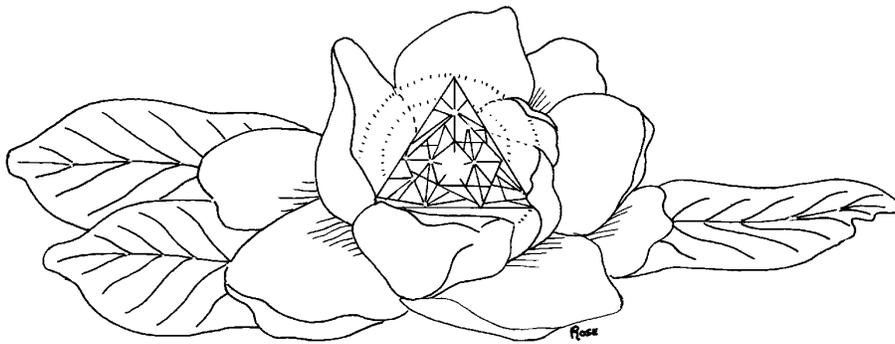


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In The Center of the Three

Scorpio is traditionally known as a sign of tests and trials. This begs the question: what is a test or trial? As we—as individuals and humanity as a whole—move through the various cycles of life and evolution, we are slowly but constantly being exposed to newer and higher forms of energies. For my purposes tonight, I am going to define a test as *what we do with and how we handle these incoming newer and higher energies.*

From that definition, we can see that we are pretty much putting ourselves through new tests and trials daily. Also for my definition tonight, it does not matter if we are consciously invoking these new energies (like this meditating group here tonight) or we are being subjected to them from without or from within or with or without our consent.

Tests and trials can come in two forms—one is in your personal and private life and the other is in group formation. The idea of all of us being tested in groups is something new, and it is only going to grow and become more evident as time goes on. The groups I am talking about are not just esoteric groups but include our families, our work environment, our religious organizations, our cities, nations and our planet as a whole.

As esotericists we know and are taught that energy is neutral. Fire can cook your food or burn you up. Electricity can light your home or electrocute you. Both are neutral—they don't care what you use them for. The old analogy of the garden and sunlight says the same thing. When you take a plot of soil and pour water and fertilizer on it and then give it plenty of sunlight, you stimulate to growth whatever is in that soil, both good seeds and bad seeds. The incoming energies and stimulants (water and light) are neutral they will grow both flowers and weeds equally.

Humanity is the soil, we have both good and bad seeds within us, and as we are subjected to higher and newer energies, both kinds of seeds within us are going to be stimulated to growth. The overall test for all of us (both as individuals and as groups) is to

recognize this and to pluck out the weeds and nurture the flowers.

Humanity and, therefore, we as individuals have always been subjected to new incoming energies. *Today*, however, humanity is at a major crossroad in its development. Time and circumstance have also conspired to place us in the center of the convergence of three major energy streams. Whether we want it or not we are here, and will be tested thereby.

The crossroad in mankind's development is the fact that for the first time in human history we, humanity, are sufficiently developed (physically, emotionally and mentally) and are now ready and able to make conscious, deliberate choices as to our individual and collective paths. Will we follow the path as laid out in the divine plan for humanity and our planet or will we choose to go down a different road? The choice is ours to make.

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Now while energy is neutral, it does conform to the physical and spiritual laws of nature—one such spiritual law being that "*Like Attracts Like*" or the law of affinity.

Let's go back to humanity as being the soil and containing numerous seeds lying dormant within it. In modern psychological terms, these seeds are hidden character traits, hidden virtues and

vices, hidden energy patterns, energy structures and forms that will, via the law of synchronous vibration stated above, be stimulated to grow or not. Not every incoming energy stimulates every energy pattern that lies within us. There has to be similarity and an affinity of vibration between the two. Thus not every incoming energy invokes response from every energy pattern that is within us.

