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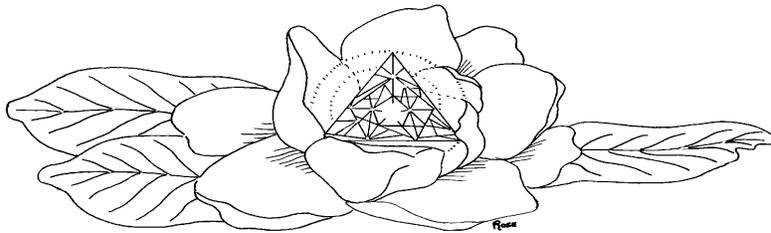
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Why does there exist in the world the custom of worshipping the cosmic powers in the moment of distress? Why only then the attraction toward Infinity? I advise that the Name of the Mother of the World be pronounced not as a symbol but as a power-giver. I advise that the Source of Infinity be invoked not as a symbol but as a manifestation of Eternity, as an eternal Generator of beauty and the Creator of the firmament. *Infinity I, 9*

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The process of abstracting one's mind from all imposed thoughtforms—imposed by one's background, one's tradition and one's social group—is a very difficult and subtle undertaking. It must definitely be learned, prior to mastering the science of thoughtform building. The disciple has to stand free from mental impression and mental concepts before he can successfully create under direction of the Ashram. *DINA II P. 693*

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Living Groups

Basic to understanding what we call evolution is the realization that it is consciousness that is expanding, not forms. Most of what appears to us to be change is not in essence change. It is simply a different form iteration of the same consciousness that generated the previous form.

The evolution of consciousness generates change in the purpose the forms serve rather than superficially different appearances of the same intention. When the intention of the form expands to serve the Common Good and the General Welfare rather than the goals and desires of the separated self, we have evidence of the expansion of consciousness. From the beginning on this planet, consciousness has been evolving through what we call mass

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consciousness into self consciousness and then into group consciousness. What this signifies is that we are becoming ever more aware of our true nature which is Consciousness.

This process has been going on multidimensionally for longer that we can imagine and at levels we are not, as yet, able to register. However, if one knows what one is looking for, in the past couple of thousand years the outlines of the shift from the Great Illusion of the separative

sense of self consciousness into the realization of group consciousness are discernable. And in the past couple of hundred years they have become obvious to millions of humans.

The incoming energy of the 1st and 7th Rays has fostered a veritable explosion in the evolution of consciousness evident in all sectors of life on the planet. Although they are still mostly used to foster the separative programs of the Illusion of Separation, most of these developments were Intentioned by the Will to serve the Common Good and the General Welfare. We can easily see this explosive growth and change in terms of our technological advancements in transportation and communication. We have, for example,

gone from sailing ships which took months to go

from England to America to air ships which make the trip in 8 hours and space ships capable of navigating their way to distant planets and back. In communication we have gone from the printing presses of the 15th century to the Internet, wireless cell phones, Kindles and e-books, Skype, and computing devices of all kinds.

All of these technological developments are the forms of an expanding consciousness. The space ships are the result of our awareness of our otherness

and our deep interrelatedness, and the growing realization of other beings in the Solar System and beyond. We are beginning to understand that we are not simply Earthlings, but human beings on a planet. The internet and corresponding technological implements are the effects of an expanding awareness of this interrelatedness, of our shared mind/brain awareness and of our power to think collectively.

In addition, although very difficult to see through the obfuscating clouds of the Great Illusion, there has been equally astounding growth in areas like government and education. In government, for example, we have gone from a planet ruled by a hereditary king class of persons who claimed to have divine or God given rights to be kings, and usually did have the wealth and power to subjugate others, to a majority of the nations on the planet being governed by embryonic forms of group conscious government. These are governments of the people by the people through elected collectives. Democracy, whose intentional focus is the Common good and the General Welfare, is probably the most advanced form of group conscious government in appearance just now, but it is only the beginning of such government.

In education, 300 years ago the illiteracy rate on the planet approached 90%. It is

estimated that by 2015 the illiteracy rate will be 15%. In the 15/16 hundreds only the chosen children of the very wealthy were educated. Today, education of children is mandatory in many countries.

