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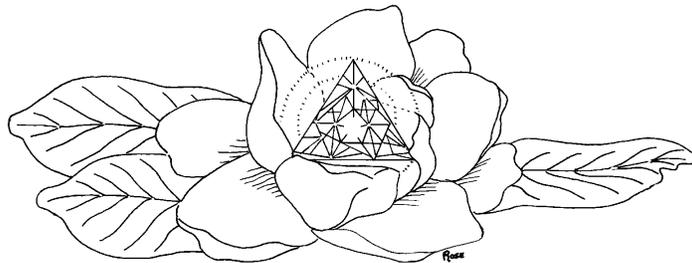
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Consciousness grows by synthesis, it cannot move forward in a narrow manner. Advancement of the consciousness will proceed from the center encompassing successive circles of new understanding.... Earthly limitations reduce supermundane thought to the human word, yet in the depths of the consciousness is preserved the imprint of the heavenly hieroglyph. *Aum 88*

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The soul of a nation is hidden, and he who represents the state must possess the whole synthesis of the nation. ...The right of leadership belongs to a spirit linked with the Forces of Light. Therefore, according to the Higher Law, there can be no accidental leaders. When the consciousness has become expanded, then will become possible the affirmation of the great law of Leadership. *Fiery World 351*

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Evolution: Conscious Service to Humanity

It is becoming more and more obvious that in any discussion regarding the evolution of humanity, or any of the other kingdoms on the planet, we are going to have to expand the frame of the discussion to include the non-dense dimensions of Reality. When we can include these other layers of Reality in the discussion, instead of following the same old horizontal loop with new arrangements of old illusory thoughtforms, the thrust of the discussion begins to go vertical.

End Products

It begins to become apparent that the appearance and development of dense physical forms in any of the Kingdoms of Nature, or in any part of the Space/Time continuum are end products of evolution. The mutations, changes, appearance and disappearance of these forms are the evolutionary results of forces and activities occurring on higher dimensions. Until one is able to understand or at least accept as a hypothetical that the dense physical worlds are the outputs or manifestations of consciousness driven thought, the unfolding path of the evolution of all kingdoms on this planet and the rest of the universe will be hidden from the scientist.

The Science Of Analysis

For example, recently a group of scientists who were awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry managed to discover and map the position of the thousands of atoms that make up what are called ribosomes, RNA-rich cytoplasmic granules within which various kinds of proteins are created. This is a truly remarkable discovery. The equally

remarkable mapping of these processes will result in knowledge and techniques that will have many applications in many areas of life.

The Etheric Dimensions

This and other in-depth analyses of the uncountable forms of the dense physical world are gradually leading scientists into the discovery of finer and finer dimensions of this physical world. Soon, we will become conscious of dimensions which in the esoteric sciences are called the etheric subplanes. Still, these etheric dimensions are but finer, if you can use such a word, aspects of form. They are the “electric” conduits through which consciousness-generated thought drives energy and forces it into dense manifestation. So, even at the etheric level, we are still dealing with evolution at its precipitation level rather than at a more causal level.

For example, proteins are defined as “naturally occurring extremely complex substances.” Other than for the fact that proteins seem to be in everything, we really do not know where proteins come from. What, actually, does “naturally” occurring mean?

We also do not know why protein “A” is created in the indescribably complex chemical factory of our bodies rather than protein “B” or “Z”, or why the body generates such things as cancer cells to begin with. These are not unanswerable questions. It is simply that the answers are not to be found through analysis of the dense physical world. We must look to the higher dimensions of Life for the answers to these questions.

What actually is evolving on our planet in this particular sector of the Universe Space/Time Continuum is an ever-expanding human awareness of the relationship between matter and energy. It is the ability of Earth Human capacity to consciously contact, understand and register in conscious brain awareness these higher dimensions of Life and the process whereby Life brings its intent into form that is evolving on planet Earth. It is the expanding understanding and mastery of these processes which give us the ability to, literally, consciously participate in the co-creation of our environments.

The Science of Synthesis

It is these highly subtle dimensions and the relationships between them with which the so called "esoteric" sciences deal. Esoteric actually means the exploration and understanding of the aspects and uses of energy. Esotericism is the polar opposite of the physical sciences. It is one might say the Science that Synthesizes rather than the Science that Analyzes.

These two sciences are as Master M. has pointed out "worlds apart." However as polar opposites, they work together to create a unity. The energy which relates these two worlds and which actually drives both the science of analysis and the science of synthesis is, for lack of a better word, Love, or as the scientists of synthesis call it, consciousness.

It is consciousness, therefore, that needs to be understood, and to understand consciousness one needs to employ a different kind of science. Those in the outer esoteric community who try to do this kind work use the science that

synthesizes as well as the science that analyzes. The science that synthesizes is as old as the science that analyzes, and it has been called by many names over the millenniums. Today it is called by some of its more modern practitioners The Supreme Science of Contact (*Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, P.52). This is a kind of academic, scholastic name for Scientific Meditation. The science of meditation, the science that synthesizes, is the tool, the microscope which we use to explore the non-dense dimensions of the One Life.

