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Forget not that meditation clarifies the mind as to the fact and nature of the Plan, that understanding brings that Plan into the world of desire, and that love releases the form which will make the Plan materialize upon the physical plane. *The Externalization of the Hierarchy P.*24

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He will again appear and guide mankind into a civilization and a state of consciousness in which right human relations and worldwide cooperation for the good of all will be the universal keynote. *The Externalization of the Hierarchy* P. 609

Revealing The Hierarchy Within

The Kingdom of God is present on Earth today and forever has been, but only a few, relatively speaking, are aware of its signs and manifestations. The world of subtle phenomena (called formless, because unlike the physical phenomena with which we are so familiar) is ever with us and can be seen and contacted and proved as a field for experiment and experience and activity if the mechanism of perception is developed as it surely can be. Telepathy And The Etheric Vehicle P.53

"In times when principles of international unity are under attack, it is urgent for all those of us who appreciate the endless ways in which the people of the world are interrelated and interconnected to stand up, to assert and to enact principles which respect, assert and codify the imperative of human unity. Each of us has the responsibility and the gift to work within our sphere to construct a world where all may survive and thrive in peace and justice." Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH)

Just as many of you, I have been working, in the context of a group field, at this assignment to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy for some time. I offer the following as a kind of summary/report of these efforts. I do not claim any incredible insights. I have not had any direct conversations with anyone that would pass for a Master of the Wisdom. I have simply studied, meditated, discussed these issues with colleagues at great length and used what intelligence and intuition I have to arrive at some temporary conclusions regarding the assignment.

So, the following talk is a kind of open letter, an attempt to share the results of my efforts in this project primarily with all of my friends and co-workers in the worldwide esoteric community. Also, with these current conclusions and suggestions I am trying to reach beyond our esoteric community into the non-esoteric planetary intelligentsia and the members of the ranks of the New Group Of World Servers most of whom are found in that human grouping. I have, therefore, tried to put the ideas and concepts with which I am working in this talk into relatively common images using similes and metaphors that will play in the non-esoteric world. Much of what I have to say below, however, depends on a knowledge of matters esoteric. If one happens to find him or herself unclear regarding a particular assertion or piece of language, I can only suggest that, if one is interested enough, one can do a little research into the volumes of esoteric lore that we have studied and used over the past 40 years: The work of Alice A. Bailey published by Lucis Publishing Company, New York, The books in the Agni Yoga series published by The Agni Yoga Society, New York and the work of Lucille published Cedercrans. by Wisdom Impressions Publishers, Whittier, California.

I think a good place to start in this quest to see what is for some the perhaps, frequently seen, but seldom recognized, and for most folks, the un-seeable Kingdom that lies within is with our own experiences. Daily, in our meditation, many of us "assert the fact of our *identification* with Hierarchy". It is very difficult to put these kinds of totally formless, inner experiences into outer words or other forms: however, when this assertion is voiced in the context of our meditation, it indicates that one has seen, or realized, or become conscious of an existing condition. When this realization occurs, it is accompanied by or in the context of a certain frequency. One registers this frequency, that is one realizes

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that one is this frequency. A certain kind of peace, or better, highly charged equilibrium or poise seems to dominate the field. There is a noticeable kind of clearing or opening, as if a one has passed through a gate into a new field. The rest of the meditation involves the effort to maintain this situation while becoming impressible by Shamballa.

You know that bit about, "Sensitivity to impression involves the engendering of a magnetic aura upon which the highest impressions can play." *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle* **P. 95** I know it sounds strange, but the nothing that happens during this process is perhaps the most

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O.K. Good, as far as the meditation goes.

However, I have been wondering, for sometime now, about the post meditation responsibility that must go along with this bold assertion. To me the statement, "We assert the fact of our identification with Hierarchy" means that we consider ourselves to be members of the Hierarchy, the Kingdom of God, the 5th Kingdom. I do not think that we can claim this identification only during the meditation. If it is so, that we are members of the 5th Kingdom during the meditation, then we must be members also after the meditation.

