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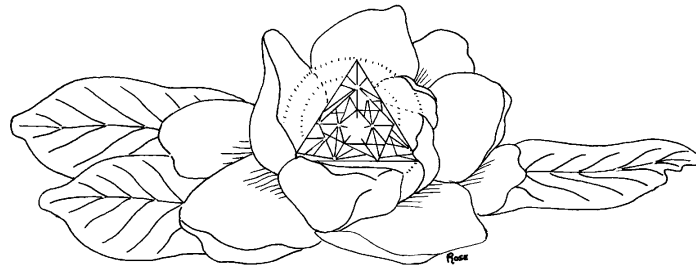
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When those who are not so drastically implicated in the present conflict relinquish their selfishness, their prejudices and their interpretations and see the basic duality of this conflict in its true light, they will throw the weight of their influence increasingly on the side of goodwill and right human relations; then the bad karma which they apparently placidly accept for others and reject for themselves will be changed into the good karma which is the true destiny of humanity and will usher in the new era of joy and of peace and spiritual synthesis—that synthesis which we call brotherhood. *Externalization of the Hierarchy* P. 256

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A poorly developed mind always stumbles at a seeming contradiction, it cannot reconcile Hierarchy with resourceful independent activity. Certainly, without synthesis the most monogenic conceptions will fall apart like brickwork without cement. The realization of synthesis will be like a step toward the transformation of the race. Hierarchy 325

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The New Consciousness And The Ownership of Property

“... both groups of aspirants (the black and the white) stand before the door of initiation and take the needed steps to open it on two similar occasions. Both overcome glamour after the second initiation, and see their way clearly ahead; but their goals emerge as widely different; one treads the broad way which leads ever deeper into matter and materialism, into darkness and "black power"; the other leads to the straight and narrow way, to the razor-edged path which leads into light and life. One group has never freed itself from the principles which governed the first solar system. They were principles entirely related to matter and substance, and were at that time and in that period (so remote that the number of years of distance can be stated only in super-astronomical figures) the conditioning factors for the initiation of the time. Certain units of humanity—then existent—were so completely conditioned by these material principles and so **deliberately** unready for moving on to the comprehension of another set of principles (more expressive of the divine nature) that they remained of "fixed and selfish material purpose" **and a planned distortion of the divine will was intelligently created by them.**" *The Rays and The Initiations P.350*

Many of the customs and virtually all of the institutional structures of modern civilizations are primarily based on the old consciousness materialistic paradigm of reality: The dense material world is the real world. Other conceptions of reality are illusions. Each self is an independent, separate individual, and the acquisition or ownership of property is the goal and indicator of a successful life. This Old Consciousness is perpetuated in the raising of children to value the separate self and material possessions over the needs of the group.

In this respect, as Master M. points out, nothing much has changed over the kalpas. "Unfortunately, the present time fully corresponds to the last period of Atlantis: The very same pseudoprophets and a pseudosavior; the same wars, the same treasons and spiritual barbarism. We take pride in the crumbs of civilization; the Atlanteans likewise knew how to fly across the planet in order to speedily cheat each other. The temples likewise became defiled, and science became a subject of speculation and dissension. The same occurred in

construction, as if they did not dare to build solidly! Likewise, they rebelled against Hierarchy and were stifled with their own egoism. Likewise, they disturbed the equilibrium of the subterranean forces, and by mutual efforts a cataclysm was created." **Hierarchy, 145**

It is not hard to draw the parallels. "When the brokers are roaring like beasts on the floor of the Bourse" and the daily trumpeting about jihad, crusades and raptures fill the air, the barbarism, spiritual and secular, of the extreme reactionaries and fanatic fundamentalists of the various religious, political and social sects is all too obvious. We have politicians and lawyers who twist and deform the Principles and Laws into justifications for torture. Where the Atlanteans violated laws that generated massive earthquakes, we are violating laws that are resulting in the poisoning of the soil, the rivers and the atmosphere and the melting of the ice caps. Who knows what kind of subterranean reactions this will excite!

We also have scientists who provide the polluters and poisoners with "scientific"

justification for their destructive behavior. We actually sell pollution rights! And even as we sing praises to God, we create islands and build temples in Dubai, Manhattan, Beijing, and many other places on the planet, all raised to the glory of greed and exclusivity.

