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FOREWORD

When an individual, in his study of the Higher Laws, finds that he has reached a certain place upon the Path of Evolution, to his surprise, the Deity ceases to be an "Abstract Principle" as is usually taught by metaphysicians. Instead, he is now brought into direct contact with specific Cosmic Beings who, through individual merit, have been given the responsibility of assisting in the evolution of the Universe through the authority conferred upon them by Cosmic Law. The Beings referred to are known to us as the Ascended Masters of Love and Wisdom.

At inner levels of consciousness, the student's progress and record is examined, and if he is found mature enough for expanded service, he is brought to the attention of one or more of these Masters who are in charge of the activities in line with the student's training and capacity. The individual's service to the Great Cosmic Law then commences even while he still walks the material plane. Usually the outer personality is completely unaware of this initiation, and this accounts for the disappointment, dissatisfaction, and frustration often encountered in the newly awakened neophyte.

Many students on the Path erroneously believe that once they have contacted these great Masters, their own individual efforts cease, and that the Masters will practically live their lives for them. When these people find that their lives do not change over night, they become disillusioned and inclined to doubt, and the service to which they have been assigned becomes tiresome and unimportant.

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If the student will learn to trust the Love and Wisdom of the Great Ones in whose care and protection he has so lovingly been placed, he will realize that there is never any intention whatsoever to "discipline" him, but rather a desire to lovingly prepare him for a higher office in the Father's Kingdom. Then the opportunities at hand would be tackled with zeal and enthusiasm, and with the full understanding of the meaning of the words of Jesus in the parable of the talents:

".....thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Matthew 25:23

When unascended beings become vitally interested in the activity of a virtue, they begin to contemplate that virtue, quality, gift, or service to life. Then, through the mathematical accuracy of the law of attraction, their life-streams are drawn toward those particular Beings who are Masters of that Quality, that Virtue, that activity, and that service. That is how candidates come to the various Retreats; how chelas apply to the Guru at inner levels long before the outer mind is even aware of the fact and how spiritual fellowships are set up between Ascended and unascended beings, for the sole purpose of expanding the service, the radiation, the quality, and the virtue of the Ascended Being at some point on the Earth's surface for some great service

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Those chelas, then, are conductors. They are channels or impersonal facets through which a God-free Being sees the possibility of expanding His Virtue, His Quality of the Sacred Fire, and His Power. Looking from the inner realms, you would see the Ascended Master as a great Flame of cosmic proportions; a funnel of light pouring down around the chela of His choice; and then the virtue, the color and nature of the quality from the Master pouring down into the chela making a little lotus flower around the physical form.

The Master does this consciously. The chela can do as much or as little as he chooses to weave his own life into that virtue and make a larger sphere of influence in the lower atmosphere. If he is negatively receptive, he is an unconscious conductor, and the Master does all the work. If he is alert, conscious, and desirous of assisting the Master, he takes his own life and breathes it into the virtue and the quality that the Master represents. There is no other reason for a contact between a God-free Being and a human being than the potential good that can be rendered the whole.

In the pages which follow, the Ascended Master Kuthumi, has prepared answers to questions which might arise within the minds of any person seeking Truth for Truth's sake. The "chela" is, of course, the student or seeker, while the "GURU" is the teacher or Master as the case may be. The answers to the questions are the Immutable Law of Life, and are designed to assist those sincere enough to follow their directives in attaining individual mastery over both themselves and any conditions which they might, at anytime, find manifesting in their worlds.

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THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
A MASTER AND HIS CHELA

CHELA: Beloved Master, in my association with the Ascended Masters, how may I avoid breaking the first commandment?

GURU: Beloved chela, walking on the spiritual path requires the utmost discrimination and balance. The development of this balance is the duty and responsibility of each chela. Every TRUE Master will turn the consciousness of the chela BACK toward the God that made them both. When an individual, visible or invisible, tends to encourage the student to lean upon a consciousness outside of himself - BEWARE!

CHELA: Beloved Master, when the curtain has been drawn aside and we are privileged to know a little something of the Perfection and Beauty of the Ascended Masters, it is difficult for us not to worship that expression.

GURU: Beloved chela, even the Master Jesus was required to admonish His followers from time to time in the words: "Call not Me good!" and in the further reminder: "It is not I; it is the Father (God) within that doeth the works." It is right and proper to love, reverence, and have faith in one's teacher. It is the proper balance for the instruction and blessings received. The Master, however, must be looked upon as a PATTERN which the student must duplicate, not admire.

DEDICATION

This book is lovingly dedicated to all the children of Earth who seek Truth for Truth's sake and thereby expand their own heart's Light and raise themselves daily in God Consciousness toward that one great Goal of Life -- THE ASCENSION IN THE LIGHT OF GOD THAT NEVER FAILS.

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CHELA: Beloved Master, as You have become that which we desire to be, it is our desire to do that which You would have us do, be what You would have us become, and imitate You in all our ways.

GURU: Beloved chela, the Ascended Master has become ONE with the Will of God. He, therefore, will never desire for you anything but that which your own Holy Christ Self desires to manifest through you. The advantage of the counsel and instruction of the Ascended Master is your protection and guidance during the time when you may not yet be able to discern from within yourself just exactly what the Christ Self may desire to do through you.

There are two roads open before the chela. He may prefer to rely only upon that contact which he can develop from entering the Silence and communing there with his indwelling Christ - relying upon his intuition and capacity to discern between the Voice of the Silence and the voice of his "many selves"; or he may accept the assistance of the Ascended Master who already has access to the Christ Mind. This Master may suggest (when invited) a course of action which will be beneficial to the Spiritual development of the chela. A REAL MASTER will never order or compel, through superstition or fear, a course of action which a chela should follow. All cooperation with the Great White Brotherhood is voluntary, and proceeds from a desire upon the part of the chela to know how to proceed up the Mount of Attainment more quickly.

The students on the Path may be divided, generally, into two groups -- those who accept

the assistance and superior wisdom of Guides who have gone the way before, and who, by such acceptance, strike up the mountain; and those who prefer to set their own pace and proceed around the mountain without the assistance of such Volunteers from above. Either course is safe; either is sure; but the bold who grasp the hands of the Master find attainment more quickly, although the arduous climb may sometimes tell on their spirits before they stand on the summit.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we must, then, only worship and love the God that beats Your hearts and our own. We must reverence You for service and example. This is the Law?

GURU: Beloved chela, the pointing of the chela into the Secret Place of the Most High; the developing of the chela's capacity to find and draw forth his own God Nature; the enjoyment of sharing the chela's development of his own Divine Plan through giving him a 'method of application' (but not applying the Law for him); the protecting of the chela, by wise counsel, from the "pitfalls on the Path"; the enfolding of the chela in the substance and radiation of Divine Love which enters the chela's world through association with the Master in mind and feeling; the constant spurring on of the chela's endeavors to find the highest expression through his own self-conscious endeavors; the watching and waiting; the fanning of the spiritual embers by the Presence of Love; the active companionship upon the Path - these are the services of the Ascended Masters.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it true that when You accept an unascended being as a chela You guarantee to the Cosmic Law that the energy You invest in such a chela will be amplified in good works performed through the self-conscious endeavors of such a chela?

GURU: Beloved chela, yes, that is true! Life is a gift of God, whether it is used by a Master, an Angel, an elemental, or a man, and for every spark of life force used, all must render an accounting -- above as well as below. When an Intelligence accepts the responsibility of qualifying life, he accepts the obligation to use that life to expand Perfection. When a Master, therefore, invests His time, energy, counsel, love, and companionship in the development of a chela's consciousness - if that chela does not live up to his light - the Master must balance the investment of His energy in a poor project to the Cosmic Law. It would be better not to 'court' association with a Master unless one expects to serve mankind and the evolution of the planet as a balance for the pleasure of such association.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is it true, then, that the master chooses the chela; or may a chela, by effort of will, 'force' an association with a Master?

