian, I defined it as:

"Culture – whether we look at it through time or in the present – may be seen as an organization of ideas, manifest in act and artifact (though consisting of neither), by means of which humans experience their world and take purposeful action." (3)

Unearth a stringless guitar from the ground a thousand years from now and the finder may use it for a garden pot. Without the idea "guitar" and the other ideas of how to use it, the object itself may mean nothing to them. The object is not "culture."

Culture is not acts either. Take a North American and plant him in deepest Africa and he won't understand what the people are saying or doing. The speech and physical actions themselves convey culture, but not as immediately and easily as the written and spoken word.

The North American would want to know the meaning of the acts – he would need to know what ideas are behind the acts and what is being transmitted to be a participant in their cultural processes and meanings.

The prime limiting condition on culture is that it must be transmissible. If it were not, it would die in a day.

Culture is not innate. If we were blind and deaf, we might never know culture. It doesn't exist in our genes. It really does live in our minds -as

*culture*. And it has to be handed down from parent or teacher to child – by spoken or written language, pictures, etc.

We translate those ideas into the spoken and written word and pass the message along.

We take them and apply them to production process to come up with things, from flint tools to cellphones. Anthropologists call these "artifacts" – they show evidence of human manufacture. And culture.

All of these are cultural ways, means, and products.

So the very first thing I need to do, in contributing to the building of Nova Earth, is to create for myself – to have the notion cease to be merely a dry intellectual construct and have it come alive for me – the context of global culture.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Nov. 30, 2011.
- (2) Ibid., Feb. 17, 2017.
- (3) Changed slightly from the original. S.M. Beckow, "Culture, History, and Artifact," Canadian Museums Association Gazette, Fall 1975, 13.

# Globally, Universally

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The notion that we must speak as global citizens rather than nationals to end gender persecution is definitely in the wind. Archangel Gabrielle urged it on *An Hour with an Angel* March 13, 2014. (1)

Later Graham, Linda and I discussed what was said and decided that next week, we'd talk to Archangel Michael about acting as global citizens.

I said on another occasion:

"A global conversation is a chat we have as a world. A global conversation is a discussion that arises from the context of our shared characteristics. A global conversation is a conversation that speaks to our commonalities." (2)

Each time we break through to a new level of communication, there's a corresponding expansion of consciousness. (3)

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

What often holds us back is what we consider to be respect for other religions, cultures, societies, nations, etc. We certainly have seen in the past ample examples of people addressing other religions and cultures and foisting their own self-serving values on them so we do know the excesses we've gone to when we pretend to address the world.

On what basis can we address the world and not fall into ethnocentrism or similar pits? The answer is to base our speaking on the divine qualities and the universal laws.

Human rights as we've conceived them so far have been a stepping stone to a global culture. But they don't go far enough. They reach the level of the individual and the family but they often don't reach the level of the soul. That's because they're founded on the paradigm of empirical materialism which doesn't recognize that we have and are a soul.

Being only materially based, human rights don't pierce as far as love and joy pierce through to, prosperity for all and unencumbered free will that does no harm.

Freedom of assembly and freedom of religion are important. But the freedom to develop as a spiritual being, the freedom to engage with a sacred partner that goes much farther than simply the right to marry the person of one's choice – it's time to move beyond simply human rights to sacred rights and divine qualities. Only action based on a knowledge of the soul goes far enough to achieve world equality.

"Because all of us are divine, we also share the divine qualities in common. We all know and recognize at some deep level the value of love, bliss, compassion, truth, wisdom, discrimination, patience, detachment and equanimity, etc. That is why those aligned with darkness have such a difficult time when faced with love and truth. At some deep place, they recognize the primacy of the divine qualities.

"Although we have different skin colors, different genders, and different cultures, we also know deeply that these differences need not divide us. Under our skin, behind our gender, and outside our culture, we're all children of God; we're all One." (4)

Oftentimes the impetus to achieve what we want awaits us having the platform from, the forum from, or the cause of which to speak. A global platform produces global citizens. A global forum invites a depth of being that isn't ordinarily available to us. A global cause calls forth a way of seeing and being that transcends all separativeness and invites oneness in all ways and forms.

The existence of nations has offered a modicum of protection to some. It's been used by others to corral their populations and exploit them. There's nothing inherent in the notion of a nation-state that ensures the wellbeing of its citizens

But the human spirit is universal and acting from a global consciousness is the next step to experiencing the universal in us all. It's time to think globally, even if in most cases we must act locally. It's time to take up the perspective of oneness and act according to the divine qualities and universal laws.

"It's time now to turn our attention to what's out in our world, what does not work and never has. It's time to stop our behavior that causes pain and damage, whether to our environment, our fellow beings of light, or ourselves.

"It's time to awaken to the global nature of the human family, to shake the sleepy dust of ages from our eyes, look to the next person, and perceive our Oneness.

"It's time to turn to all our neighbors and have a global conversation for the birth of Nova Gaia, to set all unworkable things right and to put us on the path to human unity, equality, and abundance." (5)

# **Footnotes**

- (1) Archangel Gabrielle on *An Hour with an Angel*, March 13, 2014, t <a href="http://www.blogtalkradio.com/inlight\_radio/2014/03/13/an-hour-with-an-angel-archangel-gabrielle-gender-inequality-part-2">http://www.blogtalkradio.com/inlight\_radio/2014/03/13/an-hour-with-an-angel-archangel-gabrielle-gender-inequality-part-2</a>.
- (2) "Let Us Have a Global Conversation" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/let-us-have-a-global-conversation/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/</a>
- (3) "Having a Global Conversation" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/building-nova-earth-toward-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/creating-a-global-conversation/</a>
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- (5) Loc. cit.

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

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

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

### **Universal Brothers and Sisters**

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

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

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

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



# **Sovereign Beings**

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

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

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

# Citizens of the World

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Members of Team Earth**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

# Footnotes

(1) Amos 4:11.

# **% A Cross-Cultural, Intergalactic, and Multidimensional Spirituality #**

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

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May I share a memory? And a dream?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Multicultural" emphasizes the differences. "Cross-cultural" emphasizes the similarities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## After that...?

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

Intergalactic? Understood by other civilizations as well.

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) The most important being *From Darkness Unto Light*, located here: <a href="http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=From\_Darkness\_to\_Light">http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=From\_Darkness\_to\_Light</a>
- (2) For an accont of the vision, see "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment Ch. 13 Epilogue," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/</a>
- (3) At the end of the vision, the little golden star merged with the large Golden Sun. God met God in a final embrace and became One.
- (4) Such as what I learned from the fourth-chakra heart opening of March 13, 2015 what I learned about love, about how I had never loved before that moment, about how I just wanted to share it and share it and share it. And yet almost no one recognized the space or could receive it. About the inner tsunami of love and the Ocean of Love. On and on the learning went.

# **Both Sides of the Veil and All the Dimensions**

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Buddhahood: A full and permanent heart opening

A friend came over who doesn't like the language of Ascension. So I put the matter to her in what I hoped were Buddhist terms.

According to me, Ascension in Buddhist terms is nirvana, buddhahood, escape from the wheel of birth and death.

"Nirvana," like the Christian term, "heaven," refers to the Fifth Dimension and higher.

The Third/Fourth Dimension is a dimension in which we need to be physically born. On higher dimensions this need to die and be physically reborn isn't a feature, probably to everyone's relief!

Seventh-chakra enlightenment, called Brahmajnana or God Realization, is the end of chakra-based enlightenment. But it's not the end of Third Dimensionality. It's not liberation or moksha.

Buddhists would call it arahantship and point out that it's preliminary to buddhahood

Only at Ascension - which, in Hindu terms, equates to Sahaja Samadhi - is there a full and permanent heart opening, beyond the seven-chakra system. Only the full and eternal opening of the heart ends the need to be reborn by destroying all the seeds (vasanas) of future action.

Christians would call it "resurrection" and "salvation," the Bible's words for Ascension. Jesus ascended. Now all of us, at the end of the age, are following in his footsteps, except - mercifully - we need no longer die first. As the Arcturian Group said recently:

"Up to now individuals had to physically die in order to ascend to a higher dimension, but at this powerful time mankind is ascending while in physical body" (1)

What the discussion with my friend showed me was that we need a common language to discuss matters like Ascension and Disclosure. "Arahants" and "aliens" won't do a globally-connected generation.

We need an awake and aware cross-cultural spirituality, covering both sides of the veil and all dimensions, and making sense to all ages, genders, and races.

It needs to explain the mysteries such as the nature of the Trinity. (2) It needs to explain the purpose of life. (3)

It needs to lay out the various pathways to the knowledge of God - past the level of our Ascension. (4) And it needs to explain the various experiences we encounter along the way so those who haven't studied enlightenment know what just happened to them.

It needs to connect the dots among the Earth's existing paths and show how spiritual realities are changing as we ascend dimensionally.

It needs to somehow take into account the various ways the Divine communicates its message of understanding and encouragement.

And it needs to do all this without judging other paths, placing one above another, or creating new hierarchies.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) "Arcturian Group Message via Marilyn Raffaele, April 21, 2019," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/04/21/arcturian-group-message-via-marilyn-raffaele-april-21-2019/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/04/21/arcturian-group-message-via-marilyn-raffaele-april-21-2019/</a>
- (2) The terms Father/Son/Holy Ghost and Brahman/Atman/Shakti refer to levels of Reality, rather than "persons."
- (3) To know who we are (God). God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment ("O Thou I!").
- (4) The path Home goes well past the twelve dimensions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Preface**

# Shortest publishing run in history...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Finding common ground....

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

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

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

The essays that follow are an attempt to restate it.

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

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

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

# **♯ The Purpose of Life** ### The Purpose of Life ### The Purpose of

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

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

(Continued from Part 12.)

### When time stood still

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### "It all works out in the final reel!"

Knowing that part of the city well, I looked to the right and the left of me to see how far I had moved in the roughly eight seconds I had been somewhere else. I had not moved an inch. I concluded that the whole event had taken place outside of time.

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

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

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

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

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

I felt confined by the academic paradigm and left university.

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

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

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

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

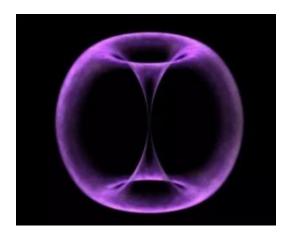
### **Footnotes**

- (1) I did not notice the blackness of space. If I had, what would I have known then?
- (2) "I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!" (Bayazid of Bistun in Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944, 12.)