Let's look at this in more detail. There are, according to Djwhal Khul, three new energy streams that are now converging on and pouring into humanity. Because they are already stimulating (and will continue to stimulate in the foreseeable future) both good and bad within us, they become our tests and trials.

I think that, of the three, the most subjective and hardest to see and understand is that of the incoming 7th Ray. Esotericists of the world can see some of its

effects now, but humanity as a whole will only come to recognize it later on.

We are today at the 'beginning of the middle' of the battle between the older individual energy of "I" (the energy of Leo), and the new energy of "WE" (the energy of Aquarius).

The second energy is closer to us and more obvious to see. It is that of the incoming energy of Aquarius. This is already producing major changes in consciousness. We are today at the 'beginning of the middle' of the battle between the older individual energy of "I" (the energy of Leo), and the new energy of "WE" (the energy of Aquarius). All groups big and small are being subjected to this Aquarian energy. The formation of global corporations is just one example of conformity to its influence and presence.

The third energy is the most potent and of the most immediate concern to all of us. This is the incoming energy of the return of the Christ. This involves the approaching externalization of the Hierarchy. This involves the alignment, interaction and integration between the 4th kingdom in nature (the human kingdom) with the 5th kingdom in nature (the spiritual kingdom). This involves the energy of the 2nd great Ray of Love/Wisdom.

Collectively, these three energies are the cause of much of the strife and conflict—of the present upheaval and chaos we see on the planet today. They are at the same time, "responsible for the universal turning to spiritual realities which all true workers at this time recognize, and for the growth of understanding, of welfare movements and of the tendency to cooperation, of religious unity and of internationalism. Types of energy which have hitherto been latent are now becoming potent." (Esoteric Psychology I, p. 279).

For humanity these energies will work out on the physical plane, first in a selfish and materialistic way because of our present material focus and poor quality of forms of expression; but in the final stages these energies will demonstrate as divine qualities.

The inflow of these energies is causing stimulation and growth (both good and bad) in all the kingdoms on the planet, but especially in the human kingdom. Being that humanity is a kingdom on the 4th Ray of Harmony and Conflict, we see these energies and deal with them as strife and conflict, and through these tests and trials we will eventually succeed, bringing all these different energies into a harmonious co-existence within ourselves.

Just what are the seeds inherent in humanity that these energies will stimulate? Aquarian energies, on the positive side work out in the stimulation of universality and a tendency towards fusion. This can be seen today in the present trend towards synthesis in business, in religion and in politics. It fosters understanding and tolerance. On the negative side, Aquarian energies lead to unions of the morbid and illegitimate kind. This can lead to relations and fusions that are not in the divine plan and not along the intended or evolutionary line. This could be along unnatural sexual lines or certain bio-engineered plants and animals to name a couple of examples.

A good example of this is found in a news release on October 25, 2000 about "Starlink" corn, also called "BT" corn. In the news release, scientists say that this strain of corn has escaped from the laboratory and is now loose in nature. It is too late to call it back. Is this good or bad? It is too early to tell; scientists on both sides of the issue just don't know yet.

Pest-Resistant" Crops

Scientists are trying to make "pest-resistant" crops. For those of you who have not heard about this, here is a short explanation. This in itself is a good thing. What they did in Starlink corn is splice a bacterium gene into the genes of the corn. This bacterium gene makes the corn toxic to insects (both good insects and pest insects—another debate). This corn has only been approved for animal consumption by the FDA, but has gotten into the human food chain, causing the recall of food products such as taco shells, Kellogg's Corn Flakes and other Kraft foods. The quantity of this corn this year accounts for only 0.4% of the US corn crop or about 300,000 acres. This is a minute quantity which I guess is how it got loose.

