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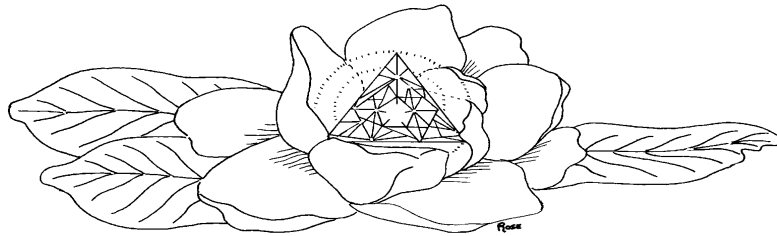
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When, therefore, your life is fundamentally invocative, then there will come the evocation of the will. It is only truly invocative when personality and soul are fused and functioning as a consciously blended and focused unit. *The Rays and the Initiations P. 35*

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Straight-knowledge can whisper to the heart, but the brain must also accept the possibility that the Supermundane World exists. *Supermundane 4 #714*

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Consciousness and Propaganda

I was about seven years old when I had my first experience with propaganda. I was sitting in a movie theater watching the newsreel that accompanied every movie during that period. This particular newsreel had some guy doing a lot of yelling. The Narrator said it was Hitler making a propaganda speech.

The guy in the film was screaming and yelling about something. He looked really weird or, although I didn't know it at the time, maybe wired. His eyes were huge. He would stand up to the microphone, alternately grabbing it and waving his arms around, and yell a bunch of stuff for a couple of minutes. Then he would turn and walk back away from the mike, then abruptly turn, run up to the mike, grab it, and scream a bunch more stuff.

The people in the audience went wild. It was like a like modern rock concert with everyone pointing his or her hand in the air and screaming. Since it was all in German, I had no idea what it was about, but I clearly remember that it really scared me, and I started to cry.

For a long time I thought propaganda was something used by the bad guys to smoke their followers into believing whatever. Eventually, I encountered Socrates and Plato and learned about sophists and sophistry. I realized that propaganda was just another name for

the ages old gimmick of a specious argument used for deceiving or cheating someone to win something, gain an advantage or power, frequently some political office or perk. In its most recent iteration, sophistry or propaganda or--the present euphuism—spinning, has become simply the common language of pundits, authorities, spokespersons, representatives, politicians, bankers, advertisers, priests/preachers, just about anyone who is competing for personal profit, prestige, advantage over another person, company, nation.

So, every day any number of individuals who appear to be sources of knowledge

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and authority are giving talks or making speeches at large and small gatherings of very

important people, that is, the individuals who are rich and well placed in positions of relative power. These VIPs pay enormous sums to the so called luminaries who are also VIPs of one sort or another to hear what is frequently a stream of opinions often based on sophistically manipulated data, or outright lies designed to support some scheme or plan that will benefit those who are paying. In any case, what the attendees hear is what they want to hear.

These same authorities, and fleets of other, not quite so luminous, luminaries, also make appearances and talks at public or "free" events for the common

voters: political rallies, barbecues, picnics, fairs, conventions and religious gatherings of all kinds from the Sunday service at the local church to Yankee Stadium. They vociferously inhabit the AM and FM radio bands. As grave, well spoken, informed and intelligent sounding pundits, they are inescapably present on television. As quotable authorities and skilled columnists, they haunt the pages of the *New York Times*, *Wall Street*

Journal, *USA Today*. They blanket the

internet: Huff Po, YouTube, Hulu. They fill the tweetosphere, cover Facebook, LinkedIn, consume email inboxes.

Their speeches, presentations, arguments, random thoughts, and remarks are seen, heard, and read by billions of individuals every minute of every day. A large majority of these outpourings are encased in irritation, anger, and malice. They gin up a whirlpool of fear and hatred through which it is almost impossible to see.

Much of what is said is an outright lie. The most base and violent events are given huge amounts of attention. Most discourse on anything like a serious global topic bends and twists facts to support any premise. Truth, or any factual well thought out and presented idea or consideration is lost in the blizzard of half truths, lies, innuendo irrelevant nonsense and ignorance.

(All of this is a major source of what Master M. refers to as the "brown gas." that enshrouds the planet.

