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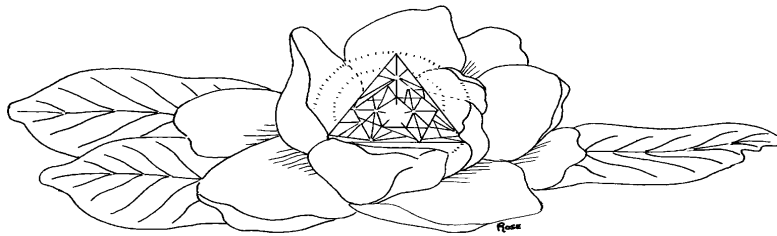
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Unwritten are the laws of the heart but only therein does justice dwell, for the heart is the bridge of the worlds. Where are the scales of self-abnegation? Where is the judge of achievement? Where is the measure of duty? The sword of knowledge flashes at the command of the heart. For the heart there will be no contradictions. Brotherhood #121

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The basis of all Logoic action is love in activity, and the fundamental idea on which He bases action connected with the human Hierarchy is the power of love to drive onward,—call it evolution, if you like, call it inherent urge, should you so prefer, but it is love causing motion and urging onward to completion. A Treatise On White Magic P.115

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Freedom

Loss of the true significance of concepts has contributed much to contemporary savagery. People strew pearls about like sand. Verily, it is time to replace many definitions. *Community #47*

The concept of the New Age, with the great rapidity which is an outstanding characteristic of the "newness" of this New Age, has become so larded over with emotional ectoplasm and irrational linear formulations that it has all but disappeared into the graveyard of meaninglessness, the ancient burial ground for countless other concepts. However, in addition to the speed at which things are morphing and apparently changing, another significant but less noticeable characteristic of the New Age is the expansion of consciousness from the old fashioned separative and materialistic linear view of reality into a conscious realization of a hologramatic, multidimensional reality. It is the still very functional, old materialistic world view that leads to the "loss of the true significance of concepts." It is the consciousness expanded

multidimensional view that will enable us to meet Master M.'s suggestion to replace many definitions.

That the loss of the true significance of Freedom has resulted in an enormous contribution to contemporary savagery is something of an understatement. In the past few years, the concept of *Freedom* has become one of the most maligned, misconstrued, and consequently politically abused Principles of Cosmic Physics. As have many others over the

centuries, this particular Law regarding the nature of Cosmos has been viewed and defined through the warped, two dimensional lens of a personal, materialistic, separative self conscious reality.

Freedom is an abstract concept as deep as the Universe. Through the two-dimensional window of the separative personal view, we see reality virtually in the reverse of what it is. Based on this inside-out, two-dimensional view, our conception of freedom rests in a series of thoughtforms which hinge on the notion that we literally are our physical bodies.

This notion, as old as humanity, is visible in the historical record. From very ancient times until relatively recently, a king was sovereign. He was the separate, independent and autonomous owner of the very physical existence of the territory and everything on it or in it, including the other human beings, over which he ruled.

The "modern" struggle for freedom which has been going on for a very long time was initially a struggle to establish the notion of individual sovereignty, or as Huey Long put it in 1934, to make "Every Man a king."

No example more clearly illustrates the bonds of slavery which hold us in thrall than the notion of property rights versus

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human rights. Under the sovereignty of a King, people were reduced to property. This usurpation of cosmically endowed individual sovereignty by some other separate individual is what we basically mean by slavery. It was within the nasty web of the sophistry, fear, and confusion of the Great Illusion, that, long ago, the eggs of this particularly wicked and pernicious aspect of the Great Lie, "property rights," were hatched. That one's humanity and the rights which are intrinsic to being human were subject to being owned

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by some other human being is one of the deepest and blackest aspects of the Great Lie. Over many, many eons of endless struggle or war, gradually, but far from entirely, humanity has managed to extricate large numbers of individuals from this huge Lie and has established quite clearly that the freedom of one's individual sovereignty is a fact of cosmos.

However, never resting, the denizens of darkness have managed to inculcate the notion of "property rights" as being equal if not superior to human rights into modern government theory. People own property. In the ownership they become identified with the property. Hence every man does become sovereign, a king, completely separated from all other kings. They begin to see any infringement on that property of any kind as an attack on their personal freedom.