### From God We Came; To God We Return

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As an Ascension ethnographer, I'm only writing partly for our own culture and civilization.

Many civilizations all over our universe are probably also ascending, perhaps even as we speak. Ours is said to be a template for theirs.

Michael has mentioned other Ascensions in discussing my next assignment:

Steve: When will I ... have my original dimensionality back? Or do I stay in a lower dimension for the foreseeable future?

Archangel Michael: You will have a choice. As I have said to you, when you complete this mission, you are allowed to have 200 years off. But what you do with that is up to you, dear one! You will certainly have full access to your inter-dimensionality. ...

Steve: Okay. Well, apart from that, it really just depends on what's wanted and needed. (1)

Steve: The next assignment is in the Seventh Dimension?

AAM: You will have a choice of planetary systems. This is just the warm-up for [that] Ascension. It is to bring a further rise of vibrations to those throughout the Universe. (2)

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

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

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The movement of all beings out from God and back again resembles a great torus (see graphic). From God we came in ignorance; to God we return in knowledge.

(3)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have to add a note confessing that I'm not an emotional paragon of virtue. What exploring this new area has shown me is that a speedy exit from our early

childhood trauma and patterning is not usually the case. It takes patient digging (or Ascension) to get at the really deeply-buried pain and behavior patterns.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Dec. 18, 2012. (Hereafter AAM.)
- (2) AAM, Sept. 13, 2011.
- (3) On the purpose of life, see The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pd">https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pd</a> and particularly "Ch. 13. Epilogue."
- (4) I experienced the Ocean of Love as the place that the inner tsunami of love emptied into. See "Immersed in an Ocean of Love Part 1/2" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-12/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-12/</a> and "Immersed in an Ocean of Love Part 2/2," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2015/05/17/immersed-ocean-love-part-22/</a>.

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

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

- (5) See "Vasanas (Latent Tendencies)," at <a href="http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?">http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?</a> title=V#Vasanas .28Latent Tendencies.29
- (6) "Although Earth and all of her residents are in fourth density location-wise, the majority of the populace still is within third density awareness-wise." (Matthew's Message, October 19, 2014, at http://www.matthewbooks.com/mattsmessage.htm.)

# **Up and Down Jacob's Ladder**

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

Terrestrial sages did not discuss it. Michael once said:

"Now [in olden times] that sense of bringing others along wasn't defined by dimensions. It was more a teacher/student, sage/novitiate relationship. So the framework was very different." (1)

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

There are many examples of such a descent.

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

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

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

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

Ashtar: What we have done is we have brought our vibrations to the fifth dimension in order to be at a place where we can meet you. If you are to think of the human realm and what is available currently to you, if you were looking for me, I would be out of the realm of human experience. So, let us make that clear as well.

Steve Beckow: That means above the twelfth dimension, is that correct?

A: That is correct. (3)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

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

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

Archangel Michael: You mean WHICH time?

SB: The first time.

AAM: He ascended during the time of Atlantis.

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

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

- (3) "An Introduction to Enlightenment and the Trinity Part 2/2," May 14, 2012, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/05/14/an-introduction-to-enlightenment-and-the-trinity-part-22/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/05/14/an-introduction-to-enlightenment-and-the-trinity-part-22/</a>.
- (4) Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 218. Sri Ramakrishna was speaking only of Brahmajnana or seventh-chakra enlightenment but the same situation applies to complete merger with the One.
- (5) Ibid., 102-3.
- (6) Ibid., 268.
- (7) See "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment Ch. 13 Epilogue," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/</a>

### That Which Can Never Be Forgotten

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As above, so below

Sometimes I feel that, if I don't spend some time of a day reflecting on God, I'll burst. And today is such a day.

There is no forgetting God. The Father has built a longing for liberation into us that will not allow us to forget him for long. (1) No matter what we fasten onto, no matter what addiction we escape into, no matter what routine we bury ourselves in, sooner or later the desire arises for more. Nothing satisfies for long. Absolutely nothing.

God is all that can fill that longing. I think I must be hit by the longing at this moment and the only way to satisfy it is to think and speak of God.

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

Here is Pseudo-Dionysius, a Greek Christian living in the late 5th and early 6th centuries. His enlightenment is one of the highest I know of and his poetic exposition of the nondualist point of view has always thrilled many.

"The Cause of all is above all and is not inexistent, lifeless, speechless, mindless. It is not a material body, and hence has neither shape nor form, quality, quantity, or weight. It is not in any place and can neither be seen nor touched. It is neither perceived nor is it perceptible.

"It suffers neither disorder nor disturbance and is overwhelmed by no earthly passion. It is not powerless and subject to the disturbances caused by sense perception. It endures no deprivation of light. It passes through no change, decay, division, loss, no ebb and flow, nothing of which the senses may be aware. None of all this can either be identified with it nor attributed to it." (2)

Is not, is neither, endures none of this, can be identified with none of that. Not, none, neither: this is the *via negativa* or way of negation. All that we can say of God is what he/she/it is not.

God is both beyond the material domain and the source of it. Moreover everything material is, in a manner of speaking, made from God. Krishna pointed to the mystery of how God could be everything and yet remain nothing.

"This entire universe is pervaded by me, in that eternal form of mine which is not manifest to the senses. Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me. I do not mean that they exist within me physically. That is my divine mystery. You must try to understand its nature. My Being sustains all creatures and brings them to birth, but has no physical contact with them." (3)

Of everything that exists, and I'm speaking from the relative level, only God is non-physical. That includes the God in us, which is the soul, which the Mother coats in matter lending form and substance to the soul much as we clothe the body.

Jesus said that I am in the Father and the Father is in me and the Father is greater than I. What difference is there between that saying and what Krishna says here: "Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me."

One could say, well, no, the soul exists within the creature. Yes and no. Only in a manner of speaking. The soul is conceived of as existing within the creature and yet it does not. It's not material and so has no physical location. It would be more accurate to say that the creature exists within the soul because the soul, which is one with everything, also includes everything that is. That is why sages say to us, as God in Heavenletters did recently, that "I am" is everything, that each of us is everything.

"What is Eternity? You are. What is Infinity? You are. What is Vastness? You are. What is everything? It is you. You are It. Anywhere you look, it is you. Anywhere you don't look, it is also you. There is nothing in Creation that is not you." (4)

The problem we encounter, which leads to so many paradoxical sayings, is that we constantly compare apples and oranges. Souls are spiritual; bodies are material. They cannot be compared. Even to say "souls" is a paradox because there is really only one Soul.

We cannot take one step in this realm without tripping over our feet and yet nothing is more fun to speak of than these spiritual verities.

We look from our vantage point and remake God in our own image. We use our senses and so recast God in the metaphors of the sense. And to a certain extent we get away with it because God is also the senses and what is sensed. We know only other people so we make God a person. Whatever is highest in our hearts, minds, and imaginations we make an attribute of God.

But God is so far higher than our hearts, minds and imaginations can reach (right now) that we fail, fall short, never succeed. But then in the next moment, we pick ourselves up and try again. Estimating God, appreciating God is something we never tire of. Does anyone ever ask why?

When we say God is not, we're really thinking of God in his/her/its original transcendent being. But God is not only transcendent (the Father); God is also phenomenal (the Mother); and God is also immanent (the Self, Child, Christ or Soul).

There is nothing God is and nothing God is not. How else could it be with something ... errr, nothing ... that is everything?

Every master has tried his or her hand at describing God, probably for the sheer enjoyment of it, not because they think they'll succeed. No one has ever succeeded.

Here is Sri Aurobindo's try, probably one of many. Each master tries to fail better than the last. Take a deep breath because Sri Aurobindo has a wonderfully long attention span.

"That into which we merge ourselves in the cosmic consciousness is Satchidananda [Awareness, Existence, Bliss Absolute].

"It is one eternal Existence that we ... are, one eternal Consciousness which sees its own works in us and others, one eternal Will or Force of that Consciousness which displays itself in infinite workings, one eternal Delight which has the joy of itself and all its workings, -- itself stable, immutable, timeless, spaceless, supreme and itself still in the

infinity of its workings, not changed by their variations, not broken up by their multiplicity, not increased or decreased by their ebbings and flowings in the seas of Time and Space, not confused by their apparent contrarieties or limited by their divinely-willed limitations.

"Satchidananda is the unity of the many-sidedness of manifested things, the eternal harmony of all their variations and oppositions, the infinite perfection which justifies their limitations and is the goal of their imperfections." (5)

No *via negativa* here. Strictly *via positiva*. Affirming what he thinks God is. Or knows God to be.

OK, someone tell me to stop because I could go on and on describing the indescribable, wafted on the wings of love, discussing my favorite theme.

That is indeed my fix for the day. Nothing rewards a person more than paying a little attention, whenever the unscratchable itch arises, to the one thing ... or no thing ... that will never go away, never let us forget, never stop singing to us through everything around us and everything within us - God.

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# **Source Knowing Source, Me Knowing Me**

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We had two beautiful statements recently of the wider picture into which Ascension fits, one from the channel Goldenlight and another from the Divine Mother.

Goldenlight said: "You are Source knowing Source.... You are Me knowing Me. Yes, it is I, your loving Source from which you came and to which you shall eventually return." (1)

And the Divine Mother said in An Hour with an Angel on Dec. 10, 2012.

"I am asking you to bring your focus to this ignition [i.e., Ascension], but then I am asking you, let us focus on what is really at hand — yes, Gaia, yes, universe, this universe in particular. But you, you have begun by saying that I am not simply a god among gods. I am the Mother, and I am asking and inviting you to join with me. Is there really any further conversation to be had?" (2)

And of course there really isn't need for any further conversation. If we're looking for the one statement that lies below every other statement that ever could be made, it is that the purpose of life is that God should meet God. (3) To join with the Divine Mother, who is no different than the Holy Father, which is why Archangel Michael calls "them" "Mother/Father One," is the sole reason for all of us to exist.

David Wilcock put the matter well in mid-summer of this year: "The entirety of the physical universe is a magical tapestry wrought by the hand of the Creator, for the purpose of experiencing Itself." (4)

His statement echoes one made by the Heavenly Hosts six years earlier: "It is all just experience to satisfy the Creator's desire to experience Itself through Its creations." (5)

SaLuSa also said some years ago that "your existence is not some freak accident, but of a careful design." (6) When people become aware that life has a purpose and a design that fits that purpose, some become angry. Considering themselves separate from God, they think that they're being manipulated. They don't want to follow the plan laid down by another. They want to be free.