Well then, if we, who so boldly assert the fact, are members of the 5th Kingdom, what, exactly, does that mean? It means a lot of things. Not the least of which is that if Hierarchy or the 5th Kingdom contains the likes of me, and possibly you, It is much more than a group of "men made perfect", for obviously, we, I, at least, as yet, fall rather short of perfect. In the following talk, as an effort to reveal the Fact of the Hierarchy within, I want to explore a

number of the conclusions that can be drawn from this observation. Chiefly, perhaps, it means that we need to look at "Hierarchy" in a new light. The Hierarchy, or the 5th Kingdom may, in reality, be significantly more diverse than we have concluded.

To begin, the term "hierarchy", itself is, as we all know, a major source of distortion of the actual reality which is the 5th Kingdom. Now, I am not at all interested in throwing out that grouping of disciples, initiates and Masters whom we think of—rather narrowly, actually—as the Hierarchy. However, we must see that over the past

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several thousand years, there has been built up such a mountain of misinformation, misconceptions, outright

lies and distorting thoughtforms around this reality that the word, "hierarchy" has virtually no value in discussion. Outside of the circles, the very small circles, of the esoteric communities, the term "hierarchy" does not reflect the actual reality of the 5th Kingdom, the Kingdom of Spirits, those Formless Beings of Light, whom we call Souls, and who are differentiated into many groups, some of whom we have no inkling whatsoever and others whom we call Disciples, Initiates and Masters, and so forth.

When D.K. made the request for us "to reveal with greater emphasis the Fact of the Hierarchy", I think he was thinking about the non-esoteric community as the primary receivers of this revelation. When communicating with this group, the word, or thoughtform, "Hierarchy" is really not a useful container for the idea that it originally carried. The instant the word is used in conversations with non-esoterically trained persons, a major portion of one's economy

needs to be devoted to trying to offset the meanings and connotations, mostly negative, that this term has in the general mind. Rather than focusing on the qualities and components of the Kingdom of God, one finds one's self explaining what one does not mean by the term, "hierarchy."

Therefore, in our unending and tireless

efforts to carry out the request of Master D.K., I suggest that, outside of one's own esoteric

circles, we find new words to contain the idea of the 5th Kingdom, which the word "Hierarchy" originally contained. So, in the future, I will seldom be referring to the 5th Kingdom by the term "hierarchy"; however, you may assume that that aspect of the Spiritual Hierarchy with which we are familiar is included in what I have to say.

As I indicated a moment ago, many of us "assert the fact of our identification with Hierarchy". This means, unequivocally, that we think that we, although far from perfect, are indeed members of the 5th Kingdom.

Scandalous!

Yes, I know. It took literally 30 years before many of the disciples with whom I am personally acquainted were even willing to think of themselves as disciples, let alone as bonafide members of the 5th Kingdom. The Piscean Age had taught us all during those long incarnations, or should I say incarcerations, in the world's monastery's, that we were unworthy of such heights. We were counseled rather strongly that, being as unworthy as we obviously were, we had to wait until we were 6 feet under to even consider such a possibility. In the meantime we needed to spend a lot of time wearing shirts. whipping ourselves hair and otherwise trying to purge our emotional

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bodies and minds of the inherent ugliness—like our thoughts concerning that cute nun or handsome monk in the next cell—we all carried within.