GURU: Beloved chela, for the most part, the Master has chosen the chela centuries before the chela is even aware that there are Ascended Masters. The Master, through past association, or particular momentums gathered into the Causal Body of a chela, will choose to prepare certain lifestreams for an association in ages yet unborn

from the womb of time. Thus, the love of the Master is the overshadowing Presence that finally causes the chela to awaken to an interest in a particular Master, to respond to His Name, and to feel a complementary vibration through his inner bodies when working upon a particular Ray.

There are occasions, however, when a bold son or daughter of men proceeds to 'force' an association. By doing good in the name of a Master; by drawing His blessings through the lifestream; by meditating upon Him and touching the hem of His spiritual garments (His aura), such an one draws the Master's attention by the Law of magnetic attraction. An association is then born -- stemming out of the unascended being's ambitions. This is a more difficult association because, like 'incubated' flowers, anything forced requires more attention and care than that which develops through natural merit and momentums.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can we find the particular Master who is our sponsor, - our Guide, or our Guru?

GURU: Beloved chela, when the pupil is ready, the Master appears. Until this hour, beware of the subtle projections from the 'many selves' which seek to glorify the ego. The natural development of your own spiritual nature will release a warm, pleasant, relaxed 'glow' then you are under the radiation of 'your' Master. Be careful that personality is not exalted in the meditations of your heart. The Master will mute self and glorify God. Blessings be upon you, my child.

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THE CONTROL OF THE FOUR LOWER BODIES

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can we, individually, contribute to the Light of the World?

GURU: Blessed disciple, our Lord, Sanat Kumara, has said that light is primarily released through the feeling world (the emotional body). The cultivation of those qualities of feeling which are like unto the Nature of God Himself - Peace, Purity, Harmony, Balance, Love, Tolerance, Kindness, Compassion, Mercy and Understanding, makes your feeling world emit light. The endeavor to transfer and convey your feelings of Hope, Faith, Confidence, and Loyalty to God into the consciousness and feelings of all you contact makes you thus, not only a Light shining in the darkness, but also a Light conductor igniting the souls of men to like endeavor.

CHELA: Beloved Master, How can one control the feelings which rise unbidden from the undisciplined soul and rush forward to add to the shadows of the Earth plane?

GURU: Blessed disciple, there is but ONE POWER by which you can accomplish anything. That is the Power of God that flows through your own individualized Presence and gives life to your feeling world. When you return the authority for the qualification of that life to your Presence, and refuse to allow your feeling world the license to which it is accustomed in the seizing and misqualifying of pure God Life, then that beautiful Presence controls FOR you -- and THROUGH you -- your emotions.

CHELA: Beloved Master, I feel that the emotional body is an enemy to spiritual progress. Like Saint Augustine, I am torn between what I know is right and what I constantly do in the generation of discord -- which is wrong. "The good I would, I do not; and that which I would not, I do." (Saint Augustine)

GURU: Blessed disciple, this is not a correct attitude. It creates a rebellion in your feeling world. Your emotional body was created by God for a definite purpose. The emotional body was designed to emulate the feelings of God and to expand the qualities of the God Nature in whatever sphere the individual consciousness is functioning. The mental body was designed to create form; the feeling body to nourish that form with qualified life. It is primarily a gift of the Holy Spirit, and when one sins in feeling, he commits the 'sin against the Holy Ghost' which the orthodox world has described as unforgiveable.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is there, then, such a thing as an 'unforgiveable' sin of thought, feeling, or action?

GURU: No, blessed disciple, because only perfection is eternal. Every mistake, no matter how great, is transitory and passing. The very Law of Compassion and Mercy, which is the Gift of the Seventh Ray, is the manifest proof that all sins, mistakes, and errors can and will be wiped out when the individual chooses to apply for the way and means to do so. The sins of the feeling nature, however, are the most difficult to overcome because the emotional body of mankind has ruled the mind and senses for many centuries. The emotional body is also the recipient of over

eighty percent of the energies of the lifestream released through the Silver Cord into the use and control of the outer consciousness. It is, therefore, the most powerful of the instruments through which the soul seeks expression and ultimate mastery over energy, substance, and vibration. It is a better friend and servant than an adversary.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how, then, may I make my emotional body my friend and servant?

GURU: Blessed disciple, by understanding that all your bodies --- mental, emotional, physical, and etheric, are the servants of the Holy Presence which made you, and which gives to you life, intelligence, and being. Return, then, the authority for the use of those bodies to that Presence and check your thoughts, feelings, and actions with what your conscience and heart tells you would be the thoughts, feelings, and actions of your own Christ. Gradually they will be trained in serving Him.

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THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT

CHELA: Beloved Master, why is it that so many earnest spiritually minded men and women suffer financial lack and physical distresses? Should not these men and women be among the manifest examples of opulence and health?

GURU: Beloved chela, truly such individuals should be the manifest example of all that is beautiful, good, and perfect, not only for their own happiness, security, and well-being, but because such people represent Us in the world of form. Those who rest smugly and complacently in their own wilful pursuits of pleasure use just such an argument to discredit the earnest ones on the Path. The words "if Thou be the Christ, come down from the cross" have been echoed through the centuries in one form or another by many spiritually sightless sons and daughters of men. One day, in the distant future, such a challenge will echo through their own consciousness as well.

To answer completely WHY such apparent contradictions between affirmed faith and works exist would require a volume of written words. However, for the comfort of the dear ones who writhe self-consciously upon their respective crosses and feel self-condemnation for such affirmations of limitation, I shall enumerate a few reasons as follows:

- (1) Each man who sets his feet upon the spiritual path must begin just where he is - not where he would like to be. Profession of faith, offers of service, and acceptance of service do not

change the heritage of personal karma any more than application for a position in the world of form, and acceptance by the employer, change the qualifications of the applicant.

The Master, like the employer, accepts the candidate for service upon reasonable confirmation that a certain qualified momentum of talent is available for use in a given position. The Master, like the employer, must rely upon the candidate himself to live up to his own greatest light and then, through voluntary study and application, raise himself to greater efficacy in the endeavor at hand.

The candidate for spiritual knowledge is, by the very reason of his present interest in spiritual study, usually one who has devoted a goodly part of his energies through the centuries to developing spiritual powers, oftentimes to the neglect of his physical well-being, as well as his financial security. The law, being wholly impersonal, only releases through the consciousness that which is held in mind, thought, and feelings. If man has not contemplated beauty, opulence, and the various gifts of plenty in this world, there is no mould, no form, no channel through which primal life may flow to externalize these gifts in his experience. Thus such an one must learn to balance his abstract devotions with practical mastery of the creative process of moulding out of thought beautiful designs and energizing them with feeling, bringing them into form as ways and means of increasing the individual ability to serve the Cause of the Master. Even in Our Octave, We must design and form that which We desire before it is precipitated into Our hands and use.

(2) The student upon the Path immediately comes under an accelerated action of the Law of Cause and Effect. The energy returning to each one (which he has sent out in previous embodiments as causes of an imperfect nature) must be returned to such an one to be purified, transmuted, and returned to God in the same perfect expression with which it was received from Him. Thus such students have much more to 'handle' as their energies return than mankind at large whose returning energies are held in abeyance, in mercy, until they learn the Law of Transmutation (the Violet Transmuting Flame of Mercy and Compassion). Otherwise they would be overwhelmed by the karmic retribution and no spiritual advancement could be made in that Earth life. The Cosmic Law is that no soul can receive more destructive karma back into his experience in one life than his developed consciousness can transmute and master. Let all who read take heart thereby, for no student is allowed by the Karmic Board to receive into his experience any appearance which he cannot, by his own light, transmute at the very time it is received. Therefore, in the experiences of life, rejoice that the Law has felt your consciousness developed enough to receive calmly and transmute perfectly any shadows that appear, temporarily, upon the screen of your life.

