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The Coming Cycle: Correcting the Course, Conditioning The Space, Working From The Top Down

For many, many years, humanity has been working horizontally extrapolating the germ of a created system along a logical line into a different manifestation. Some of these extrapolations are made to include developing physical conditions on the planet or in the ever shifting Geography of Power. Many are attempts to correct formulation faults or glitches which have appeared in the previously extrapolated design. This method of development characterizes most of what appears in world cultures as far as systems of politics, religion, education. economics, socialization and even much of our individual relationships with one another and within and between groups.

Reactionary Development

This method of development reacts to or deals with effects rather than causes. A new formulation which is a logical extrapolation of the existing system will, for a period of time, possibly correct the previous fault or the changing conditions that prompted the new formulation. However, this horizontal process or "fix" does not deal with the causal level of the system, and therefore, the new formulation carries the germ or the causal issue which generated the structural failure or inadequacy and which will result in a future breakdown of the system.

An analysis of most of our systems will reveal this kind of building. Because it is based on a logical extension of the existing condition, the end is obvious from the beginning. "The beginning is not actually dictated by the end." *Ashramic Projections* P.69 An excellent example of this kind of building is the proposed "fix" for global warming which involves the selling and trading of pollution caps. The end in such building is, as we are seeing, "a house of cards".

There are many interesting esoteric nuances for humanity's employing this method of development over the kalpas, some of which have to do with the various Ray energies in manifestation. However, the overriding cause of this developmental path being followed for so long was/is the presence of a separative self consciousness, a relatively "closed" consciousness, which has dominated human experience over these many thousands of years. Such a "closed", self conscious focus, and particularly where the self consciousness is obsessed by The Great Lie of Separation, is, because of its point of view, simply not able to see the purpose upon which the system is based.

Visionary Development

To envision and build systems that are based on the Principles which are driving evolution and which are revelatory of these "ends" requires the development of what we are calling, for lack of better terminology, group consciousness. This is a kind of "open" consciousness, a consciousness that is able to see and understand the essential, the interrelatedness of all Life. It is this kind of consciousness that alone can access and understand the basic, dare I use the term, Cosmic Principles upon which the dense Universe is built, or made manifest.

In the recent election cycle many people who call themselves progressives were upset with Mr. Obama's stands on many issues concerning our economic, health care and, educational systems, our international relations, and many social issues as well. The

complaint was that the programs which he presented did not go far enough. Of this charge, there are many examples. He did not, for just one example, embrace the single payer medical insurance system.

Many of the people who function from a relative point of group consciousness, Michael Moore, for example, and who are therefore able to see somewhat the ends or understand to some degree the Purpose or Principles which guide and govern our being on this planet were unhappy. They wanted much more, much more rapidly. However, as the election process unfolded, and an amazing unfoldment it was, it became clear that Mr. Obama was walking the razor's edge.

The large majority of the people on the planet at this time still live very much in a separative, closed, self conscious, form focused kind of reality. They deal in dense physical and, not so dense, psychological forms with which they are, by and large, identified. They deny, or just are not able to register, the reality or existence of the formless worlds of cause. They need dense examples of programs, systems and so forth, what they call reality, things they can see, understand and dissect.

This is to be expected. What is not understood by the closed or separated self consciousness is that the forms, the systems that give dense physical appearance to the concepts that underlie them are mutable, changeable, even, in the long view, ephemeral. The tendency of the closed, self consciously focused individual is to give a kind of permanence, to idolize and then traditionalize these forms.

The visionary or group conscious developer, on the other hand, is constantly trying to adapt the form to the Principle, to be constantly engaged in building "a more perfect union," or as one of our early Teachers wrote:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll!

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Leave thy low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

The Chambered Nautilus. O.W. Holmes Sr.

When forced by the demands of the media and others to give examples of his visions, Mr. Obama's campaign offered what appeared to be a less than epoch making set of programs. These presentations appear to me to be modifications of the present systems. They do not really deal with the cause of the programmatic flaws. My guess is that we are looking at presentations that are a temporary kind of place holder until the new administration has the opportunity to address the issues from a principled point of view.

To a degree, these presentations calmed the fears of some people and satisfied others. However, the proposals did not come even close to satisfying the relatively group conscious people in the electorate. These folks raised a huge hubbub. However, the issue in the campaign was not to publish earth widely divergent programs shaking to demonstrate one's liberal credentials, but to get elected. Only a foolish warrior charges into the valley of death to make a point, and Mr. Obama is far from a foolish warrior.