However, upon examination the inclusion of such as we in the actual ranks of the Kingdom of Souls, the 5th Kingdom only makes sense. We already recognize that

there are significant differences between aspirants, probationary disciples, disciples,

initiates, and Masters. Furthermore, we recognize that not just anyone can pull up a chair at the Council table in Shamballa. Nothing, as far as we can tell—at least as far as our incarnate experience has revealed—is one dimensional or is made up of one frequency. Although not in form, there must be as much diversity in the 5th Kingdom as there is in any of the other so far encountered Kingdoms i.e. the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

So, that's a start. There is really no ax line between any of the Kingdoms of nature. Everyone knows that the Vegetable Kingdom includes the Mineral, the Animal Kingdom includes both of these and the Human Kingdom includes all three of those. Likewise, there is no ax line where Humanity, the 4th Kingdom, stops and the Solar or 5th Kingdom starts. Obviously, rationally, intelligently, and intuitively, the 5th Kingdom includes the essence, the spirituality of all of the other Kingdoms. This is what that much over used and little understood term, "synthesis" is about.

It is easy to discern that one of the major discriminators—doubtless there are numerous others of which we are totally unaware—which distinguishes one of these Kingdoms from another is what we in the esoteric community have long called

consciousness. I really cannot discuss the type of "consciousness" that characterizes vegetable and the mineral. animal kingdoms, mainly because it is not the point here, but also because I do not know much of anything about it. However, one, obviously, of the most significant things that this sort of view reveals is that the move from the 4th into the 5th Kingdom is just as much a consciousness thing as is the move from the 2^{nd} to the 3^{rd} , and the 3^{rd} to the 4^{th} . What places a person in either the 4th or 5th. or both of these Kingdoms simultaneously-which is more like what actually happens-is consciousness of it.

For esotericists, this line of thought is not a big break through. Many of us have realized for a very long time that we only know what we know. We are only conscious of that of which we are conscious; and we have long since rid ourselves of the absurdity that if we are not conscious of "it", "it" cannot exist.

Consciousness of a dimension or of a condition within a dimension does not create the dimension or the condition. It simply reveals that which is and, from a time point of view, was, probably "forever", whatever that means. Becoming conscious of a dimension or a condition that we were not previously conscious of tells us, or should tell us, that there is, in all probability, a lot more dimensions and conditions of which we are not presently conscious.

So, becoming a "member" of the Kingdom of Spiritual Beings, what we call the 5th Kingdom, simply requires that we become conscious of the fact of its existence. There are plenty of wise and revered witnesses to the fact of the existence of this place in consciousness, but telling others, or hearing from others that it exists, does not really reveal the fact of its existence. January 2005

Hearing about it, either from a friend or even a recognized holy person, or reading about it in a book does not constitute consciousness of it. Individual conscious experience of the 5th Kingdom seems to be the only ticket to membership.

When dealing with the vast and complex concept of "consciousness" we must recognize that there are different kinds of consciousness, and we must have at least a very general sense of discrimination between the physical/etheric, emotional and mental planes. When I speak about consciousness in this talk, I am thinking about what occurs on the mental planes rather than on the physical dense, the etheric or emotional. However, as meditators and esotericists know, for most individuals the first brain conscious experience of the 5th Kingdom occurs on what esotericists call the emotional plane. They are "felt" experiences. These experiences frequently appear to the person as incredibly beautiful images of various kinds and are accompanied by feelings of wonder bordering on ecstasy. The individual who has such an experience is absolutely convinced that the Kingdom of God is as real as his or her grandmother.

As far as the broad concept of consciousness itself goes, the Ageless Wisdom discriminates between three broad fields of consciousness. We have Mass Consciousness, into which we can, more or less, place the first 3 Kingdoms. Next we have Self Consciousness into which we place the 4th or Human Kingdom, and finally, finally for our purposes, Group

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Consciousness. This is the state of awareness that characterizes the members of the Kingdom of souls, the 5th Kingdom.

I really think that it is not difficult for anyone who is self conscious to tell the difference between mass and self consciousness. The self conscious person thinks or knows him or her self to be an individual being. One knows that one is separate from all other human beings and that one can, to relative degrees, do as one pleases. Mass conscious beings do not have this sense of separateness or individuality.