But of course, what we fail to realize is that we *are* God and so the plan to know ourselves as God turns out to be our plan as well, as Saul makes clear: "To awaken is to know God. It is His Will that you do so, and as you are one with Him it is also your will. Consequently, it is impossible for you not to do so." (7)

"Your Father's Will is that you awaken into the divine splendor of Reality — your eternal Home — and there is no other will because all life, in all its myriad forms, is one with Him and shares His Will. The only difference is that in your separated state you are unable to see the whole picture, and it seems to you that there is a multitude of conflicting wills out there causing fear and mayhem." (8)

What does the realization that we all are God lead to? SaLuSa tells us:

"The awakening goes on at full speed ahead, and many souls are beginning to understand the purpose of life. It is the realization that you are more than your body, and that life is infinite and that you have your being in the energy that is God.

"This also leads to the acceptance that you are All One, and you can see all souls are interconnected and make up the whole." (9)

All of life's creation follows Jacob's ladder of ascending consciousness as Mark Kimmel's Adrial suggests, moving towards the realization of Oneness.

"Everything is a ladder of frequencies ascending from where you are today to the light of the Creator. In time all will embrace His light, and the universe will be in Oneness of the light." (10)

The "Oneness of the Light." What is this Light that is One? Ag-Agria tells us that it's a spark of God, what we call our soul and our "true self." That Light is what is One among us and the One that we all are.

"We know that many of you are puzzled by reference to the need for people to understand who they really are. Clearly you are aware of your physicality and what that means in terms of your life on Earth. What is being referred to is your true self, that part of you that will always exist regardless of whatever happens to you.

"You have a God spark that is your Light and link to All That Is. An immutable link that should tell you that you are a Being of Light, experiencing the lower vibrations which have effectively cut you off from your Higher Self. Most people identify with the 3rd. dimension, and do not comprehend that there are other aspects of themselves." (11)

"You are spiritual beings in biological clothes," Archangel Metatron puts it. "You are here to discover your Divinity. When you make that discovery, you serve others in the example of that achievement!" (12)

We remain unsatisfied until we know God in the fullest, SaLuSa tells us: "Your quest for knowledge and the truth can never really be satisfied until you reach the ultimate – The Source of All That Is." (13)

Even the ascended masters from Earth and other star systems are on the same search as we, SaLuSa tells us.

"We are like you and seek the path that leads back to the Source, and there is a driving force that constantly urges all souls to rise up to ever higher realms. Your understanding of this quest varies according to your beliefs." (14)

This driving force is an unquenchable thirst, which some masters call a longing for liberation and others an urge to evolve. It won't let up until we've merged again with God in his/her transcendental, formless form.

Diane of Sirius says that "it [is] only a matter of time, before more souls reach a point of true awareness of their higher purpose in life." (15) When they do, they see that life is a game, a divine play or *lila*. Atmos says that life "is often referred to as a game." (16) And Kuthumi informs us that "when you see, and I mean truly see, that life is in fact just a game, then, my precious ones, you are truly free." (17)

What Ker-On said about the game that descending into the lower dimensions was he could have said about life itself.

"You are playing a game albeit you take it very seriously, which is actually an experiment that you volunteered to take part in. The Creator desired to know how the Light Sparks sent out from the Source would react to the lower energies, when it reached a point that led them to believe that they were separated from it. You travelled down through the higher realms, and assigned yourselves to Earth when it was the Garden of Eden. It was only later that you forgot your true identity as gods, and took on the mantle of darkness.

"However, you were not and never will be left alone to lift up again, and no soul is deserted or damned. In the not too far future you will again come to the realisation of who you really are. When that time comes you will be all the greater for your time in the cycle of duality." (18)

He could have said that life itself was a game which we agreed to play and, when the time comes to reunite with God, we are all the greater for having played it. Of course from that time on "we" disappears and we are only One again.

So here we are, the game of duality about to be called on account of time ... well, actually, no time, zero point, the end of time.

And we're all declared the victor in this game, even those who don't choose to ascend. All have gained experience. All are that much closer to God, whether they choose to ascend or not. What a game we played, all of us having assumed many roles, light and dark!

And now there's the bell and everyone drops their roles and leaves the stadium. The game is over. We're all declared the victor as we progress on to a wider and wider game.

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# **Back to the Basics: The Purpose of Life**

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What's life all about? What's its purpose? Why am I here and why do I return to the body again and again?

The purpose for which God created life forms, as far as I'm aware, was to raise them up through a process of spiritual evolution from a place of unconscious awareness of their true identity to a place of conscious awareness. The reason for this is so that, in a moment of Self-realization, God meets God. (1)

God is formless, One, all there is. Since there's no other, there's also no camera, mirror, feedback loop or any other means by which God could discover truths about Himself. There's no other besides God and so there's no occasion on which God could meet another and through that contact come to know Him/Her/Itself (God has no gender).

And so He (She or It) invented life forms, finger puppets as it were, into which He placed a spark of Himself which would grow in consciousness until they realized themselves as God. We're those finger puppets and this was the purpose for which

life was made and introduced into the formless Oneness of the Divine ground of being.

Many religions map out this Divine Plan by saying that God the Father (Brahman) created a phenomenal realm of matter, *mater*, Mother (Shakti, Wisdom, the Holy Spirit) into which he embedded a spark of Himself as God the Child, the Christ (the Atman, Buddha nature).

The Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti. It's the Transcendental, the Phenomenal, and the Transcendental embedded in the Phenomenal. We must know these three levels of reality if we're truly and completely to know God. We know them in stages of enlightenment, which itself is virtually endless.

So now, we life forms at this human stage of evolution, having passed through the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms have reached the Third Dimension of life in the physical realm and the Fourth Dimension in the astral realm. We stand at the end of a cycle which will see us graduate into the Fifth Dimension or mental realm. This graduation has been called a shift, transformation, or Ascension. It's one stage along the seemingly-endless journey from God to God.

It's only one stage. It'll see our bodies change from carbon base to crystalline, our active DNA strands increase from two to twelve (or more), our bodies grow younger, stronger and healthier and ourselves never to need to die again.

To free us from the grip of a dreaded cabal which intended to kill off a large segment of the population, reducing us from 7 billion to 500 million, the Company of Heaven summoned the extraterrestrial civilizations which originally gave us birth.

It asked them to come to Earth, rescue us, revive us, and prepare us for Ascension. They've saved us from death by radiation, particularly depleted uranium, which was a planet killer ("omnicidal"), (2) until the galactics removed it from our atmosphere. The millions of galactics here to help us ascend have stewarded the Earth since its beginnings and will now mentor us and prepare us for this joyous undertaking.

Those are the basics.

This site aims to publicize the events of accountability, abundance, Disclosure, and Ascension, which will lead us from darkness to light, untruth to truth, and death to immortality, in the Golden Age now upon us.

#### **Footnotes**

- (1) For more on the subject, see *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment*. The book can be downloaded here: <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf">http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf</a>
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### Who Am I?

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These statements appear true to me.

There is no question more important than "Who am I?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Footnotes**

(1) John 16:28.

# I am God. You are God. Everything is God. It's Just so Plain

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I remember

Good luck today, America!

I notice how I'm always wanting to restrict God to one "thing": love, consciousness, energy, light, darkness, stillness, voidness, etc.

If I'm thinking of God as consciousness and someone else is thinking of God as love and wants me to see things from that perspective, I bristle. My view is right, I assert, from the densest, darkest right/wrong levels of my being....

But God is everything ... and nothing ... and everything-not-a-thing. God is all.

Thinking of God as exclusive - God is consciousness, not love - hasn't gotten me anywhere. I can say that from this lofty perch six years beyond the Biblical threescore and ten.

I'd like to try thinking of God now as inclusive for a change. God is everything, everyone, everywhere.

You are God. I am God. OK, in an unrealized state, but God nonetheless.

Who was it that said: If you know that to be true, why don't you act like it?

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If I acted like it, I'd satisfy Archangel Michael's implicit invitation to act from all the divine qualities rather than just one:

"Human beings, particularly those in the higher vibrations, [are] learning to hold all the divine qualities and to be operating from all the divine qualities at once." (1)

All of us are after all angelics, ascended masters, multidimensional, intergalactic. (2) Implicitly we - the Creator Race - are transcendental beings, with access to the Absolute. (3)

Why can't we - and why shouldn't we - act like it?

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When we fully realize we are God, our individuality apparently wanes. I used to believe it was absorbed back into the One but I've recently changed my opinion, given what Michael and the Mother have said. (5)

I believe Father/Mother God designed the return to Them to be ever more joyful. We care much about right/wrong here: accuracy in details about the highest levels. But by the time we even simply get them in sight, so to speak, we've lost all caring. By the time we ascend even to the Fifth Dimension, we'll have lost all caring. Love will sweep it away from us - the same love that we are since we and it are everything. (It follows, does it not?)

Everything is God, including you and me. All that really matters is realizing that and acting up to what that calls forth from us.

I am God. You are God. Everything is God. It's just so plain.

#### **Footnotes**

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Toward a Cross-Cultural Spirituality Vol. 1: What is It? at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Grandeur-Beyond-Grandeur-1-4-R4.pdf">https://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Grandeur-Beyond-Grandeur-1-4-R4.pdf</a>.

(4) Michael discusses it here. I use the term "Transcendental" and, at first he agrees. But then he nudges me to go beyond that term to what he calls "Source." On other occasions he's called it the "Absolute."

Archangel Michael; Now we also know that deep space contains many other galaxies so keep going and keep going and keep going. Now, when you have gone through all of that think of it as being contained in a bubble, go outside the bubble, that's where we are.

Steve: Aah. So, transcendental space.

AAM: Yes. [But he wants me to think bigger!] But, also at times the space - now we are going to really confuse you - the space in-between the spaces.

We occupy often the space between the spaces. We come from Source.

Steve: Right. Wow!

AAM: Yes, it is bigger than you think.

Steve: Yes. Wow. ("Archangel Michael on the Angelic Kingdom," June 13, 2014, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2014/06/13/archangel-michael-on-the-angelic-kingdom/</a>.)

(5) It turns out "we" are not "extinguished" upon final mergence with God, as the Mother and Michael confirm.

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

Divine Mother: Yes. If they so choose, yes. Now, is it in the timeline that human beings tend to think of? No. But eventually there is re-emergence. ("The Divine Mother: Each and Every One of You Carries Divine Might, Part 1/2," June 17, 2013, at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might-part-12">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2013/06/the-divine-mother-each-and-every-one-of-you-carries-divine-might-part-12</a>.)

