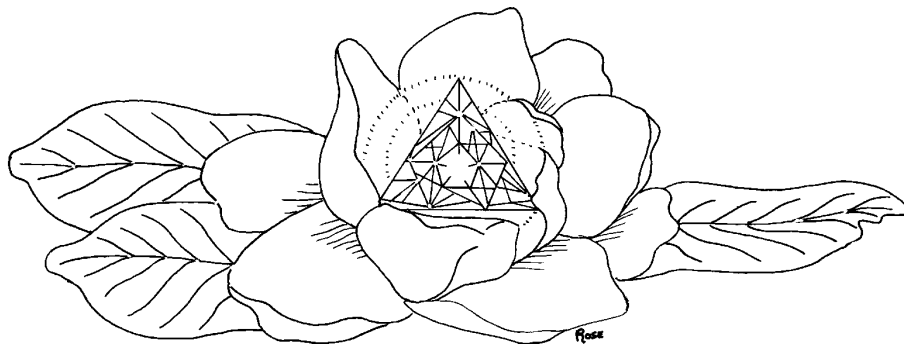


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The Meaning and Significance Of Being Human

Humanity is facing a moment of great decision. Many people within the planetary intelligentsia, certainly anyone who considers him or her self to be a disciple on the Path, and even the uneducated and simple folk of the world are alive to or conscious of this approaching crisis point. The crisis, hinging on the choice between two ways, actually concerns the meaning and significance of being human.

The reasons for the extreme importance of this particular point in time are many, I do not have time to go into them, but I want to give just a brief nod to two or three of the most important.

Major, of course, is the fact that for the first time in our long history humanity itself has the collective knowledge and experience to consciously choose the Path back to the Father.

Another significant factor, indicative of the measure to which we have broken free from the Great Illusion, is the fact that humanity has actually reached this point of evolutionary development... the point of actually being able to make its own rational decision.

A third, and perhaps the most important reason for this point in time, is the fact that humanity is being faced with this decision. We must choose. Failure to choose, or failure to choose rightly will cause at the very least a setback of catastrophic proportions for humanity's evolutionary development and consequently the unfolding Plan.

The keys to the kingdom of heaven— or the keys to humanity's and the world's future— are literally in our hands. That is, the keys are in the hands of those who have the awareness and

courage to act. These are not keys that will open a door so we can get out of this veil of tears, escape as it were, into some glorious fantasy land of laid back and lazy luxury, or some place like the Big Rock Candy Mountain, "where you never have to darn your socks and little streams of alcohol come trickling down the rocks." On the contrary, these keys will open doors that will let something in rather than out.

Actually, to me, the word "heaven" just sounds like another name, a much older name, for the Plan. The Plan, or heaven is God's vision, his dream of Earth. So, heaven is our objective; It is the goal of evolution. Heaven, or the Plan is an idea that exists as all ideas do, in the future, or in the mind of God which is what the future is. It is an idea that we can and will eventually manifest in the present/past, or in time and space right here on Earth. And that, friends— in a nut shell— is what all of this stuff called evolution is about. Its about bringing heaven to earth.

Heaven Is Our Destiny

So, Heaven is our destiny. And the key that will open the door to that destiny is the "white magic of right human relations," What humanity does, how we behave as a group, has never been more important to the welfare of the world and all its beings than it is at this particular point in our collective journey toward that destiny. I say the welfare of the world and all of its beings because in the Paradigm of Spirit we are all connected. We either all get there or none of us will.

Therefore, in order for us to act appropriately, that is with right human relations, I believe that we need to understand exactly what it is that humanity faces. I think we need to understand what it means to us and to the planet to be a human being, to realize just what humanity's unique role and responsibility in the unfolding

process is, and what the situation that we are now facing is truly about.

I know, friends. Words and thoughts like those can be frightening. People do not like to face troubled times. Especially reluctant to deal with such realities are those of us who live in countries or are members of classes where we have relatively decent standards of living, where we do not know hunger or fear. It is always difficult to bring the importance of a moment to the attention of people with out frightening them into a state of shock, but seriously, friends, if we do not find the courage to act, and sooner rather than later, the crisis humanity is facing will be decided by our inaction and the results will make what occurred in Atlantis look like waves in a bath tub.

We are not, friends, we are not talking here about another four years of bad government. We are talking about something vastly more serious. We are talking about the imposition on Humanity— by a group of very powerful, retrogressive and materially focused persons— the imposition of a paradigm of personality, a new paradigm of exclusivity and privilege that will make the Divine Right of Kings seem like child's play.