Remember, however, that there is no ax line between the 3rd and 4th kingdoms. We all know animals who demonstrate uncannily human characteristics. I frequently see bumper

stickers, for example, that proclaim the driver's Beagle or Scottie dog is smarter than your honor student. And, of course, everyday we see individuals and large groupings of humans who still react with mass consciousness in any number of ways. (Behavior at sporting contests and voting on the basis of emotional inputs rather than reason are good examples.)

The point here is that these fields of consciousness are not linear. Nor are they stacked up like pancakes. They merge into one another. The gradual transition of a unit of God through these fields of expanding consciousness is what we mean by evolution. It is very much like a thousands-of-years-long drive through a fog bank that gradually dissipates. It is not the form, which has been the focus of the physical sciences for the last 4 or 5 hundred years, that evolves; it is the unit of God that evolves as he/she/it/ passes through, gradually takes on the frequency

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of, and thus becomes conscious of these fields of God's awareness. Reality for the driver constitutes the conditions of fog that one presently inhabits. These conditions change or evolve so gradually that one hardly recognizes, that one is actually evolving.

Well, in most of the discussions and exchanges of ideas around this assignment in which I have been involved over the years, the Hierarchy that we have been trying to reveal has been this—well known to us—grouping of Masters and Initiates. That these beings exist we are sure, but

> they exist either out or in there somewhere, and when we speak of the Hierarchy externalizing, we have, more or less, been expecting them, some of them at least, to

pop in on us, to set up shop, get an Ashram organized and start saving the world or whatever.

In fact, every few months there is a rumor of a Master or at least a "High Level Initiate" appearing here or there on the planet and doing just that. A recent such appearance that I heard about involved a whole group of "masters" who met up with a person in the woods. Of course, what one "sees" in his or her individual fog bank is one's personal reality and cannot be gainsaid. However, in my view, rather than helping to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy, worldwide publication the of such "appearances" simply adds to the problem of revelation. These announcements of incredible/unbelievable events conceal the truth of the 5th Kingdom behind even thicker veils of superstition, fanaticism, glamour and illusion.

To date, I think most people would agree, our efforts to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy or the 5th Kingdom have not been that successful. I think that this is because we have been trying to reveal a form. We have been trying to demonstrate or convince people-not the very gullible general public who will believe almost anything if presented with enough glitz and hocus pocus, but the intelligentsia of the planet-that there are these beings whom we call "Masters and Initiates" who exist out there. there somewhere. or in Unfortunately, in this state, their present state, one can't actually see these beings because they inhabit some areas of Life which we call the Buddhic and Atmic Planes.

The difficulty of our problem is, of course, the fact that the Buddhic and Atmic planes are formless. These planes exist only in the Silence. The Buddhic and Atmic planes are not physical dense, or in any kind of form that we know anything about including mystical visions, geometrical shapes or thoughtforms. They are therefore beyond the ability of any existing physical dense scientific technology or method of registering.

However, this is where, we have been saying for years now, this is

where the Masters and the Christ hang out. Now, who, I ask you—especially if the "who" in question was raised up and educated in a Western Culture—who in his right mind is going to go for that? Indeed, to overcome this problem, many of us in the esoteric communities have been expecting, "hoping for" some of these beings to throw on some clothes— what we lightly refer to as a "mayavirupa"— and trip around on the dense physical planes of gas, liquid and solid matter, so that we can say to people, "See! There goes One."

Well, as we all know, this has proved to be a very long wait. Also, as we all know, the charlatans and the deluded have had and continue to have a field day with this notion. The fact is that these highly advanced members of the 5th Kingdom probably will not be showing up in the physical dense, even at our full moon meetings, anytime soon. It is also a fact that many of us have and do register the Presence of some of these advanced beings in our meditations and at our group meditation gatherings. However, it is very hard to use the Presence that we do occasionally register at these meetings as "proof" of the fact of Hierarchy, especially in our conversations with the non-esoteric community of the greater intelligentsia.