Archangel Michael: When you go home, and you can reunite in the Heart of of One, do not think that you go off on another tangent or another journey simply because you feel like it or because you are earning your way back to that linear path. You go back out into the universe as a brilliant spark of pure light!

So you come, you return, you gain not only understanding, wisdom, knowledge - what you can think of as spiritual regeneration - and then, in concert with many, including your guides and guardian angels and, many times, whoever you are going to be working with - for example, myself or Archangel Raphael - you emerge again. (Archangel Michael, An Hour with an Angel, March 26, 2012, at <a href="http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/">http://the2012scenario.com/2012/03/archangels-michael-and-gabriel-on-the-angelic-realm-hour-with-an-angel-transcript-march-26-2012/</a>.)

# The One and Only Assignment, Lifetime after Lifetime

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Rumi

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

"There is one thing in this world which must never be forgotten. If you were to forget everything else, but did not forget that, then there would be no cause for worry; whereas if you performed and remembered and did not forget every single thing, but forgot that one thing, then you would have done nothing whatsoever.

"It is just as if a king had sent you to the country to carry out a specified task. You go and perform a hundred other tasks; but if you have not performed that particular task on account of which you had gone to the country, it is as if you have performed nothing at all. So

man has come into this world for a particular task, and that is his purpose; if he does not perform it, then he will have done nothing."
(1)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Let Me Not Forget That

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are here to know and realize the Truth.

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

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

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

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

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

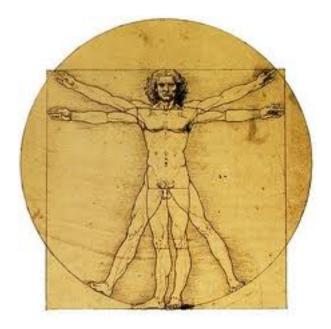
So, in the last analysis, I'm actually not that much interested in anything at all that lies out there, except insofar as I have a duty to it. There is something in here I'm

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

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

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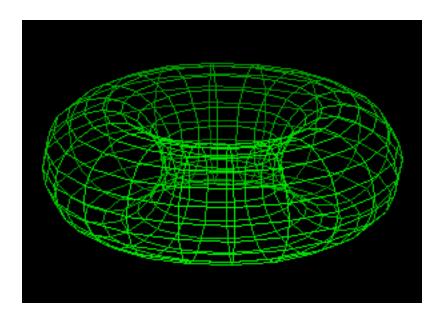


Mammalian version of the Adam Kadmon template

# The Significance of the Toroidal Field

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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- (5) Farther along and maybe even more deeply developed, but still missing this particular lesson.
- (6) It conjures up for me the common, collective pathway of all our lifetimes a sacred arc and a spiritual spiral, reaching from God to God.

# The Spiritual Spiral

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I go where I'm guided and this morning I'm guided to talk about ... not the symbolism, because the relationship is not symbolic ... but the similarities between the Nautilus shell and our journey from God to God.

That journey forms a sacred arc, going out into the world and returning to God.

Everyone who's heard this account that vision before may surge ahead to the next article.

I was driving my car on Friday the 13th March 1987 when, having asked a question of the universe, its response was to show me an 8-second vision of the total journey of an individual soul from its birth in God to its return and reunion with God, with many adventures in between.

If you wish to read a blow-by-blow of that experience, go here.

If this was the end of the story, then I'd have just described an arc, from God to God.

But there's a twist to the story and to understand that, I have to give background. The whole point of the vision was to get across to me what the purpose of life is.

It turns out that the purpose of life, when viewed from our human perspective, is enlightenment. Why does that matter? Because when any one of us realizes her or his true nature as God, God meets God.

How else would the All, the Everything meet itself?

And how does this process from unconsciousness to self-consciousness to Self-Consciousness to No-Self Consciousness occur?

It occurs through a process of education in the Mother's School of Matter (*mater*, Mother). In my vision, that region of the All was depicted as a hazy cloud in which individual children of God could be seen following their arc ... and ... what was that other thing?

A spiral. They're following a spiral, like an electric cable. Even as they follow an arc, they also follow a spiral.

Why is that?

As it turns out, we actually, under ordinary circumstances, achieve very little karmic learning in any one lifetime. So our overall history sees us returning to the same karmic situation again and again, to learn our karmic lessons, giving the arc the appearance of a spiral.

Several masters mention it. Here is Beinsa Douno:

"Why it is necessary for man to descend and sink into a world of matter? - so that he may clothe himself in all the enveloping sheaths, each successive one more dense, at which point the rising and acquiring of higher forms begins. During each period there is partial rise and descent in an oscillating curve. The final movement will be rising." (1)

That seems like a verbal description of what i saw. It's implicit in what Ibn Arabi says:

"Until [the individual] reaches the degree of human being he passes through many tribulations at every level of his descent; he meets with difficulties. Sometimes he rises; sometimes he goes low; and half a circle is completed till he is lodged with ... mankind." (2)

Again, extend Ibn Arabi and you have a spiral. Finally here's Shankara with the building blocks but not the structure:

"Those deluded beings who are tied to the objects they experience by the strong cord of desire, so hard to break, remain subject to birth and death. They travel upward or downward, impelled by their own karma, that inescapable law. (3)

If I could stand in space in the middle of the spiral, whether I was looking to the past or the future, its structure would be like the graphic of the Nautilus shell, above, or of those below. Let each growth cell be a lifetime.

Knowing this, I'm attracted to all spirals, because they remind me of the spiral of life, so to speak.







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# **% The Biblical Code₩**

### The Biblical Code

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Eventually we'll all want to know about the code in which the Bible was written to help us unlock the nuggets of wisdom from it.

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### The language of mystery

I've said earlier that some religious teachers met a violent end. For them to be able to discuss the mysteries in a manner explicable to those with ears to hear while going over the heads of the worldly-minded, the religious teachers of other days sometimes spoke in code. In these essays, we shall take up point to a few examples of that code and translated their encoded words back into plain and simple language again, as best we can.

The Biblical code is a repository of metaphors, parables, and proverbs relating to profound realities. For example, "the fire ever burning on the altar" usually means

the immortal Self, the Christ, the prince of peace and Light of the world in the heart; (1) "the temple of God" is usually the human body that houses the Self; (2) "the garments" or "clothes" often represent the desires and thoughts in which a person is dressed that obscure the Self from our view; (3) "clouds" and "glory" often refer to the Holy Spirit, as do the phrases "Word of God," "Amen," "Wisdom," etc. (For the Biblical code as it relates to the Holy Spirit, see "The Divine Mother or Holy Spirit" at <a href="https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/mother.html">https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/mother.html</a>.)

Sometimes these metaphors are used to make a difficult topic more easily understandable. Pseudo-Dionysius describes this work that the code does.

"We ... grasp these things in the best way we can, and as they come to us, wrapped in the sacred veils of that love toward humanity with which scripture and hierarchical traditions cover the truths of the mind with things derived from the realm of the senses. And so it is that the Transcendent is clothed in the terms of being, with shape and form on things which have neither, and numerous symbols are employed to convey the varied attributes of what is an imageless and supra-natural simplicity." (4)

More often, the code was used to couch profundities in a veil of mystery, as Jesus explained to his disciples.

"The disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

"He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ...

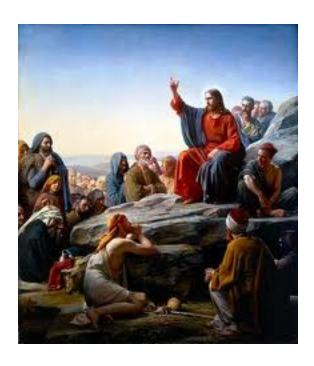
"Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." (5)

Apparently, it was not given to the worldly to understand the mysteries. Of them St. Paul says:

"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost [in worldliness]:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." (17)

Even the religious masters of Israel, like Nicodemus, were to be found among the ranks of the worldly. Here Nicodemus, having asked Jesus for the truth, cannot penetrate his seeming riddles.



Jesus spoke in parables

"Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ...

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? ...

"If I have told you of earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (18)

All such metaphors as being born again, being redeemed, raised up, saved, sitting with Jesus in Paradise, or returning to the temple and going no more out are all synonyms for enlightenment, the realization of God the Father, which we have seen to be the purpose of life.

Jesus is telling Nicodemus that a man must be born again -- that is, he must experience the death of the ego and the realization of the Self or Christ -- before he can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus' own disciples sometimes had trouble with his sayings. But they were his sheep and he held out to them the promise that one day (the day of enlightenment) they would understand all.

"These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father." (19)

My understanding is that Jesus has spoken until now in proverbs and parables in order to conduct a public ministry and yet reach only the ears of the spiritually ripe. The times in which he preached, as history showed, were intolerant. But he promises that that a day will soon come when he will show his disciples the Father plainly. This is the promised day or redemption or enlightenment. (See footnote 20 for an instance of the Master showing the ripe disciple the Father plainly.)

There is a poignant moment when Jesus tells his disciples a deep spiritual mystery in a single sentence. We have had occasion to examine that statement before. It is Jesus summarizing the spiritual parabola, the sacred arc, away from and back to God. He says: "I came forth from the Father, and I am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." (21)

His disciples take Jesus literally and respond: "Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb." (22) But Jesus has uttered a highly-compressed proverb, a kernel of truth, with several layers of meaning, which appears to have escaped them. Such was the ignorance that surrounded the master that he chose to wrap his nuggets of wisdom in timeless but enigmatic parables and jewel-like proverbs even with his own disciples.

### A Treasury of Enlightenment Motifs

With the help of the many commentaries and interpretations now available to us, we can interpret parts of the scriptural code and reveal the Bible for what it is -- a rich treasury of enlightenment formulas and motifs, tableaux and dramas. Its word-

pictures have already burnt themselves into our collective memories, each there recording something vital about enlightenment.

I am going to take one example and develop it at some length. It suggests that the Biblical masters had knowledge of the chakra system and the kundalini. We start with a passage from Exodus:

"Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks and herds feed before that mount." (23)

St. John of the Cross explains the significance of the divine drama of Moses' ascent up Mount Sinai. St. John shows us that the ascent is a consciously-directed set of actions, designed to leave in our recollection an enlightenment tableau.