The One Life

That Life is One is one of the early realizations that comes clear to the practitioner of the science of synthesis. We rapidly see that separation is an illusion of the time/space, form dimensions. In scientific fact, there is no separation at all. Every form from the postulated quark to atoms and ribosomes to the Nature Kingdoms, mineral, vegetable, animal, human, to planets and Solar Systems and yes to galaxies, no matter how tiny or huge the parts, how gross or subtle the dimensions, how close or vast the space between, ultimately everything is related to every other thing. The One, the Synthesis that is, is.

The Concept of Relationship

The specific aspect of this discovery that looms with desperate importance for us on this planet at this time is not the fact that "All Is One", it is the concept of relationship, of consciousness. Realizing that the planet is a unified whole in which every part is intrinsically related to or connected to every other part is crucial to the world's situation just now. It is imperative that we understand how humanity is indissolubly linked not only as

individuals to each other but as humans to the rest of our Planetary Life, and that what happens on the planet is largely an effect of how we as conscious beings through our use of thought are directing energy into manifestation.

There are basically two ways that we can relate to the rest of the continuum. We can relate as self conscious, separative personalities, or we can relate as conscious souls. The difference is vast. Our understanding of this difference is of the utmost importance.

The Separated Persona

We have spoken at length about the personality, that integrated organization of mental, emotional, and etheric/physical substance which is characterized by its unconscious identification with the time/space/form worlds, and which we think of as ourselves. We have examined how this unconscious identification with time/space and form creates the illusion of a separated existence and hides from us the truth of our multidimensional nature, and the synthesis that is.

As personas identified with the illusion of the time/space/form worlds, most humans exist in a constant, even if deeply hidden, desperate state of anxiety. This state is driven by deep doubts regarding who we are, what we are doing, what is our worth, our value, and on and on. Whether conscious or unconscious of the fact, we are totally focused on the constant need for self assurance and aggrandizement of this illusory one dimensional separated self.

This attitude defines our relationship with the rest of our environment. We are

constantly looking to our environment for something, anything that will serve this need for self assurance and our sense of self worth, whatever that may be. We establish our relationships in such a way that **our** needs, **our** desires, will be met, **our** fears will be quieted, **our** wishes will be fulfilled.

This is not evil, or even necessarily bad. "All activity which drives the human being forward towards some form of development (physical, emotional, intuitional, and so forth) is essentially spiritual¹ in nature and is indicative of the livingness [or consciousness] of the inner divine entity" *The Rays and the Initiations*, P.364. So, not bad. Not evil. This is how we learn, how we discover through much, usually, but not always, painful experimentation that we are living in an illusion.

The Conscious Soul

Gradually, in this unfolding drama we call life, we begin to look elsewhere for meaning and peace. Our experiments begin to take on a new shape. We begin to become conscious of the fact that others are very much like ourselves, that they too are looking for meaning, for understanding, for something, anything that makes sense. We can understand and relate to their pain and misery, their loneliness and despair, because we too are in pain, miserable, lonely and despairing. We begin to "reach out to them" for their sake, for their needs.

The moment we do this even on a tiny, tiny level, what will eventually be a gigantic shift that transforms and eventually transfigures our lives has begun. The expansion of consciousness is beginning to open into new fields of

awareness. We are beginning to relate to the continuum in a new way. The constant need for self assurance and aggrandizement of the illusory one dimensional separated self is beginning to be replaced by the realization of the brotherhood of the true self.

This growing awareness of our unity with other humans expands eventually into the realization of our unity, our brotherhood with all other life forms. We begin to understand on this tiny scale the synthesis that is. We can see that Life is and that it is present at some level in all forms.

Joy Is A Special Wisdom

Gradually, the attitude of our relationship to our environments begins to shift. Our purpose in this multidimensional, vastly diverse manifestation begins to become clear. We begin to forget ourselves, our desires or apparent needs for self assurance and power, and we begin to become concerned for the needs of others, not just other people, but other everything: animals, vegetables, and even minerals. The pain and misery, the loneliness and despair begin to be replaced by compassion, love and wonder of wonders, joy, which as Master M. has pointed out is a special wisdom.

One of the most salient yet overlooked revelations, at least for me, in all of Master D.K.'s voluminous work is the fact that genuine selfless service for the sake of the common good and the general welfare is the "concrete, physically measurable proof" of consciousness, so desired by the practitioners of both sciences. In *Esoteric Psychology II*, he points out that, "Service is not a quality or a performance; it is not an activity

towards which people must strenuously strive, nor is it a method of world salvage. ***This distinction must be clearly grasped, or else our whole attitude to this momentous demonstration of the success of the evolutionary process in humanity will be at fault.*** Service is a life demonstration. ... It is a soul² instinct, ... and is, therefore, innate and peculiar to soul unfoldment. It is the outstanding characteristic of the soul. . . . It is the urge to group good ... ***It is simply the first real effect, evidenced upon the physical plane, of the fact that the soul is beginning to express itself in outer manifestation.*** *Esoteric Psychology II P.125*

Those of us who are relatively aware of our present place in the cycles of incarnation are hyper-conscious of this discrimination. It is what reveals the shades of gray and enables us to support the Light. It is a major aspect of our work, and we are always on the lookout for the signs that soul contact is present and beginning to take hold. As pointed out, this presence of soul infusion appears in our sisters and brothers as service to the greater Life. It shows up in small things and is very subtle like tiny shoots in a garden. Great care must be taken to recognize and encourage these efforts on every hand.

