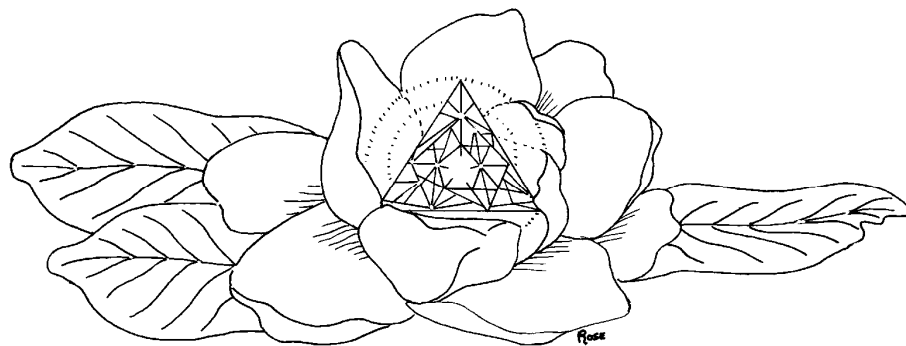


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Emergence From Matter/Mother Into Spirit/Father

As you all know, the birth of the Christ in the Cave of the Heart is the name usually given to what is called the first initiation. This initiation or emergence of spirit from form is supposed to occur at the point where one first recognizes in some fashion that one is actually more than what one has assumed him or herself to be. However, the concept of the emerging or birthing Christ, like all concepts, cannot be confined to just this one, and that the least, level of appearance.

We can think of this event as a kind of beginning. As the name implies, the “first” initiation is the beginning of a much larger process whose unfolding will be marked by many subsequent initiations or beginnings and will take, who knows how many incarnations to get to where? To exactly where we are getting in this process is by us, at least by me, one of the great unknowns that make this whole journey so interesting.

However, as many of us have come to realize, the first initiation, what I think of as the emerging of the self conscious person into an awareness of a great possibility, is the beginning of a continuing realization that there is more going on here than meets the eye. The first initiation is an early stage, a very early stage, you might say a neo-natal stage, in a continuing process, a great ongoing unfolding that reveals what has, so far anyway, been an ever more

beautiful and seemingly perfect expression of this enormous Idea we call the Christ.

Each of the following little initiations, the many, many little “ah-ha’s” that come in those moments of stillness, signify yet another tiny step into a greater awareness of the Truth of the Christ and link everything together into this fantastic synthesis we call living. So each of these initiations is really the peeling away of another layer of the veil that hides the indwelling wonder we call the Jewel in the Lotus, a fragment of the Cosmic Christ.

When we think about it, we can see that all of these births occur in a cave of matter, a womb, a cavity, an enclosed environment

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where something is generated. It is interesting how powerful this image of the cave or womb or egg resonates with us. It is one of a handful

of basic primal archetypes in the human psyche, and it appears over and over again in what records we have of humanity’s ancient past.

We also frequently encounter cave images in the Ageless Wisdom. In most of the tales and so forth, both the written and oral records, of which I am aware the role of the cave is clearly that of housing something. It is a place of shelter and protection, a place where something is nurtured or generated. This something is not always wonderful and beautiful. It can be and is, as we are seeing so graphically today in our world, ugly and

terrible. The door, which we are gradually forcing closed and sealing, covers the cave where evil dwells.

Well, over the eons, many, many beings of many, many kinds and types have lived in actual stone caves in the sides of mountains. In the case of us and our ancestors of the ancient worlds, it doesn't require any imagination at all to see the link between what we now call houses or as they are called in some vernaculars, "cribs" and caves. In all these instances we have Life being "housed" that is protected and nurtured by the mineral or vegetable or in many cases the animal kingdoms, tents made of animal skins and so forth. From the cosmic angle, we have Spirit being housed and nurtured by Matter. This all seems so obvious, once we eliminate the illusion of separation, Father and Mother, Spirit and Matter always and only co-exist. The operative word in this instance, of course, is "exist."

Depending upon one's point of view, everything that happens, happens in some kind of a container or cave or house, and we have spent and are spending lifetimes exploring and pondering on and pontificating about what has been going on in these various caves or containers. What matters here is what emerges from the cave.

What is and has been going on within the caves is, of course, of vital interest and importance to us. It helps us to understand what is or can possibly emerge from the caves, remembering, of course, that emergence is either the point of a new beginning or the point of another cycle of repetition.

We can look at this from multiple points of view. For example, we can, as most people do, consider the matters which house our own individual separated personalities, you know, our physical, etheric, emotional and mental bodies, and ponder on the outcome of the events that are occurring within the cave of our individual lives. Or, once we finally get bored with this narcissistic pastime, we can expand our point of view a bit. We can begin to consider groups of various kinds: groups of individuals, friends, families, neighborhoods, towns, cities, nations, religions, cultures, kingdoms and so forth.

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Again, for me, what is going on within these various caves is of vital interest, and significance, not so much for its own

sake but in how it will effect or shape that which will emerge. Well, it does not take much imagination to see the United States as a cave housing the Soul of a Nation. It is not a very wonderful picture at the moment. I mean what is going on in the crib just now doesn't seem to be all that nurturing of any kind of sustainable or consciousness expanding results.

