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Fortunately for the world, there has always been the questioning person who searches for reality and truth in order to avoid being misled by myths, ignorance and authoritarian lies. Having real facts to deal with, he can make the most appropriate and sane response to life situations; yet we are all conditioned by traditional values and conventional thinking, and so breakthroughs in knowledge proceed slowly in our world. On the individual level, we each have a built-in impulse to fulfill our potential for being human, and we seek happiness, love, beauty and justice in our everyday lives. The tension between what we could be and the evident failure of our institutions to hasten our attainment of human completeness urges us to seek better ways and the freedom to pursue them. However, there are entrenched powers which oppose human yearning for perfection at almost every turn. During the Renaissance in Europe, for instance, vigorous measures were taken by the Church to suppress scientific discoveries which all too often upset the dogmatic opinions of the authorities and their official interpretations of Holy Scripture. The scientists of those days, in order literally to survive persecution and to share their discoveries between themselves, gradually formed an underground communication network which transcended national boundaries. This secret society of men of high intelligence wisely defended their work against jealous officialdom and the greed of man; and, uplifted by their deeper insights, they endeavored to promote the betterment of the human condition through judicious use of their knowledge and through selective release of their discoveries.

Pressures still exist today which cause men of genius to be very careful about what they share with the world, but they are eager to spread knowledge and seem to recognize their own kind wherever they may be. The formation of the Brotherhoods of scientist-philosophers over the ages took place for essentially the same reasons that have forced scientists and other innovators to be on guard in recent centuries. Preservation of scientific and metaphysical knowledge of ancient civilizations has been maintained by these ancient Brotherhoods, and such knowledge has been transmitted continually to those who search for and demand truth. In fact, the prodigious surge of rediscovery during the Renaissance was largely the result of opening ancient archives which were pertinent to the work of certain scientific researchers. The Brotherhoods of scientist-philosophers of the distant past thus passed the truth to their counterparts of the Renaissance. Indeed, the discoveries and history of long-dead cultures are still intact and held by these Brotherhoods for those who can understand.

When civilizations are approaching the point of collapse, it is reasonable and logical that those who can recognize the danger signals should band together for mutual protection and to preserve knowledge for the advantage of future generations. THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER written by Eklal Kueshana (the pen name of Richard Kieninger) provides a general outline of the work of the secret, world-wide Brotherhoods of scientist-philosophers. This book briefly states the importance of a new city to the Brotherhoods' plans for preserving and uplifting a special segment of civilization. THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER states that this city is to be constructed in the vicinity of the Pacific Ocean beginning about fifteen years before the turn of this century. The Adelphi Organization has been founded by Richard Kieninger as part of his plan to help accumulate the funds and many of the personnel needed for that undertaking, and it is expected that the members of The Adelphi Organization will co-operate extensively in construction of the Pacific city. This brochure presupposes your understanding of the principles and goals set forth in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER and is designed to acquaint you with how you may become a part of the exciting creation of an advanced civilization which has been planned by the Brotherhoods for over six millennia.

The Adelphi Organization was chartered by the State of Texas as a nonstock, non-profit, religious corporation on January 26, 1976, and has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS. Some of its other purposes are to assist in its members' psychological and spiritual growth, to provide the educational facilities for the children of its members, and to foster a community wherein its members may co-operate to minimize the deleterious influences of contemporary society. The Adelphi Organization purchased land near Lake Tawakoni in a hardwood forest located 45 miles due east of Dallas, Texas. Thirty acres have already been developed with concrete roads and all utilities installed without indebtedness. The Adelphi property has its own water well and sewage treatment plant. Adelphi, Texas, is a private community-in-the-making. Persons who aspire to reside on the island of Philadelphia are expected first to live at Adelphi as members of The Adelphi Organization. We teach the Lemurian Philosophy of the ancient Brotherhoods to our postulants, who are persons desiring to work with Richard Kieninger to carry out the Brotherhoods' Plan as outlined in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER, and we accept participants directly from the public.

Men and women twenty-one years of age and older (there is no upper age limit) will be considered as candidates for membership in The Adelphi Organization irrespective of their race, national origin, religious background or political beliefs. Members must speak the English language but need not be citizens of the United States of America. Each candidate must understand the philosophy expounded in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER and be in general sympathy with its objectives. We are looking to gather together conscientious individuals and families who are concerned with their self-uplift and with superior education for their children. The Adelphi Organization, in turn, will supply assistance and instruction to accomplish these ends. Both husband and wife in each family must meet the basic

environment. You will have the practical opportunity to put information about Universal Law to work so that you may make it tested, unshakable knowledge.

