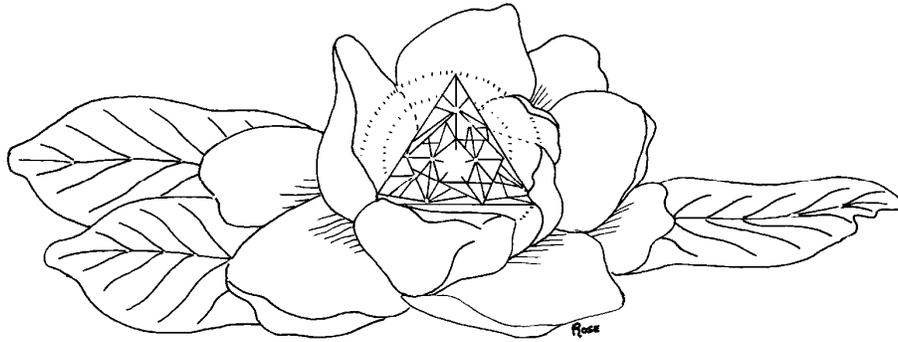


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In fulfilling My Will, thou givest Me the possibility to fulfill thy will. Where is the boundary line between the wills that strive toward Light? One should remember that We lead those who have entrusted themselves to Us along the ways of tested Magnets. One may trust the helmsman who has crossed oceans. Let fear not touch the tested heart! *Hierarchy*, 40.

Transformation Group Conscious Living in A Self Conscious World.

Forty some years ago, group consciousness was a deep esoteric topic. I seldom heard the term used outside of the esoteric community. In the academic and business circles in which I moved consciousness was aligned with being literally awake or asleep, conscious or unconscious. There was even very little awareness regarding self-consciousness. However, in the intervening years, and especially in the last 20 or so years, the concept of consciousness has moved very much into the consciousness of the contemporary intelligentsia.

What made the concept of group consciousness so deeply esoteric to the general educated public of the last century, and is still a significant factor so far in this century, was the point of view from which the concept was being viewed. People, not realizing that they were doing so, were looking at the concept from a self-conscious point of view. It is simply not possible to see, that is to understand, group consciousness from a non-group conscious perspective.

Experience Matters

One can intellectualize about it, formulate it, create a frame of thoughtforms which attempts to out picture the concept. Much of this was done in the past 15 or 20 years. Still, however much one can talk about it, the reality of this place in consciousness cannot be realized in this manner. To see, to understand group consciousness requires the conscious experience of it. To see it one must be it.

The fact that is inescapable to individuals who do see from a relative group

conscious polarization is that group consciousness quite unobtrusively, is sweeping through humanity like a grass fire on the Great Plains. Although they hardly realize what it is, more and more people are actually experiencing the phenomena of group consciousness. This is how evolution works. People are usually demonstrating a relative level of consciousness long before they actually realize or become aware or conscious of the fact that they are. Many people, for example, still do not realize that they are self conscious.

A Sudden Insight

I think that group consciousness has been evolving along with self consciousness for many thousands of years. It seems to work something like this: usually in a sudden way, one will have an experience, a sudden insight into how things are connected with one another. In his great book, *The Immense Journey*, Loren Eiseley tells how one day he casually picked up a grasshopper's leg which had a twig attached to it. The twig was attached to another piece of grass and in that moment he realized that the entire globe was one whole interconnected thing.

These kinds of openings have occurred to many, many people. It is difficult to convey this next bit because it is really an experiential thing; however, sooner or later during one of those moments of realization concerning the interconnectedness of all life, when one is perhaps acutely aware, or deeply moved by the beauty one encounters, one will make an additional realization and that is that one is, that is that one's self is a part

of this vast interconnectedness. This is how John Keats put it.

*Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes
He stared at the Pacific – and all his men
Looked at each other with a wild surmise—
Silent, upon a peak in Darien.*

One realizes that one is not separate from the web of life, but an integral part of it. One begins to see that he or she is it and them.

Many of us have experienced such openings and very frequently these kinds of events occur when we are in nature. However, being “in nature” is not a prerequisite. Once one is open to it, transformative experience is omnipresent.

One morning I was watching the huge, green trash trucks come through my neighborhood collecting the trash. These trucks are equipped with a device that shoots out from the front of the truck on a telescoping arm and with a claw like appendage grasps the trash container around the middle, hoists it up into the air and dumps it over its shoulder, so to speak, into the body of the truck. The truck puts the empty barrel down and moves on to the next container.

The Life Cycle

It was like this Disney Truck Being was going along the street feeding itself. All it lacked was the smiley face. I went all still, which is what happens to me when these kinds of experiences occur, and in “no-time” I saw the entire interconnected cycle of life, birth, death and life as a great recycling event. What amused me about this particular experience was the realization that when we throw something

away, there really is no “away”. There is just another cycle of life.

Well, as any esoteric meditator will tell you, these kinds of unifying experiences also occur in the Silence. In fact, rhythmic esoteric meditation is actually a kind of training for group consciousness. One develops and perfects this group conscious point of view, and learns to “stand steady in the Light.”