My personal view about bioengineering food, cloning, etc., is positive and optimistic. I think it is mankind's proper role to help control and help evolve the lower 3 kingdoms (animal, vegetable and mineral). It is our proper destiny in the Plan. We just need to go about it slowly and carefully because, as we saw with the "BT" corn, once we loose genetic engineered plants or animals into nature, we may not be able to call them back again. Much later down the road, when mankind is in contact with the Deva evolution, we will have guidelines as to which types of Aquarian unions and fusions are allowed and are within the Divine Plan. In the area of medicine a lot could be said about drugs and many inappropriate combinations of chemicals that we now use.

The Seventh Ray

The incoming 7th Ray brings the power and urge to organize, the ability to integrate and to bring into alignment the pairs of opposites. This brings the ability to produce those new and needed forms of spiritual manifestation. But it will also allow the production of forms that evil can use. Mentally, it can enhance mankind's ability to think soundly. It gives us the ability to properly discriminate between two sets of relative values, thus allowing to us choose correctly and proceed along the spiritual path. The energy of the 7th Ray brings into light and reveals all that is hidden in matter and form. The 7th Ray allows the separateness and hatreds to be seen and, thus, they can be eliminated and love and brotherhood can then dominate. Group-good will be a dominant note sounded because of the 7th Ray.

Along this note, a great definition of Virtue and Vice is given by D.K., and it seems appropriate here. It would make a great meditation seed thought. I quote: "*Virtue is the manifestation in man of the spirit of cooperation with his brothers, necessitating unselfishness, understanding and complete self-forgetfulness. Vice is the negation of this attitude.*" (Esoteric Psychology I, p. 284) He goes on to say that these two words sum up the conformity or non-conformity to a divine standard of brotherhood.

One good indicator of 7th Ray influence is that of humanity's relationship to the animal kingdom. Although the animal kingdom itself is not particularly responsive to the 7th Ray, the 7th Ray has

a lot to do with bringing about a closer and better relationship between the two kingdoms. The 3rd kingdom (animal) plus the 4th kingdom (human) equals 7. In the number 7 lies hid a key to the relationship between the two just as the number 9 is a key between the human (4th) and the spiritual (5th) kingdoms. Nine is the number of initiation and initiation is doorway out of the 4th kingdom and into the 5th.

The 7th Ray has the power to refine the matter out of which the human and animal forms are made. In the higher turn of the spiral, one of humanity's jobs in the Divine Plan is to evoke and refine the mental nature of the animal kingdom. Never before have we seen so many books, movies and TV shows about the animal kingdom.

The whole movement of ecology and our stewardship toward the mineral kingdom (water, soil, etc.) and the vegetable kingdom, as well as the animal, is a result of the incoming 7th Ray influence.

The incoming flow of the "Christ Spirit of Love" again can either be positive or negative in its effect. It can stimulate material desire or spiritual aspiration. It can foster "earthly love" and "earthly desire" and animal lust. It can foster the urge to possess in the material sense. It can cause the growth of wrongly oriented sexual reactions and other negative expressions of an ill-regulated and uncontrolled physical, emotional and mental body. But at the same time, it can, "produce the growth of brotherly love and foster the development and the expression of group consciousness, of universal understanding; it will produce a new and powerful tendency to fusion, to at-one-ment and to synthesis." (Esoteric Psychology I, p. 282)

Workers In The Light

Can we, as workers in the light, be good gardeners, see the weeds in time and work to eradicate them before they overtake the garden? Can we, as good gardeners, see the flowers and work to ensure their care and growth?

One might ask here the question, *Are there techniques, methods and procedures that are known and able to help humanity take positive advantages*

of these and other incoming energies? The answer is an obvious yes. There are at least two esoteric sciences now in their early stages of development that will equip us to become efficient energy receivers, managers and directors.

One is Esoteric Psychology and the other is Esoteric Astrology. Each of these teaches about the recognition of, understanding of, and use of energy both individual and group. As humanity makes the conscious and deliberate choice to become active in the divine plan and become a conscious and deliberate co-creator in the Light, the needed teachings and teachers will be here to help.