That Mr. Obama's foresight was clear is demonstrated by the fact that he is now the President Elect of the United States of America. The FR (Forces of Retrogression), who were and are arrayed against what Mr. Obama represents for humanity, and who work through any possible opening that will enable their dark ends, may have retired from this field, but they are far from defeated. They have withdrawn into their strongholds where they have huge resources. This campaign was only the opening battle in what will be a much longer war.

Just a quick aside: I hope that my use of the term war does not disaffect anyone. I know that it is sort of politically incorrect to refer to the campaigns, contests, confrontations, assaults that are constantly occurring, not just in the political domains, but in literally all areas of our daily lives as war, but that is precisely what they are. And like war on any plane they have their complimentary group of casualties, of wounded, of losses and victories. We need to not flinch from this understanding.

The crucial aspect of this particular phase of the battle, The 08 Presidential nomination and election Campaign, for they were two parts of one campaign, appeared to be happening on the dense physical plane in various states, cities and towns of the United States. However, this campaign was actually being waged on at least two additional, quite different levels—which esotericists call the emotional and mental planes—than the dense physical plane. Furthermore, this campaign was actually occurring, simultaneously on all three planes, in just about every country, city town and even household in the world.

A World Wide Struggle

As were the defining struggles of the first half of the 20th Century, this is a worldwide struggle. What was won in this particular phase of the battle had next to nothing to do with the kinds and shapes of the programs that will eventually come forth from Mr. Obama's presidency. It is important that we, the meditating brigades of this campaign, understand what is going on so that we can focus our efforts where they matter in the coming challenges, or opportunities, if you prefer.

The Subtle Planes

Let us look for a moment at what was occurring on these two more subtle planes, the emotional and mental. We will see that a very much more fierce and significant battle was being waged on those planes than is usually realized. For example it was in the battle being waged on the emotional and mental planes that we will see that Mr. Obama was very liberal, in the true meaning of that concept, and very progressive in what he was doing and how he was doing it. It is on those two battles, and the next encounters that we will be facing in the coming years that I wish to focus.

The 08 Campaign

The 08 Campaign led by Mr. Obama, was initiated from and based on and guided by Principle. It was therefore working from the inside out, or, if we could get this, from the Top down. "Top" in this case indicates the One Source of Life rather than the top as indicated by those who hold material wealth. property, and the concomitant powers or "gowiths", exclusivity, privilege, entitlement, and of whom we speak when we mention the "trickle down" theory. Most of these brothers and sisters, being mired in the glamours and illusions" are actually at the bottom, stuck, so to speak, in the mud of material identification and "ownership". The Beatitudes among a host of other Teachings from the Ageless Wisdom point to this fact.

While speaking to the people in his many, many appearances, Mr. Obama frequently spoke directly from these kinds of Principled positions. Also, on those occasions when he did venture into the area of forms, of program details, his, not so veiled, subtext was always focused in these Principled positions. The Principles from which he was working are many, but they can be summed up in two phrases. Those are **The Common Good and The General Welfare.**

Mr. Obama spoke from his heart to the heart center of the Nation. (It is of passing esoteric interest that he, literally, comes from the Solar Plexus center, Chicago, and works through the Heart center, passing the creative energy of the Sacral center through the Heart center to the Throat center.) It was this heart frequency which carries the nourishing,

feminine psychic energy of goodwill, and which in turn opened the way for the energy of Synthesis and the Will to Good. Unlike the charisma of many speakers, this energy does not bind the individual to the personality of the speaker. It brings the unique quality of each one into each one's vision and sets the soul of the individual free. This frequency allowed his essential message, a call for hope and the power of the will or determination, "**yes we can**", to be registered by the souls of his listeners. It is this energy which was carried by people like JFK, MLK, RFK.

It will not be surprising to anyone who has a smattering of esoteric understanding and recognizes the fact of reincarnation that Mr. Obama was most quickly registered by those among us who are older and younger at the same time. It took a bit longer for those of us who are younger and older at the same time to sort of clean off the residue of tradition and shake off some of those veils of comfort, under which we have been slowly suffocating, to really start to hear what he was saying. His speech released a level of light that shredded a large number of the veils that were woven between us and our Destiny on both the astral and as time will tell, mainly on the lower mental plane.

What was gained in the 08 Campaign was a bridgehead. This bridgehead now exists in the hearts and minds of the majority of the people, not only in the United States which happened to be the primary dense physical location of the battle, but the hearts and minds of the majority of the One Humanity. The Victory of the Bridgehead, which is how I see this campaign, was an essential first step, one without which there would be no advance toward the goal of freedom for all of humanity from the grip of the FR. (Another point, interesting to esotericists, is to recall that The United States was the center of ancient Atlantis where the last worldwide, Great Battle was fought. Destiny of the Nations P.46) If you

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still do not see this situation as Armageddon, I suggest that you look again.