Brotherhood, 126, Supermundane II, 413 The dispersing and eliminating of this "brown gas" from the lower mental and astral sub-planes is a primary purpose of the rhythmic "sub-plane clearing" service meditation work.)

The viral-like spread of the use of propaganda has become an accepted communication medium in virtually every country and culture on the planet. In a

They are as close to omniscient as air.

society in which Reality is based on separation

and competition, this phenomenon is simply the current end result of an inescapable evolution of language. It signifies a kind of devolution from the Light into the darkness. Today, one needs to have had a relatively decent education and be pretty secure in one's own mind to be able to sort the lies from the at least partly true. Fortunately, within the scope of the Great Unfolding, there is a simultaneously occurring phenomenon within Humanity which enables one to see through the illusory screens of the Lie. This phenomenon, which is more difficult to see, is the universal expansion of consciousness.

As consciousness, which is the ability to recognize Reality, expands, many of us, and the number is growing all the time, are developing the sensitivities to hear, feel, see, taste, and smell propaganda, sophistry, or, B.S. as it is currently known. It is not that difficult to see feel, smell, taste, and hear the unreal when one knows the Real. It seems that the development of this sensitivity, which is an intrinsic aspect of an expanding

consciousness, depends upon one not using propaganda, or sophistry to make one's own point.

It is a sacrifice of sorts, hard for the personality, but natural for the inner US.

Seen from this point of view, it is easy to understand the motive behind the retrogressors all out propaganda assault on our educational, economic and food supply systems. They have moved the offensive from dumbing down the language to dumbing down the people. It is relatively easier to herd sheep than to lead an educated electorate. How else to explain the growing appearance of ignorance, the unconscious fanatical religious movements, the fanaticism and current power of operations like the NRA, or the so-called Tea Party?

This constant disgorging of verbiage acts very much like "meth" or a speed drug on the "dumbed down" people. Generating hate, or fear, which is the constant bed mate of hate, and letting that energy flush through one's system activates the adrenals. It is the rush, the reaction to this drug that we see driving the hysteria of the consumers. (In rock concerts it's another kind of chemical.)

Many, and frequently the most voluble and publicly consumed of these commentaries give life, that is presence as reality, in the individuals emotional/mental bodies to some of the most outlandish, bizarre or alien formulations of reality imaginable. A very limited sample from the huge list of such formulations that I have collected:

From Representative Steve King of Iowa on why we should not allow immigration: "For everyone who's a valedictorian, there's another 100 out there that weigh 130 pounds and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert."

From former Rep. Allen West (R-Fl.), "These Planned Parenthood Women the Code Pink women, and all of these women have been neutering American men and bringing us to the point of this incredible weakness...We are not going to have our men become subservient."

Former Rep. Todd Akin (R-Missouri). "If it's a legitimate rape the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down."

Rep. Michele Bachmann, (R-Minn.) regarding the Health Care Law. "It isn't far-fetched to think that the president of the United States could say, 'We need to save health care expenses — the federal government will only pay for one baby to be born in the hospital per family or two babies to be born per family.' That could happen."

Colorado State Sen. Vicki Marble (R-Fort Collins) caused a stir on Wednesday when she said high poverty rates among blacks and Hispanics are connected to diets that include fried chicken and barbecue.

TV evangelist Robertson on a "700 Club" program said that gay individuals who have AIDS in San Francisco spread the disease by shaking hands with people while wearing rings that can break the skin.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) House Science Committee Member: "Global warming is a total fraud."

The commentaries in this very limited sample came from the brains and mouths of individuals who hold/held high office in various segments of our governing bodies, positions of enormous power within our business and economic communities, who stand on the pulpits of various churches or are deans and presidents of various institutions of higher learning.

I have always known that skilled sophists actually knew what they were doing; still, I was a bit outraged a few years ago that these supposedly responsible people were running around saying this stuff. I was jerked from outrage to astonishment when I realized that a whole lot of it wasn't sophistry. It wasn't a bunch of smart guys trying to con some dumb guys into buying the bridge.

It was a much bigger, deeper issue. A lot, if not most, of the individuals making these absurd assertions actually believed what they were saying was true, was fact. And even more astonishing is the fact that most of the people to whom they are speaking also believe that what they are being told is truth.