(3) Every student is a part of the mass karma of the race, the nation, the planet, and the evolution to which he belongs. The conscious students volunteer to accept the added service of dissolving much of this mass karma along with their own, even as Jesus assumed and transmuted much of the karma of the world through his experience at Calvary

(4) Further, strong individuals sometimes volunteer in a Cosmic Moment to stand as a Spiritual Guard around certain dedicated lifestreams - screening out the directed energies, visible and invisible, that would seek to destroy the heart center of such movements. Thus, Beloved Joseph and Blessed Mary assumed much karma acting as a guard around the sensitive energies of the pure consciousness of Jesus. Let no man look at another in judgment, for that one might well be working out the karma that would otherwise weigh heavily upon another soul.

(5) The seeming happiness, security, and well-being of the individuals in the world is builded on good endeavors in the past - true - but it has no assurance of permanence until the consciousness can create and sustain such conditions at will. Those born to great affluence or physical perfection have earned that luxury and perfection, but while it is an unconscious enjoyment born of no conscious knowledge of the Law of Precipitation, Healing, and Peace, it is as fleeting as the sunshine that plays on the grateful man but which, as a passing cloud, is gone - the man, unable to re-create the sun, being merely an unconscious receiver of a benefit - enjoyed - but fleeting.

The individuals who have placed their feet upon the spiritual path will find no security, happiness, or permanent peace in being the unconscious recipients of the "gifts of Dame Fortune". They must become conscious of the powers of creation in the mental body, the powers of animation in the feeling body, and the powers of externalization through the coupling of practical, dedicated, channelled physical energies

through the flesh. Then no outer person, place, condition or circumstance will affect their tranquility, security, and peace. It is such training that oftentimes withholds temporary "surcease" because the outer consciousness is so easily assuaged when it has received its desire, and unless the law itself is mastered, no further effort would be forthcoming by the individual until the gift so given was exhausted. Then the consciousness violently begins again the spasmodic endeavor to re-create a condition of ease in which to slumber on.

(6) The soul of the average individual spends a good one hundred to one thousand years in the Octaves of Light between embodiments, which allows the individual to gather much reserve energy in the emotional and mental bodies to work out much accumulation of discord in the etheric body, and to return to Earth life "refreshed in spirit." Those who are engaged in the spiritual "push" of the hour have sacrificed this sojourn in the Heavenly Realms and its consequent reprieve from the vicissitudes of earthly experience, some of them re-embodiment within a year after laying down the previous Earth garment, a few even abandoning one body before its dissolution and accepting another. This sacrifice often is apparent in seeming lack of physical energies, as well as nervous tensions. All of these factors are the results of conscious sacrifice upon the part of individuals who are looked upon by the very beneficiaries of their selflessness with scorn and question. Be unconcerned, for We were so treated before you.

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ON INDIVIDUAL SERVICE TO LIFE

CHELA: Beloved Master, it is my understanding that the balance we can render to life for the more than ordinary assistance received from the Masters is to spread the understanding of the Spiritual Law to other people. Is this true?

GURU: Blessed Chela, it is truly the just and fair consciousness that realizes that, for blessings received, there must be equal or greater blessings given. It is to be regretted that so many earnest students feel that the very attitude of receptivity to the Master's instructions is cause for commendation. Rather are they the debtors to the Beloved Brothers and Sisters who have foresworn happy freedom in the Higher Realms to remain and invest their energies, their life, their love, in illumining the benighted consciousness of mankind.

CHELA: Beloved Master, the Members of the Great White Brotherhood volunteer to invest Their momentums of Faith, Wisdom, Love, Healing, etc. in mankind. How can those of us so blessed as to have received Their loving counsel, protection and assistance, best spread this understanding - particularly to orthodox-minded individuals?

GURU: Blessed chela, many are the ways and means by which each individual chela may voluntarily dedicate a portion of his energies, substance and developed momentum of consciousness to the forwarding of the evolution of the race. It requires, first, extreme honesty in the con-

sciousness of the chela - who appraises his own worth - spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. Such a chela, upon self-examination, sees wherein he can presently be of practical benefit to the development of interest in the Will of God. Such present talents are immediately pressed into the work of the moment. At the same time, the chela determines within himself to develop, through individual application, a more mature, dependable, illumined consciousness and set of vehicles to offer to the Master. He engages upon a course of spiritual self-discipline and self-purification - meanwhile not neglecting the many opportunities at hand to lend his presently available store of energies and substance to the development of the greater good in the current Cosmic Moment. Many good chelas "while away" a lifetime awaiting a Cosmic Summons, passing the Golden Door of Opportunity with never a glance at the practical service this Goddess holds in Her hopeful hands for the present development of the Masters' endeavors.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can a student wisely determine how much actual service should be rendered to the Brotherhood and how much service to one's own development? How much obligation to family, etc. should be sacrificed to this end?

GURU: Blessed chela, the chela who accepts the obligation of more than ordinary instruction, counsel and assistance from the Great White Brotherhood automatically obligates himself to balance that blessing with a proportionate share of impersonal universal service for the progression of the race into greater perfection. No one requires of any man that he apply at the Fount

of Knowledge, but if he drinks thereof, his obligation to life is to USE the knowledge received for the blessings of the race. He must, in wisdom, adjust his personal affairs and individual obligations in an harmonious manner - pursuing the Middle way. However, the chela who reaches out his hand and accepts the friendship and life of the Masters and then returns to use that energy only in the development of his individual, personal world, will sooner or later cut himself off from the greater release from above.

CHELA: Beloved Master, Is it then impossible for individuals with family ties to pursue the Spiritual Path as a conscious chela?

GURU: Blessed chela, no; it is not impossible, but the initiations for such an one are more difficult. The chela thus engaged in developing a family unit must use that unit as a "working ground" wherein he may establish harmony, peace, purity, love, cooperation, and spiritual illumination within his smaller sphere of influence. Then, by reason of this very testing, trying and training, he becomes a powerful force for good in his community, and a conductor through which the Masters, on occasion, may pour Their more than ordinary radiation in times of crises.

CHELA: Beloved Master, How can one best bring the understanding of the Masters into one's family and to the attention of one's friends? Is this accepted as a balance for spiritual instruction?

GURU: Blessed chela, the bringing of light, harmony, peace, purity and balance into one's home and circle of friends is certainly a partial balance for instruction received. The very best way to do this is by EXAMPLE. Individuals who are close to you notice and respect the silent mastery you achieve in the controlling of the energies of your physical and inner bodies, whereas the catapulting of 'words' at them stirs the rebellions of the centuries toward Truth in any guise. I do not counsel propagation of the faith in the family unit through verbal instruction until the life lived by the chela invokes inquiry from those who will respond to radiation as surely as the flowers respond to the light of the sun.

CHELA: Beloved Master, to spread the understanding of the Masters through placing of the literature in auspicious places would seem a service of merit.

GURU: Blessed chela, that is true! Remember, however, that the spiritual applications preceding the distribution of the literature will carry a full eighty percent of the efficacy of the seeds thus sown. The blessing of the printed word and the invocation of the Holy Christ Selves of those who should benefit by it to joyously receive and cooperate with such instruction, yields a mighty harvest. Too many students neglect the POWER HOUSE which lies within the invocation of the Presence of God in their endeavor to accomplish works of merit.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can we best overcome the prejudices of the orthodox consciousness?