This unconscious driving force to possess, to own stuff, is basically a reflex of our separated self-consciousness and our identification with the forms which give us our value as individuals. The child who lives on a garbage dump in India and who possess a rusty pocket knife is admired and deemed to be of much more worth than other children who have nothing but the rags in which they are clothed. The billionaire who has a fleet of exotic cars, who owns a personal jet and what is at the moment the largest yacht in the world, who has untold numbers of secret Swiss bank accounts, who owns an island or one of the sky-scraping temples in Dubai, is deemed as a vastly superior person to one who has to fly econo-class or who could afford only a berth in the lower decks of the Titanic.

I think the wrecking of the planet, the generator of countless wars and carnage, the cause of our suffering and pain lie in the simple fact of our identification with our bodies. This ancient cycle keeps us separated from truth, beauty, and actual Life.

***Caught in this fleshy density,
Imprisoned behind these bones,
Peering through pulpy eyes,
Man proclaims. I Am.
While still meat-bound, Man,
One level living and that the least,
Cannot see the Unfolding Plan.***

I have not been to every place in the world, but every place to which I have been is primarily characterized by this identification

with our bodies. The institutions of every country to which I have travelled have been formulated and built to fulfill this need to have, to get. We educate children, not to be more human, intelligent and loving members of a society, but so that they can “get ahead”, assumedly ahead of their friends and neighbors who, once they are “left behind”, are rapidly forgotten. We educate children so that, by virtue of striving to get more stuff than they presently possess, they can become better people, so that they can “pull themselves up by the bootstraps”, so that they too can become billionaires and have all the wonders of life, the fleet of cars, the yacht, etc. One could go on and list example after example of how every institution that we have is built on this unconscious need to acquire self-worth through the ownership of property, title, power, material things—in the end, exclusivity.

An amazing, mostly overlooked or denigrated fact in the paradigm of material getting and spending is that the essence of every person—that which is totally one’s own, which defines one as a human being, that comes with the birth package, the true source of our strength of our value to the Common Good and General Welfare of which we are an inseparable part—is our free will and our labor. Within the illusory paradigm of the Great Lie, it is not realized that labor spent in the effort to become separated from one’s brothers and sisters, to become exclusive is suicide of a most dreadful kind. In the Old Consciousness paradigm a person’s labor is not honored. It is in fact seen as a commodity, something that can be bought or sold and that has as little value as possible. The point of acquisition of material worth is to remove oneself from labor, to buy others to do the

labor while one enjoys the delusional fruits of one's exclusivity and worthiness.

Given Master M's description of the forces that brought about the self destruction of Atlantean civilization, and the tiny part of human history that our material science has been able to document, we can see that this force, is deeply buried within our collective psyche, and has driven human development for untold kalpas. This is not surprising given that *"Certain units of humanity [from the first solar system] were so completely conditioned by ... material principles and so **deliberately** unready for moving on to the comprehension of another set of principles (more expressive of the divine nature) that they remained of 'fixed and selfish material purpose' and a planned distortion of the divine will was intelligently created by them."* *The Rays and The Initiations P.350.*

The Lurker Gene

Understanding that these "certain units of humanity", "...were the initiates of a previous solar system.", *The Rays and The Initiations P.350* I would not be surprised to learn that there is something like a lurker gene, a kind of implanted programmed virus gene, in the thoughtform coding we call human DNA. This program generates not only the overpowering sense we have of being separated from each other and from all other forms, but a sense of ownership of forms as well.

This "lurker gene" would have naturally evolved indicators that one could use to keep one's self assured that one was not that other guy or girl that one could see standing right over there and who for all intents and purposes looked and acted exactly like oneself. That other person was born. He ate. He grew old. He died, just like everyone else. So how was one supposed to

fulfill this inner drive that said constantly and powerfully that one was a separate individual from the other person?