The attempt to put this paradigm of privilege in place is going forward right now. Its current leaders are not the megalomaniacal and easily identifiable Hitlers of prior years. They are— unless they get caught stealing— mostly faceless and nameless members of the power elite, many of whom also happen to be the owners and or controllers of the world's giant corporations. If their efforts are successful, this paradigm of exclusivity and privilege will result in social systems and civilizations that will drive humanity back under the cloud of the

Great Illusion, thus enslaving the vast majority of human beings, and cutting them off from the opportunities of evolution and spiritual development on this planet for longer than we can imagine. For a view of the damage that this paradigm will cause to the other kingdoms in Nature one could check out Mordor.

So, it is very, very important that we make a conscious choice and that it be the right choice. As I have said, right human relations are the keys that will unlock the door to our destiny.

With a scope and a vision that we can hardly understand the Guides and Elder Brothers of humanity, those friends we call the Spiritual Hierarchy, have been looking toward this crisis point, and working to prepare humanity to face

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and triumph over it for a very long time. From before the days of Pythagoras, we have all of the

wisdom of the great humanist philosophers, artists and saints of both the east and the west. D.K.'s work and his emphasis on the concept of right human relations— there are over 320 specific references to right human relations in D.K.'s books— are among the most recent of their efforts to help prepare us for this point of decision.

A problem is that, like so many of the basic concepts of spiritual living, Humanism, as the philosophy of right human relations is known in the West, has over the past 50 years or so, been viciously attacked as nonsense, as weak and pitiful, and has been maligned as the dream land of idealistic eggheads, and liberal intellectuals. Thus, the Spiritual Paradigm as put forth by the great humanist philosophers and the spiritual thinkers of the past 5000 years has been pushed back by the ancient and powerful paradigm of materialism.

The meaning and significance of what it means to be human has been subverted and defined by the tenants of this paradigm of the dark side. The true human virtues of cooperative service, of love and freedom for all, of sacrifice, compassion and courage which for the past 5000 years have been the backbone and driving force of world culture and its civilizations are frequently lost sight of in an artificial set of manners, rituals and behaviors that as often as not are simply polite, frequently hypocritical, overlays of real intentions or feelings.

Examples of such duplicitous superficiality can be found today just about anywhere. For a marvelous example, consider the recent comment by George Bush regarding the current massive corporate fraud in American life. Since the World Trade Center attack, he said "I believe people have taken a step back and asked, 'What's important in life?' You know, the 'bottom line' and this corporate America stuff, is that important? Or is serving your neighbor, loving your neighbor like you'd like to be loved yourself?" (Richard A. Oppell Jr. The New York Times -Fri Jul 12, 2002) We need to understand just what the Machiavellian Prince is up to.

And so, friends, once more we encounter the view of humanity put forth by the forces of materialism in the materialist paradigm of the Great Illusion. A view, held by many in an almost unconscious state, it is, it seems, the dominant world view at this time. Although it is uncomfortable and hard for many on the path who would rather not hear about these realities, it is essential that we understand what is going on in our daily relations with one another and the other kingdoms on the planet. The time for wishful thinking is over. Master M has said,

The key element in the materialist paradigm is the concept of separation. This is the fundamental lie regarding the nature of reality that underlies and gives birth to the Great Illusion.

"We are tired of castles built in air." We need to see and understand that with which we are dealing.

The key element in the materialist paradigm is the concept of separation. This is the fundamental lie regarding the nature of reality that underlies and gives birth to the Great Illusion. It is this illusion based on the lie of separation that generates the entire notion of competition. It is our delusion that we are separated from one another and, therefore, in competition with one another for our sense of personal identity, and our personal worth, for our very existence as human beings. From this delusion flows such banes as exclusivity, privilege, pride, greed, avarice, hate and other wonderful qualities like plain old simple stealing and its very latest permutation, some arcane and dark art called "book cooking."

In the paradigm of exclusivity man is the king of the world. Man is the most powerful, highly developed, special and exclusive form life going. In this view, the natural function of the human being is to "conquer nature" and bend it to the role of satisfying our desires. Just as the resources of the planet belong to mankind, to the superior beings on the planet, those who are superior within the race of man also, rightly and justly, deserve the fruits of the system. Well, so much for the women.

You know, this is just a small aside, I heard Gloria Steinman the other day. She was making a point about how nice it would be if our government entered into foreign policy discussions with other nations "as if women mattered." What an astounding thought! What a breath taking, incredible thing to even have to say...let alone the appalling truth of it.

In this paradigm, being human, that is exercising normal human traits, means being on top. It means winning. Winning, of course means beating everyone else. The goal, as is often mentioned, is to get the most toys; “for the one with the most toys wins.” That there are some who have no toys, or food, or clothes, or houses, or education, or medical care is not only too bad, it is just and right and good because in this paradigm, “to the victor goes the spoils.” Poverty and illiteracy are the problems of the poor and illiterate.