GURU: Blessed chela, again - by EXAMPLE. There is no teacher like manifest works. When you have what the world wants, the world will beat a pathway to your door. Proceed to develop the powers of healing, of precipitation, and see the Truth in this statement. I COUNSEL THAT "WITH ALL THY GETTING", however, you call for wisdom, balance, humility, protection, and Herculean strength and energy. You will need them because when the surging tides of mankind, intent upon receiving the gifts and the proceeds of the gifts you draw forth, but not eager to learn the scientific law by which you attained, seek you out - and seek you out they will - it will require all of your spiritual strengths to stand by the unwritten Law that governs the Hierarchy - "the way to enjoy the fruits is to learn how to plant and nourish the tree."

V

THE ILLUMINATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS

CHELA: Beloved Master, what, exactly, is individual consciousness?

GURU : Blessed chela, individual consciousness is the awareness of being as an intelligent focus of life - having the use of energy, faculties, intelligence and free will by which to create and direct an individual life plan.

CHELA: Beloved Master, from the moment an individual becomes conscious of himself as an intelligent creative focus of God's Divine Consciousness, is he then responsible for what he adds to the original pure realization of Being?

GURU : Blessed chela, yes, because individualization is the great gift of God Himself, and the awareness of being, experienced by every Intelligence created by Him, precedes any activity, motivation, or experimentation with primal life.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is the original consciousness of purity and awareness of being referred to often as the consciousness of Adam in the Garden of Eden, the same as the Ascended Master Consciousness to which we all aspire and which you enjoy?

GURU : Blessed chela, definitely no! No more than the innocent consciousness of the infant which becomes aware of his being is the same consciousness as that of the wise Sage who has come to a seemingly similar innocence and

peace - not by reason of absence of knowledge and experience, but rather by reason of the fullness of experience.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we are told that our bodies, worlds, homes, families and affairs reflect our present consciousness. It is our desire to know how we lost that pure consciousness. How may we return to a consciousness which does perform works in the Name of our Father and the humanity whose karma and bondage we presently share?

GURU : Blessed chela, truly everything externalized in your experiences is projected out of the workshop of your consciousness. Your consciousness today is the sum total of truth and error accepted through the sense reports and general experimentation with the use of life, the invocation and dissemination of energy, and the creation of vibration, color, sound, and form through free will. Everything the individual thinks, feels, or does sets up a cause and has an ultimate effect. The reactions and impressions resulting from such experimentation with life build certain fears, phobias, antipathies, and concepts of destructive natures which affect the entire course of Earth life. Then, too, constructively, faith, confidence, security and beauty are builded into the consciousness through experiences where the lifestream, either witnessing the mastery of conditions by another or himself, develops certain momentums through training, self-disciplines, and applications. It is with this conglomerate "mass" of consciousness that the Hierarchy must work in order to fulfill the Divine Plan on Earth.

CHELA: Beloved Master, did we lose the pure creative consciousness in which no thought existed of the failure of life to obey the directives of the God Flame through experimentation with the creative centers of thought and feeling to design patterns not prompted by God?

GURU : Blessed chela, truly this is so! Free Will is the blessing of man, but it has also allowed him to weave for himself any number of shadows which frighten, distress and delay his journey toward the fulfillment of the Divine Plan. When man determines within, himself, at last, that he does not like his creation and wishes to remove from his consciousness the cause, effect, record and memories that can externalize as imperfection, he is then ready for Our assistance.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we are then asking for the Ascended Christ Consciousness?

GURU : Yes, blessed chela, you are realizing first that the present limitations which exist around you are externalized from your own consciousness. You are willing to call the purifying powers of the Sacred Fire (the Violet Transmuting Flame of Love and Mercy) through your consciousness and literally have a 'house-cleaning' of all conscious and unconscious bitterness, resentments, fears, phobias, and all mental pictures of limitations of every kind. This includes the mass acceptance of age, disintegration, and death itself.

The story of Jesus driving the money-changers from the Temple symbolizes this individual purification of consciousness. I must warn you, however, for you have lived so long in the com-

fortable acceptance of error and half-truths that your outer mind is quite apt to refute the suggestion that even such an activity is necessary. You may measure your world presently externalized against the perfection of the Kingdom of Heaven and then, in calm, unbiased judgment, decide whether that which is externalized through your own consciousness is the ultimate of all good. If not, the root of your limitations lies in this conglomerate mass of invisible energy.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the Ascended Master Consciousness?

GURU: Blessed chela, it is the self-conscious Intelligence using the creative faculties of thought, feeling, and the spoken word to create ONLY that which is perfect at will. He may sustain his creation as long as he desires, and etherialize that which is no longer of use at will. Such an one has achieved the Ascended Master Consciousness.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what purpose is there in decreeing if consciousness is the creative center of being?

GURU : Beloved chela, the beautiful wisdom of creation has designed certain foci to render specific services. For instance, Nature creates hands to do all the manifold acts which bless the individual and life generally. It creates eyes to see, ears to hear, and feet to walk. Thus the various bodies of man were created for specific purposes. The mental body was designed to create the mould of perfection; the emotional body to fill the form with life; and the physical body, with all its members and

faculties, to externalize the perfected design of consciousness in the world of form. One of the most powerful avenues by which thoughts and feelings become things (clothed in the physical atoms of the physical world) is through the power center in the throat - through the spoken word. With the trained, purified, concentrated consciousness behind the decree, manifestation should express coincident with the decree. It did for Jesus and all who are masters over energy and substance. The spoken, or mentally-formed word, becomes the final "step-down transformer" by which the desire for manifestation is lowered into the world of form.

CHELA: Beloved Master, without illumining the consciousness, is decreeing efficacious?

GURU : Blessed chela, for mastery to manifest in the world of the aspirant, individual application on purifying and illumining the consciousness must proceed - together with decreeing.

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THE LIGHT OF GOD

CHELA: Beloved Master, if asked to give a simple definite explanation of the many Flames to one who has never studied the work, I think that I would be found wanting. Could You help me?

GURU : Blessed chela, first comes recognition of the Light itself; then Love of the Light. Later comes a conscious understanding of the Flames as an intelligence. From this understanding comes mastery in the direction and use of the Flame. You remember the statement of the Beloved Master Saint Germain - "as the conscious is to the unconscious, so is the use of the Flame to the recognition of the Light." People who have never studied the work must first enjoy the radiation of the Light itself, bathe in it, be nourished by it, seek its Presence, and generally become acquainted with the peace, the healing, the supply, and the harmony that comes when one lives within it.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is this Light to which you refer?

GURU : Blessed chela, this Light is the natural radiation of harmoniously qualified life. Life radiates constantly, and the quality charged into life determines the type of radiation it gives forth. The Presence within the heart, the Masters, the Angels, and the Devas all naturally radiate Light and it is a comfortable feeling to those who come into proximity with Their auras. Students also, more than anything else, should create such a comfortable feeling in their own

auras that new seekers are soothed, blessed, healed and illumined through contact with that radiating Light. Then, and then only, the seeker will ask how to create for himself such a comfortable, happy personal atmosphere. The seeker will come to the sanctuaries, temples, homes and foci where the Light poured forth from the Presence of God "I AM" and the Perfected Beings, as well as the students, gives them a surcease from the turmoil and confusions of their daily living. This is the "recognition of the Light." Following this recognition and acceptance comes the individual application to learn how to draw, focus, direct and radiate the Light, and the seeker becomes a student of the Flame activities.

CHELA: Beloved Master, many good people who know nothing of the Spiritual Law are such radiating centers of comfort and peace, even more so than those who affirm a deeper knowledge of the activities of the Flames of God.