To apply for membership in The Adelphi Organization, it is necessary to complete the application form accompanying this brochure. There are no registration fees or initiation costs required. The application form is designed to separate the casually interested persons from those who sincerely wish to participate in the Great Plan of the Brotherhoods. Careful effort is expended by The Adelphi Organization in interviewing the prospective member, and preliminary selection of an applicant depends heavily upon such evidence of personal enthusiasm, practical ability, and conscientiousness as can be conveyed in his application material. The applicant's attention to detail and his meticulous care in preparing his answers should reflect the high aspirations of the new Civilization. All information supplied to The Adelphi Organization in connection with application for membership is respected for its personal nature and is held strictly confidential.

Additional brochures and application forms may be obtained by writing to:

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aspire. By using the knowledge of the Brotherhoods as guidelines, you are in an unprecedented position to solve age-old human problems and succeed in all things. But, as always, we must ultimately base our prospects for success on the individual. Our members are shown the hallmarks, advantages and inherent happiness of becoming whole human beings; and this wholeness requires balance between their spiritual, mental, and practical natures. Personal acquisition of the Great Virtues builds character, integrity, and morality bordering on greatness and results naturally in the intensification of extrasensory perceptions which affords a direct channel to Higher Sources. The keys are profoundly simple, and the Lemurian Way of Life is easily comprehended, but putting these concepts into actual practice is inherently a slow and sometimes exasperating remaking of oneself. The attitudes and aims of the members of The Adelphi Organization should provide a beneficial atmosphere within their own society for successfully meeting life and its problems.

The applicant for membership in The Adelphi Organization will come under the purview of an Admissions Committee upon receipt of his or her written application form. The Admissions Committee will notify an applicant to appear before it for a personal interview if warranted by the written material he has submitted in his application. One's acceptance by the Admissions Committee after his personal interview is verified by letter. The applicant is then entitled to a probationary period of up to six months during which he and the members can decide on their mutual compatibility. This trial period begins when the applicant moves to the vicinity of the offices of The Adelphi Organization in northeast Texas and takes an active part in the activities of The Adelphi Organization. The six-month period is an extension of the admissions procedure during which the applicant is known as a postulant. He remains under the supervision of the Admissions Committee until it either grants membership or finds him not suitable. If membership is granted, the member is thereafter entitled to one vote in elections and in matters requiring balloting.

It is anticipated that each member and postulant will donate one-tenth of his net income to The Adelphi Organization. Tithing is inherently an equitable sliding scale geared to the means of each donor, and its practice brings added prosperity to the tither in accordance with Universal Law.

Your assisting in the building of Adelphi and perhaps your being subsequently accepted by the Brotherhoods to take part directly in the founding of the Nation of God is the most exciting and challenging adventure ever afforded you. There are deep personal satisfactions afforded by such undertakings which provide great rewards in themselves; but the building of one's own Egoic advancement is even more thrilling, for thereby you experience an intensification of life that leads to unimaginable participation-in-depth with all Existence. As you practice the principles you learn in The Adelphi Organization, you can achieve understanding, creativity, and the means to personal control over your

requirements of membership in order for either to be accepted, and all children of a family must meet minimum standards of discipline and social attitudes. The candidate should demand excellence in himself and in his environment and have the emotional maturity to contribute positively to the balance and serenity of the membership. He or she should have the psychological stamina to examine, recognize and root out the cultural myths and personal perversities which have plagued civilizations for millennia.

The Adelphi Organization is based on practical as well as spiritual values, and the candidate is expected to show his ability to provide for himself financially. The Adelphi Organization is not a back-to-primitive-simplicity movement, but rather believes in using technical and scientific advances to human advantage and seeks to promote culture and luxury to the extent that these enhance positive aspects of well-being and a sense of control over one's environment. Leisure and security are valuable adjuncts to the pursuit of spiritual advancement. We believe that man can live in harmony with the other life forms of our planet and enjoy the benefits of science and industry without damaging the ecological balance of life. The commercial and industrial enterprises of Adelphi members should not permit the selfish shortsightedness by which business at large has endangered the economy and resources of the world. Work is an important aspect of attaining Egoic balance, and the practice of many of the twelve Great Virtues depends largely on one's interactions with others in the process of earning a living.