Also, don't forget that our soul uses every opportunity to guide, direct and train the personality in right group work, and this includes the science of energy invocation and evocation. In fact, I think these full moon meditations are a rich source of such training and are used as a training ground. Welcome to class!

This is one reason I feel comfortable talking about this subject to this group, and I think it is an appropriate subject for us to consider together. As time goes on we will talk in more psychological terms; we will see these seeds of future flowers or weeds in terms of energy patterns, of energy structures and forms. We will discover how to build appropriate ones, dismantle or dissipate, transmute, transform and translate these energy patterns as we deem fit. We will come to recognize those patterns that block and impede the inflow of the newer and needed energies. We will also recognize those energy patterns and forms that augment the good energy flow. The way will be clear on how to build upon those forms and firmly set the foundations for the future.

Dan Underwood



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The Sacraments: A New Age Interpretation

According to the world scriptures I have knowledge of, there is within the universe, permeating, pervading and sub standing it, a vast, living, overshadowing principle, or spirit, which is said to be unnamable, indefinable, indescribable and unknowable. We do not know what it is—only that it is. But it does make aspects of itself known to us.

At the beginning of every age, and whenever humanity is in crisis, God, which is what we call the overshadowing spirit, sends an aspect of himself/herself into the world in the form of an avatar or world teacher, to embody the energies and demonstrate the principles that will characterize the incoming age. So far back in history that it has receded into mythology, Hercules came as an archetype of discipleship, the first perfect disciple, showing us through the symbology of his life and labors what must be gained and utilized and what must be relinquished as we travel around the sun and around the zodiac on the wheel of life. Much later in human history, the venerable Buddha came to earth as the first perfect initiate, anchoring light into the planet, with the promise that all people could become enlightened. At the beginning of the Piscean age, Jesus came as the Christ, the first perfect Son of God, showing us yet a new aspect of God—Love. After his death, he descended into the earth and spilled out his spirit, the spirit of love, over the earth, like ink spreading out over a blotter. According to some ancient texts, the Christ is the first known avatar to be the World Teacher for two consecutive astrological periods, the Piscean and the Aquarian. It's another chance for us to learn about love and to get it right.

So, while we're still barely on the brink of it, we already know something about it. The stars in the sky are picturing it for us. We have those among the various world religions and traditions who have been given the gift of prophecy and their foretelling has begun to synthesize into a readable and understandable picture. With vastly increased light infusing the planet, starting with the discovery of electricity, then of fluorescence, then of lasers, plus

the enormous release of light that came with mankind's splitting of the atom in the 1940's and the penetration of the Van Allen radiation belt in the 1960's, the human eye has been changing and mutating to better accommodate all this light, and we are, individually and collectively, seeing more. As we have striven to understand all that we are now seeing, the light of mind has begun shining in two directions—into the visible world of form and into the invisible world of spirit, and in partnership with the awakened human heart, to link them together into a loving and harmonious relationship.

As the new age is beginning to emerge from the womb of time, we are like John the Baptist was 2200 years ago. You know, in those days everyone was expecting a new dispensation and a new messiah. It was the talk of the town. Lo, he is here. Lo, he is there. Is this he? Is that he? It was the center of every family's conversation. And John the Baptizer was raised in that same milieu. He was led to believe that his cousin, Jesus, was in fact the coming Messiah. But he didn't have a clue what that meant as he went around proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Not a clue—but he believed. Now, we, like John don't know. But we do have clues, and we know enough to have our collective work of preparation laid out for us. We, humanity, the one child of God, and we humanity, the one world disciple, are now able to take our next step.

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One thing we know is that new light, or new consciousness, requires new forms to contain it. As the Bible says, "you cannot put new wine into old skins." The forms that make up a civilization and a culture must be different than those of the one before it. So we see around us already new forms of government, new forms of education, new forms of music and art and new patterns of relationships.

