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June 2011

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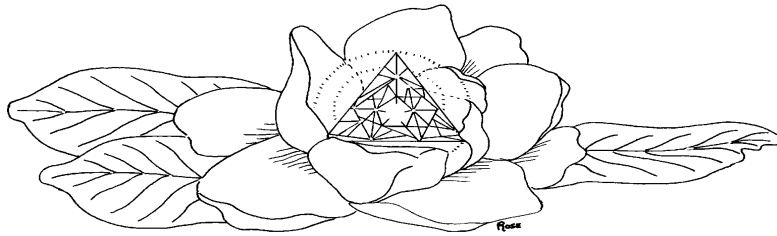
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The mind is the instrument which registers the process of "becoming" but it is also—during the later stages of human unfoldment—capable of registering the nature or function of being. Becoming is revealed through the medium of the intellect; Being, through the medium of the intuition. Glamour P. 174

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We see where the idea of synthesis can be assimilated...There the significance of the General Good is well understood, and it is known that Good can come only from Good. Although this formula is not yet uttered, it nevertheless is ripening in the depths of the consciousness, and this is very important. Supermundane II, Section, No. 267

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Living the American Dream

So, the American dream. How's that working out for you? If you are among the 90% of American families who own 7% of America's wealth, the answer to that question is probably, "Not that great."

It turns out that "In terms of types of financial wealth, the top one percent of households [in the United States] have 38.3% of all privately held stock, 60.6% of financial securities, and 62.4% of business equity. The top 10% have 80% to 90% of stocks, bonds, trust funds, and business equity, and over 75% of non-home real estate. Since financial wealth is what counts as far as

the control of income-producing assets, we can say that just 10% of the people own the United States of America." **G. William Domhoff, *Wealth, Income, and Power***
<http://sociology.ucsc.edu/whorulesamerica/power/wealth.html>

We are traditionally late in figuring out stuff like this partly because we are trusting, perhaps a bit naive too, and because we actually believe in the basic principles of Government Of The People, For The People and By The People, and that we would be informed of such things. However, we are also late in getting it because the information regarding these kinds of essentials is not made available in any mass kind of distribution such as by media or general information from the government. As with most of the rest of the Dream, transparency is not happening.

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So, the Dream is not really working that well. We still have not come to grips with it, but, finally, we can feel it. Make no mistake, Friends. Like, this Dream is broken. Well, one might ask, "How did it get broken?"

It's sort of like this: The Original Dream is not really broken. It can't be broken because it is Truth. However, it can be obfuscated, covered over by the sophists and spin doctors with half truths and glamour to a point where it becomes an illusion, an illusion that we accept for the real Dream. This is basically what happened to our Dream. It was swapped out on us in a shell game run by those who prefer "the way it used to be". They replaced the True Dream with this imposter which we presently think of as the American Dream.

This imposter dream, because we are good hearted and because we think people tell the truth, was accepted as truth. However, we are coming to realize, this imposter dream is not grounded in the principles of the Common Good and General Welfare, the bedrock of the Real Dream. It does not see all people as equal and deserving of the rights to happiness, safety, opportunity for expression of one's inner worth.

It is instead a dream that places value outside of one's self. It posits personal value and structures our societies according to one's power and possessions, one's specialness, one's level of exclusivity. The

current dream is a dream of ambition, a dream that drives one to acquire ever greater quantities of property, material power and the accouterments which indicate to one's self and to onlooking others, one's value as a person.

This imposter dream is driven by an ancient and destructive lie which, over the centuries, has been given the status of a natural and innate human drive. This illusion which is a series of human generated thoughtforms has, for longer than we know, dominated human life, thus making the realization of the True Dream a constant struggle.

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competition has been idolized. It is literally worshiped. It has, in the minds of many, come to be recognized as the basic innate driving force of human life. So, the nightmare that has come to be the dream is this notion that one's worth is measured by one's ability to amass power and wealth. Everyone has the innate right to compete against all others for this wealth. There is no Common Good or General Welfare. There are laws and rules. These are used mainly to keep the 90% percent in line. The 10% pay lip service and totally ignore the laws and rules when it suits their profit motives.