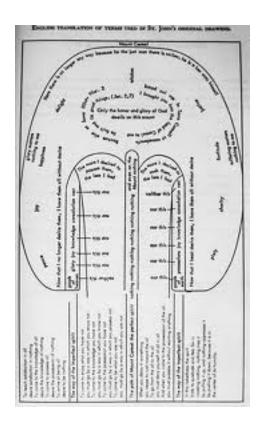
"When God ordered Moses to climb to the top of the mountain ... He commanded Moses not only to ascend alone, and leave the children of Israel below, but to rule against the pasturing of beasts on the mountainside. [Ex. 34:3] The meaning is that a person ascending this mount of perfection to converse with God must not only renounce all things, by leaving them at the bottom, but also restrict his appetites (the beasts) from pasturing on the mountainside, on things which are not purely God. For in God, or in the state of perfection, all appetites cease." (24)

St. John of the Cross furnishes us with one clue to the drama here. In another section of his book, he gives us another clue to unlock the full meaning of the Sinai drama.

St. John of the Cross was spiritual director to the nuns and monks of the reformed Carmelite order. He drew a picture once of the ascent up Mount Carmel which he counselled them to undertake. What was the Mount Carmel he depicted? It was the human head. (25)

St. John depicts the human spine ending in the brain. He is testifying to the knowledge of what Easterners term the kundalini, which Da Free John called "the

current of immortal joy." (26) There are hints in his works that he knew of the chakra system. For instance, he describes his enlightenment experience, making reference to "lilies," which could be his term for the chakras.



This is St. John's drawing of the ascent up Mt. Carmel

The ascent of the kundalini figured prominently in the enlightenment of Franklin Merrell-Woolf. Let us hear a modern-day description of that same spiritual energy.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I abandoned and forgot myself,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Laying my face on my Beloved;

<sup>&</sup>quot;All things ceased; I went out from myself,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Leaving my cares

<sup>&</sup>quot;Forgotten among the lilies." (27)

"The Current is clearly a subtle, fluid-like substance which brings the sense of well-being already described. Along with It, a more than earthly Joy suffuses the whole nature. To myself, I called It a Nectar. Now, I recognize It under several names. It is ... the 'Soma,' the 'Ambrosia of the Gods,' the 'Elixir of Life,' the 'Water of Life' of Jesus, and the 'Baptism of the Spirit' of St. Paul. It is more than related to Immortality; in fact it is Identical with Immortality. (28)

"To the sensuous consciousness It appears as of the nature of a fluid, for there is a sense of 'flowing through.' It penetrates all tensions with the effect of physical release. Spots that are not so well feel both rested and stronger. All over and through and through there is a quality that may well be described as physiological happiness. The organism feels no craving for sensuous distraction in order to find enjoyment. The external life of the individual could appear highly ascetic and austere to others, but all the while it would be profoundly happy. ...

"I wish, by every means possible, to make the point clear that in the Current lies the highest possible value which, from the relative standpoint, we call enjoyment." (29)

Sri Ramakrishna tells us that "a man's spiritual consciousness is not awakened unless his Kundalini is aroused." (30) The climb of the kundalini from the base of the spine to the crown of the skull is the real ascent of Mount Sinai or Mount Carmel that results in enlightenment. Sri Ramakrishna describes the entire course of the Kundalini up the spine.

"The Kundalini dwells in the Muladhara [chakra, at the base of the spine]. When it is aroused, it passes along the Sushumna nerve, goes through the centres of Svadhisthana, Manipura, and so on, and at last reaches the head." (31)

"With ordinary people the mind dwells in these [first] three planes, at the organs of evacuation and generation and at the navel." (32)

"The awakening of the Kundalini is the beginning of spiritual consciousness, and its union with Siva in the Sahasrara [seventh chakra], ending in samadhi [absorption in God], is the consummation." (33)

St. John's drawing of the ascent of Mount Carmel implies knowledge of the importance of the body's spiritual energy system. St. Paul was probably also aware of it. If we know that what Christians call the Holy Spirit Hindus call, among other names, Shakti (Energy) and Mother Kundalini, then we can see the special significance in St. Paul's observations that the Holy Spirit dwells in the temple of God, which is the human body, as the spiritual energy or kundalini.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (34)

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (35)

The body is wholly an artifact of the Holy Spirit, who made matter itself and who resides in the body as the kundalini energy. (See "The Divine Mother or Holy Spirit" at hhtp://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/mother.html.

King Solomon also betrays knowledge of the kundalini system when he states that "wisdom hath builded her house [the body], she hath hewn out her seven pillars.

(36) The seven pillars are the seven chakras.

The image of Moses climbing Mount Sinai, leaving the Israelites and the beasts of the field at the base of the mountain (probably the fourth chakra, where one experiences the first enlightenment or "spiritual awakening") and ascending the hill to the top (the seventh chakra) where he receives the law (that is, where one experiences God-Realization or Brahmajnana) is a tableau that prepares us to know the work of the kundalini.

After the spiritual energy reaches the fourth chakra, all our thoughts and appetites (represented by the Israelites and beasts) fall away from us and we journey alone from there (i.e., without the worldly desires of the mind). When the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra, we are united with God and blessed with profound wisdom (i.e., we receive the law).

This encoded enlightenment motif has been impressed on the minds of those who have read the dramatic tale of Moses' ascent of Mount Sinai; later enlightenment teachings can be mapped onto it. What we might have questioned or rejected if

described in straightforward language has been accepted without difficulty when acted out or ensconced in the Biblical code.

Nor is this use of a code restricted to the Bible. Here it is discussed in the Koran. The angelic author testifies to depriving the worldly of the ability to understand the secret lore contained in the scriptures. His words hauntingly echo those of Jesus. Says he:

"We have cast veils over their hearts, lest they should understand Our words, and [have] made them hard of hearing. Call them as you may to the right path, they shall never be guided. (37)

"Allah leaves in error whom He will, and guides those who repent and have faith; whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah." (38)

He says he couches his descriptions of enlightenment in metaphors, knowing that scoffers will not be able to penetrate them: "We coin these similes for the instruction of men; but none will grasp their meaning except the wise." (39) Thus the scriptural practice of speaking in code was not limited to the Jewish and Christian traditions.

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# **Cracking the Code**

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I've just spoken with a reader about the Biblical code. (1) Perhaps I can say a word about the matter under discussion, not somehow as an expert, which I'm not, but more as an "interested user."

I imagine interest in the Bible increases as we head into events that are more and more miraculous and seem to require interpretation.

The purpose, I think, of the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, Koran and other sacred books is to assist us in achieving the purpose of life. The purpose of life is enlightenment - that is, knowing our true nature and identity. (2) That true nature and identity is God (but notice how knowing the right answer does not help. Realization is what's needed.)

We learn our true identity be realizing who we are step by step in regard to three levels of reality. Christians call them the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Hindus call the same three levels of reality Brahman, Atman and Shakti. In the last analysis, these words are code words that need explaining.

The Father or Brahman is the Transcendental. The Holy Spirit or Divine Mother is the Phenomenal or Material (Mother, *mater*, matter). The Son or Atman is the Transcendental in the Phenomenal (or the Soul in the body).

Other code words for them are:

- The Father the great tree into which the mustard seed grows, the Source, the All-Self, the Alpha and Omega
- The Mother- the Word of God, the Voice in the Silence, the Voice of One crying in the wilderness, Aum/Amen, Prakriti/Procreatrix, etc.
- The Son or Atman the firebrand plucked from the burning, the fire always burning on the altar (of the heart), the treasure buried in the field, the pearl of great price, the savior, the prince of peace, etc.

The passage in question that the reader was inquiring about was that of Jesus appearing in the clouds:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (3)

What were the clouds? I was asked. Well, here is Paramahansa Ramakrishna describing them:

"I felt as if my heart were being squeezed like a wet towel. I was overpowered with a great restlessness and a fear that it might not be my lot to realize [the Divine Mother] in this life. I could not bear the separation from Her any longer. Life seemed to be not worth living.

"Suddenly my glance fell on the sword that was kept in the Mother's temple. I determined to put an end to my life. When I jumped up like a madman and seized it, suddenly the blessed Mother revealed Herself.

"The buildings with their different parts, the temple, and everything else vanished from my sight, leaving no trace whatsoever, and in their stead I saw a limitless, infinite, effulgent Ocean of Consciousness.

"As far as the eye could see, the shining billows were madly rushing at me from all sides with a terrific noise, to swallow me up! I was panting for

breath. I was caught in the rush and collapsed, unconscious. What was happening in the outside world I did not know; but within me there was a steady flow of undiluted bliss, altogether new, and I felt the presence of the Divine Mother." On his lips when he regained consciousness of the world was the world 'Mother.'" (4)

Whenever you see a passage in the Bible that seems cryptic, the first place to start is to reason out whether it refers to the event or process of enlightenment or the nature of the Trinity.

The parables of a treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, the great fish, and the mustard seed are all statements of how to achieve enlightenment.

A statement of the sun going down in Jerusalem would be the moment at which this world disappears and we are face-to-face with God, so to speak. The sun might then be said to come up on the New Jerusalem, coming foursquare down from the heavens, which would be the writer's way of saying we achieve enlightenment

Why did the sages write in code? Well, as you can see by what happened to Jesus, one could be murdered for going against what the reigning religious leaders said. Remember too that he was chased out of a synagogue earlier.

Jesus called revealing too much spiritual truth to the uninitiated throwing one's pearls before swine. He didn't mean that insultingly. Swine want corn, not pearls. If what we offer is not to their liking, in those days, one could be stoned or chased out of town. So he couched the truths in code.

This same caution was unnecessary in tolerant India so that the Bhagavad-Gita, for instance, could be written in relatively plain language, except for specialized terms for things of which we have no knowledge, like the Atman or Christ. But for the rest, the plainest language possible appears to have been used, which makes the Bhagavad-Gita a good source to go to understand the Bible.

The parables and metaphors of the Bible are also good epitomes of what's explained in the Bahgavad-Gita.

Someday, the sooner the better, we'll take up cross-cultural spirituality and translate all the terms of the world's great religions back into what was called the Perennial

Philosophy. On that day, we'll be able to read the descriptions of any religion and know plainly what is being said.

The work of life doesn't differ down through the ages. It isn't the case that enlightenment is the purpose of life for this generation but was not for a generation, say, four centuries ago or four centuries into the future.

Many of the processes for accomplishing that task also remain the same (and many change). So knowing how to break the code has tremendous value in terms of what life is really all about: knowing ourselves as the One.