But especially we are seeing a new form of religion emerging, a new approach to divinity which is overshadowing yet preserving the diversity and integrity of all religions. This approach is called in some literature *The Science Of Invocation And Evocation*. It is called a science because it is precise and based on known life cycles and earth rhythms. The high points of this known rhythm are the spring and fall equinoxes and the summer and winter

solstices. But in a very special way the full moon of Aries in April (the time of the risen Christ, or Easter), the full moon of Taurus in May (which synchronizes with the time of the birth, death and enlightenment of the Buddha, or Wesak), and the full moon of Gemini in June (which reveals the light within humanity and points up the shared Aquarian work of the Christ and the Buddha—the two pillars of Gemini—spiritually unifying east and west), are also high points.

The Path Of Initiation

Another aspect of the new world religion, which encompasses all religions and all presentations of truth, is what the ancient wisdom teaching calls *The Path Of Initiation*. Jesus demonstrated the first 5 major initiations of humanity in his life in Nazareth. These are the birth, the baptism, the transfiguration, death/resurrection, and the Ascension. So his life was an archetype for the progressive unfoldment of the divine nature in all people. Remember the dual purpose of Christianity—first, to allow a very personal, one-on-one relationship with the creator, and second, the progressive divinization of mankind. Theosis—knowing that divinity became human so that humanity might become divine.

In most recorded religions, the birth initiation is depicted as the birth of an infant in a manger or cave, the symbol of the human heart. In Christianity, this is the Christ-mass, the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem, meaning "the house of bread" and the birth of Christ consciousness in the human heart. This experience can come slowly and quietly, like the rising sun at dawn. It can occur through an act of supreme love, as it did for Mary Magdalene. It can come suddenly, in a blinding light, as it did to Paul on the road to Damascus.

Twelve Steps

In the mighty, worldwide spiritual program called the 12 steps, the birth into a new life happens when the aspirant, in this case the addict, comes to his or her spiritual knees, and cries out "I surrender." The first three steps are about surrendering to a higher power, or higher self, and being willing to be changed and given a new life. To the metaphysician, the birth signifies surrendering one's belief in powerlessness. We see that as no more than an illusion through which we learned the lessons that brought us to an expanded consciousness or reality, after first bringing us to our spiritual knees. Power and powerlessness are simply

two sides of the same illusion. We all participate in God's power to the degree that we let it come through us, knowing that it can never come from us. In the fundamental Christian church the 1st initiation is experienced as being "born again," coming face-to-face with Jesus Christ; while in the Catholic Church, it is celebrated as the sacrament of christening—being given your name, or anchoring your essential nature into your body, your family, your community and your world. So, the addict's surrender to a higher power is the metaphysician's embrace of a higher reality, the Catholic's 1st sacrament, the theosophist's 1st initiation, the new birth of the saved Christian, but in every case—the coming of the God impulse into a person's life.

I'm sure some of you are wondering why I would use such a common, everyday movement as alcoholics anonymous and its many 12-step adaptations as a metaphor for the sacramental life or spiritual path. The reason is that it is a powerful spiritual program and is so common that almost everyone in the world knows something about it and can, therefore, relate to it. Thirty years ago, a person who shared life with an alcoholic or addict was called a co-alcoholic. But as the movement spread into all languages in all parts of the world and especially into the psychological healing field, people began to realize that the 12-steps and the 12-traditions of AA could be used to treat all obsessive/compulsive behaviors. So, co-alcoholism was renamed co-dependence, and with it the worldwide self-help movement was launched. Out of that same foundation came the inner child workshops, innovated and publicized by John Bradshaw and refined by Charles Whitfield.

Why wouldn't I consider such a planet-wide force to be sacramental, meaning to make sacred, as in "to transform?" Incidentally, at about that same time, Elizabeth Kubler Ross published her book on death and dying, with its 5 steps in the dying process, and soon after it was realized that those same 5 steps could be used to treat any trauma, also a revolutionary step in the psychological counseling field, leading to the modern hospice movement; surely as revolutionary and significant as the AA movement had been in treating humanity's deep-seated wounds.