So, in this setup we are free to "compete" for our share of the Dream. We do not desire mansions in several countries around the world, or yachts and private jets, or a penthouse in New York. We simply want a decent living for our families. Well, we have been competing. We have been competing for more than 200 years. As of 2007, we

have managed to win 7% of the total wealth of the Nation. Not that great, is it?

The truth is that we were out of it at the get-go. The notion of competing for a share of the pot with the 10% who already own 93% of the wealth of the United States, most of whom have absolutely no interest in the 90%, other than to placate it and to keep it quiet while they enjoy the fruits of their labor, would be like sending out my grandson's 5th grade football team against the Green Bay Packers.

From time to time there have been efforts to break out of this eternal nightmare of bondage. These efforts were suppressed with a ruthless power under the authority of the Divine Right of Kings. The discovery of the "New World" gave humanity a fresh opportunity to escape from this system of eternal bondage. Fueled by the inexhaustible force of the Real Dream a great exodus of people to this country began. Initially these came mainly from England, but eventually they came from many countries in Europe.

This Dream which was manifesting in the New World was not just an American Dream, but in fact a blueprint, a prototype, for Humanity's Dream. This Dream was an irrepressible response to the true innate, unconquerable and unquenchable drive which beats deeply in the heart of every single one of us and which makes us Human Beings. This is the Dream for a kind of existence or living that can only be described by concepts like Liberty, Freedom, Justice, Tranquility, Equality, Respect, or to use the words from the

United States Declaration of Independence, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

In the "Old World", because of the waxing Light, or the evolution of consciousness, people, in ever increasing numbers were growing exhausted with the futile struggle to improve the quality of their lives in a system based on inherited Royal status, wealth and exclusivity. This system was more of a nightmare than a dream. While perhaps short of actual slavery, it held human beings in a kind of insidious bondage that denied their individual free will and the basic necessities of self respect, self worth and actually existing as human beings. This denial included learning how to read and write, and having any say whatsoever in where one could or could not live, or work.

Many of our Forefathers who came to this country declared our independence from this sort of bondage system. They set about the work of establishing a country based on that Original Dream. This effort was predictably challenged. We fought a war with those who would continue the old system of bondage. We won our freedom, and for a while we had the Dream. We published it in a document called The Constitution of the United States.

However, from the very get-go the Forces of Retrogression, those forces who wish to maintain the system of bondage and exclusivity, of special privilege and entitlement, worked to undermine and sap the beauty and truth from our dream. They managed, for example, to include in Section 9, Article 1 of the Constitution language that

allowed the practice of slave ownership to continue until 1808. It took the Civil War to eliminate this abomination from the Constitution. This war was, "the deadliest war in American history, resulting in the deaths of 620,000 soldiers and an undetermined number of civilians." *Killing Ground: Photographs of the Civil War and the Changing American Landscape* by John Huddlestone.

Freedom, we learned again, will not come cheap. Those who wish to maintain the systems of bondage, exclusivity and material power will not give up easily.

Having failed for the second time to subvert the Dream and reinstate the system of bondage though the use of arms, the Retrogressive Forces returned to the ancient tools of the great Lie: subterfuge sophistry, cheating, stealing. In this they have been much more successful. As I have pointed out, what we now call the American Dream has resulted in the sharing of 7% of the county's total wealth among 90% of the people.

That this dream has become defunct, not working, broken, is an inevitable result of the forces that drive it. Competition does not build, does not include, is not sustainable. It separates and divides. It destroys the intrinsic unity of the fabric of equality and kinship which underlie a common wealth and, indeed, the very concept of Humanity. Competition creates a few winners and a whole bunch of losers. It generates classes of exclusivity and privilege, ultimately ending in systems like those we lived through for centuries, systems of Royalty

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and serfs. For a graphic and crystal clear look at the reality of how the dream is not working, you might check out the following link.