The answer springs to mind. The overpowering instinctual (implanted, is more likely) sense of self identification which we know as self preservation forced the individual to justify his or her inner sense of being a separated reality. The notion of being "the same as" would not work. One had to be "different from". Different from quickly transformed into better than or not as good as. Thus evolved the battle to the death and the survival of the fittest. Thus was a totally unnatural, inaccurate, paradigm, The Great Illusion, nurtured. Ever since, as Emerson pointed out, "Things are in the saddle, they ride mankind." *Ode, Inscribed to William H. Channing*

This alien sense of separation eventually metamorphosed into the variation of self-consciousness which we call the separate self or persona. Over the passing Kalpas it metastasized like any cancer cell into the deadly cancer consciousness we call The Great Lie of Separation. The Great Lie is potentially terminal to humanity as we know it.

However, as Master M. points out, ***"The Plan of the Creator cannot be altered. From the beginning, the dark ones struggled. From the beginning we conquered."*** The Light will triumph over the darkness. The issue is whether we will, through our free will, find the Will, the Love and the Courage to take the necessary steps to continue to implement the Plan now. That we, (humanity) have been triumphant in this effort over the past eight or nine hundred years is evidenced by the growing manifestation of Group Consciousness, what I am calling the New Consciousness. There

is much reason for hope. The power of the Great Lie, although still formidable, is losing its hold over humanity.

An interesting thing to note is that the notion of an individual consciousness is not in and of itself problematic. It is a basic part of the Divine Pattern. But this basic necessity of divinity, the notion of individuality, was warped through "a planned distortion of the divine will" into the sense of a separated, non-connected temporary existence. Hence the materialist paradigm and the specter of death.

Christ said to the disciples that they should love one another. Love, requires at least 2, for it only exists within a linkage.

Loving, truly loving another, any other, also requires a couple of basic consciousness comprehensions. These very simple comprehensions reveal the fundamental inaccuracy or error in the paradigm of The Great Illusion of Separation: First, separation is, as material science has demonstrated

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through millions of experiments and examples, an illusion. That "other" of whatever form, from a tree to one's wife, is essentially a divine and indivisible part of the Whole, of which one is also a divine and indivisible part; and, therefore, the other is one's self. The next is that the other self of whatever form is at its most primal core an absolutely unique and divine expression of the One Life. As the *Bhagavad Gita*, says: "Having pervaded the entire universe with a fragment of Myself, I remain."

It is obvious that as the New Consciousness evolves and becomes more and more

prevalent among us, the sense of being a self-reliant, individual person with a free will does not dissipate or go away. The individual does not surrender his or her identity to some totalizing Will. Instead it becomes apparent that individual identity and group consciousness are not at odds. Rather they are mutually constitutive. What replaces the other cancerous concept of a separate versus individual self is a powerful and growing awareness of the fact of interdependence. The great revelation of group consciousness and the fruit of Love is the Truth of the interdependent nature of reality itself. It is this growing revelation of the Synthesis that governs consciousness itself.

And just how does all of this relate to the ownership of property? We speak of the horror of slavery. We have in mind the rendering into property of our brothers and sisters. We can recall that it has been only

the briefest of time since this nation was so benighted that it agreed to such a practice in its Constitution. That we have since ended and repudiated this practice

in our nation is evidence of the growth of the New Consciousness.

But this dark and barbarous practice still flourishes in many areas of the world, and the ownership of humans by other humans is only one aspect of the property issue. As long as we identify our personal worth with material possessions we will be fostering the illusion of separation and denying Divinity, our own and that which we think we own. It is the Illusion of Separation that allows us to view the earth and its creatures as commodities that can be acquired and controlled to enrich the separate self.

Individuals “own” forests and destroy them through clear cutting for what they think is their individual profit. But the desecration of the land, destruction of the living places of other beings, generation of flash-floods and wildfires has dire consequences for every creature on the planet including those who seemingly profit. In the capacity of my work in Children’s Protective Services, I have distinct memories of confronting fathers and mothers who were beating their children, or husbands who were beating both the children and the wives. I was told over and over by these abusers that these children and these women **belonged** to them, and they would treat or beat them as they saw fit.

I could go on and list many examples of how the sense of ownership warps one’s relationships with the other beings or things on the planet. Simply put, the concept of ownership is in itself separative. It generates that exclusive sense of superiority and entitlement on whatever level the ownership is occurring. It eventually leads to paranoia and other psychotic behaviors such as world wars.

How, actually, can an individual “own” anything. The matter from which all things are made is an indivisible aspect of universe. It was here from the “beginning”. Whenever that was, we know that it was present many kalpas before the individual who claims to own it appeared; and it will be present for many kalpas after the individual’s present dense physical body is returned to what Walt Whitman called the Divine Float or dust if you prefer.