Soul Presence

When the freely chosen will to place the Common Good and General Welfare in front of one's separative good is present in a person of any age, there is Soul presence. It would be good for us to recognize this demonstration of Soul presence for what it is. By recognizing those who are involved in true service, that is service to the common good and general welfare for the sake of the

common good and general welfare, we can bring the fact of the evolution of humanity through the expansion of consciousness from self into group into the mainstream of human discourse.

The Mega Group

We have been talking about how humanity evolves in terms of individuals. We realize as an obvious extension of the concept of synthesis that we live and move in group relationships. Each of us, we realize, is an intrinsic aspect of the mega-group we call the One Humanity. In addition we belong to or are parts of many smaller groups. We are aware of many of these group relationships like our families, our close associates, our group brothers and sisters. Of some of the others, we are not so aware.

A very important next step for us as a humanity of groups is to realize that we are grouped into towns, cities, and eventually, nations. Presently, because the numbers of still highly focused separated personas is very large, the way we relate within and through these groupings is primarily as separated personas. When, for example, one nation relates to others, just as in the case of an individual, the nations are looking for something, anything that will serve their need for self assurance and their sense of self worth. We establish our relationships with other nations based on "what's in it for us." We are looking to assure that **our** needs, **our** desires, will be met, **our** fears will be quieted, **our** wishes be fulfilled.

Just as in the case of individuals relating to others, this relationship attitude is responsible in the greater theater we call the world for the terrible appearance of

our environments, for war, famine, misery. It is time to lift the expansion of our group awareness onto the world stage.

World Service

Presently, in a large number of nations in the world, there exists a growing number of groups of individuals who are aware of our interrelatedness, of the fact of the One Humanity. These groupings, made up of group conscious individuals are working to build relationships based on our mutual value and dignity rather than at the expense of one another. These groupings are interested in fostering the quality of all life because as souls they recognize the incontrovertible fact, the interrelatedness of all life.

We have all been witness to the efforts being made by these groupings to solve human and global problems through the application of consciousness or love, or pure reasoning will. We have also all been witness to the efforts of the retrogressive forces to do all in their considerable power to thwart these efforts in every nation, city or town where such efforts are being made.

Inevitable Change

However, change is upon the world. Nothing that the forces of retrogression can do can thwart the **focused will to good** of the people. As one group conscious individual, who happens to be the President of the "most powerful nation in the world" said, "**Not this time.**"

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Footnotes:

1 Spiritual in this context is a term for saying, "conscious-driven thought manifesting in a form.

2. That aspect of ourselves which has not become identified with its forms.

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Dear Friends

An invitation to co-creation.

As this issue of Thoughtline discusses, there are two unmistakable qualities that reveal the presence of a Soul. One is service to the common good. The other is group consciousness.

Souls understand that service to humanity, the whole point of meditation, is not something that happens in a vacuum or through desire. We know from lots of experience that service is sometimes hard for the personality side to get into. However, we also know from lots of experience that regular, successful meditation will unfailingly lead one into a heart to heart connection with his or her Soul, and service for the common good is what Souls do. Service is the Soul's normal, one might say habitual, reaction to living. To a conscious soul incarnate, service is not that much different than breathing.

Souls, also being group conscious, realize that service, a demonstration of the magical power of the soul, is a group endeavor. They know that service requires energy; it requires subjective and concrete resources. A soul, without even thinking about it, puts his or her entire economy, his or her entire supply of life energy into living service. This is why it works.

Your sister and brother souls at Arcana Workshops appreciate the loving attention and subjective support that you all already make to the service efforts of this group endeavor. You co-create with us simply by sharing some of your Soul Power with us. Our work would not go forward without this support from our co-creators in both the Inner and the Outer Community of our Soul network. Our work also needs your co-creative support in that area that makes things manifest on the dense physical plane.

Arcana Workshops, as we have told you many times over the years, is a totally volunteer operation. All of the money we spend is donated, most of it by the volunteers who work closely with us and the individuals who attend our workshops and or Community Meditation Gatherings for the Solar Fire Festivals. The rest comes from the co-creative generosity of folks like you. A donation at any level to help us meet these dense physical energy needs of our group service would be most gratefully appreciated and put to dynamic use. You can count on that.

We also send daily streams of love and gratitude to all.

Loving Us

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