This is the seed of the basic Lie that anchors our Spiritual reality into a dense physical identification. True, the enlightened ones among us have tried to make laws that protect individuals from

infringement on their freedom by the actions of others expressing their freedom. However these laws, being two-dimensional extensions of the inside-out view of reality, are so shot through with confusion and contradictions that they are virtually meaningless. They are mainly used by the powerful few to control the many. Example: A person's right to own the water in a river and to keep it from being used by others who are dying of thirst is unassailable, even though the owner of the water in exercising his freedom is trampling on the right of the others to not die of thirst.

It would be easy to make a very long list of such idiotic examples of laws or situations that are based in the two-dimensional, inside-out notion and definition of freedom. "Things," Emerson said, "are in the saddle and they ride mankind." When we think of things, we think of dense physical objects: cars and shoes and houses and guns and land and islands.

The thoughtforms which seek to legitimize and make permanent the notion of private ownership of property are very much like a cancer. The idea of what constitutes property has expanded to include things that have been a part of nature for kalpas. Today we have the ownership by a huge corporation, which is basically a nonhuman organism that has all of the inalienable rights of a real human being, the Monsanto Corporation, owning the soybean. The soybean has been a part of nature from the Beginning and has been cultivated for literally kalpas. Monsanto legally prevents

farmers from growing soybeans from seeds that they did not buy from Monsanto.

This is property. The ensnaring list is endless, and it includes non-dense things as well like entitlement and exclusivity. Any alignment or relationship or conjunction that links us or joins us or associates us with anyone or any other aspect of the physical plane such as customs and laws or governments, any government efforts that attempt to limit our “freedom” to do whatever we want to do whenever we want to do it with our “property” are seen at the very least as a threat of loss of personal freedom.

How this insane notion enslaves humanity is absolutely amazing. How is it that we, intelligent, somewhat educated, somewhat reasonable people cannot see that freedom lies in the exact opposite direction of our identification with our very temporary physical bodies and with things, including the thoughtforms around our images of our persona’s value and power?

True freedom, friends, lies in our realization of and rejoicing in the Cosmic fact of our brotherhood, of our unity and eventual synthesis as the 4th Kingdom in nature whose role is to provide the field through which the Intention of the logos passes into the lower three worlds.

Even this sense of material identification which constitutes a mass psychosis cannot, has not stopped or even, if one

can see well enough to realize, slowed down the Cosmic demand for harmony, for freedom, for sustainability and beauty. The unfolding of the realization of the One Humanity and the value of each individual is spreading throughout humanity like a sunrise.

At the moment things again look bleak, but this is not new. It is an aspect of the Great Unfolding spiral of evolution. We can see the rings of the spiral by looking back along the Path over which this nation has been unfolding.

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I mentioned Huey Long. For his efforts, he paid the ultimate price of being murdered in 1935 by

the forces of retrogression. The murder of Huey Long, however, did not stop the relentless unfolding of the Plan which continued through the election of FDR to recognize the sacredness of the self directed individual or to make every man sovereign.

This Hierarchal effort culminated in some of the most significant advances of real freedom that the planet has ever seen. Through the Allies’ successful, unified prosecution of the second phase of the great world war and the New Deal program which FDR instituted, we were able to established a new level of consciousness around personal freedom, the value of the human being, and fact of the one humanity.

A not so obvious but deeply significant aspect of both the unification of the allies under a banner which recognized, in effect if not in so many spoken words, the

fact of the One Humanity regardless of race, national cultures and languages, and the formulation and implementation of the New Deal program was that personal freedom includes a level of personal responsibility for the freedom of others. This huge step enabled sanity, or a connected sense of reality and mutual respect, to defeat the insanity of the forces of retrogression in the war that consumed the first half of the 19th century and to usher in a thirty year period of expanding awareness of the value of each individual human being and the recognition of the fact that humanity is one.