Burning Bridges

It is was clear after the first triumph in the nomination phase of the Campaign, that Mr. Obama had, following the wisdom of which he is at some level undoubtedly aware, burned the bridges behind his efforts. There is now only one way to go and that is forward. As Master M. observed. "The consciousness conquers and eradicates. The burning of crossed bridges does not reveal the progressive sign-posts, but it leaves open the one possibility of assault. It is valuable not only to strive forward but also to destroy the rubbish behind one. Just now you perceive how the majority of people could have advanced, but they cling to age-old rubbish. Guard both My signs: the sign of Service and the sign of Community. One is breaking away from the old, the other is evolution." Community, 184

I have already spoken about the demeanor of poise and generosity that Mr. Obama showed to all of those arrayed against his Campaign. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the 08 Campaign was that it was the first time, in my recollection at any rate, that the ancient ubiguitous and well honed tools of the sophists: ad hominem, guilt by association, character assassination, innuendo. accusations of anti American alignments, beliefs. color. skin reliaious treacherv. affiliation, even cowardice and lying were met with the energy of goodwill and the Will to Good. Seldom, if at all in both the nomination phase and the actual election phase of the Campaign did Mr. Obama use the weapons of the sophists against his adversaries.

Of this energy and this point of view, the majority of the pundits, news reporters and commentators are unaware. They continue to look at the Campaign through the glasses of separative self consciousness and can see only in terms of competition. The use of football and other competitive sports analogies are rampant. For example, Mr. Obama's visit

to the White House on November 10th was characterized by "liberal" show hosts as a powerful aggressive move on the White House. In one report that I watched, the word aggressive was used 6 or 7 times to characterize Mr. Obama's visit.

The Bridgehead of Goodwill

I am not citing bad language, nor is this a criticism. I am simply pointing out the normal, even knee jerk, language of the separative self consciousness which tends to see everything in terms of aggression, fighting, competition. I doubt very much that Mr. Obama saw his and Michele Obama's visit to the White House as anything other than an incredible historic moment and as an opportunity to flood the field with goodwill and, of course, the will to good which, by the way, has no need to be aggressive because it is inclusive.

Weapons of Peace

We are, again, do not doubt it, we are engaged in a tremendously high stakes war. However, the weapons that will result in a victory in which everyone wins are not the weapons of war, weapons that destroy, kill, humiliate, and temporarily eliminate the apparent enemy but actually simply guarantee another war. They are the weapons of peace, the only weapons that will eliminate war that salvage, that free, that raise up and humanize, that reveal the Truth of the one Humanity and the importance of every single individual as well as humanity's role of caretaker of the Planet. It will be a few years yet before those who are very entrenched in the old paradigms are actually able to see what is happening.

PREPARING THE FIELD FOR **2012**

So, our work? How will we, the esoteric community, those among us who are meditators and who can see what is happening and are attempting to serve, be able to help in the coming campaigns? Above

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I mentioned two formulations of Principles. Those were, The Common Good and The General Welfare. These are well known phrases, and they suffer from their relative familiarity. Yet it is these two concepts which I believe lie at the heart of Mr. Obama's agenda for development or as he calls it, change. We need to bring these two principles of community, of humanity, into the forefront of the general dialogue regarding the forward movement of the Nation and the world.

To make these concepts meaningful we will need to clean them up, and revitalize them for they have been under serious attack by the FR for decades. Just one example of this: The election of the Reagan Administration in 1981 allowed the opening move of a well planned and coordinated assault that has been going forward, with very few setbacks, for 27 years. This campaign began with an attack on the most vulnerable among us. The 8 year Reagan Administration transformed many of our general welfare programs including General Relief, Food Stamps, what was called AFDC, Medicare, and in California, MediCal, all programs which were designed to aid needy persons and families, into stigmata's of shame.

The Administration made a dirty word out of welfare by attacking programs that were attempting to feed, clothe, house and educate mainly children, but also individuals who were handicapped or disabled and ill, both mentally and physically. Through constant repetition in several powerful television and print media campaigns, program abuses by a very small number of people who were claiming benefits who did not qualify to receive them were turned into the common denominator.

The Stigmata of Welfare

In the minds of the general public, these relentless advertisements transformed anyone who received welfare from a poor or temporarily disadvantaged individual brother

or sister or child into an enemy, into some kind of a leper. The vast majority of the individual humans receiving welfare support were children under the age of 18. We can only guess how the fact of being a welfare child impacted the psyche of those children, to say nothing concerning the psyche of the mostly single mothers or the laid off and out of work fathers who were trying to raise them.