This situation does, however, seem to be having an awakening effect on the formerly un-connected, comfortable and pleased members of our so-called middle classes. These occupiers of the cemetery of the spirit seem to be getting aroused which is a good thing, when we recall the ancient writing on the wall, "Where there is no vision the people perish."

All of these various levels of emergence are symbolic of the birth or emergence of the indwelling Spirit within whatever form about which we are talking. The Cave as

we know is symbolic of the Mother, who has an untold number of names and identities. However, to cut to the core of this ancient Archetype, we are talking about the Mother of The World, that incomparable Deva Life we call Matter within whom the entire creation of the Planetary Logos has His manifested Being. So, in all cases no matter how large or small, we are considering the birth of the Christ in the Cave of the Heart. The relative set of parameters within which we confine our discussion can extend all the way from a butterfly to our Planet and even, if we care to get really fancy, the Solar System, the Galaxy and, to quote Buzz Lightyear, "Beyond."

To give a rather cosmic example of this ever continuing involutory and evolutionary Life cycle consider what is in the process of appearing within the 4th Kingdom, Humanity, just now. ***"The lower concrete mind was unfolded in the first solar system and the higher abstract intuitional mind, the pure reason, is unfolding in this system. Mercury is the synthesis of manas-buddhi, mind-wisdom which expresses itself through the human soul; Mercury rules the bridge or the antahkarana. In Virgo, Mercury reaches his full power, for Virgo is intelligence and the hidden Christ is wisdom or pure reason."*** Esoteric Astrology P 282

There is a rather subtle point that can be made at this juncture in Humanity's continuing emergence. In past eons, change has literally crept along, taking thousands if not tens of thousands of years to bring forward any growth of significance. As an example, even with present day humanity's seemingly highly developed mental vehicle, many people are still struggling with the dominant control of the Astral elemental. (Talk about cave dwellers!) However, many, many humans are also moving their primary polarization

definitely and strongly into their mental vehicles. A major problem we face here is that if the mental elemental remains the slave of the astral elemental, humanity is, indeed, in very serious trouble. However we consider that humanity will be able to make this move and simultaneously shift the feeling focus from the solar plexus to the heart center.

Let us consider the Law of Rebirth for a moment: ***"...all souls incarnate and re-incarnate under the Law of Rebirth. Hence each life is not only a recapitulation of life experience, but an assuming of ancient obligations, a recovery of old relations, an opportunity for the paying of old indebtedness, a chance to make restitution and progress, an awakening of deep-seated qualities, the recognition of old friends and enemies, the solution of revolting injustices, and the explanation of that which conditions the man and makes him what he is."*** Esoteric Psychology V.I.P.301

This process of reincarnation and recapitulation, in a very general and relative way is familiar to us in relation to an individual soul. Generally speaking, the Soul appropriates its physical sheath between the 4th and 7th year. The astral body is appropriated sometime during the teens. The mental body is appropriated between the 21st and 25th year. Usually, by the time a person is 35 or so, he or she has finished the recapitulation period and is starting on "new work" for the incarnation.

This all concerns the individual human soul. However, let us realize that this Law of Rebirth is applicable to "all souls" including the Soul of a Planet.

So, let's consider the Planet for a few minutes. As we know, the planetary mental vehicle, the lower concrete mind, was unfolded during the Planet's last incarnation in the first solar system. So,

keeping the Law of Rebirth in mind, and taking the long view, from the inception of this Solar System, whenever that was, it does appear that we have been recapitulating, that is going through all that business of life experience, assuming ancient obligations, recovering old relations, paying of old indebtedness, making restitution and progress, awakening deep-seated qualities, recognizing old friends and enemies, solving revolting injustices and so forth. Now, in 2006, it does seem that as we are moving into this new cycle, the Aquarian Age, humanity is actually emerging from what has been to me anyway, an exceedingly long period of recapitulation.

As the emergence moves forward and nears the end of the recapitulation process, the speed at which previous knowledge is re-claimed or remembered or discovered increases exponentially. Witness the time it has taken humanity to become connected via the ethers, electronic computing and the Internet versus the time it took using boats or trains or airplanes.

The preparation of the new vehicle, that of manas-buddhi, has been going forward all

during this neo-natal period of recapitulation. We realize that to make a space for the birth of the new vehicle in the body of humanity, we must be willing to sacrifice the old vehicles, methods and ways of working. I think the Planet is ready to start on its "new Stuff." And, in this new cycle, into which we have already emerged, it is becoming more and more clear that we do not have to work with the tools of the old cycle. There are new ways to solve the old issues.

We are all family standing in support around the birthing bed, focused in the Will to Love while Humanity labors to give birth to the hidden Christ, to the Christ child whose name is Wisdom, and whose quality is Pure Reason.

So friends, tonight we are attending a new First Initiation a new Birth of the Christ in the Cave of the Heart. This evening friends, we stand in the birthing suite. "In Virgo, Mercury reaches his full power, for Virgo is intelligence and the hidden Christ is wisdom or pure reason." We are all family standing in support around the birthing bed, focused in the Will to Love while Humanity labors to give birth to the hidden Christ, to the Christ child whose name is Wisdom, and whose quality is Pure Reason.

There are New Kids on the block.

Tom Carney
Virgo, 2006