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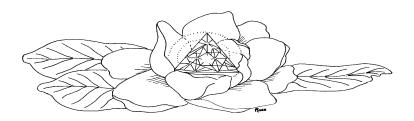
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The Leaders of Men

As we know, all things are connected in the seamless universe of life. This current phase of our long journey into the light began with a tragic decision made, untold ages ago, in the ancient nation of Atlantis. We have read about the tagedy of Atlantis in many books of lore concerning our planet, and in one such book, it is told that the people who were then the leaders of mankind, "acting according to their desire and their emotional reaction", "made a decision which *laid the emphasis* upon the matter aspect which is present in the essential duality of manifestation ... and thus inaugurated the Age of Materialism." The Rays and Initiations P. 606

What the specifics of that decision were, we do not know. However, as a result of that decision, a dark and deep cloud, what has

come to be known as The Great Illusion, slowly grew between the Spirit and Matter aspect of manifestation. As the humanity of that time gradually disappeared under the cloud of the Great Illusion, he ancient world of Atlantis disappeared under the great flood, and the Kali Yuga, The Dark Age, commenced.

The choice to place form over spirit, made those many, many thousands of years ago, swung shut the door between mankind and the world of spiritual reality. On all three planes, humans became less and less able to see. The keys to the wisdom were in effect lost. The Truth of Spirit, the essential divinity which lies at the heart of all forms became slowly invisible to man, and the

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Brothers of the Light were gradually forced to withdraw from the physical and emotional planes, and later even from the mental plane.

With mankind's growing inability to literally see the essential reality, the Illusion of separation grew steadily more powerful in men's minds, gradually taking on the guise reality. The Great Illusion finally of reached— and, not that long ago— a point where the truth of the Spiritual world was considered by the planetary intelligentsia to be superstitious non-sense, improvable in any physical sense and therefore ignored by all except the religious, or what were called the foolish and sentimental idealists, people like Socrates and Plato.

And so goes the struggle for the survival of

the human spirit. We have spent the ages and eons trying to reconnect with the Truth of Life. We have been engaged in this struggle all over the world. Every country, every land

mass and body of water big enough to float even a canoe has, at one time or another, been the stage for this epic struggle with the actors being drawn from every civilization and culture ever to rise on the planet.

The little that we know about human history with any accuracy at all, goes back a mere 5 or 6 thousand years. And every page of that history is a story of the continuing struggle for humanity to break free from the grip of materialism and the great illusion of separation. The literature of mythology, carries us back further thousands of years, and, almost with out exception, every tale in the collective archives sings of the deeds of some hero who struggles courageously to overcome the forces evil, or of some unfortunate one like Agamemnon or Othello who tragically succumbs to the illusions, lies, glamorous and false allure of the dark side.

Today's literature is no exception. Every nation has its heroes in story and song. Today we also have a genre of literature called science fiction and fantasy. These are tales which follow mankind into the future, and tales which take place in other time dimensions all together or other galaxies, and other universes. Again, they are stories of men and women who are engaged in the struggle to break free from the grip of the forces of evil and their efforts to dominate the human spirit. In these tales, the evil ones approach their victims, as they always have— in all dimensions and galaxies and through out all time- through the glamour exclusivity, pride and self of aggrandizement, by appealing to the forces of greed, hate, separativeness, aggression and darkness. They have always had but one objective: to isolate mankind, to cut us off from the light and "in the darkness bind us."

The common theme of the historical record,- not just the record as reported in the annals of literature and art, but the academic historical record as well- the common theme of Mankind's life on this planet is our struggle for freedom. Since that fateful decision in ancient Atlantis so long ago, our story has been, as it is today, the story of our unrelenting effort to move out from under the cloud of the great illusion of materialism and separation. Ours is the story of humanity's great struggle to regain our birth right, to rediscover the keys to the wisdom and find the lost chord. It is the story of our struggle to find again the lost glory of our truth, of our essential freedom,

and of our essential divinity, for Freedom and Divinity always and only co-exist.

The spirit of humanity, as we know, is innately free. But today we must choose our freedom. We must reverse that decision made in ancient Atlantis by choosing today to be sons of the Light rather than sons of the darkness. We must make this choice, each of us, in the heart of our heart, through the exercise of our own free will. This choice will not be coerced or manipulated or made for us by our elder brothers or by anyone else. And, for humanity, for the Disciple Humanity, this choice must be made today as it was those many thousands of years ago by "the leaders of men".

Who Are The Leaders of Men?

And that question my friends brings us to a very important juncture. Just who are the leaders of men?

Who the "leaders of mankind" were who made the decision in ancient Atlantis, we do not know. However, finding ourselves, these many, many thousands of years later, poised once again on the balance of just that decision, it is imperative that this time we have a good idea of who will be responsible for making the decision.

There are many nuances to the idea of leader. The point I want to make now is that the true leaders of mankind are not necessarily those who are presidents or prime ministers or elected or appointed officials of some government. Popularity, celebrity or notoriety also does not necessarily make one a leader of men. Neither are the— usually all but unknown controllers of cooperate wealth and power, the manipulators and modulators of the public's emotional body and opinion, leaders of mankind.

That many of the people in these groupings have great power is undeniable, but they are not the true leaders of Mankind. They are rather rulers and manipulators of the status quo. However, even though they are not the true leaders, they can, by manipulating and blinding us, once again cause us to choose the dark way. The choice that these "leaders" would cause will continue to hold humanity in the prison of the great illusion of separation, in spiritual slavery, and in thrall to the dark forces of materialism, exclusivity and greed.