Having said this, I must also say, **and this** *is the point of this whole talk*, that there is nothing actually wrong with the idea of having the beings of the 5th Kingdom show up in the dense physical. The problem with this idea has been our incredibly myopic view of what this Kingdom is and how it

There is nothing actually wrong with the idea of having the beings of the 5th Kingdom show up in the dense physical. relates to the other Kingdoms. We have this unreal, incredibly superficial view of this Kingdom and its

inhabitants. We see it and them in a one dimensional frame. We do not think of the 5th Kingdom as having any diversity or differing frequency levels. We have this notion, manufactured by the idealists of the last two millenniums and passed on to us as absolute truth, that the inhabitants of the Kingdom of God are "men made perfect", beings who we have always "pictured" as looking just like us but of such incredible power and wonder that we can scarce imagine them, let alone. in our

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comparatively unclean states, become one of them or even associate with them, at least until we are dead.

We have been thinking of these beings in this strictly linear fashion as existing

somewhere else. Thus, we have placed this kingdom and these beings way, way out of reach when the fact is

that the 5th Kingdom, being just as diverse and "frequency layered" as any other Kingdom, actually exists right here, right now within and around us. We are not separated from it. We are largely simply not conscious of it.

Even many of those of us, and our numbers are legion, who have actually begun the transition into the frequencies of the 5th Kingdom are not aware of the new Kingdom as a Kingdom. It's like we have passed the border between Nevada and California, but we do not realize that vet. But this is not unusual. I doubt very much that anybody actually was aware of moving from the mass consciousness frequencies of the Animal Kingdom into the gradually developing states of self consciousness which characterize the human Kingdom. I mean when did the chimp, if it was a chimp, actually realize that he or she was a human?

However, some of us, a surprising lot of us, in fact, do demonstrate to relative degrees 5th Kingdom consciousness. We have just not realized that we have ever so gradually evolved into it. We have driven, as it were, out of the fog bank.

As I said, evolution is a matter not of form, but of inclusively expanding consciousness. The 4th Kingdom is characterized by self consciousness. The 5th Kingdom is characterized initially by group consciousness. Remember, however that evolution through the stages or grades of consciousness does not stop with the Hierarchs or the 5th Kingdom. There are higher levels of Living Awareness than group consciousness. As the Ageless

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Wisdom tells us, there is no final frontier.

Obviously, one does not move from the mass conscious state of the 3rd Kingdom into the self conscious state of a human being in an eye blink. This passage takes many incarnations. The situation, although comparatively much more rapid, is similar in moving from a self to a group conscious state.

Basically, however, group consciousness is a condition of inclusive awareness. True group conscious awareness begins to break in on one's self conscious existence when one actually has an experiential realization that he/she is in actual fact at one with the entire Universe. Once one has such an experience, and remember these initial experiences are frequently of an emotional rather than a mental nature, one is forever changed. One's entire life begins, ever so subtly to shift out of a dominant self conscious state into the new state of inclusive awareness.

If one is successful in moving the experience from the emotional into the mental state, then, over the span of a number of life times, self-forgetfulness, harmlessness and right speech begin to have real meaning and power in one's life. One's time in incarnation eventually becomes "a loving synthesis in action". If this transition from the emotional into the mental is not accomplished, one can, and many do, wander for many lives in the realms of what the esotericists call Maya and glamour, mistaking their visions and

imaginings for the real. This unfortunate condition is the source of much of the glamour and illusion that attracts public attention and characterizes so many of the so-called spiritual movements in the world today.

The exact starting point of group conscious awareness within a given human being is very difficult to say. However, the moment that a person selflessly thinks about the

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welfare of another being, another person, an animal, a tree, anything that the person has not identified with as being him or herself, or an

extension of him or herself, that person is moving out of self consciousness into group consciousness. That person is moving out of the 4th Kingdom and into the 5th Kingdom.