This sounds really bizarre to some of us, and it should. What we need to clearly understand is that this delusion of separation and power over others lies at the core of every prejudice and inequality that infects the relationship structures of our governments, our economic and social systems our religious, and our educational and health care systems including the relationship structures of superiority concerning race, gender, age, even parents and children.

Right Human Relations have little chance of flowing out of this delusive paradigm.

So, what can we do about this. Well, I have two suggestions, three really.

One is to find the courage to become vocal.

It is amazing to me that more of our elected representatives are not speaking up. Of course, they are under particular pressure from the materialistic paradigm, many of them having been subverted by its glammers promises of wealth and power. Yet, many of them were at one time supporters of the virtues of humanism and right human relations. They need encouraging. They need to receive our loving wisdom. They need to hear from us. They need clear well thought out positions on what the

strongest nation in the world should be doing to help humanity and the planet by which I mean the environment.

Wait, let me check here. Let’s see hands. Did any of you receive any contributions from Enron? How about World Com or any of the training centers for book-cooking? Ah, yes. I thought not. Well then, it seems that we can actually be honest un-purchased sources of people’s opinions about what is good for the planet and the human beings who happen to be living on it.

We who are esotericists know that energy follows thought. We should know that a well reasoned and encouraging message will penetrate through to the inner ear, to the heart, of the intended recipient. Do not, I repeat, do not underestimate the power of a well crafted and lovingly propelled thought.

Let us find the courage to become vocal.

Next, you might be tired of my commenting on this by now, but on this point I am tireless, next is to meditate.

Meditate daily and powerfully. Meditate for the sake of humanity. Let us, for just a few years, forget about our own progress, our own spiritual advancement or educations or learning. Let us meditate for our brothers and sisters, for the Mother, for all the legged and winged and swimming beings. Let us meditate for the salvation of the world. It is what we do that no others can do. And of all the things that we do, It is what we do best.

And now, I want to call attention to what I think is the single most profound statement about being human that I have ever encountered. I also think it is the single most powerful tool we have in this struggle with the forces of darkness. This statement tells us what being human means and it sets out exactly what our

work on this planet, as a kingdom and as individuals within that kingdom is. From that, one can with some diligent meditation infer the significance of being human.

The statement is one with which most of us are very familiar. It is called The Great Invocation. Christ, we are told, uses this powerful magical formula daily under a pine tree somewhere in the remote mountains of Asia.

The Great Invocation

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out.
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

**Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on
Earth**

You will note that in each of the first three stanzas of The Great Invocation, Humanity is the point of reception for the inflowing Life. In the fourth stanza, Humanity is the point of transmission the point of action, the point of emergence, the point of delivery, the point from which the magic flows into form. The invocation spells out our work and our objective and gives the result.

The plan of love and light and power can only work out through mankind. When we find the will and courage to implement the Plan, love light and power will seal the door where evil dwells. The paradigm of separation will dissolve because the Light of truth will reveal that separation is an illusion.

Light and Love and Power will restore the Plan, the Spiritual Paradigm on Earth, and humanity will once again turn towards the Father's house, a place called heaven. We will move resolutely toward our destiny which holds who knows what incredible triumph for this planet and mankind which is after all only a part of the whole.

So, the third and perhaps most important thing we— that is the thinking disciples of the world— that we can do in this struggle with the forces of retrogression is to use the Great Invocation. My suggestion is that for the next several years, we make the space in each of our days to use this invocation several times.

Notice I am saying that we need to use this invocation. Use is an action verb. The Great Invocation needs more than mere mouthing, it needs to be wielded as a sword by the world discipleship group. The Great Invocation is Great. It is not some emotional longing for something mantra. It is a magical formula which, intoned rightly, that is with loving wisdom and peaceful silent will, carries a power beyond our understanding.

We will sound the Great Invocation this evening at the close of our meditation. Let us do so with a deep love for humanity and as a pledge of our lives to the task of world salvation. Anything else is really beneath the concept of discipleship.

Tom Carney, August 2002

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Today, you are surely aware of the fact of inflation, and, as we all know, it does get wearisome to receive long lists of costs and expenses from groups seeking financial support, so we will avoid that. Suffice it to say that Arcana Workshops has been a vital serving unit in the heart of the nation for more than 40 years, and although we knew it going in, we have learned again and again that we have to pay to serve. And we do. The majority of our annual budget, some \$25,000, is met by the core members of the group, the people who incidentally also meet the majority of the other demands on a serving group, not the least of which is the meditation work.

Even so, we would not have been able to sustain this group’s service effort without the help, both subtle and financial, of you all, our friends and co-workers. So, we ask you all to, once again, step into the breach and to share with us some of your meditation efforts, some of your love and what dollars you can. All will be gratefully received and as wisely used as we know how.

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