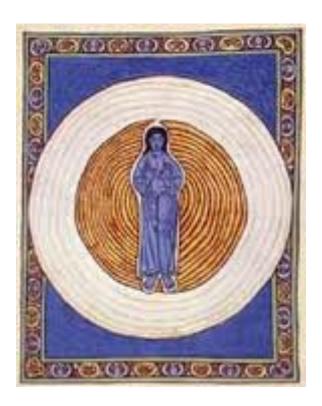
#### **Footnote**

- (1) For more articles on the subject, see "Cross-Cultural Spirituality" at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/cross-cultural-spirituality/</a>
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# **Connecting the Spiritual Dots**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Let's have an explanation of what this "Trinity" actually is.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Footnotes**

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

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

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

- (2) For an account of the vision, see "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment Ch. 13 Epilogue," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/</a>
- (3) For explanations from the Mother, see "The Father and the Father … by the Mother," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/the-father-and-the-father-by-the-mother/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-nature-of-the-divine-mother/the-father-and-the-father-by-the-mother/</a> and "What Differentiates Father from Mother? The Mother Answers," at <a href="http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/11/what-differentiates-father-from-mother-the-mother-answers/">http://goldenageofgaia.com/2017/05/11/what-differentiates-father-from-mother-the-mother-answers/</a>.

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



Rosetta Stone

#### A Rosetta Stone

The saints and sages whose works we shall examine here have in a sense furnished us with a very complicated Rosetta Stone of religions.

The actual Rosetta Stone had three languages on it -- Egyptian hieroglyphic, demotic, and Greek -- representing each of the three languages in Egypt at the time. Using his knowledge of two (demotic and Greek), Champollion deciphered the third (hieroglyphics).

In our work of deciphering the religious Rosetta Stone, we will look for links among the names and characteristics that the masters of enlightenment attribute to the God of a thousand names.

"Connecting the dots," following their lead, will help us understand each other's deities and experiences. If we are successful, we shall be able to "make connections" among many of the world's great religions on the topics covered here.

#### The Christ, Atman, or Self

Are there passages in the works of the sages that indicate that the masters used synonyms which we can expect to draw on? Yes, Sri Ramakrishna demonstrates that they do. In one passage of the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, he says: "Pure Mind, Pure Buddhi, Pure Atman -- all these are one and the same." (2)

This is valuable information and is the type of comment that will help us. Sri Ramakrishna has here equated "mind," which is a common Buddhist term, with "Atman," a common Hindu term.

Elsewhere, we hear Sri Ramakrishna say that:

"He who is called Krishna is also called Siva, and bears the name of the Primal Energy, Jesus, and Allah as well – the same Rama with a thousand names." (3)

Sri Ramakrishna is giving us reliable evidence on the the One behind all names and manifestations. On his authority, we can say that the One has manifested as Allah, the Divine Mother (Primal Energy), Jesus, Krishna, Rama, and Shiva.

Ibn Arabi furnishes us with another set of links.

"According to the people of the Union, self, heart, spirit, intellect, mystery all mean the same thing. These different names are given to the same thing which takes different forms at different times." (4)

The "people of the Union" are the enlightened masters; the "Union" itself is union with God. Ibn Arabi says that when they say Self, Heart, Spirit, Intellect (what Sri Ramakrishna called "Buddhi"), and Mystery, they mean and point to one thing only. Now we can connect Sri Ramakrishna's term "Atman" with Ibn Arabi's terms "Self," "Heart," and "Spirit." Moreover, we

know that both Sri Ramakrishna and Ibn Arabi agree that this is equivalent to the pure intellect.

When two words or phrases can be identified as appositives, they too can be equated. The Hebrew prophets and psalmists of the Old Testament and Apocrypha often used the poetic device of repeating themselves, using appositives, which will prove very helpful for our comparisons.

We shall be watching for the masters to furnish us with connecting links between their discussions of these High Powers and when we find them we shall be examining them as lines of connection among religions.

Here is an example of the use of appositives from the Apocrypha.

"And who has learned your counsel Unless you gave him wisdom, And sent your holy spirit from on high". (5)

Solomon uses the terms "wisdom" and "holy spirit" as synonyms.

If we fast-forward to the near present, we hear an enlightened master like Paramahansa Yogananda producing a series of identical words for this same "holy spirit."

"The ancients, not versed in the polished language of modern times, used 'Holy Ghost' and 'Word' for Intelligent Cosmic Vibration, which is the first materialization of God the Father in matter [i.e., the Mother]. The Hindus speak of this Holy Ghost as the 'Aum.'" (6)

From his testimony, we can make the tentative connection among a variety of terms – Holy Spirit, intelligent cosmic vibration, Word, and Aum.

The twentieth-century Christian master Omraam Mikhail Aivanhov gives another example, this time to do with the Son of God, what Hindus call the Atman.

The Christ ... is the Son of God, the divine spark buried deep in every soul. (7)

Thus we know from his testimony that the Christ or Son of God is the divine spark buried in the heart of every soul.

This divine spark is the light that transforms, the only offspring of the Most High God, what we have might call generically the Child of God.

And so we proceed, from connection to connection, always using the testimony of enlightened saints and sages, who themselves speak from their own illuminated experience.

As we connect more dots, we will hear the Christ referred to by many more names – the Prince of Peace, the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in a field, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree (the tree being the Father or Brahman).

We shall hear It called Fire the Son of the Lord (Zarathustrean), a firebrand plucked from the burning, the fire always burning on the altar (Bible), Atman (Hindu), the Buddha-Nature (Buddhism). The number of names that the world's enlightened saints and sages have known it by is long – saviour, messiah, the light that gleams in a moment of your mind, the Eye of God, and the Countenance of God.

Once we make the connections, what Zarathustra said about "Fire the Son of the Lord" can then be compared with what Krishna said about the Atman. What Jesus said of the Christ can be compared with what Buddhists say of the Buddha-Nature. The line of connected dots stretches down through time and throughout humanity's religious thought.

Yet another series of dots connects what we hear what about the various enlightenments. We find that what Hindus call "spiritual awakening" is the same as what Buddhists call "stream-entering" and what Sri Ramakrishna means when he talks about the spiritual energy reaching the fourth chakra.

### All Worship the Same High Powers

The net effect of all of this is to show us that all of us worship the same High Entities which Christians call the "Trinity" and that our experiences of Them are common and commonly fulfill the purpose of life.

Some will worship the Father as Allah; others as the irreducible Essence, Brahman, or Ahuramazda. The name makes no difference. The same One is invoked through every name. There is in fact only One God and only our ways of thinking about Him vary.

Some prefer to worship the Holy Spirit as Wisdom, Shakti, or the Divine Mother.

Others prefer to worship the Only Begotten Son, the Christ, as the Atman, the fire always burning on the altar, or Fire the Son of the Lord.

In whatever way we choose to worship God, we shall see here where the great religions connect, where they agree, where they correspond.

Notwithstanding what I have said, the spectrum I can cover in these pagess must of necessity be slim. I invite others to point out more lines of connection in other areas of divine study. These connections point to the common Truth towards which all religions tend.

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- (1) See, for instance, Aldous Huxley, *The Perennial Philosophy*. New York, etc.: Harper and Row, 1970; c1944.
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- (5) "Wisdom of Solomon" in Edgar J. Goodspeed, trans., *The Apocrypha. An American Translation*. New York: Random House, 1959; c1938., 195.
- (6) Paramahansa Yogananda, *The Second Coming of Christ*. Dallas: Amrita Foundation, 1979, 1, 15-16.
- (7) Omraam Mikhhael Aivanhov, *Love and Sexuality, Part 1*. Frejus Cedex: Editions Prosveta, 1987, Part 1, 22. The rest of his quote is also notable: "By

binding himself to his higher soul man becomes bound to the Christ principle, which is everywhere, in every soul, and through Christ, he is bound to God."

(8) The Atman or Self, the Child of God, when it incarnates (as an Avatar), is said to manifest itself in matter through the help of the Divine Mother, Shakti, or the Holy Spirit, as Sri Ramakrishna makes clear:

"It is Sakti alone that becomes flesh as God Incarnate." (GSR, ibid., 272.)

"The Divine Mother of the Universe manifests Herself through this three-and-a-half cubit man." (Ibid., 353.)

"It is the Sakti, the Power of God, that is born as an Incarnation." (Ibid., 726.)

# The Divine Syntax

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I've just had a very pleasant discussion with a reader doing graduate work in biology. I don't feel I have permission to use her name. But discussing matters with her suggests that it may be time to have another discussion I haven't had in any detail for years.

That other discussion is to connect a few dots cross-culturally, to provide a possible syntax of terrestrial spirituality and enlightenment studies.

For many, this discussion will not resonate and I ask you just to ignore it and pass on to the next post. But for some it may provide another piece of the spiritual jigsaw puzzle.

I know very little about the Fibonacci sequence, golden ratio, etc. But if we discuss the sine wave that the divine energy is, that's another matter.

As far as I'm aware, Hindus call that sine wave "Aum," the Divine Energy, personified as Shakti by Hindus and as the Holy Spirit by Christians. That sine wave is the primordial creative vibration, the light that called everything into

being, the breath (spiritus) that moved upon the waters, Wisdom who created her temple with seven pillars (the body with seven chakras).

Hindus say that the sine wave that Om is has three phases – creation, preservation, and transformation – which they call the three Gunas – rajas, sattwa, and thamas – and which, in my view, are personified as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Brahma presides over creation; Vishnu over preservation; and Shiva over transformation.



This means that the Trimurthy of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva is itself a subset of Shakti, the Divine Energy, Aum/Amen, Procreator/Prakrithi. Sri Ramakrishna says that it is Shakti who has become the gunas. (1)

Shakti or the Holy Spirit is itself part of the Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti to Hindus and Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to Christians.

The difference between Shakti and Brahman is the difference, as Jesus said, (2) between a movement and a rest, or between the formless Void and form-birthing Energy. The Father or Brahman is still; the Holy Spirit or Shakti is movement.

The Mother herself acknowledged this distinction:

Divine Mother: I am known as all. I am known as love, as dynamic action, as movement, as constant change, as fulfillment. Sometimes you tend to think of me as the Holy Spirit, but there is more to me than that, and there is a shade of the Father within there as well. But I am known by the

movement within you and the movement within your Earth, within all things, within all universes.

I am a birther and a giver. I am the unchanging movement, and the constantly changing movement. I am the rhythm. I am the flow. I am Mother. (2)

There is no gender at that level of phenomena. The ancients used gender to differentiate between stillness (masculine) and motion (feminine).

Notice that the spiritual assignment of gender is the opposite of the psychological, where motion or penetration is called masculine and stillness or receptivity is called feminine. All owe much more to convention than to reality.