Amazed as I was, I wondered what on earth accounts for this? Individuals who, in every conceivable measure, appear to be rational human beings are spouting commentaries that frequently contradict even dense-physical text book science, and they believe they are truth. Basically, I have come to the conclusion that these brothers are simply unconscious.

That is, they are not **conscious**. They are basically ignorant of the nature of Reality. These individuals are for the most part not deliberately or consciously evil agents, or bad people. They are unconscious. These brothers do not think which is a component of consciousness; they simply re-process and re-package ancient thoughtforms. Remember what Jesus said, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." **Luke 23-24**

Many of these thoughtforms, platitudes, traditions, at their best, are based on ancient principles which no longer apply. Recall that "...evil is that good which we should have left behind, passing on to greater and more inclusive good." **The Rays And The Initiations P.350** However many of these thoughtforms are the deliberate products of the Retrogressors. "Forget not that the black magicians of today were the initiates of a previous solar system." **The Rays And The Initiations P.350** Thus many of these ancient thoughtforms are based on the illusion of a separative Reality and were generated specifically to maintain that illusion.

These formulations, and even earlier ones, have been present in the emotional and lower mental dimensions of Humanity

for the many, many centuries. "The nature of the Kali Yuga--a period of time about 432,000 years--is characterized by a division of the entire organism into its component parts." ***Fiery World I #401*** Our brothers blindly, that is unconsciously, accept these ancient formulations as truth.

What generates and continues this condition of unconsciousness is the identification with form. We are born as consciousness. I think, for example, that if tiny babies do think, when they encounter their feet and play with them, they are not thinking, "I am these feet." They are thinking, "Hmmm? What are these strange things?"

In the beginning, we are not identified with any form. However, we are and for eons have been trained by our environments to identify ourselves with our forms. As a result we gradually become relatively unconscious or removed from consciousness

If the disgorgers of the "brown gas" were conscious, they would be aware of, or conscious of, certain inescapable facts regarding the nature of Reality. These are basic things such as the everywhere evident, undeniable, fact that nothing is separated from anything else. Life in all of its diversity is interdependent, interconnected and not just on our planet, but in cosmos. So the answer to the query is that blindly accepting that one is one's form and that **as forms rather than**

consciousnesses we live in a system of eternal competition, one needs to do whatever it takes to get what one perceives one needs. Things like Truth and logic and rationality are really non-starters for survival in that world of illusion.

It does appear to me that within the scope of the Great Unfolding more and more of us are being able to avoid the impression of form identification or at least to "shake it off" after a decade or two of an incarnation. This is the expansion of consciousness. The path of Return is, after all the Path back to the consciousness of who we really are, which is consciousness.

Those efforts which begin in an assumption that simply denies the existence of anything other than the dense physical plane will end in that same state. It isn't that one has to find something that is consciousness and experience it. Experience is what consciousness does.

You could say that consciousness and experience always and only co-exist. Consciousness is experience. The "trick" or realization or revelation or Flash--a big light goes off--is that one realizes that one is the experience rather than the thing whatever the "thing" is. The experience of consciousness is consciousness.

There is no mechanical way, no pill, no formula to chant, no breathing exercise,

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no amount of sacred objects, or "practice of any discipline that will reveal the fact that consciousness simply is. As you might expect, the experience of consciousness is basically a heart, not a mind thing. As Master M. points out, **"The heart thinks, the heart affirms, the heart unifies. One can always remember the significance of the heart, clouded for so long by the brain. The heart will be first to thrill, the heart will be first to quiver, the heart will be first to discern much, before the judgment of the brain dares to reflect. Without undermining the tortuous path of the brain, can we disregard in silence the most direct attainment of the heart, the arrow-like ray to which the miracle-heart is equal? Thus, one can be united with the heart and**

bulwark oneself against all attacks of evil. Only through the heart can one sense the brown gas and arrest the asphyxiation in time. So, also, will the victory upon the field of Armageddon remain with the heart. Hence, I counsel to preserve the heart as the smiting sword against all evil. *Heart*, 353.

The ancient Truth that all is one is an ever receding horizon into the infinite. The instant one realizes that by virtue of our cosmic intermediary or etheric vehicle we are One with our planet, there looms the Solar System. And after that?

Oneness is unthinkable. Be-ness is infinite, and the arrival at the heart realization that the Self is One is the "power that makes all things new."

Tom Carney
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