In the Catholic Church, the naming of the child is usually accompanied by the 2nd sacrament, that of baptism, though in most Christian churches, baptism

is undertaken voluntarily by a youngster or adult. This initiation was pictured for us in scriptures when Jesus came to the river Jordan, to be baptized by his cousin John, and the dove of heaven descended on him, accompanied by a heavenly voice declaring, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus, the man, making direct contact with God, the father. The water of baptism symbolizes the emotional nature and Pisces, a water sign, is associated with the emotional realm. Baptism, then, signifies a person's willingness to immerse him or herself in the purificatory waters, the purificatory essence of the spiritual life.

In the 12-step program, the step which corresponds to baptism commits the aspirant to work through his or her past, willing to be immersed in all the pain, the cruelty, the illusions and errors (the mess) that led him to this place, and to the inner work that will lead him to a full release into a new and transformed life. When this kind of inner work is done by each of us, we become the whole or holy, child in whom the father is well pleased.

During the Piscean age, mankind developed great sensitivity, symbolized by the flowing-ness and mobility and transparency of water. We became sensitive to thought; and sensitive to others, including those who had died; and to the hierarchy of universal wisdom, those seers, adepts, and masters alike, who had blazed the spiritual trail ahead of us; and sensitive to ideas, that rain cloud of knowable things which can be appropriated through meditation and contemplation.

That highly developed sensitivity led also to the development of the lower, concrete mind, through which mankind could begin to analyze, categorize, discern and organize its life and to master time. Now that computers have taken over many of these functions for us, we are liberated into the new territory of the heart and its companion, the higher mind. Through the heart, a thinking organ, mentalization is being extended into intuition.

During the Piscean age, the prevailing creative forces of the planet were polarized on the astral/emotional plane. This means they manifested as ideals, mystical

aspirations, and a passionate wish life and hoped for heavens—an always-upward movement of consciousness. But in the Aquarian age, the First Ray, which channels pure spirit downward, and the Seventh Ray governing matter, will merge on the physical plane. So all the dreams and hopes of the past can now become physical reality. We can and will create heaven on earth. The Age of Aquarius will be the age of manifestation, and we metaphysicians know a lot about the art and science of manifestation. What is manifested, the new forms for the New Age, will be up to those who use these proven techniques.

These rays, the 1st and the 7th, bring spirit and substance together through ritual. Ritual is a way of reorganizing prevailing energies into new forms for specific purposes. So, in the next few years, rituals that have been hidden or occult will become public. Remember, we are leaving the age of the occult, which means hidden away, (as in remote libraries, seminaries and ashrams) and entering the age of the esoteric, which means hidden within. That which has been hidden within us is being revealed, all the way to transparency.

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According to some schools of thought, Jesus is the first avatar we know about to be the world teacher for two consecutive astrological periods, and for them, the Bible is the scripture for both the Piscean age and the Aquarian. But it has to be read in those two different lights and at different levels. Let me give you an example. In the early Christian era, devotees called on the "blood of Jesus" to save them from all kinds of evil. In the Aquarian age, we read the word "blood" as "light." So the blood of Jesus is now understood as "the light of Christ." So, Jesus' demonstration of the transfiguration, the third major initiation or expansion of consciousness, was about

taking on his light body. Like Jesus before us, when we have finished the work of transmutation, which begins with the first initiation, and transformation, which commences at the second initiation, our blood will be so pure that it will transmit and transport light through every part of us, and there will be no more illness as we know it today. The life and light are in the blood, and Aquarius governs the blood system. Thus, we can expect many new medical and scientific

discoveries about the blood and circulatory system, and diets, medicines and breathing techniques that will accommodate its totally new function.

All metaphysicians know that energy follows thought. It is the first principle of metaphysics. So when early Christians worshipped, adored and focused all of their aspiration on a resurrected lord outside themselves, their energy followed, which is why almost all the Christian mystics and saints died of consumption.