The third member of the Trinity is the individuated Formless or Atman, the Son of God, the Christ. The individuated Formless resides in the heart of the being as the Prince of Peace, the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, the mustard seed that grows into a great tree, the meal that leavens the whole loaf.

Three other ways to think of the Trinity that may be suggestive are:

God the Father can be thought of as the Transcendental; God the Holy Spirit as the Phenomenal; and God the Son as the Transcendental in the Phenomenal.

The three can also be conceived of as the Father, Mother, and Child.

And, speaking in terms of a divine syntax, they can be thought of as the Universal Subject, the Holy Verb, and the Divine Object.

The purpose of life is to allow the Formless an opportunity to experience itself. The Formless being One and All There Is is one without a second and thus cannot experience itself.

But creating illusory forms which, when they lose their ignorance in Self-Realization, know that they are God allows the Formless a chance to meet itself. God meets God in our enlightenment.

To create this drama or lila in which illusory forms are created and journey out into a physical world to travel from God to God, the Motionless stirred, the Void became light, energy, love, sound. And a world of objects was born.

Shakti created the body and the Formless inhabited the heart as the Son of God, the Child of God, the Christ or Atman.

All created objects, from the lowliest atoms to the mightiest angels, are stirred by the three gunas and move from the lowest or thamas to the middle or rajas and finally to highest or sattwa, until they are freed from all three and eventually merge again in the Formless Void.

Enlightenment, the purpose of life, has many levels. Sri Ramakrishna used to discuss these by talking about the rising of the kundalini.

When the kundalini reached the Fourth or Heart Chakra, one experiences spiritual awakening. I would call that the vision of the Son of God, Atman, or Christ. It's seen as a discrete point of light, which we know we are and know as well that we are immortal.

When the kundalini reaches the Sixth or Brow Chakra or Third Eye, we see the light in all creation. I would call that the vision of the Divine Mother, Holy Spirit, Shakti. I would also call it cosmic consciousness or savikalpa samadhi. We now know that we are one with the world.

When the kundalini reaches the Seventh or Crown Chakra, we see the light transcending creation. I'd call this the vision of Brahman or the Holy Father. I'd also call it God-Realization, Self-Realization, Brahmajnana, or kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi [trance state without form]. We now know that we are one with God.

I'm guessing because no one sage makes all the following points, so I'm not sure I'm correct in equating all that I do here. When the kundalini moves beyond the Crown Chakra and reaches the Heart (not the Heart Chakra, but the hridayam or spiritual heart-aperture), we pass beyond the chakra system. I would call this the vision of Parabrahman, vijnana, or sahaja samadhi [natural state]. We now know, not just that I am God, but that God is everything and everything is God.

Having walked to the roof (the Crown Chakra), we've come down from the roof again (to the hridayam). When we reached the roof, we knew "I am God." When we came down from the roof and looked at the stairs and the lime on the wall, we saw that "God has become everything." (4) These are levels of unitive consciousness.

Enlightenment at the Seventh Chakra is not permanent. Enlightenment at the Spiritual Heart-Aperture or Hridayam is permanent; the heart opens and stays open.

This level of enlightenment is what Ramana Maharshi pointed to.

Even so-called "unitive" consciousness has levels to it. We may experience unity with the world, with God, with everything. And we will experience levels of unity beyond, which defy imagination.

#### **Footnotes**

(1) "Mother [i.e., Shakti] is all – She has become the three gunas." (Sri Ramakrishna in *Visions of Sri Ramakrishna*, 22.)

Note as well: "When the Godhead [Parabrahman] is thought of as creating, preserving, and destroying, It is known as the Personal God, Saguna Brahman, or the Primal Energy, Adyasakti. Again, when It is thought of as beyond the three gunas, then it is called the Attributeless Reality, Nirguna Brahman, beyond speech and thought; this is the Supreme Brahman, Paramatman." (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in Swami Nikhilananda, trans., *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*. New York: Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center, 1978; c1942, 218. Hereafter GSR.)

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- (3) A. Guillaumont et al. *The Gospel According to Thomas*. New York and Evanston: Harper and Row, 1959, 29.
- (4) "The vijnani ... realizes that the steps [leading to the roof, by which he ascended to God] are made of the same materials as the roof: bricks, lime, and brick-dust. That which is realized intuitively as Brahman, through the eliminating process of 'Not this,' is then found to have become the universe and all its living beings. The vijnani sees that the Reality which is nirguna, without attributes, is also saguna, with attributes." (Paramahansa Ramakrishna in GSR, 103-4.)

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# **%** The Longing for Liberation **%**

# The Longing for Liberation

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It's just a question of time before we begin to feel a stronger yearning for the Divine. That yearning, which ancient sages called "the longing for liberation," is, in my estimation, a design feature of life.

It's one of those built-in elements which everyone of us has within us, probably deeper than DNA.

In the face of that longing, we feel an emptiness and throw everything we can at it - trips, possessions, experiences, everything. But nothing satisfies it. Only a permanent and complete experience of God will satisfy it.

It is what keeps us moving on forever until we know God in the most enduring fashion.

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# What keeps us moving ever onward toward God?

As we journey outwards from God and into the world and then away from the world and back to God, what ensures that we continue moving in the right direction?

The sages say that we are driven onward by a kind of homing device - a low-level, steady, and eternal thirst, an undying but sub-sensible yearning which a considerable number of the enlightened masters are very familiar with. I consider it to be another design feature of life.

This thirst or yearning operates on us continuously, but so subtle is its impact and so powerful are our desires that we often misinterpret it and think that we are longing for a relationship or an experience connected with the material life of the body and the mind. Thus misinformed, we seek one relationship or experience after another in an endless cycle of desiring, acquiring and experiencing. Yet none of our acquisitions or experiences finally satisfy that endless longing. And this is as it should be because that endless longing can only be satisfied by spiritual union with God and not by anything material.

The masters use various terms to denote it. In these pages, I follow the Hindu Vedantist Shankara's lead by calling it "the longing for liberation." He describes it thus:

[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. (1)

Realizing one's own true nature is another way of saying uniting with God. We have seen that realizing ourselves is the purpose of life. Therefore, the longing for liberation is only satisfied when we realize the purpose of our lives. Nothing else affords us final relief. We may be temporarily satisfied by the thrill of falling in love, exploring a new locale, or acquiring a new possession, but the longing for God will reassert itself and we will find ourselves again dissatisfied.

Shankara was a Hindu from India; Pseudo-Dionysius, living around two centuries earlier, was a Christian from Greece. But Pseudo-Dionysius also knew this phenomenon. He tells us that "all things long for" God. (2) Their longing, if properly understood, is for the spiritual and not for the material:

It is a strong and sure desire for the clear and impassible contemplation of the transcendent. It is a hunger for an unending, conceptual, and true communion with the spotless and sublime light, of clear and splendid beauty. Intemperance then will

be an unfailing and unturning power, seen in the pure and unchanging yearning for divine beauty and in the total commitment to the real object of all desire. (3)

Adyashanti is a contemporary American teacher. I have never heard him refer to either Pseudo-Dionysius or Shankara. Notwithstanding, he knows the longing. He calls it the "impulse to evolve."

The impulse to be free is an evolutionary spark within consciousness which originates beyond the ego. It is an impulse toward the divine, unity, and wholeness. It is an impulse originating from the Truth itself. This impulse to evolve is often co-opted by the ego, which then creates the illusion of the spiritual seeker. This impulse, which is inherently innocent, is something, which in and of itself, has nothing to do with any seeking to attain. It is only when the ego co-opts the impulse and then tries to attain something that the seeker is born. This impulse, this spark of evolution, becomes almost instantly corrupted by a wanting which gives birth to the seeker. (4)

To my way of thinking, it is vital that we understand how this longing operates or we can easily mistake its pull for something else. Without that understanding, we will find ourselves in relationships we find we never truly wanted or with possessions that never quench our thirst. We will fall into the countless pits that people do who try to fill a spiritual void with material things.

Responding to our inner ache this way, we set in motion an endless cycle of desire and spend countless lives trying to satisfy our cravings. We fail to realize what Pseudo-Dionysius called "the real object of all desire."

### Consumed with longing for God

One of the most ancient of spiritual texts, the *Upanishads*, says that God, who is our own true Self, will only make Himself known to the one who longs for Him.

The Self is not known through study of the scriptures; nor through subtlety of the intellect, nor through much learning; but by him who longs for him is he known. Verily unto him does the Self reveal his true being. (5)

If we wish the final consummation of union with God, we must fan our longing until we are nearly consumed by it. Says Shankara:

When renunciation and the longing for liberation are present to an intense degree within a man, then the practice of tranquillity and the other virtues will bear fruit and lead to the goal. (6)

Speaking from the fourtheenth-century, the anonymous author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* emphasizes that, if we are serious seekers, then nothing must be allowed to overtake the longing of our heart for God. Satisfying it must be our only concern.

Your whole life now must be one of longing, if you are to achieve perfection. And this longing must be in the depths of your will, put there by God, with your consent. ... Hate to think of anything but God himself, so that nothing occupies your mind or ever will but only God. Try to forget all created things that he ever made, and the purpose behind them, so that your thought and longing do not turn or reach out to them in general or in particular. Let them go, and pay no attention to them: it is the work of the soul that pleases God most. All saints and angels rejoice over it, and hasten to help it on with all their might. (7)

The nineteenth-century Avatar, Sri Ramakrishna, used many homely metaphors to awaken in his devotees that degree of yearning.

This yearning is like the state of mind of a man who has someone ill in the family. His mind is in a state of perpetual restlessness, thinking how the sick person may be cured. Or again, one should feel a yearning for God like the yearning of a man who has lost his job and is wandering from one office to another in search of work. If he is rejected at a certain place which has no vacancy, he goes there again the next day and inquires, "Is there any vacancy today?" (8)

Always he can be heard ending his talks or summarizing his teachings with an exhortation to long, yearn, or weep for God.

Nothing whatever is achieved in spiritual life without yearning. (9) The gist of the whole thing is that one must develop passionate yearning for God. (10)

Can you weep for Him with intense longing of heart? Men shed a jugful of tears for the sake of their children, for their wives, or for money. But who weeps for God? So long as the child remains engrossed with its toys, the mother looks after her cooking and other household duties. But when the child no longer relishes the

toys, it throws them aside and yells for its mother. Then the mother takes the ricepot down from the hearth, runs in haste, and takes the child in her arms. (11)

If the devotee but once feels this attachment and ecstatic love for God, this mature devotion and longing, then he sees God in both His aspects, with form and without form. (12)

Is this the degree of longing that Jesus had in mind when he blessed those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (13) or who "mourn: for they shall be comforted"? (14) Given that Jesus discussed only what belonged to God, and not to Caesar, could the people he is describing be thirsting for anything other than God and mourning for anything other than their separation from Him?