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-real-housewives-of-wall-street-look-whos-cashing-in-on-the-bailout-20110411>

This dream is in reality a hideous distortion of the Principles which underlie the True Dream or the True Path of Evolution for this planet.

The Principle which drives the True Dream is Love and it manifests through

cooperation and right sharing, right human relations. It recognizes that we are our brothers keeper, that we are all together and all One.

This staggering imbalance in the national distribution of wealth is not just an American thing. This picture is replicated in various degrees in most nations around the world. It has created enormous misery the world around. The controlling powers have worked to keep the world in a state of perpetual war, to keep us terrorized and blind to the actual facts and imbalances on our Planet.

And yet, yet, that urge, that irrepressible drive for Freedom, for Liberty, for Justice, that flame of deep knowledge that we, each of us, is somehow divine and worthy and meant to experience joy and beauty, meant to live free of fear is beginning to burn brighter. It is waking up. It is moving. It is becoming aware of the sleep into which we have been lulled by these sirens of illusion,

the sophists that have been lying and fooling us.

Humanity is becoming conscious. There is no way that this can be stopped or retarded. It is our destiny. Even within the ranks of the super wealthy and just wealthy 10%, there is recognition that the road we are on is a dead end for all of us.

Some 200 plus years ago in this country we made a Dream. We laid out a Plan to move

into our future. From the beginning, as I have said, It was flawed and undermined, but

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with great Love and Wisdom, with Consciousness, those drafters who had the foresight of our inevitable destiny at heart, created a means to right this imbalance. We, when we established this country, gave every man and eventually woman the vote. The vote is our way out. We can reclaim the True Dream by becoming passionately involved once again in that Dream, the True dream of the Common Good and the General Welfare, the dream of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness for all.

The vote! I know that will not sound that great to those who want an immediate solution. Discouragement, doubt, these are our biggest enemies. The Super Wealthy are not our enemies. They are actually our brothers and sisters, and they too are victims of the Great Lie. They too have been conned. They traded their freedom and liberty, their joy, love and beauty for an illusion of power and a bunch of junk. Many of them as well will be swept up in the Great Awakening or the evolutionary expansion of consciousness which is actually an opening

of the heart that is going forward on the Planet.

There are about 308 million people in this country. About 74 million of them are children. So, there are about 234 million voters. In the 2008 elections about 100,000,000 of our brothers and sisters did not vote. The vast, vast majority of the non-voters are members of the 90% who own the 7% of the supposed Common Wealth!

It was the functioning of the heart that drove the men and women who struggled against enormous odds to birth this country. Voting in the elections is how we can express our inner sense, our heart sense of the Common Good and General Welfare. **Voting will be the end result of a re-ignition of that heart energy in our fellow citizens.**

I do not offer lists of what to do or how to get involved. If one will listen to that inner voice, the voice of the all knowing heart, one will find one's own ways to "get involved." These will be new creative ways that work for each one.

What I suggest is that we think. Everyone may not be an intellectual giant; however, everyone can think in the heart. The heart knows, the heart understands beyond intellectual comprehensions. And for those who can, this kind of knowing is what

meditation really is. And I suggest that we consciously and deliberately love one another, every one another.

Thus, we will become powerful beacons of joy and hope in our individual environments, however that works for you in your environment. We do not need scripts on what to say or do. If the heart is guiding, what we say and do will be spontaneous and incredibly effective in whatever situation we happen to find ourselves.

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In three or four conscious intelligent election cycles, 12 to 16 years where all Americans vote, we can turn this nation and this world around. We have the brains. We have the numbers, and although they have most of the money, we have all of the heart, the fire of Love. And let us realize that in this Age, the Age of the Heart, there is no power in the universe that can contend with Love.

By the way, it will be a really joyful, even fun ride. We will need exquisite vigilance and there will be disappointments and struggle. We learned that the Retrogressive Forces will not go quietly. However, the vote does not kill people, and it will set us free.

Tom Carney
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