A Reciprocal Relationship

But the new thought movement conceived of Christ as immanent, meaning within. Early pathfinders from this movement began to create a theology or doctrine of oneness, that God and we are one. This is what Jesus taught. “The Father and I are one.” But he didn't say or intimate that God resides *only* within us. He didn't reject the creator who transcends the world. Rather, he indicated a reciprocal relationship between divinity and humanity. This is reflected in the Bhagavad Gita, when Krishna tells us, “having permeated the universe with a fragment of myself, I remain.” So that's our clue to a right relationship with the creator, and on our way to that, we use special contact points in which God and man come together. *That's what the sacraments represent—contact points that merge or infuse us with the divine.* The christening sacrament links the child's soul with God; the baptism links one's heart with God, and communion links the entire 3-fold being with God. At each point, there is an infusion of God energy.

After the transfiguration, Jesus demonstrated the 4th initiation, that of crucifixion/resurrection, all one, which had to do with forgiveness and reconciliation, plus the acceptance of a renewed life, a clean slate. Doesn't that sound like the birth experience that we already talked about? Yes, and in much of the classic spiritual literature, this awakening is referred to as death/birth or birth/death. There is some channeled work and some astrological material foretelling vaguely what this initiation might be about. We know it is a graduation from consciousness into being-ness, and the transformation of the tomb into the womb, as shown to us in the resurrection story. We shall leave forever, the tomb of ignorance, fear, negativity and grief, and rise up as a new, resurrected being. But we

don't know a lot about this experience, because humanity, as a body, is not there yet.

The 5th initiation, the ascension, also remains a mystery. There are a few among us who have tapped into this archetypal territory and are attempting to create a pathway or a map in consciousness for the rest of us to follow at the end of the coming era. But I can't speak about it because it is so far beyond my present ability to grasp. Remember that Jesus demonstrated to us the first three initiations, and then came down to give us the Sermon on the Mount, which includes the 22 lessons on how to achieve Christ consciousness. The rest will have to come later.

Along the way to the final convergence between God and humanity, there are practice sessions or rehearsals where we aspirants “act as if” the father and we are already one. “Acting as if” is not the same as pretending. If you pretend that you are already manifesting perfect light, that you are fully self-realized, you can fool yourself into denial—a word made popular and well understood by the 12-step movement, as its teachings have permeated the field of psychology. When you pretend to yourself, or fool yourself, you lose touch with reality. But “acting as if” is just the opposite. It means putting on the mantle or robe of divinity, getting comfortable with the higher vibrations, getting the feel of it. When we “act as if,” we see ourselves as we shall be, and speak the

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words of affirmation that draw substance, like a magnet, into our thoughtforms. It's a basic metaphysical formula: first the thought; then the feeling; next the action, which is speaking the affirmation; and then the release—letting go and letting God.

One of the most occult sacraments in the Catholic Church, and one of the most potent rehearsals for divinity, is in the taking of communion. Each time we commune, the light in us grows brighter, the life stronger. During a mass, the priest uses hand gestures that draw or invoke the angels of fire. These, and the angels of the will, but in fact most angels, respond powerfully to ritual. Movement, flame and sound activate them. According to clairvoyants who have documented this, a bubble or pyramid of energy begins to surround the altar, growing in intensity until

a certain point when the priest, having used chanting and certain power breath techniques to raise his or her level of prana very high, breathes over the bread and wine the breath of fire, and together with the angel of the presence, begins to change the earthly elements of bread and wine into progressively higher vibrations. Then, lifting up the elements in a straight line to a higher contact point which has been invoked, the bread and wine are transubstantiated, or infused with a down pouring living stream of Christ essence. It's plain old alchemy, and alchemy, as well as transformational breathing, will surely be widely taught in the coming years—not to an elite priesthood, but to all who care to learn it, because according to the Bible, “All true believers are priests unto God.”