#### My soul fainteth for Thy salvation

Can we point to other examples of an intensely-yearning heart? Indeed, we can. There are many saints and sages from all ages and traditions who weep for God. All who have been touched by the Divine hunger for more.

#### Zarathustra

O Lord (my) God, these two things I long for -- a Vision and a Talk with Thee. (15)

#### **King David**

My soul fainteth for thy salvation....

Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? (16)

#### St. Paul

For we that are in this tabernacle [of the body] do groan ... that mortality might be swallowed up of life. (17)

#### St. Augustine

When a deep consideration had from the secret bottom of my soul drawn together and heaped up all my misery in the sight of my heart; there arose a mighty storm, bringing a mighty shower of tears. ... I cast myself down I know not how, under a certain fig tree, giving full vent to my tears; and the floods of mine eyes gushed out, an acceptable sacrifice to Thee.

And ... I spake much unto Thee: And Thou, O Lord, how long? how long, Lord, wilt Thou be angry, for ever? ... Why not is there an hour to end my uncleanness? ... I seized [the Bible], opened, and in silence read that section, on which my eyes first fell: Not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in spite and envying, but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh in concupiscience. No further would I read; nor needed I: for instantly at the end of this sentence, by a light as it were of serenity infused into my heart, all the darkness of doubt vanished away. (18)

#### **Blessed Henry Suso (of himself)**

When I sang these venerable words *sursum corda* at mass, it usually happened that my heart and soul dissolved in tearful longing for God, a longing that immediately caused my heart to flee out of itself. (19)

At this same time an immense fire was sent into his soul that inflamed his heart utterly with love of God. (20)

Sri Ramakrishna assures us that, when we can match these profoundly-yearning devotees of God, we too will surely see Him.

He who from the depth of his soul seeks to know God will certainly realize Him. He must. He alone who is restless for God and seeks nothing but Him will certainly realize Him. (21)After the dawn out comes the sun. Longing is followed by the vision of God. (22)

We now know how to look upon this eternal yearning in our hearts. Let us take our next step on the endless journey of enlightenment: What is the one indispensable move we must make to bring us onto the straight and narrow path to illumination and liberation?

(Continued <u>here.</u>)

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# Sanat on the Longing for Liberation

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In 2012, I asked Sanat Kumara to tell us about what Sri Shankara called "the longing for liberation."

Let me offer what Sri Shankara said and then Sanat.

"[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." (1)

The will to be free from ignorance, to fulfill the purpose of life by discovering "one's true nature." Known thousands of years ago.

All things long for God. This longing is a sub-tidal thirst that nothing can satisfy but God herself (since it's the Divine Mother we know and who takes us to the Father). (2)

Now here's Sanat on the same subject:

Steve: I wonder if we have time before the program ends to discuss one more element of this whole equation. You've talked about the purpose of life, you've talked about the Divine Plan, you've talked about the

Universal Laws. There's one more design feature of life which comes into play here, and I hope I'm correct in saying this, and that is what has been called the longing for liberation, the urge to evolve, the desire to reunite with God, which some people say is built into us and keeps us moving towards God.

Is that correct, what I just said? And if so, could you elaborate a little bit on what's been called the longing for liberation?

Sanat Kumara: Yes, you are correct. And I would be happy to address this longing, this yearning for freedom, for liberation, and, might I say, for reunion. Now, let us talk about this aspect of the Divine Plan and the birthing of the plan. Because it was, hmm, it was instilled within you by the Divine Mother feminine, and it was the counterbalance — that is the term we would use — it was the counterbalance to free will, to choice; not a cancellation and not an interference. But it was the counterbalance to free will.

So it is in many ways your internal compass. You have compasses that always point true north. Well, your yearning for liberation, your yearning for reunification, your yearning to return home, back to the One, to rid yourself of that illusion of separation, of isolation — which is very painful! — was the perfect assurance that at some juncture what you would do is the choice to align with the Law, with the Love, with the Mother-Father-One, so that you could catapult yourself forward, back home.

So, yes, it is an innate part of you. (3)

An innate part of us. I used to call it a "design feature" and here's Sanat confirming that.

Our internal compass. I used to think of it as a homing beacon. Either way the implication is clear that we can follow the direction of our yearning. It'll lead us unerringly back to the One.

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Pseudo-Dionysius said of it:

"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.)

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(2) On the subject of capitals: "We do not want anything capitalized." (Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, Aug. 12, 2016.)

On the subject of the Mother being all we'll know:

Steve Beckow: Why is the knowledge of you "more precious than rubies"?

Divine Mother: Well, first of all, it is the way that human beings can express how they know me. But knowledge of me is more precious than anything because I am your connection [to the Father]. When you are with me in the fullness of union, as full as you can know it while in form, then you are connected, and in, not only my creation, but my wisdom and my love. And in that is all. It is all you need to know or can know or will know. ("The Divine Mother: Come to Me as I Come to You – Part 1/2," Oct. 17, 2012 at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/">https://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/10/17/the-divine-mother-come-to-me-as-i-come-to-you-part-12/</a>.)

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Here are other statements of it:

Your design, the design that I have imbued you with, is that we are connected and one. And your greatest dream and desire is to be in unity and ultimately reunification so any sense of separation is what you think of as pain. And it is true. It is genuine. ("Transcript – The Divine Mother: Take Up Your Divine Authority (Repost)," June 9, 2019, at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/06/09/transcript-the-divine-mother-take-up-your-divine-authority-repost/">https://goldenageofgaia.com/2019/06/09/transcript-the-divine-mother-take-up-your-divine-authority-repost/</a>.)

Your quest for knowledge and the truth can never really be satisfied until you reach the ultimate - The Source of All That Is. However, you will have innumerable experiences before you ever reach that point. You have yet to understand the concept of a never-ending creation. You will never run out of new challenges in the Multi Universes and dimensions that seem to go on for all infinity. (SaLuSa, Feb. 23, 2009 at <a href="http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First\_Contact/">http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First\_Contact/</a> <a href="http://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First\_Contact/">Channeled Messages by Mike Quinsey.htm</a>.)

When one has [a longing for] this inner quest, all else falls by the wayside: relationships, jobs, those things..... One simply KNOWS this is it! ("Judith Kusel: The Quest," March 17, 2022, at <a href="https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/03/17/judith-kusel-the-quest/">https://goldenageofgaia.com/2022/03/17/judith-kusel-the-quest/</a>.)

It's this yearning that underpins all spiritual seeking: to discover for ourselves what we already intuit to be true—that there is more to life than we are currently perceiving. (Adyashanti, "The End of Your World," Daily Om, at <a href="httpss://www.dailyom.com/cgi-bin/display/librarydisplay.cgi?lid=2262">httpss://www.dailyom.com/cgi-bin/display/librarydisplay.cgi?lid=2262</a>.)

# **₩ On Channeled Literature**

# The Temporal and the Timeless

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I wrote elsewhere that I consider much of what is channeled (not all) to be timeless.

Therefore you'd expect me to be drawing on sources from all eras and periods - and of course I do.

In worldly studies, rather than spiritual, the latest point of view is often what's valued. But the criterion is irrelevant in the spiritual field.

The Divine Mother describing how she creates is timeless. (1) Archangel Michael describing what the angelic kingdom is really like is timeless. (2)

Channeled literature, until we have direct contact, is a valid and credible way, if the channel is sound, to learn about the timeless from the highest levels of Reality - in this case, the Mother/Father One and her archangel. This is literally and figuratively going to Source.

At some point we'll have direct contact. Certainly outside our bodies and away from this assignment, I'm fairly certain that most of us already do have that direct contact.

It's just that, when we don these mucky overalls, put on our helmets, and get down and dirty in 3D, we lose it.

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Channeled literature can be both timeless and timely.

The timeless sets out the business of life. We're here for a purpose and that purpose is to realize ourselves.

What we realize is that we are God. When we do, God meets God. To meet itself is God's motive in designing things this way.

After all, when you're all there is, how do you "meet" yourself or know yourself? You're deprived of that pleasure.

So, you create a model universe with model people, all made from the same "flesh and blood" (love) that you are and set your children the goal of knowing who they really are.

On the one hand, the timeless also tells us how to achieve that purpose. We hear about soul designs and life plans. We hear about enlightenment and its stages. We get to see that thinking is not as moving as, say, feeling. And that feeling is not as impactful as realization. Step by step we're drawn, or move, forward. (3)

We start to divest ourselves of ways of being that have never been productive, like blowing up at people or manipulating. We start to want to live a sacred life.

All the time the energies rise and are transforming our outer vehicle. We're on the hoist and being rebuilt without even realizing it. (4)

On the other hand, the *timely*, rather than *timeless*, information that channels provide has a different focus. It's on what's actually happening in the various countries, never mind the mainstream media.

What is the Alliance doing? What is the cabal doing? What will the future bring? What can we do? How do we right matters so that we can get back to fulfilling the Plan that all of life is about?

All these subjects are touched upon in the channeled literature. And they're touched upon from a neutral point of view, laying out the issues from sources unavailable to us.

These issues are not generally touched upon in worldly literature. If they are, they're relegated to philosophy and seldom trickle down to everyday folks.

I wish I could say that there's one group of channels doing the timeless and another doing the timely. But in fact many if not most of them work in both areas.

Meanwhile, we're like tops spinning around and yet moving in a certain direction. The spinning is from attending to the time-bound - the news of the day, events happening around the world, etc. The forward motion is attending to the timeless - fulfilling the purpose of all lifetimes and the purpose of this particular life.

All lifetimes: To know ourselves. This lifetime: To assist in the Ascension of Gaia and all her inhabitants so that she becomes again a playground where angels can come and experience love in form.

In the midst of our spinning around, we seek to bring balance to ourselves, gradually slowing down the spinning and becoming still. Or maybe that's just something I'd like for myself!

Channeled literature, in my opinion, is arguably our best guide in this expedition we're all on.

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If we could view our lifetimes in matter, the sequence or series would look like this, with us ever returning to the same place lifetime after lifetime to complete karmic lessons.

(4) Yesterday I returned from shopping and decided to walk doubly fast up a hill. I went the whole way without even deepening my breath. I then slowed down a wee bit but still walked fast the rest of the way home. When I arrived home, I wasn't even the slightest bit winded. It was as if I had not walked at all.

Folks, our bodies are changing.

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