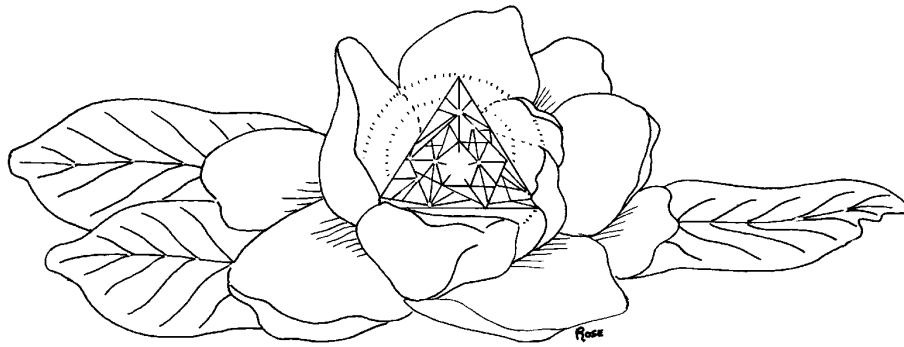


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The Facts Of Life And The Endless Beginning

We have heard the quote "Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps by this petty pace until the last stretches of eternity ..." . We live in the eternal now and are the authors of our tomorrow.

A presentation like this must have a central purpose and theme with many words and sentences strung together like pearls on a string. This corresponds to all of the lifetimes of an individual, a nation or a planet, which all have a central theme. My purpose and theme this evening is to unite the group thought around the presence of the energy of Sagittarius.

The ancient symbol for Sagittarius was the mythical Centaur, half man, half horse, with mainly animal instincts. It evolved into the rider on a white horse, the archer aiming toward that which feeds his soul and then the arrow with a piece of the bow. In Sagittarius, we see a goal, we reach that goal and then we see another goal. No matter how high we climb on our mountaintops, we see that there are further mountains to conquer, and sometimes deeper valleys between.

Seize The Mountaintop

My goal in this presentation is to instill in our group mind and consciousness the idea that we must seize the ground at the mountaintop we have conquered, kill the glamour of disparagement and inadequacy and go forward with courage to conquer the next and the next mountaintops that stand in our way on our quest of our destiny.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step and the destination is seen from the beginning. The destiny for humanity was seen from the beginning of creation. Our job is to see that destiny, hold it firmly in our mind and follow the path cleared by our Elder Brothers that Light the Way and who stand ever watchful to assist every sincere effort we make.

The Facts Of Life

Now we come to the specifics of the facts of life. We have to synthesize the efforts of all like-minded and related groups and co-workers in the process of transforming the conditions we see in the world that hold humanity in the bondage of their ignorance and self imposed misery. There are mechanisms and procedures built into our nature from the beginning of creation that will, when they are awakened, lead us toward our destiny if we cooperate.

When we were growing up, our parents tried to explain the "facts of life". What they told us was incomplete at best, but it was their interpretation of what was told to them and what they learned from their experience. We have not been satisfied with what others have told us, and we do not see that the progress of brotherhood and liberation from human misery on this planet meets our expectations.

We have to proceed with a united consciously planned effort, with patience and realize that impatience will spoil the plan.

Seeking the Deeper Meaning

We seek the deeper meaning of life and that sincere seeking leads to the mountaintop of understanding. From there we see that we must share what we have found on our climb and attempt to give value to the lives of those around us.

All of our individual efforts must now be brought together into a united effort. We have been given the tools; the instructions and we know the way. We have heard enough of the complaining of what the Government is doing at all levels, but in the long run, they are us. They are a reflection of the malaise, the separateness and the material greed of society and the constituents they represent. Change is only to come by forming action groups in your community and creating a focus of energy and intent to solve one problem at a time at the "grass roots" level.

We are not yet perfected Spiritual Beings. We come together at an event like this for what we think are our individual purposes. Our aim is to find a united group purpose that we can nurture with our united effort until it produces the fruits of Goodwill, Brotherhood, Understanding and Consciousness in our communities and our Nation.

Francis Bacon once said that the world cannot wait for the chance occurrence of genius. We have to begin from where we are and with what we have.

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Our efforts could be toward reclaiming the ear of society that is held in the grip of the Media. This was the method of the Bard of Avon, with the overshadowing of Sir Bacon who pronounced the ethics and wisdom that has filtered down to us and who is the second most quoted in history.

As we move into and take our place in the media, using the language of the common man, we can assume our responsibility as Disciples of the Ashram in which we serve and turn the great ship of human consciousness toward the Right Hand Path and the Nobler Way. In order to influence the mass consciousness, we must light the way and provide an atmosphere that reveals the hope of the future that has been provided for us from the beginning of the world. This has to be done in the language and symbols of the society we are responsible to influence. Those who hold the grip on the reins of the world and local media are doing that today.

When we read the teachings of advanced Souls, we are aware of the Divine Love and Wisdom that flows from those Elder Brothers. It is our realization of and connection to that Love and Wisdom that we must pool together to create the appearance in the here and now and the tomorrow and tomorrow of that Purpose which is the Vision of the Lord of the World, held in focus by our Elder Brothers of our planetary Hierarchy.