Incidentally, just so we do not lose sight of the fact that this is a war, let us recall that while these kinds of attacks and accusations were stoking hatred and focusing the outrage of the people on "Welfare Queens" and the poor, otherwise known as free loaders, aliens, un-American and et cetera, the largest hijacking campaign of the General Welfare and Common Good in the known history of humanity was being organized and put in place. In the welfare program for the FR that we have lately put in place, we are bearing witness right now to what we hope is the culmination of that campaign.

Common Good & General Welfare

In order to really anchor this change, I think that over the next several years we will need to focus much of our meditative effort on bringing the meaning and significance of these two concepts more and more into focus. We will need to salvage the dignity of the Common Good and the General Welfare from the deep pit of shame and darkness into which they have been cast, as well as the constant effort on the part of the FR to label even the slightest effort to aid or foster the Common Good or the General Welfare as communism or socialism.

The growing presence of the fact of the group conscious realization of the one Humanity and the importance of the individual will help enormously in this task. If it were not for this evolutionary development, the Campaign would not have succeeded. This is called right

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timing. Right timing is, as we know, a hallmark of the White Magicians.

What Is Required Of Us

What is required of us is that "we just do it"! We need to, and we will because we can, find the courage to speak the Truth as we know it. We won't always be listened to or understood, and at times we will be ridiculed and made the butt of jokes. However, after the Bridgehead of 08, what is coming off is not the gloves, but the bushel. The time has come for that ancient call, "**Do not hide your Light under a bushel!**" to be heeded.

When we speak of the Common Wealth, we include not only the common wealth of the natural resources of the planet including, the physical dense stuff like trees and oceans, minerals and so forth, but the energy of the people, the love of human beings for one another and all life, and our families, our neighborhoods, schools, and the government **of the people by the people for the people**. We also include the psychic energy of all of these as well, the power of the Common Good to create what meets the needs for the General Welfare of the whole system.

The Common Good has a very deep meaning. Its significance is something that is seldom realized. The Common Good is a formula for the principle that is sometimes heard of as Love. Love, the intrinsic power of the Common Good, is the enabler. It is the creative power of the human collective. It is the energy which makes of us co-creators with Divinity. The Common Good never causes harm. It liberates and always is surrounded and interpenetrated by harmony, another name for beauty.

The Service and the nourishment of the General Welfare is the motivating urge of evolution. It is the basic urge of the soul. The General Welfare is what we work to produce, beautify, encourage. It is basically the physical

and physic health of the planet and all the forms that Life manifests through on and in the Planet.

It was Mr. Obama's speaking to these concepts that awakened, that resonated so powerfully with the soul in so many. I am sure that we all noticed his and Michelle's emphasis on those famous words from the Preamble, "In order to form a more perfect Union...." Anyway, I think that it is these areas upon which we need to focus our meditative power in the next few years.

This all has to do with conditioning the space for what could and will, if we all do our part, manifest in 2012. Master R indicates that the birth of every possibility needs to start with a sacrifice, and Master D.K. has pointed out that it is time for us to think of sacrifice as a taking over rather than a giving up. So, we need to have these concepts take over as the new boilerplate for our future building of the new civilization and world cultures.

What's In It For Me?

Today the boilerplate of just about every interface between individuals or even nations is, "What's in it for me?" The bottom line of business is well known to be profit. "We are in business to make a profit." is the clarion call of the international corporations. Their primary concern is not the Common Good and the General Welfare, and these will be sacrificed in a hot minute if they interfere with the "bottom line".

The issue is not whether we can earn a viable living from commerce, it is engaging in a commerce that benefits the Common Good and The General Welfare and making a viable living from such an enterprise. Can you imagine what the planet would look like if the primary goal of all enterprise was the benefit of the Common Good and the General Welfare?

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We can be sure that the brush that was used to tar, quiet and murder Socrates and many other group conscious people who saw and attempted to bring the fact of the higher dimensions of reality, of our intrinsic brotherhood and the One Source, regardless of how anyone chooses to formulate it to the attention of the people, the brush of ridicule, the brush of "Foolish Idealist", or even communist will be used against us. We, however, understand the difference between the "idealist" who desires things and one who works to implement Principle. Those who work to implement Principles demand, they will, that the principle, in the best possible form, be here now, not there then in some distant perfect place and time. And we know, that we can cause a more perfect world, not the end and be all of some luxurious paradise, but a more perfect world to come into existence if we are willing to take our Lights from under the bushel and go to work.

It is said, as it has been for centuries, that we can't have a better world here. We have to wait for that. We have to die for that. We can't have a planet of sane people who cherish one another. We can't depend on cooperation. We can't have a Common Good and a General Welfare that includes not only all people but the members of all the other kingdoms as well. I like what Mr. Obama had to say about these nay Sayers.

"Yes we can."

Tom Carney Sagittarius, 2008