Bread and Wine

Do you believe that? Do you believe that the earthly elements of bread and wine can be made so sacred as to facilitate our union with divinity? Or do you think of it as simply a symbolic act, bringing out more of the light or Christ impulse from within us? Does it matter? Does it enhance or minimize the sacredness of the ritual if you believe one way or the other? Is there a wrong or right way to approach what is sacred? Some people say yes, but I tell you, “no.”

In order to prepare for the sacrament of communion, we are summoned to the upper room, meaning the place of higher consciousness. We bring with us the twelve faculties symbolized by the twelve disciples to be strengthened by the presence of the Christ. There is a great deal of evidence now that there were many people in the upper room at that Passover dinner, including women and children, not just the twelve at the head table. Passover was always a family affair. There's a good chance there were a number of Essences present because the house belonged to an Essene priest and we know that Jesus' parents were high-degree initiates in that community.

The Medicine Of Immortality

At that Passover dinner, the lord Christ appeared before his disciples in the glorious body of his transfiguration and poured this mighty stream of energy into the bread and wine, magnetizing them into his own life essence. Thereafter, when the disciples observed this ritual, the bread and wine were magnetized to such a degree that many healings resulted and it, the Eucharist, came to be commonly called “the medicine of immortality.”

There are numerous interpretations of the bread and the wine, which we do not have time to cover this morning. But please consider just this one: that wheat and grapes represent the masculine and feminine principles of love and wisdom. So one interpretation of Jesus' command would be: “If you eat my body (wisdom) and drink my blood (love), you will have eternal life.” I'd like to remind you that in the first solar age, deity was feminine and the Divine Mother was universally worshipped, while in the present age, religion has been transmitted through masculine channels. We are now approaching the time when they will merge into a unitary, genderless God concept.

The rite of the Eucharist, which we call communion, has formed part of every initiatory teaching given to humanity. In Egypt, it signified the blessings of Ra, the sun God; in Persia, it was a part of the Mithraic religious ritual. In Greece, the bread was sacred to Persephone and the wine to Adonis; in Genesis 12, we read that Abraham was given bread and wine by the high priest Melchizedek after Abraham overcame the five armies, meaning the five senses. Pythagoras gave his students bread and wine at the initiatory academy in Delphi, and the Egyptian book of the dead refers to “the food of the Gods behind the shrine.” I actually discovered many other such references but don't have time to quote them. My favorite is from the Vedas of India, in the words,

“We have drunk soma; we have become immortal; we have entered into the light; we have known the Gods.”

We haven't always known these things about the sacraments. Not even the priests knew them, because the 7th Ray and the planets, through which it expresses, were not active during the Piscean age. The age just passing was the age of symbolism while the coming era is one of substance. We are graduating from symbol to substance.

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In Deuteronomy, the lord foretold this in the words, “at the end of the age, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.” Not just on our consciousness, not just on our minds or hearts, or on a certain field of experience.

No. "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh." This is the time for a mass anointing of humanity, the one world disciple, who is the one child of God.

Christ means, "Anointed One." And many individuals are receiving anointing into Christ consciousness. Thousands of people are having the seals fall away from the centers in their palms and are being given the gift of hands on healing. Thousands are having the veils removed from their eyes so that they can now see out into that shimmering, gossamer edge of reality called the angelic kingdom. Numerous singing voices are being anointed to heal and lift others into realms of glory. You've all heard sacred music—you know what I mean; and spiritual dance, such as eurhythmy and dervish, are coming back into their original, life-

enhancing forms. These are all rituals, linking spirit and matter.

At The End Of The Age

It was Dr. Willard Fuller who was here a few years ago who taught me this verse and what it meant, and showed me the livingness of it. As I heard it from him, please hear it again from me: "At the end of the age, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." This is the time.

I hope I have given you a few thoughts to consider. Ponder on these things and then—ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if these things are true.

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