We have to realize that we come together in a group like this because we know that we can in fact connect with the reality that

provides the meaning of all appearances. That clear and present truth that all of us seek can in fact be contacted and experienced by these acts of Group Service which are Meditation, Study of inspired writings and Service to Humanity

as we are inspired to do so in our daily lives.

Ed Schenet
Sagittarius, 2005

The Grandeur Of God

***THE WORLD is charged with the grandeur of God
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.***

***And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.***

Gerard Manley Hopkins

The Light Of The World: What It Is!

“These are great mysteries and I only indicate them in order to convey to you a sense of the synthesis of the whole scheme and a recognition of the urge-to-good which pervades every aspect of the planetary Life from the smallest atom of substance, through all the intermediate living forms, on and up to the planetary Logos Himself. *The Rays and The Initiations P. 170*

Focused on God Transcendent, as we, in the Western cultures, have been for the past 2000 or so years, we are literally missing the unfolding fact of the externalizing Hierarchy and the reappearing Christ. The fact of God Transcendent which has always existed along side of the fact of God Immanent was brought forward and made dominant by the Christian theologians in the early centuries after the crucifixion. This thoughtform which has continued to be empowered by these same theologians during the 2000 or so years since, eventually became the One Truth. Any effort to project an idea that showed God as Immanent, such as pantheism, was labeled as heresy. The souls who put such notions forward were generally dealt with in a very harsh manner.

The Transcendent God

This thoughtform of God Transcendent as the only God—under which most people in the western world have passed their lives—has us seeing God and the Kingdom of Heaven, or in this case the Christ and the Hierarchy, as “out there” somewhere, that is literally outside of ourselves. In this view, we humans are considered to be simply dense physical beings. Furthermore, it seems that we are polluted with sin, actually, thanks to original sin, being born that way. We are so polluted that, until one dies, God is basically unreachable. While living, all we can do to accomplish the apparently impossible task of ridding

ourselves of this original birth defect is to admit that we are really awful sinners and pray for forgiveness. Also worth noting, since the possibility of reincarnation is not acceptable in this Transcendent God system, is the fact that we get only one shot at this admittedly very tough assignment.

However, it turns out that, even after death, God is only reachable by a select few who have managed to become worthy. The vast majority of us end up either in hell or some intermediate place called purgatory. True, occasionally there is a human who, according to the theologians, somehow manages to become so pure that he or she can actually contact Christ or God during his or her life. These extremely rare individuals, after due process and bureaucratic procedures, are eventually proved to be Saints and are so anointed.

It seems that the proof that these rare humans have actually contacted God depends on their having performed a documentable miracle of some sort. The fact that—out of the billions of humans who have lived and died during the past 2000 years—only a few thousand have achieved this exalted state indicates the difficulty of such an occurrence becoming the human norm anytime soon, if ever.

The thoughtform of God being exclusively Transcendent has grown so powerful that it

has literally blinded most of the people in the Western world, especially the theologians, both the exoteric and esoteric, to the fact of God Immanent. Thus has been generated one of the great imbalances in the World. The overpowering thoughtform of God Transcendent which lies between us and the Light is one of the darkest of the veils which separates Humanity from the Truth and fosters the Great Illusion of separation and materialism.

However, many of us have also come to the realization or understanding not only that Christ was, as He said, the Light of the World, but that He is the Light of the World. This is one of the salient, but lost, facts of His last appearance. The notion of a Transcendent God gained dominance because the focus was placed on the form, the physical appearance of the Christ rather than on his Light. Thus was the veil woven that separates us from his Truth. However, moving from the form of Christ to the Idea of Christ, or from the darkness to the Light, from the unreal to the Real, and literally, from death to immortality, we are finally beginning to get it. God and, for our purposes Christ, is in fact the Light, and the Light is in fact immanent.

By moving above the dotted line, beyond the old forms and constructs of both the exoteric and esoteric theologians, into the common sense of reality, we realize that there can be no Transcendent Being without there being simultaneously an Immanent Being. "Having pervaded this

whole universe with a fragment of Myself, I remain." This is what He said in the *Bhagavad Gita*. This is not mystical mumbo jumbo. This is common sense. This is balance. This is a positive and negative pole. Whoever saw a magnet with only a positive pole?

The Urge To Good

Christ is the "urge-to-good which pervades every aspect of the planetary Life from the smallest atom of substance, through all the intermediate living forms, on and up to the planetary Logos Himself." As this spark of God Immanent, The Christ in us, our hope of glory, is fanned into a flame, the Light of the World shines forth through every one of us.

This Light, this Christ Light shining through us into the visible, daily, physical dense

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world where we live and move and have our current, our present being, this is the reappearance of the Christ and the

externalization of the Hierarchy. Those who are still looking through the theological morass of intellectualized thoughtforms, of glamour and illusion for the promised reappearance and externalization are actually missing the miracle of the Unfolding Light which is occurring right in front of our eyes. For these folks the reappearance of the Christ is going to be a very long wait. That Christ will appear as a Being on the dense physical planes, I have no doubt. I also have no doubt that this appearance will be the culmination of the rising Light. So, no...