Remembering that it is consciousness that is evolving, not the forms, we can see that a similar, although also difficult to see, evolution or expansion of consciousness has occurred in what we call groups, and not just "esoteric" groups but groups in all areas of human life, from the family to all forms of educational institutions, governments and businesses. As we know, "The Hierarchy works through groups of souls, and the potency of this group work is to be tested out." *Esoteric Psychology II P. 688*

One of the Laws that is beginning to "govern" the Aquarian era or the Age of the Heart, is the Law of Group Endeavour.

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This Law is superficially understood as pertaining to how nice people are to each other in a "group". Most of what we call groups are not groups in the sense of group consciousness, but rather collections of random individuals with sometimes widely differing and conflicting objectives and desires who are generally working on the same project. If the individuals in such "groups" are aware of this Law one will often hear an accusation that those who are getting their way at the expense of some other's way are not observing Group Endeavour.

The Law of Group Endeavour is not a set of etiquette policies. As I said, it is a Cosmic Law, an aspect of Cosmic Physics. **As a Law it is signifying that any actual harmonious, coherent development or evolution in human civilization will flow only from group conscious efforts.**

This ongoing expansion in groups of all kinds is difficult to see because the developments have been more of a spiritual nature, and their forms are much less dense than technological or even financial of government forms. By spiritual, we do not mean those very ancient systems of mystical spirit worship, or heavy religious theologies of many kinds, or other arcane and obscure structures known to and held in secret by only a select few. We mean a growing scientific awareness of the physics of energy and multidimensional reality which are open to all who have the heart and perseverance

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to register and embody them. Further, as I indicated above, the evolution of groups is very difficult, if not impossible, to see from the outside. One must be consciously involved in a group experiment to see and understand the evolution of groups which has and is explosively occurring daily from the Piscean 6th and 3rd Ray manifestations to today's groups.

Current commentaries on "group" life have usually been generated by an intellectual approach which involves a lot of studying and dissecting. This will lead to seeing the structures of any dense form. It is not a very revelatory method for examining the Real world or the higher, very much non-dense dimensions. The only way to really examine these worlds, including the world of group life, is through direct experience garnered in the experiment of participation and living within a soul assembled group.

Many of the groups incarnating in the Piscean era suffered the same fate as many, if not most, of our human institutions; i.e., the individuals who were attempting the experiments became immersed in and identified with the group's outer form. Thus as the form outwore its usefulness, as all forms do, the individuals and the forms gradually became crystallized or idols of the ideas

which the groups initially formed to implement rather than living channels for the ever evolving Plan. Such idolized or crystallized forms present a blockage to the Great Unfolding. They are impediments and will eventually be removed through evolutionary reconstruction.

It might be interesting to think about the fact that forms in nature usually do not crystallize. Ever since the planet formed,

there has been a Mineral Kingdom. According to the Ageless Wisdom, what we call the Vegetable Kingdom came next followed by the Animal Kingdom. As far as I know there have always been minerals, trees, and animals. Kingdoms are ideas, pieces of the Grand Consciousness. They do not crystallize and die. They do not identify with their forms. They are in a constant motion of evolving new forms as the Intentions of the Guiding Consciousness embedded in the Laws of Cosmic Physics work out on this planet.

No doubt, all forms, no matter how grand or beautiful, outwear

their usefulness. In Nature these forms give way to new forms that more perfectly manifest the Design of the Grand Consciousness. There is no struggle to hold on to the old form. Butterflies do not identify with their forms and try not to evolve.

The identifying with and then holding on for "dear life" to old forms, from our own bodies to everything else has been over the eons, and still is perhaps, the single most destructive and impeding thing to The Great Unfolding that we, as humans do. This single aberration, that we are our bodies, our forms, is the "door where evil dwells." Out from it flow most of humanity's problems. All of this is to simply point out that there is no law or necessity for a group to become identified with its form.

Given the predominance of 6th and 3rd Ray energy, this effect, as we indicated, was a very much more likely occurrence in the Piscean era than it is now, and, as the Age of the Heart unfolds, it will become less and less a problem. However, the Hierarchical experiment went forward and in the last 75 or 80 years, new groups of disciples have appeared all around the planet. Many groups of disciples, who are aligned around a specific sphere of the Plan and have been for many hundreds of years, are reappearing as aspects, harbingers, and

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beach-heads of the externalizing Hierarchy.