Although he was speaking directly about the issue of slavery, the notion of the value of every individual and the fact of the one humanity was likewise the underlying message of the previous Great Emancipator: "A

house divided against itself cannot stand." This is as true today as it was in the beginning of this planetary incarnation and the period in which Abraham Lincoln voiced it. Freedom, it turns out, is a series of emancipations, all of which are steps out of the bondage or slavery which is an aspect of our identification with forms and into a realization of our already existing universal synthetic reality.

Because there is in reality only One Humanity, all wars are in essence, civil wars. It is not a big jump to realize that as we were in the Great War of the last century, we are once again involved in a worldwide civil war over slavery. In the hologram of the Great Unfolding, this

current war is a highly visible ring in the turning of the spiral of evolution. Its coming was signaled by President Eisenhower who had fostered and in several respects, strengthened the programs of the New Deal when, in his January 17, 1961 farewell speech, he outlined the safe road to Freedom and warned of the Military Industrial Complex: "We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. . . . The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. . . . Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together." *Eisenhower's Farewell Address to the Nation* January 17, 1961

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In November of 1960 JFK was elected President. JFK's opening remarks on the first televised

Presidential debate clearly sound the note of the Common Good and General welfare being the only road to Freedom:

In the election of 1860, Abraham Lincoln said the question was whether this Nation could exist half slave or half free. In the election of 1960, and with the world around us, the question is whether the world will exist half slave or half free, whether it will move in the direction of freedom, in the direction of the road that we are taking, or whether it will move in the direction of slavery. I think it

will depend in great measure upon what we do here in the United States, on the kind of society that we build, on the kind of strength that we maintain.

The world was filled with hope.

On August 28th 1963, Martin L. King voiced the essential meaning and significance of freedom on the steps of the Lincoln memorial in his "I Have a Dream Speech." We were all elevated to an even higher level of hope and determination.

On November 11 1963 John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I was teaching English to 11th and 12th graders in a middle-class high school in California when this event occurred. It was a shattering, discouraging, and unbelievable event for me and for those children. For months after that, it seemed that a great cloud had come over the sun. The result of this event on my personal life was that I simply became even more focused on the themes of the poetry and literature, human dignity, courage, vision and hope that I was sharing with these young brothers and sisters.

The light seemed to grow again as President Johnson greatly expanded the concept of the Common Good and General Welfare through the "Great Society" programs. However at the same time the insane specter of the Viet Nam war grew ever larger. In Memphis Tennessee on the evening of April 3rd Martin L. King provided an even clearer window into the meaning and significance of freedom in his "**I've Been to the Mountain Top**" speech:

And then I got to Memphis. And some began to say the threats . . . or talk about the threats that were out. What would happen to me from some of our sick white brothers?

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land! And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!"

Then, early in the evening of the next day, April 4, 1968, while he was standing on the balcony of the motel in which he had been staying in Memphis Tennessee, Martin L King was assassinated.

A few hours later in Indianapolis, Indiana, Robert F. Kennedy, standing in the back of a flatbed truck informed a crowd of citizens of the death of MLK. Again giving a window into the meaning and significance of Freedom.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm only going to talk to you just for a minute or so this evening,

because I have some—some very sad news for all of you—Could you lower those signs, please?—I have some very sad news for all of you, and, I think, sad news for all of our fellow citizens, and people who love peace all over the world, and that is that Martin Luther King was shot and was killed tonight in Memphis, Tennessee.

Martin Luther King dedicated his life to love and to justice between fellow human beings. He died in the cause of that effort. In this difficult day, in this difficult time for the United States, it's perhaps well to ask what kind of a nation we are and in what direction we want to move. For those of you who are black—considering the evidence evidently is that there were white people who were responsible—you can be filled with bitterness, and with hatred, and a desire for revenge.

We can move in that direction as a country, in greater polarization—black people amongst blacks, and white amongst whites, filled with hatred toward one another. Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand, and to comprehend, and replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand, compassion, and love.

For those of you who are black and are tempted to fill with—be filled with hatred and mistrust of the injustice of such an act, against

all white people, I would only say that I can also feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed, but he was killed by a white man.

But we have to make an effort in the United States. We have to make an effort to understand, to get beyond, or go beyond these rather difficult times.

My favorite poem, my—my favorite poet was Aeschylus. And he once wrote: “Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.”