GURU : Blessed chela, this is quite true. They are natural channels and conductors of the gifts of God from their own Presence and Causal Body, but are unconscious of how to increase or specifically direct the fullness of the Cosmic Powers of their beings. The students, although their natural radiation may be inferior to many who seem to have no intellectual knowledge of the Spiritual Law, will in time be in conscious control of the powers of the Sacred Fire as Jesus was and presently is, and not like the lovely flowers that radiate beauty, color and perfume but still at the mercy of whatsoever lifestream shall choose to pick them for a bouquet.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the Sacred Fire?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Sacred Fire is merely consciously qualified life. An intelligence, human or Divine, draws primal life forth for a specific purpose. Primal life is neutral, like water, unformed and seemingly colorless (although it contains within itself the essence of all color). The Intelligence, using the wand of power in his own feeling world, charges that primal life with peace, purity, healing, love, opulence, strength, or wisdom, and the primal life, consciously charged by the directing intelligence, takes on the color of the quality invoked, and the vibratory rate of that quality. It thus then becomes the Sacred Fire. It is that simple.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is the Sacred Fire the same as the Unfed Flame?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Unfed Flame is the pulsation of the Presence of God within your physical heart. It is one activity of the Sacred Fire. There are countless activities of the Sacred Fire, hundreds of which have never even been mentioned by the Masters to unascended beings. The Flame of Mercy and Compassion is an activity of the Sacred Fire. The Healing Flame of Jesus and Mary is an activity of the Sacred Fire. Do you understand?

CHELA: Yes, beloved Master. Then it is the opportunity of every lifestream to qualify the primal life passing through their own heartbeat with some specific radiating power to bless mankind. Then do we become foci of the Sacred Fire also?

GURU : Blessed chela, this is truly the action of the Law. I would counsel you to specify a particular quality of impersonal radiation that you would like to give to life and stay with that one quality until you have builded a momentum through the energy of your aura. The first time some individual recognizes your Light and speaks to you of it, without your having mentioned your private applications, will be one of the happiest experiences on your road to Mastery. Those who recognize your Light will become applicants for the Law of the Sacred Fire, and thus you are a missionary, even without words, wherever you move.

CHELA: Beloved Master, please show me how to do this simply in my daily application.

GURU: Beloved chela, thank you for the opportunity. First, in the silence, ask yourself what specific blessing you would like to radiate out to mankind without any man knowing of your service. Determine upon peace, love, harmony, healing. The actual gift of radiation will be a spiritual benediction to the race, but the training in conscious qualification will be the gift of yourself, and the choice you make of impersonal blessing to life makes little difference in the efficacy of your service. The most important point is your determination to bless life without recognition of self and to learn how to qualify life in a positive manner that can withstand the unbridled energies of others.

Secondly, after you have chosen a quality of radiation, think of some Ascended Master Who is already a Cosmic Sun of that quality. He will help you considerably to get the rhythm of the feeling of that quality into action through your own feeling world. If you have chosen healing,

the Beloved Jesus will pour to you His confidence and feeling of the Power of God to heal. Open your feeling world to the Master as you open your vital bodies to the light of the sun. Learn to accept the feelings you wish to give.

Thirdly, after you have gotten acquainted with the feeling you desire to radiate in the privacy of your own room, visualize the pure Light that flows through the Silver Cord into your heart. Then let your feeling world, just like a hand, pass over that energy and qualify it with the color, the quality, the radiation you desire.

Finally, charge the energy from your Presence into that feeling and build a momentum of that feeling into your aura. Visualize --- your aura charged with that beautiful feeling, quality, color and vibration, and wear it as you would wear a beautiful seamless robe. Then move among mankind. At first, the hem of your garment may be soiled by contact with your fellowmen, but practice makes perfect. Perseverance is essential to mastery. This is how We attained, and how you may if you choose. Thank you and God bless you for interest in this subject so dear to Our hearts.

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OUTPICTURING THE CHRIST

CHELA: Beloved Master, my desire is to create an interest in the current endeavors of the Masters. How may I best do this?

GURU: Blessed chela, thank you for desiring to awaken an interest in Our endeavors. It is gratifying indeed to have members of the human race even accept Us intellectually. When they desire to further Our interests, We are pleased indeed. My answer is BY EXAMPLE shall you become of value to Our Cause.

CHELA: Beloved Master, please explain what You mean in the phrase BY EXAMPLE.

GURU : Blessed chela, the world is old. For millions of years has it proceeded, together with the other planets, in its rhythmic circling of the sun. In all these years, many, many words have been spoken and written. Some words have entered deeply into the consciousness of men, but these words were spoken or written by those whose individual lives manifested the truth within those words. The Master Jesus is such an EXAMPLE of manifest works which accompanied His magnificent explanations of the Spiritual Law.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how many of us who do desire to be such an EXAMPLE in Your Names achieve our purpose?

GURU : Blessed chela, the desire to be such an EXAMPLE is the motivation which will manifest the truth through your consciousness. The acceptance of the responsibility of giving forth the Law brings the personal obligation to the teacher of becoming embodied proof of that Law. The acceptance of the tenets of the Law anchors the responsibility to become the embodied proof of that Law into the world of the student. Those who teach and those who learn should be counseled that each portion of the Law which enters the consciousness should be accepted in humility and nourished in love. The appetite for more "knowledge" before the already received knowledge is assimilated brings an obligatory karma to the soul. One simple expression of the Law - LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU - would suffice to bring the individual consciousness to the Ascension if this were applied through the personal self.

CHELA: Beloved Master, would you then suggest that we refrain from endeavoring to spread THE WORD until we are masters of energy and vibration?

GURU: No, blessed chela, because as you learn and apply the Law yourself, your invested energies may plant seeds into a consciousness which will far surpass your own capacity to embody and externalize truth. Thus you become a "conductor" according to your own Light. However, in all your casting of the spiritual seed forth, neglect not the truth that the Law must be embodied in your own nature.

CHELA: Beloved Master, should the EXAMPLE of which you speak be as nearly like You as our consciousness can conceive possible?

GURU : Blessed chela, any Ascended Master becomes a pattern for your own thoughts, feelings, spoken words and actions. The majority of the human race in this Western World are most familiar with the Beloved Master Jesus. His example and pattern of living has formed the design and measure for many sincere lifestreams who have chosen to embody truth. The imitation of the Christ has transmuted the base in many men and is recommended as the simplest of spiritual exercises for development of the Divinity.

CHELA: Beloved Master, to measure every thought, feeling, spoken word and action by the living Presence of Jesus, then, is Your recommendation for becoming the example which will lead others to interest in Your Brotherhood?

GURU : Blessed chela, the old and time-worn phrase "actions speak louder than words" holds true for the exponent of Spiritual Law. Where a man or woman is found who is anchored in personal peace, harmony, health, supply, and spiritual tranquility, mankind - like moths around a flame - will gather for the key to the mystery of happiness in the world of distress.

CHELA: Beloved Master, true Divine Love, then, requires that we transform and change our personal natures in order to attract the attention of mankind and open them to inquiry as to Your Service.

GURU : Blessed chela, such Love is the proof of the professed fidelity of the soul. Upon these few in every age We rely to reach the masses.

VIII

MAGNETIC FORCEFIELD

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is an individual's sphere of influence?

GURU : Blessed chela, the individual's sphere of influence is synonymous with his personal aura. Each individualized intelligence magnetizes, through the Immortal Three-fold Flame within the heart, a certain amount of life energy which he qualifies according to free will. This energy passes through his physical, mental, emotional, and etheric envelopes into the atmosphere around him and becomes his sphere of influence upon life in general.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can such an individual sphere of influence have a beneficial effect upon life?