Through the simultaneous transmutative and transformative processes of esoteric meditation, identification with the personality and its apparatus, the physical/etheric, emotional and mental bodies is diminished, transformed, and eventually transfigured. Gradually one realizes that, rather than the forms one is occupying, one is actually the consciousness, the Soul, the Life/Light that indwells the forms.

In The Light We See Light

In this new and clear light of the Soul, one sees Light. One sees the consciousness that is one’s self in any form. One still sees from a location, from an individualized space, but this point of view is no longer separated. It is seen as an interrelated part of a larger Life. Thus we are able to see whole systems and the interrelatedness of all life.

This is the Path of Transformation. As Master D. K. has said, “It involves the reaching of a right mental altitude. Yes, I said altitude, my brothers, and not attitude.” *Glamour a World Problem P.59*

Programmed Living

Obviously, the space between self and group consciousness will not be bridged by one or two or even 10 or 20 such experiences. Because we are so

identified with our separated self and, as a result of this self conscious perspective have been programmed to persist, to survive as self conscious individuals at all costs, we will frequently forget or even reject such notions as fancy or romantic non-sense or, as has been done rather recently on the contemporary political stage, as false hopes. It is always so easy to doubt or deny or forget what we have actually seen and known for a brief instant especially when what we do see actually threatens the very basis of our own self consciousness and makes us very uncomfortable.

However, once one has had even one such experience, even if it is only momentary, and even if it is forgotten or rejected by “the man in the brain” the frequency, the reality of the perfectly harmonious, integrated, and coherent unified field we call the dense physical spheres will be there in one’s consciousness. It cannot be removed by even the dark whispers of doubt, skepticism and cynicism. It will grow in the silence, and it will be reinforced and tend to reveal through other unexpected and unusual experiences the true group nature and frequency of reality.

Born In Spring

One day this realization will literally Spring, as in a rebirth, for that is essentially what the experience is, into one’s awareness. It will become an incontrovertible knowing. Becoming group conscious is a just a matter of time and evolution. It is unavoidable.

So, as many, many people are beginning to realize, evolution is about consciousness, and not the physical world. Many, many thousands of kalpas ago, when humanity was mass

conscious, there was no separation in the view, no sense or awareness of a separated self. Nature including the seas, plants, trees, animals, tribes, herds, groups of evolving humans was perceived by the members of these infant human groups as one seamless web of life. Dense physical Life was literally a chord of manifesting frequencies.

The Lost Chord

When consciousness evolved to the point where an individual could actually register him or her self as being separate from the others in one’s tribe or herd or group or natural settings, the reality, the truth of the harmonious, integrated and coherent unified field gradually slipped into the background and was eventually lost to view or consciousness. Thus the once common vision of whole systems was lost. The ability to consciously register the unified field of reality is the Lost Chord.

This condition of consciousness, self-consciousness, a virtual hallucination, has dominated human vision for longer than anyone can realize. However, we, that is, the One Humanity, once again under the inexorable Laws of Evolution are now in the process of transforming our vision. This process of transformation between self and group consciousness has, as I have mentioned elsewhere, been going on for kalpas. It is now far enough along that, in the relative terms of how long it took to get to this point, it is fairly exploding. The message of Master M. “Twilight will end. Do you not see that the Cosmic Consciousness is in convulsion? We know the course of the battle—the Plan of the Creator cannot be altered. From the beginning the dark ones struggled. From the beginning we conquered.” is literally unfolding before

our eyes. If we care to look for it, we can see it.

The Great Illusion

So far, I have been talking about transformation in terms of the individual; however, a point of caution is here worth noting. The systems, the dense physical/etheric, the emotional and lower mental spheres, in which humanity is presently living and moving have been structured, formulated, informed, built, generated by the separative self-consciousness which has dominated human living for so long. The world, “**as we know it**” is basically an illusion, a house of playing cards built by us, a people suffering from a kind of psychosis and blindness.

It is the nature of consciousness to move into matter and to impress it with its purpose. Matter simply responds to the direction of the informing will. If the purpose of the consciousness is flowing from an identification with the separated self, it will result in the manifestation of self conscious systems of all kinds. These systems will strive to perpetuate their own purpose.

Natural Competition

The purpose of the separated self is to persist, to survive as it sees itself, and it sees itself as a form separated from other forms. Thus it is the very nature of self consciousness to always strive for greater and greater degrees of separation. In a separative self conscious world this will and has patterned out as the competitive, dominate or be dominated world in which we now live. This is the hallucination which we call The Big Lie.

System Creation

Well, humans are creative beings. Not only do we create children; we create art, poetry, music. We also create systems. We endow these systems with our consciousness. It would be most helpful if we could realize that the systems that we have created over the eons do in fact, esoteric or energy fact, have a substantial existence.

We are accustomed to thinking only of individuals as possessing a will and a substantial existence. However, it has long been common to think and talk about the phenomena of bureaucracies that seem to run on their own power. Within the worlds of form, the systems of government, education, economics, all have a kind of life.