The motivating initiative for all of these groups is service to the Common Good and the General Welfare. Within this overarching motive, the individual service sphere of these groups varies widely. However, each of these groups coalesces around Principle and creates organization and structure consistent with their needs to manifest that principle within the body of humanity.

Many of the currently active and well known groups have gone through and are emerging from a recapitulation period of form identification. They have come to realize that if they are going to serve within the body of Humanity all groups need to have organization and structure; however, they now have a clear understanding that like the Soul who has a body but is not the body, a group has organization and

structure, but it is not the organization and structure. These groups are beginning to manifest their motivating Principles through organizational structures which are coherent within the current civilizations and cultures they are endeavoring to serve.

A large number of these groups are in alignment with the Ashram of Synthesis and with the 1st, 2nd and 7th Rays. They function within the body of humanity with conscious awareness of the fluid nature of the living and evolving Plan and are constantly adjusting the structures and organization of their forms to accommodate the expanding awareness and understanding of their Purpose.

Purpose never changes. However, a group's understanding of the deeper aspects of that Purpose is constantly expanding.

The inner organization of a group is the coalescing of the group of souls around the group's Alignment and its Principled focus for being. The Path of Initiation is the Path of Identification. This is a mandatory aspect for accurately registering the particular sphere of the Plan with which they are aligned. This alignment is mandatory for the efficient and focused function of accurately manifesting that which is invoked and registered.

At each step the group realizes and identifies with a greater sphere of

consciousness. This greater or deeper awareness of the Plan will automatically engender a new formulation of their service effort. This is the power of The Manipulator of the Wand, the 7th Ray Lord. It is also the power of Group which is an idea that is in its infancy as far as our understanding of it goes.

The outer organization is the structure thorough which the group interfaces with its particular service arena or sphere of action. Just as our bodies are the structure through which our souls function, the group's outer structure is the body through which the group functions.

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To identify with this organization of

dense matter will lead to the death of the group's service effectiveness and usefulness because it will cut off the group from its source of inspiration and consequent evolution. So, once again, all groups have organization, but no true group **is** the organization.

We all know that the dense physical is not a principle. The etheric vehicle, on the other hand is. However, identification with this vehicle also can and does lead to a kind of crystallization. The etheric body is never still, never complete. It is always, as long as we have one, "under construction." The focus of the builder cannot be identified with the etheric vehicle any more than it can with the dense body. For, as we gain facility in accessing the deeper

meanings and significances of the Plan, our new insight or our increasing capacity to hold the Primary Energy continually manifests a new chalice. This will work out on the dense physical in a relatively rapid development of the dense form we use to manifest the Plan within the consciousness of Humanity.

We are the Light within these bodies and in order to shine out that ever increasing Light we must be changing our clothes until we get to that wardrobe which Gerard Manly Hopkins lays out below.

Tom Carney
September, 2011

As workers, we can never identify with any of our bodies, etheric, emotional or mental.

The Habit of Perfection

ELECTED Silence, sing to me
And beat upon my whorlèd ear,
Pipe me to pastures still and be
The music that I care to hear.

Shape nothing, lips; be lovely-dumb: 5
It is the shut, the curfew sent
From there where all surrenders come
Which only makes you eloquent.

Be shellèd, eyes, with double dark 10
And find the uncreated light:
This ruck and reel which you remark
Coils, keeps, and teases simple sight.

Palate, the hutch of tasty lust,
Desire not to be rinsed with wine: 15
The can must be so sweet, the crust
So fresh that come in fasts divine!

Nostrils, your careless breath that
spend
Upon the stir and keep of pride,
What relish shall the censers send 20
Along the sanctuary side!

O feel-of-primrose hands, O feet
That want the yield of plushy sward,
But you shall walk the golden street,
And you unhouse and house the Lord.

And, Poverty, be thou the bride 25
And now the marriage feast begun,
And lily-coloured clothes provide
Your spouse not labored-at, nor spun.

G. M. Hopkins