What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence and lawlessness, but is love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or whether they be black.

So I ask you tonight to return home, to say a prayer for the family of Martin Luther King—yeah, it's true—but more importantly to say a prayer for our own country, which all of us love—a prayer for understanding and that compassion of which I spoke.

We can do well in this country. We will have difficult times. We've had

difficult times in the past, but we—and we will have difficult times in the future. It is not the end of violence; it is not the end of lawlessness; and it's not the end of disorder.

But the vast majority of white people and the vast majority of black people in this country want to live together, want to improve the quality of our life, and want justice for all human beings that abide in our land.

And let's dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world. Let us dedicate ourselves to that, and say a prayer for our country and for our people.”
(Speech on the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. April 4, 1968, Indianapolis, Indiana)

Two months later, June 5, 1968 in Los Angeles, California, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated.

The following election of Richard Nixon, as we know, led to levels of corruption in our government that were very difficult to believe. By this time, it was quite obvious to all but those who were sleeping in the cemetery of comfort that the forces of retrogression were active once again in the world. The all out assault of these dark forces on the Common Good and General Welfare continued with the election of Ronald Regan in 1980.

The institution of Reaganomics, “Trickle Down Economics” theories, began the largest shift in wealth the world has ever

known. The shift was the movement of wealth of all kinds from the possession and control of the poor, lower, and middle classes, some 80 to 85% of the population, into the coffers of the wealthy and super wealthy. Since that time, the efforts to put human rights in front of property rights, to bring freedom, equality and respect for all people, for right human relations, for the fact of the One Humanity and the value of every individual to the forefront of how we live that had been made in the previous 30 or 35 years has been eroded greatly.

This current civil war is, as I said, in many respects the latest chapter in the eons-long continuation of the worldwide civil war we waged from 1914 through 1945. The situations over which we fought the U. S. civil war, the worldwide struggle of 1914-1945, and the struggles of today are the same; the stakes are the same. One hundred and ten years before MLK was assassinated Abraham Lincoln voiced these stakes by drawing on this statement from the *New Testament*: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (Mathew 12:25). Lincoln said, “A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other”
House Divided Speech, June 16, 1858.

What Mathew said in the days after the crucifixion of the Prince of Peace is as true today as it was then. And that was, to

put it in modern terms, we will either end as a slave world or a free world.

Although tremendous efforts are being made to precipitate the current war onto the dense physical plane, at the moment it is mostly being waged on the mental plane. The “media” is, as it has been for a very long time, the secret weapon of the forces of retrogression. They use it with great skill. The armies of sophists and dark magicians daily weave dark webs of terror and confusion that reach billions of minds.

It is here, on the mental plane, that we are most consciously enjoined in this struggle for freedom. It is here that the forces of Light will triumph. The struggle is over the hearts and minds of human beings, of our brothers and sisters.

*As I said, the present situation looks bleak, especially to those who do not see from the multidimensional level. **However, we have been here before, many times, and we have always prevailed.*** Today’s opportunity presents us with perhaps our greatest challenge. We welcome it. We know that the greater the resistance to the light the brighter the Light will wax, the deeper will be the call on our courage and will to be human beings rather than slaves.

It was written long ago. The Time has come. The effort underway is to awaken the sleeping giant, to rally the concern and courage of those still languishing in the cemeteries of the Great Illusion. Thus every word of Light is a “thunder bearing arrow.” Every thought of loving kindness, of beauty, of concern, of respect and consideration for others is a rent in the veils of darkness and fear. Banish fear and doubt. Know that we are prevailing. We have a mighty alignment of Sun Hearts behind us. We are an unstoppable force, and we will continue to prevail.

Master M. gives the formula for the ultimate weapon: **“Pay attention to the formula-thought-heart.** It will not be understood at once; let us not coerce anyone's thinking, nevertheless some will propel their attention in this direction—it leads to Brotherhood.” *Brotherhood #532* Think, brothers and sisters. Think in the heart, “the custodian of the power of the imagination”. *Discipleship in the New Age II, 555*

Think and speak, act and radiate the reality of unity. Brotherhood is the essence of Freedom.

Tom Carney
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