GURU : Blessed chela, all self-conscious intelligences, taking the responsibility for calling forth and qualifying life, are an influence upon the general atmosphere and environment in which they function because they are radiating centers of energy. The quality and type of radiation is determined by the free will choice of the qualifying intelligence. As energy is constantly flowing through the individual, it is flowing into the atmosphere and environment in which the intelligent consciousness abides. To become a beneficial influence on life, one must learn to consciously qualify this energy constructively.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what are the qualifying centers by which an individual may consciously control the type of energy and influence which he sends forth?

GURU : Blessed chela, all of the lower bodies of an individual help to mould primal life, qualify energy, and catapult it forth for good or evil. For instance, the mental body either creates or accepts thought-forms which radiate the particular quality of energy representative of the activity depicted by the thought. The emotional body radiates the quality of energy which is representative of the feeling entertained. The etheric body radiates the quality of "reminiscence" which the consciousness entertains in looking backward. The physical body radiates the type of energy representative of the substance absorbed and the actions in which the body is engaged. This conglomerate mass of energy spewed forth into the aura or sphere of influence of the individual forms a sphere of radiation which presses upon and affects the atmosphere, home, environment, and associates of that individual - stimulating them to either greater spiritual aspiration or to deeper ensnarement in the appetites of the senses. The seizing of the control of the qualifying centers of thought, feeling, memory and action by the "I AM" Consciousness is the first step in the creation of a sphere of influence which is beneficial to the race.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what service does a controlled sphere of influence render mankind?

GURU : Blessed chela, a controlled, constructive, harmonious, positive sphere of influence does exactly what its name implies - influences

the generation of similar qualities of faith, hope, charity, harmony, spiritual aspiration in those it contacts. The power of contagion, so aptly demonstrated in the transference of fear and panic through mass hysteria, is equally applicable in the transference of God's qualities and nature.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is there any manner by which an already polluted aura or sphere of influence may be transmuted?

GURU : Blessed chela, the use of the Violet Transmuting Flame performs the same service to the destructively qualified energy in the aura as a combination of chemicals that is called a "cleaning fluid" renders to soiled garments. Cleansing the aura of impurities and consciously charging constructive qualities into the aura is a great service to those of Us who must use the individual auras of students as conductors of Our blessings to the race.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the difference between a "sphere of influence" and a "forcefield"?

GURU : Beloved chela, there is really no difference. The Beloved Maha Chohan has chosen to use the word "forcefield" to convey the picture of the battery of constructively charged energy made up of the combined auras of groups of conscious students gathered together in cooperative service to mankind. The forcefield is made up of blended energies gathered together by Angel Devas and Builders of Form. These combine

the decrees, visualizations, invocations, songs the general application of a group of students who wish to form a radiating center for God blessings in their locality. In exactly the same manner that the individual sphere of influence is a combination of the energies released through the contributing centers of thought, feeling and action, so is the corporate "forcefield" of the group composed of the consciousness and application of every member of that group.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what service does such a "forcefield" render to the world?

GURU : Blessed chela, a "forcefield" renders several services. First it is a magnetic center which draws the Presence of the Ascended Masters, Angelic Beings, and all Divine Intelligences who desire always to find an Open Door through which to pour Their radiation and Blessings to mankind. As the pollen in the flowers draws the bees, so does such a consciously created forcefield draw the presence of the Beings to Whom it is dedicated and for Whom it has been formed. Secondly, it forms a concentrate of consciously qualified God-energy which is funneled down from the Octaves of Light, and which provides a spiritual nourishment to all those who enter that forcefield beyond the natural radiation ordinarily present in the sphere in which the individual dwells. Thirdly, it forms a radiating center of these same God Qualities into the atmosphere and locality in which it has been builded. It acts as the physical sun itself, sending forth light, warmth, nourishment and God Gifts into the city, town or village where it has been

created and where it is sustained by rhythmic attention to its Presence. Lastly, it provides an ever-present conductor which the Guardian Intelligences of this Universe may use, upon a moment's notice, to flash forth protection, purification, balance, healing, or harmony when the need arises. Thus much time is saved which would ordinarily have to be employed in creating such a funnel through which to give blessing and protection in times of crises.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what form does such a forcefield take?

GURU: Blessed chela, it takes different forms according to the particular types of students who are developing such a magnetic and radiating center. Sometimes the leader chooses a design and the form is built by the obedient Angel Devas and Builders of Form around the thought form of the leader. Sometimes, when such an one does not take the initiative, the forcefield assumes the pattern of an etheric focus which previously was active in that locality. Ofttimes it has only a vague blurred outline and looks like a vapory cloud in the atmosphere. Of course, the more perfect the mental design of the forcefield, the more it is shared by the conscious creative centers of the students, the more value it is to the Hierarchy.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we are told that these forcefields such as gather over churches during devotional services, are dissipated after the ceremony and return to the unformed.

GURU : Blessed chela, this is true except where conscious Intelligences choose to sustain the form as a permanent radiating center in the atmosphere and sphere in which they have been created. As you have seen clouds dissipated by the winds, so does the form of a beautiful song, prayer, invocation melt into the atmosphere when the Intelligence who has coalesced it in mind, feeling, and spoken word relinquishes the magnetic center through the attention and the life returns to the unformed. However, when Angels Devas, Builders of Form, or Elemental Spirits volunteer to ENSOUL a beautiful form (forcefield) it can be sustained for as long as the Intelligence chooses to use His own coalescing power as a magnet to retain it. The constant feeding of the forcefield by rhythmic worship, class work, decrees, visualizations and songs strengthens it also, increasing it in size, symmetry of outline, magnetic power, and radiating strength as a sphere of influence in a community.

CHELA: Beloved Master, it would seem, then, that the purification and mastery of our individual sphere of influence would not only contribute to the Light of the World but help us to contribute a constructive battery of harmoniously qualified energies to the particular forcefield we are privileged to nourish by our presence.

GURU : Blessed chela, you have spoken truly. More than words does the silent radiation of your sphere of influence contribute to the Light of the World, stimulate the spiritual centers in your fellowman, and generally make of you a conductor of Our blessings in this world of form.

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THE ANGELIC KINGDOM

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is an Angel?

GURU : Blessed chela, an Angel is a self-conscious intelligent being created by God, just as you have been, to fulfill a specific destiny, service and activity.

CHELA: Beloved Master, What is the destiny, service and activity of the Angelic Kingdom?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Angels are primarily beings of FEELING. Although they naturally have an intelligent mind consciousness, their service is to absorb, condense, transfer and generally radiate the spiritual feelings of God and the Messengers of God Whom they serve.

CHELA: Blessed Master, how do the Angels perform this service?

GURU : Blessed chela, the feeling world (emotional body) of the Angel is sensitive in the extreme. Natural proximity to the aura of the Father-Mother God or to the activities of the Sacred Fire in the Temples of Light fills the aura and individual sphere of influence of the Angels with a similar quality of radiation. These lovely beings disport themselves in the virtues of the Godhead and become impregnated with the same virtues through such proximity. Young Angels are not required to carry the spiritual radiation they have absorbed to the spheres below the one in which they are born. As the Angel matures and develops, he desires in himself

to be of service to the God who made him. He then begins a course of spiritual training under the great Archangel Jophiel which training prepares him for such a spiritual service.

CHELA: Beloved Master, will you describe briefly this course of training?

GURU : Blessed chela, the Angel must learn how to sustain the radiation of some specific virtue. He must hold that quality of feeling until he is directed to release the essence of the virtue (the sweet anointing from above) into the world and atmosphere of some individual who requires assistance.