Thus friends, it is imperative that humanity's true leaders make the decisions for humanity's future.

There is, as you know, just one humanity. We refer to this group as the Disciple Humanity. As in any group, the Disciple

Humanity is made up of individual human souls, and every life of every human being is a small chapter in the unfolding saga of humanity's struggle

to find freedom again, *freedom for all* because that's the only kind of freedom there is.

The great disciple, Abraham Lincoln, made this point when he said the United States could not exist half slave and half free. It must become obvious to us that neither can the world exist half slave and half free. Every time one of us manages to freely choose to follow the Path of light, we break free from the thralldom of form illusion into the light of the Spirit. The disciple humanity is one step closer to taking that initiation that will signal the end of Kali Yuga, the Dark Age, and the beginning of Satya Yuga, the preordained Golden Age.

We have spent millennia learning to discriminate between the real and the unreal. In the case of the individual soul, you or me, the training experiences are the stuff of our daily lives. The Disciple Humanity of course, needs to see with a world view. Over the millennia there have been many persons in the family of man— one at a time and here and there— who have developed the inclusive vision, the ability to see in a world way.

It was probably disciples like the great astronomers, Galileo and Kepler, and visionaries like Christopher Columbus who first brought the fact of the world as a whole, as a unified and cohesive system, into mankind's general consciousness. After these disciples, **t** was a mere 500 years or so before a group of men and women would

> make it possible for humanity to have our first view of the world from space.

> > It is worth calling our

attention to the fact that 500 years is an incredibly brief period of time for humanity to move from the dominating separative and of thought form materialism. illusorv symbolized by "the world is flat" to an undeniable realization that the world is not. one dimension, not flat, but a sphere, a whole system. That photograph of our Earth, our planet, suspended in beginning-less and endless space is for me the great symbol of the fact that— for what I believe is the first time in human history since that fateful decision made in old Atlantis— that there is present within the incarnated human family

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a sufficient number of individual souls who do have the ability to see life in a whole system world scale. There are enough of us with the "vision of wholeness" to cause a shift in the vision of men from the flat one dimensional view of the materialistic or matter aspect of life to a whole system multi-dimensional view of reality inclusive of the spiritual aspect of life.

The men and women who have this vision, who normally and naturally see life as a whole interdependent and cooperative system are on the leading edge of Humanity. They are the true leaders of Humanity. However, partly because of the intense self centered focus which is a major component of the Age of Materialism, and the fanatical efforts of the Forces of Retrogression to modulate or spin the events in a way that would serve their ends, the vision of these disciples of the light has not been able to reach a level or a position where it can as yet sway public opinion.

Another part of the problem is that many, many of those who can see, those among humanity who do understand, and their number is legion, are simply not engaged. For one reason or another, they are not, throwing their power and understanding into the struggle.

Meditating Disciples

However, the work of the meditating disciples and good hearted men and women of the world, people who love the world, who genuinely care for humanity and who are waking up is having an impact. There is as a result of the light being focused on the situation by these true leaders of mankind, a growing, deepening sense of renunciation among the peoples of the world. There is, among a large and growing number of people, a dawning realization that the old competitive and destructive approaches and methods being employed by the various materially focused and oriented rulers of mankind— the power centers of the presently materially dominated governments and international corporations— are not able to deal with the conflicting forces that are raging daily on the planet. It is becoming increasingly clear to people that these old methods are, far from bridging or healing anything, only deepening and widening the conflict and adding to the separating cloud of illusion.

So, it is clear that Humanity is today moving through a field of awakening and renunciation into a point of emancipation, an emancipation from the slavery of the material way. We are approaching, at long last, a point of emergence into the new day. We are not there yet, but we are definitely moving forward.

It is, of course, in this time of forward movement that the forces of retrogression will do all they can to turn us back to the darkness. The appeals to greed and exclusivity, to the glamours and illusions of the separative way will grow stronger and stronger as they try to stave off the sunrise. We can take heart in the fact that it is, literally, the sunrise that they are attempting to stop. We can take heart, but we can not take rest.

The call today is for all meditators to ramp up their efforts, to bring the total of the soul's light (the rising sun) to bear on the illusion of separation. This along with the goodwill and love of those who care will triumph and move us to the day of reckoning, and the choice for humanity's future will be made by those who see that light and are the true leaders of mankind.

In closing this let me share with you the call from D.K. Issued at an earlier time, it has never been more apropos.

I call you from your dreams of vague beauty, impossible Utopias and wishful thinking to face life as it is today; and then to begin, in the place where you are, to make it better. I call you to the experiment of right human relations, beginning with your own personal relations to your family and friends, and then to the task of educating hose you contact so that they also start a similar work. It is the work of attaining right individual relations, right group relations, right intergroup relations,

right national relations and right international relations. I call you to the realization that in this work no one is futile or useless, but that all have a place of practical value. I call you to recognize that goodwill is a dynamic energy which can about world changes bring of a fundamental kind, and that its mode of expression is through the activity of the individual man and woman and through their massed intent. The massed power of goodwill, the dynamic effect of intelligent and active understanding, and the potency of a trained and alive public opinion which desires the greatest good of the greatest number, are beyond belief. This dynamic power has never been employed. It can, today, save the world. Externalization of the *Hierarchy* P210-211