So, you see, the Kingdom of God, and that group of beings whom we call Hierarchs various dimensions. are. in their everywhere present even now with the human family. All that is required to reveal this fact is for those of us who know that we love humanity, for those of us who willingly and as often as we can, do place the value of the whole over our own separate value. for those of us who do recognize and understand the essential divinity of every single human and animal and plant and even the rocks and dirt, for those of us who do participate in the divine flow of love that characterizes the lives of all those who seek to aid the Great Ones, all that is necessary to reveal the fact of the 5th Kingdom is for us to realize and accept that we are members of it.

This is not such a big thing. It only makes sense. It is harmonic. It is only a realization of how evolution works, of how the Plan is unfolding. The fog is lifting. We have actually left Nevada and entered California, or as L Frank Baum said, "You're not in Kansas any more, Dorothy."

We are here, now, in the flesh. We are in fact the externalizing Hierarchy.

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True, D.K., being the Seer that he is, choose to identify the externalizing 5th Kingdom beings with a new name. It's a new day, a new age. A new

name is appropriate. Our new name is The New Group of World Servers. We are the "new" group of world servers. The "old" group are those members of the 5th Kingdom, our Older Brothers, whom we call the Masters and Initiates.

It isn't that they, our Older Brothers, aren't around, or that they have been replaced by a new technology, it is just that they just do not hang out in the physical dense that much anymore. No need for them to do this. There are plenty of human beings now who have made and are making the transition into the 5th Kingdom who know what the energy of love is and how it works to carry out the manifestation of the unfolding Plan, and, remember, that a major part of the Plan is all about the development and exercise of free will by the members of the 4th Kingdom. Humanity must save Humanity, not the highly developed members of the 5th Kingdom.

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So, it becomes apparent that membership in the 5th Kingdom, the Kingdom of God, is an evolving situation. Membership requires only that one is a member of the Human Kingdom. It does not require that one be a member of anything else. It is certainly not necessary, for example, that one be an esotericist. Many members of the 5th Kingdom, and I suspect that it is actually the vast majority of members, have never heard, in this life anyway, of esotericism.

It is also **not** necessary that one be a member of any Christian order: Catholic, Baptist, Methodist or any other, designated or not, grouping of Christians. Also, one need not be a Muslim of any designation, a Buddhist of any lineage, a Hindu of any cast or a member of any of the other thousands of groupings that recognize and worship the One God with many faces. It is also, we might add, not necessary to be a member of any political party or profession.

As I said, it is really a matter of consciousness, in this case, a matter of 5th group consciousness. Transitional Kingdom people, members of the New Group of World Servers, are actually found in all of these other groupings. Although the vast majority of these people are not esotericists, they are, many of them what esotericists would call working disciples and initiates. The commonality of the these members of the New Group of World Servers which is also what identifies them as actual living, flesh and blood members of the Kingdom of God, actual externalized members of the 5th Kingdom, is how they see the world. They, "regard all as essentially one and as brothers which repudiates all man-made theologies (religious, scientific, political or economic) and says to all men everywhere: 'We are all the children of God; we are all equally divine; we are all on our way to the revelation of divinity, and this upon the physical plane of existence; it is what we reveal that is of importance; what is revealed to us is of lesser importance, though it has its due place in the process of training and perfecting." *The Rays and Initiations* **P. 301**

So, it is really not that big of a stretch to realize and accept this situation; however, to actually accept this in the brain consciousness, to start to live this reality, does take courage. It does take love. It does take a new and galvanized effort to live more consciously as a member of the 5th Kingdom, to live more consciously group consciously and less self consciously. It does require that we try to understand and practice self-forgetfulness, harmlessness and right speech.

We simply need to realize that although far from perfect yet, we are on our way and that everyday, every step we take is an opportunity to become more perfect, more Godlike. No doubt, those of us who are short of perfect will make mistakes, wrong decisions, wrong judgments, but we can proceed on the many frequencied One Path with the understanding that we are proceeding and that we have and will continue to penetrate into the 5th Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is here, now, Friends. It is largely within us, but it is revealed outwardly daily by our works of goodwill and our efforts to implement universal brotherhood.

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