For instance, if the Angel desires to become one of the Legions of Faith in God, he is assigned by Lord Jophiel to a Temple in the First Realm under one of the Directing Angels of Lord Michael's Legions. Here he enters the already established momentum of Cosmic Faith and feels in himself the pulsation, power, and vibration of Faith. He learns to absorb from the great Cosmic Heart of Lord Michael the gift of sustained Faith. He learns to generate Faith in his own emotional body. He learns to sustain that quality of feeling. Then he passes outside the periphery of his Teacher's aura and endeavors to hold, through his own consciousness, the Faith he enjoyed so freely in the safe compass of another's momentum of Faith. Here his strength is measured. Gradually he is able to sustain the quality of Faith for longer and longer periods of time as he passes further and further from the aura of his Teacher.

Then, at the direction of the Messengers of Faith, he is sent on a mission with a Guardian Angel and many other neophite Angels. They carry

Faith into this physical world where so much misery, disillusionment, unhappiness and distress abide. The Angels enter the auras of distraught men, women and children and radiate the Faith they have learned to sustain - giving new hope and courage to the hopeless. Just as a radiator emits a comforting warmth into the atmosphere, so does the Angel radiate a pressure of Faith (or whatever virtue is required most) into the spirits of men. When his gift of radiation has performed its service, he returns with his Superior to again embody the virtue of the God-head and await further assignments in His Name.

CHELA: Beloved Master, how can mankind magnetize the Angels to bless their homes, atmosphere, and environment?

GURU : Blessed chela, one individual who believes in the existence of the Angelic Host is a joy to Heaven. Such an one opens the door through the psychic and astral shell of scepticism, agnosticism, and unbelief. This allows the precious virtues which the Angels bring to be radiated through an entire community - rendering a service unparalleled to the dispirited sons and daughters of men.

Belief in the existence of the Angelic Host is one of the greatest ways of magnetizing Their presence in one's aura, home, business, and environment. Cultivation of feelings of harmony, which remind these beings of their Celestial home, also draws them close. Beautiful flowers, orderliness, harmonious music, and floral scents are all magnetizing activities for the members of this Kingdom. Conscious invocation of the Angelic Host (which is part of the activity of your Master Saint Germain) always brings hosts

of this Kingdom into the group activities where such acknowledgement to their reality is made and invitation given to their cooperative service. The activity of the Seventh Ray is to develop an affinity among the Kingdoms of Angels, human beings and elementals. We are grateful for your interest in understanding this Kingdom at this time.

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THE PATTERNS OF LIFE

CHELA: Beloved Master, how does a man change the "pattern" of his life? For instance, if an individual experiences cycles of failure, limitation, ill-health, and wishes to rise above repetitions of such experiences, what is the science to be applied?

GURU : Blessed chela, first, the individual must WILL to change the pattern. You use an apt word, for the experiences that weigh heavily upon the race are truly "patterns" designed by thought force and energized by rampant feelings. Resignation, lethargy, and righteous acceptance of such patterns as they appear upon the screen of life lead to a certain vicarious "enjoyment" based on the erroneous statement that "the Lord (Law) chastiseth those whom He loveth." The individual who wills to dissolve the pattern with sufficient earnestness and tenacity of feeling, becomes the master of circumstance.

CHELA: Beloved Master, many men will to change the conditions that appear on the screen of life - war, famine, pestilence, disease, and death itself, but know not how to go about it.

GURU : Blessed chela, when the will is strong, one man can change the course of history. Let Us remind you of the Master Jesus whose will, coupled with action, born of love, transcended even the appearance of death.

CHELA: Beloved Master, following the Will to do, what is the course of the individual's activity?

GURU : Blessed chela, the will is a magnetic power that draws into the compass of the individual's own aura opportunities based upon the capacities, developed momentums, and consciousness of the individual. These opportunities are invoked by the inner will of a man and are provided by Intelligences who carefully measure his worth and strengths. Sad it is that man's perception so often fails to discern the Hand of Opportunity, looking for a more glamorous and spectacular type of service which is oftentimes far beyond the capacities of the individual (ego's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding).

CHELA: Beloved Master, after the individual wills with his whole heart, soul, spirit and mind to change the pattern of his life, must he then be alert for every opportunity to better his physical and mental dexterities and to help the current Cause of the Cosmic Moment while preparing for the great Opportunity?

GURU : Blessed chela, you have spoken truly. Many an applicant for spiritual mastery has wasted away pining for a visitation while the Hand of the Goddess of Opportunity had manifested through the veil of his own aura a thousand times in the course of one yearly cycle. He who grasps opportunity and is practically about "his Father's Business" prepares for the greater Opportunity to come.

CHELA: Beloved Master, if the individual does perceive an opportunity to help his fellow-man or the Great White Brotherhood through some service, is this enough to change the pattern of his life?

GURU : No, blessed chela. Service performed as "duty" in which there is no love, is of little use to the Master or the individual's own Presence. The individual must LOVE to perform these services which, in themselves, are changing the form and pattern of his past cycles of imperfect manifestation. He must eagerly rush to meet opportunity. Such a man builds a new pattern out of the substance of GRACE.

CHELA: Beloved Master, is the individual who serves willingly, perceiving opportunity, then Master?

GURU : No, blessed chela, there must be individual humility and purity of consciousness so that the pattern and design of the Master is not distorted according to the arrogance of the human will. Illumined obedience is required of the individual who wishes to submerge self in an Organization where, on a moment's notice, any Member is required to give ALL of His momentum to a Cosmic Crisis. The individual who must be persuaded, coaxed, and generally reprimanded for deviation from the Divine Plan, must learn the lesson of Nature's Spirits who reproduce with mathematical accuracy and precision the design and form of the lotus, the lily, and the rose.

CHELA: Beloved Master, when the individual has surrendered the human egotism and desire to 'improve' upon the designs of Heaven, is his training complete?

GURU : No, blessed chela. Tenacity of spirit; the ability to "stay with" a project until it is completed is also a requisite for mastery. For instance, if the Silent Watcher of this sweet Earth should tire of holding the pattern within Her consciousness, dissolution of the planet would ensue. Many a man begins a project with great enthusiasm only to expand his energies and abandon the design long before it has served its purpose. If you want health, hold to your design until it is manifest, and then sustain it for as long as you are required to use a physical body. If you desire financial opulence, hold to your application until it is manifested unto you and then - a word of warning - do not abandon your application for all in this world is fleeting unless sustained consciously after it is drawn forth.

CHELA: Beloved Master, after one has accepted the mental picture of what he desires in place of the pattern of failure, or has accepted a picture which the Masters would like to externalize; after such an one perceives the opportunities that come his way to externalize the pattern; after one has held that concept free from intrusion of his own outer consciousness as well as the disintegrating consciousness of others; and after the individual has made sufficient application in visualization, invocation and decree, then surely he is Master of circumstance.

GURU : No, blessed chela, Every manifest form is held in the physical appearance world through the concentration of some intelligence, human or Divine. Otherwise, it begins, through disintegration, to return to the unformed. Witness the beautiful homes brought forth and sustained while some strong lifestreams held the pattern and used the energies required to sustain them. When they are abandoned, they fall into ruin. Great business enterprises suffer like fates. Mighty empires builded through the strength and vision of a few men fall into ruin when their sponsors leave the scene of Earth. This is a very good visual example of what happens to your new "pattern" of mastery, opulence, health, or whatever it may be unless you stay with it unto the end.

CHELA: Beloved Master, are the foregoing then the sum total of requisites in order to become a precipitating presence and a channel for the Brotherhood?

GURU : Blessed chela, one more requisite - almost the most important of all - I would lay before the altar of your consciousness. That is the necessity for maintaining harmony and peace, not only during the process of your experimentation with the law of conscious precipitation and the law of mastery, but AFTER the manifestation occurs. Peace is the sealing process that sustains your endeavors. Without peace, the greatest empire, the most beautiful religious faith, the most powerful World Trust, cannot endure; nor can the smallest manifestation of the most timid man.

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ON ENTERING THE GREAT SILENCE

CHELA: Beloved Master, how does a student enter the Silence?