Self Conscious Corporations

It is perhaps easiest to see this phenomenon in operation when we think of the giant corporations like Exxon Mobile, Royal Dutch Shell, BP, Wal-Mart Stores. There are well over 2000 of these mega corporations, and many, many thousands of smaller ones. These corporations are viewed by human law as individuals. They are in fact, in esoteric fact, living entities which exercise all of the powers of any human being. The key point here is to realize that **these entities are separative self conscious beings**, and like any separated self conscious being, they want to “live” forever, to perpetuate themselves on an ever increasing spiral.

Confronting Reality

Group conscious living in a self conscious world squarely confronts this reality. An individual can have experiences that will open him or her to the reality of the inner and interconnectedness of all Life.

However, these system entities in which we have invested tremendous power, are basically heartless and incapable of reaching the required mental altitudes for insight. They are not likely to have “opening” experiences.

This reality is, if not the major, one of the major issues facing any disciple or would be disciple in today’s world. How we respond to this, reality, how we go about helping our human created systems, both government and economical to transform from being self conscious separative entities which consider only their own welfare and survival into group conscious entities who hold the common good and the general welfare of the whole system including the Planet itself at the core of their reason for existence is the preeminent challenge facing humanity today.

Off The Grid

Solutions to this problem have from time to time been offered. For example, it is popular among some folks today to imagine that they are “getting off the grid.” This does not always mean finding alternative ways of generating electricity which is actually a manifestation of a group conscious sensitivity which will improve life on the greater grid, the unavoidable reality of the etheric interconnectedness of all life. Frequently the emotional impulse of “getting off the grid” is simply a reframing of the old 1960’s mantra of Tim Leary and company to “turn on tune in and drop out”. Rather than try to transform the world, we were supposed to leave it.

The Dark Towers

It should be obvious, however, that these corporations and government systems cannot be transformed from the outside.

They must be transformed, just as we must, from the inside out. It turns out that just as there is no “away”, there is no “off the grid”.

The path ahead leads to the corporations, The Dark Towers of separation and illusion. We built this world as it is. It is our karma to make this right, and it is humanity’s path into the Light. As Neo and Frodo, and countless heroes of song and legend before them learned, one must go through the Dark Tower to reach the Light.

We Are Them

One of the more profound lessons learned by the climbers on the Mountain of Consciousness, probably the lesson that keeps the Frodo or Neo, the hero in us persevering is that not only are we our brother’s keeper, we are in fact our brothers. Therefore, our best, and probably only, shot at achieving this transformation in time to avoid the catastrophic consequences which are resulting and will continue to result from the actions of these mega self conscious basically psychotic entities competing for power is the expansion of consciousness from self to group on the part of individual human beings. When enough of us are on the planet living and thinking from this conscious perspective, we will be able to effect rapid and significant change within these mega entities because we will be working within them. ***Just as we are our brothers, we are our corporations too.***

Among the immediate tasks ahead of us at this time is the effort to focus humanity’s sense of reality. “For instance, humanity believes today that its major need is peace and material comfort and is working vaguely for both; the Hierarchy knows that its major need is the

recognition of the folly of past separateness and the cult of goodwill. ... Hierarchical workers must therefore express the true need in form, appropriate to the registering capacity of humanity at this moment." *The Rays and Initiations P.295*

The Truth Will Set You Free

We have often heard the clarion call of the Forces of Light, "Know the Truth and the Truth will set you free." Never has it been more appropriately sounded. If we want humanity to be free from the bondage of the Big Lie, we need to summon our courage and express the Truth.

The Aquarian Age, "...the coming expression of the group consciousness which is the first and immediate revelation of the ever present Christ consciousness on a large scale in humanity." *Externalization of The Hierarchy P155* is going to be unfolding for about another 2000 years, and as Master M. has said "We know the course of the battle—the Plan of the Creator cannot be altered. From the beginning the dark ones struggled. From the beginning we conquered."

Struggle Is Our Brother

However, this victory will require a struggle like none we have know over the kalpas of our training as warriors. What we learned during those many incarnations was not so much the skill and force of arms as how to finally stand unmoved in the Flame of the Heart, in the center of Christ's Peaceful Silent Will.

What we each do each day in whatever way we can to constantly hold the fact of our group consciousness, of our oneness with all of humanity and the planet in the

forefront of our minds and hearts and to act from that inclusive and loving perspective will carry the light into the Dark Towers of self consciousness, separation and exclusivity. We create with every thought. When we realize that we are in fact a group, we begin to create with great power.

The Flame Of The Heart

"Hence each consummation, each union, each great cosmic unification is achieved through the flame of the heart." *Heart 1* Watch for the Flame of the Heart in the people you encounter. Watch for individuals that are demonstrating group consciousness. The indicators are inclusiveness, loving understanding, concern for the common good and the placing of the general welfare above personal and or separative concerns, the realization that humanity is one entity, that every single individual and all members of all kingdoms are parts of the Divine Life, and the courage and fortitude to take appropriate action along these lines.

When such an individual "swims into your kin" support him or her with your entire economy, your love, your thoughts, your encouragement and, given the importance of the coming year, **especially if it is such a situation**, your money and your vote.

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