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After all, what does it mean to “own Property”? What does it mean for an individual person to own 20 or 30,000 acres of land or, as does the Queen of England, hundreds of square miles of Scotland and England? It means, among other things, that a huge hunk of the Common Wealth has been separated and removed from the Common Wealth and made the exclusive domain of an individual human being. It means that it is one’s private property and one can do with it what one will without regard to the Common Good and the General Welfare. It means that one is a slave holder. One is enslaving or making property out of the land and animals that live

on the land and by extension by all those other human beings who depend on that land for their livelihood.

Owning property is simply incompatible with the New Consciousness. In saying this, I am not advocating that everyone give all his or her stuff away. First of all, “Away” is no place. It is simply another phantom of the Great Illusion of separation. There is no “away”. We cannot get “away”, or go “away”, and when we give something or throw something “away” we are simply attempting to transfer it to another person or aspect of our self. We are recycling the responsibility for it.

The idea that one would give all of his possessions away and go to India or wherever to follow God was, in most cases, a big cop-out from responsibility. What I am advocating is that we quit thinking of owning stuff and start thinking of being responsible for stuff. When we acquire things of either a psychic or material nature, we acquire the

responsibility for using them according to our own free will. We can use them either for the benefit of our delusional separate comfort and glory or for the Common Good and the General Welfare. There is no way around this, and it is not possible on this planet to not acquire things of either a psychic or material nature. Accepting responsibility for how we implement our energy is the first indicator of the presence of the New Consciousness. It is also an unavoidable condition of living on Earth.

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It is basically this evolutionary expansion of consciousness generated through the collective efforts of experiment and experience by untold numbers of brothers and sisters all of whom paid dearly in one way or another over many thousands of years that has made the realization of the facts of the interconnectedness or interrelatedness and essential divinity of all beings and the Unanimity of Life, that synthesis we call Brotherhood, possible. All of the Teachings, the poetry, the art, true science, true statesmanship, and true spirituality over the intervening uncountable Days of Brahma since the first Solar System have been conveying these simple facts of reality in the face of the ***“planned distortion of the divine will”*** the Great Lie of Separation.

The issues of ownership of property are deeply planted in our psyches, and it will take some very careful gardening to gradually weed them out. I had the following recent experience, in fact it was this experience that initiated this entire ***Thoughtline:***

My Ring

I owned a ring. It was mine, and I thought of it exactly that way. I liked the ring. It was silver, with a large turquoise heart. It was made by the Hopi perhaps a hundred or so years ago. People admired it, and I felt good that they did. It reflected on me, on my taste, and my coolness. While in Portland, Oregon, we attended an exhibit of paintings from the period of Madame de Pompadour. Somewhere in my passage through the exhibit, my ring

apparently fell off of my finger. I searched the museum, bothered all of the museum people, called the lost and found. My ring did not re-appear. I felt bad, like I had lost something dear.

The Ring

As I was pondering on this a few days later, I realized that I had started thinking of “my ring” as “the ring.” And so I came to understand, in a flash, as it were, that the ring was never mine. I just had it and was responsible for it for awhile, and now it was needed elsewhere. I did not lose the ring; I had passed it on to another who had a need for it and who would look after it. This made me feel much better.

Somehow this all plays into the ownership of property. If we can see the things we possess, from our dense physical bodies to our rings, as parts of Life for which we are temporarily responsible, I think we will have a much healthier, more joyful and meaningful, to say nothing of more efficient and useful, psychic relationship with our worlds.

So, the other day, I was relating all of this to my 8 year-old granddaughter, for whom I have a deep sense of responsibility, to sort of hip her to life. She paid very close attention to every word. Her face was only a foot or so from mine and she never took her eyes from me.

I thought that she was drinking in all of this deep wisdom. When I finished, she said,

“Grand Pa, you have a lot of veins on your nose.”

What can I say? This a multidimensional group-conscious child.

June 2009
Tom Carney

The Learn'd Astronomer

When I heard the learn'd astronomer,
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me,
When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them,
When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured with much applause in
the lecture-room,
How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,
Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself,
In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

Walt Whitman

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Gerard Manly Hopkins

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