*No, I doubt it.
He won't pop in-
Or up
Like some well-done piece of
Morning toast
Ready for buttering or jellying.*

*Roses reveal themselves
Petal by petal,
A process of fluid motion.*

*No--I really do doubt it.
There won't be any news flash
Announcing an incredible event-
Or a freak-
Occurring at some unexpected moment
Like a train wreck or skyjack.*

*I watched the sun rise
From a dark November sea.
It slipped up-gradually,
Turning blacks
To burning oranges,
Palest blues and deepest pinks.
Gently it came,
But irresistibly-
Until it dominated the sky
And was the only Star.*

Even then it caught one or two by surprise.

"The key to the Hierarchy and Its reappearance on earth in physical form, and the consequent materialization of the kingdom of God among men, is the simple truth of God Immanent. It is the clue to the evolutionary process, and the eternal hope of all forms in all kingdoms in nature. This is the central truth, the convincing truth, and the revealing truth which will underlie all information anent the Hierarchy, and this the coming generation of disciples will distribute. If this truth is factual and possible of demonstration, then the fact of

the Hierarchy is proved and the authenticity of the eternal existence of the kingdom of God on earth is established." *The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 590*

So, friends, if we are interested in actually seeing and consciously participating in the reappearance and the externalization rather than processing thoughtforms about their eventual occurrence, we might want to shift some of our effort. We might start focusing more of our energy on being, or at least trying to be, the spiritual beings we all,

in our heart of hearts, know we are. We might try emitting the Christ energy, the Light of Christ into our environments, **consciously**, that is deliberately, making this service a part of our daily breathing and moving about on the planet.

This is our energy. We have it. We are custodians of impression. We are actually **obligated** to share this energy. We are obliged to share, not by mystical mumbo jumbo or religious dogma, but by the dictates of good health, and by the Laws of Nature and physics to be distributors of the impressions which are showered unceasingly on us.

We might also be on the lookout for our brothers and sisters who are participating in the sunrise. We can start noticing and encouraging, even with just a smile or a thought of generosity and love, these efforts on the part of our brothers and sisters. We need to be careful to avoid categorizing, or evaluating the service efforts of these co-workers. Every selfless thought, every loving move no matter how small or insignificant it appears to us is worthy of our encouragement and support.

The Rising Sun

However, we are talking about the sunrise here. The sunrise is not a small event. There are vast and significant movements afoot on the planet. If we start seeing the reappearance and externalization in common sense terms, in terms of the rising Light, or the Unfolding Plan, we will start to see and understand some of these global events. For example, I wonder if it has occurred to people that the release by the Tibetan of the ancient Teachings of the East through Alice Bailey was in fact a great release of the Christ Light, a great release of the fact of God Immanent.

Then, not long after Alice Bailey's death and the publication of the last of the Tibetan's works, this rising of the Light was followed by another great release. This was the expulsion of the Tibetan Buddhists from Tibet by the Chinese. Although perhaps not that easy to see, there was Great Wisdom behind this event. The expulsion of the Tibetan Buddhists from Tibet has resulted in the appearance of a very great and very bright Light in the darkness of the West, and particularly in the United States. Surely we can see the significance of these events and not take them for some weird coincidence.

The Group Avatar

In the case of the Tibetan Buddhists we have perhaps an example of a group avatar, the reappearance of Maitreya as a group. As a group, these Brothers are bringing a balance to the World. Being one of the primary sources of Teaching on the fact of God Immanent, the essential divinity, the intrinsic beauty and goodness of every single being, they are balancing the God Transcendent notion of the West and shattering many of the old thoughtforms of unworthiness that have grown up in that unbalanced system.

Love Wisdom

The wisdom and simple love that these messengers from the East model in all their efforts has done a lot to balance the old notions of guilt and unworthiness. They have helped to do something else too. Besides helping people everywhere to come to know and love themselves and all others all "sentient beings" as spiritual beings, they are actually giving a spiritual, not a religious, but a spiritual basis for the environmental movement that has

appeared in the West in the past 50 years or so.

One could go on concerning examples of the Great Unfolding or the rising Light, but we think the best example is for each of us to look into our mirrors each day, to see the divinity that is present there and to just know that this Light must shine. This is Capricorn. This, here—right now in this room, in this group—this is the mountaintop. We are standing on it. It is not off somewhere in the distance. And tomorrow, and the day after, wherever we are is the mountaintop.

We can see from this angle, that it is not about going up the mountain to get to the

top. It is about going down the mountain to get to the top. It is about bringing the Light of the mountaintop to the people, to the valley. From this mountaintop it is possible to see that we are indeed, the “earthly anchor” that spark of divinity, that “urge to good which pervades every aspect of the planetary Life from the smallest atom of substance, through all the intermediate living forms, on and up to the planetary Logos Himself.” Yes, yes, friends, it is time for us all to come out of the closet and from under the basket for we are indeed the Lights of the World. And, our task is to shine.

It is about going down the mountain to get to the top.

Tom Carney
Capricorn 2006