GURU : Blessed chela, consciously entering the Great Silence is a positive and not a negative state of individual consciousness. Contemplation must never be confused with lethargy, nor adoration and devotion with imagery and visionary dreamings. Herein lies the training in wisdom, discrimination, balance, purity of motive, and perseverance of will and purpose.

CHELA: Beloved Master, when You say that entering the Silence requires the establishment and the maintenance of a positive state of consciousness, what do You mean?

GURU: Blessed chela, I mean that the individual must engage the cooperation of his various vehicles of expression and use them to create an individual aura of peace, purity, and tranquility. Within this personal aura, the individual must remain alert, focused in attention, and in control of his concentrative powers - holding them upon the object of his devotions, whether it be the Heart of God or some Divine Representative of the King of Kings.

CHELA: Beloved Master, we have been told that long periods of contemplation are dangerous and open the individual to insidious influences.

GURU ; Blessed chela, here discrimination must be developed. Each individual is capable of a different amount of "applied contemplation" according to the personal control of his thought processes, his feelings, his etheric memories, and the demands of the physical vehicle. One man, consciously preparing to commune with his Maker, finds his own mental processes weaving out of the substance of thought a screen of irrelevant thoughts which make his endeavor unsatisfactory. Another man, able to concentrate his thoughts, finds the surging tide of his emotional nature revivifying past injustices. Still another enjoys the ever responsive sea of memories that flow from the etheric body. A man well able to control his thoughts, feelings, and memories, may find the demands of cramped muscles, itching skin, or other physical discomforts disturbing his endeavors. Each chela must take personal note of his own capabilities and capacities for stilling his vehicles and then, in wisdom, develop the "applied contemplation" according to his ever-increasing efficacy in the mastery and control of his vehicles.

The vibratory action of the soul itself, the motive animating the soul toward communion with the inner Self, and the vibratory action and appetites of the inner bodies will determine what type of influence can "play upon" the individual seeking the peace of the Silence. When the heart is pure, the soul earnest, and the conscious mind keenly alert to the deceptions of the ego that seek to aggrandize self through impressions of a grandiose nature, no subtle outside forces can enter the period of contemplation.

CHELA: Beloved Master, what is the advantage of entering the Great Silence?

GURU : Blessed chela, the advantages (and they are many) of entering the Silence could hardly be enumerated in this column. However, it is in the Silence that the soul makes acquaintanceship with its Maker. This is the primary purpose of all religious endeavor, teaching, discipline, instruction and application. Where the lower self is so blatantly active, even in professions of faith, the Great Presence cannot be felt, acknowledged, nor allowed to flow through the outer self with sufficient intensity to accomplish that union which is known as the "second birth". In the Silence, when the soul and consciousness is sincerely, humbly, peacefully, gently and reverently loving God, a state of Grace is established in the aura and the "many selves." In this state of Grace, the individual soul becomes open to the benediction and blessings, the healing currents, the flashes of illumination and encouragement, and the pressures of faith and conviction which nourish the individual and make real spiritual progress possible.

Secondly, the conscious endeavor to control the thought and feeling nature develops individual mastery, as does the discipline of the rebellious physical garment. In the East, of course, this mastery has been developed by many thousands, but the pendulum of endeavor has swung too far the other way, as the individuals are so "caught up" in the ecstasy of the Silence that they have forgotten, for the most part, that the entire purpose of such contemplation and its succeeding benediction and Illumination is to translate the perfection of that Inner Realm into the physical appearance world. The great Teacher of the East,

Lord Gautama, having passed through all the trials and tribulations of a soul endeavoring to find the heart of Eternal Peace, clearly manifested the balance of the Law; after attaining "the Ultimate", He returned to bring the fruits of His application to His fellowmen.

CHELA: Beloved Master, does this period of contemplation suffice for personal application?

GURU : No, blessed chela. As I have said above, the Great Silence is entered for a purpose. Even the Ascended Masters who choose to animate some particular portion of the Divine Plan make conscious obeisance to the Throne of the Silence to secure both inspiration and direction, and to draw the strength and power required to fulfill Their new venture. The individual chela, particularly in the West, does not know the meaning of getting still. When the body is quiet, the mind is racing, even in petitions to the Lord. Yet, in order to provide the spiritual stamina for the greater services, the period of quiet contemplation of the Presence, with Its attendant outpouring, is requisite.

CHELA: Beloved Master, could You give us a simple exercise or outline of such an activity as attempting to touch the "hem of the Robe" of the Silence?

GURU : Certainly, blessed chela.

(1) Find a place where you will be undisturbed. Constant interruptions are very injurious to the nervous system. The more beautiful, quiet and harmonious your place of contemplation is, the more your senses will cooperate with your

endeavor. Frequency of aspiration in the same place also brings an atmosphere of sanctity and each successive endeavor is complemented by the energies so devoted in like manner before. That is why in cathedrals, temples, and homes of saintly lifestreams, it is easier to reach the altitude of consciousness which reveals the Ever-Presence.

(2) Place your physical body in a comfortable position. Remember, in all spiritual endeavors, the more cooperation you secure from your vehicles, the easier will be your achievement. To enter the Silence, however, is a positive activity. Therefore it is wise to sit with spine erect as the very position of lying prone is conducive to lethargy. This, of course, is subject to modification in case of illness or other circumstances where the individual cannot wisely perform his adorations in the privacy of his own sanctuary. Let me say here that discrimination and wisdom are required for the pursuit of the spiritual path, and common sense, rather than blind adherence to the letter of the Law, is requisite to more than ordinary spiritual development. For instance, to take a specific question about contemplation in the "dark" - let Me clarify this once and for all. To deliberately create an atmosphere of darkness and then attempt to commune with the unknown is contrary to Spiritual Law. However, in the course of living, good students awakening through the night hours are not always afforded sufficient privacy to create artificial light. These good people are naturally protected by the aura of their own aspiration and can well utilize the time in perfect safety when they cannot, for one reason or another, procure artificial light during application and spiritual contemplation.

- (3) Relax. Most individuals are so tense that they close the door to inflowing Grace. Cultivate that state of "rest in action" so essential to poised, balanced living. The use of the rhythmic breath is very conducive to alert and poised relaxation.
- (4) Determine within yourself what Being or Activity from God's Heart you desire to contemplate. Examine your motive impartially, wisely, and with discrimination. If there is any desire for self-seeking, for phenomena, for satisfaction of curiosity, you will defeat your purpose. The whole purpose of active contemplation is to enter the Presence of God and the Heart of His Messengers when one is propelled by Divine Love for Them and the progress of the Universal Scheme of Creation.
- (5) Consciously feel yourself enveloped in God's Light, His Presence, His Love.
- (6) Endeavor to hold your thought processes and your feelings one-pointed in pouring forth love and blessings to God and His Universe. Even five minutes of concentration may prove enough for your first endeavors.
- (7) Endeavor to control the demands of your physical body during this time.
- (8) If necessary, to provide a spiritual lever for your conscious mind and feelings, read some lovely uplifting piece of poetry or prose, or listen to an inspiring melody.
- (9) Have no fear of evil forces. While you are loving God, the Angels, and the Ascended Host, the natural vibration of your vehicles forms a wall of light around you -- a magnet to draw good influences and currents toward you, and a natural repellent vibration to evil of every kind.

- (10) Enjoy loving your Presence. When the feeling of peace fills your soul, you will know you are there. Rest in that peace and draw the currents of light and power which you will require for your endeavors in the world of form.
- (11) Consciously determine within yourself to give something of your radiant peace to your fellowman.
- (12) The efficacy of all spiritual exercises is determined by the rhythm of the application. Five minutes daily at the same time is better than two hours one day and nothing the next.

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