It should be understood that no Utopian claims are made for the program of The Adelphi Organization. Although it may be a kind of retreat from the world-at-large, it is intended that the association of members will constitute a social workshop for learning, problem solving, and helping to forge an advanced culture. Utopias imply total satisfaction of each person's desires, but such a goal could probably never be achieved by more than one person for but a brief span of time. Civilization at its best is a compromise that is agreed upon by self-governing members who work actively to bring into balance the inherent conflict of liberty and license. This challenge is no less diminished by one's association with The Adelphi Organization. If anything, the challenge is more profound because all the premises of civilization must be re-examined by the community and new approaches made to the achievement of a society greater than has ever been known. These difficulties may be compounded somewhat by the Adelphi concept of stimulating Egoic individuality rather than promoting compliance.

Most people today are acutely aware of the powerful influence of society: its values, the demands of the system, and its destructive effects on contemporary children. Psychologists and anthropologists have shown that the problems of anti-social aggression, neurosis, psychosis, violence and marital failure are direct results of a culture's habits of dealing unaffectionately with its children and using guilt and fear to inhibit natural

human behavior. The Adelphi Organization believes its members can evolve a more humane and loving method of rearing children; yet we recognize that such changes must be gradual in order to allow the parents and teachers to comfortably accommodate a return to enlightened ways. It is our belief that individuality, productivity, creativeness, and deeper interpersonal relationships can again become the hallmarks of civilization and that The Adelphi Organization will be one of the forerunners of the re-establishment of a Christ-like, loving world even if only to pilot workable techniques in a small community at first.

The Adelphi Organization is not a Brotherhood or a Mundane School of a Brotherhood. It has the approbation of the Council of Seven, which is the co-ordinating body of all the Brotherhoods' activities. The Adelphi Organization is a temporary organization which is to fill a special role for the Brotherhoods, but its work is to be carried out in the area of northeast Texas. The members will be afforded the information and guidance passed through Richard Kieninger from Teachers of the Brotherhoods. Our special schooling for accelerated intellectual development of children, the methods for which have been proven over a decade, will be continued by The Adelphi Organization along with methods of enhancing emotional health and social adeptness among its students.

The Adelphi Organization intends that persons who take part in the building of the private Adelphi community will accumulate equity in the ownership of homes and apartments, and that this equity can be redeemed should they cease to be members of The Adelphi Organization. Private ownership by Adelphi members of businesses and shops will be encouraged; and although members who start businesses would most likely choose to have their key personnel be adherents to the Brotherhoods' philosophy, it will not be Adelphi policy to limit their employees to members of The Adelphi Organization. The accumulation of the money to build the first city of the Nation of God is a task assigned personally to Richard Kieninger. The Adelphi Organization itself will not have that financial responsibility but rather will serve to gather and teach people who will eventually assist in all that is required to plan, build and administer the Pacific city to be known as Philadelphia. The community of Adelphi in Texas is the first phase of the Philadelphia Project.

There is less than a generation's time in which to accomplish this building program, and the opportunity to coincidentally evolve oneself Egoically is an even greater incentive. The shortness of time will be complicated by economic and political turmoil in the USA and the world as the century draws to a close. Every member of The Adelphi Organization must advance himself or herself to a level of personal evolution that will contribute positively toward the development of a magnificent Civilization. The ancient Brotherhoods have stated that if all the individual members of a nation are perfect, then that nation will be perfect. The Adelphi Organization must attract and select right-thinking, right-acting men and women who have already evolved themselves above mediocrity. Only

such persons can effectively assimilate and profit from the teachings of the Brotherhoods and coalesce themselves into the kind of stable foundation needed for true Civilization. It is time to act and take your part in contributing toward the building of the Nation of God long envisioned by the Brotherhoods. Adelphi is an authorized avenue. The Brotherhoods are dedicated to uplift man and to reveal to him the truths which They have garnered and preserved over the ages. But this assistance is reserved to those persons in the world who are ready to make personal, practical use of it. People who affiliate themselves with Adelphi should expect to pursue not only their own goals but also do the work of the Brotherhoods and thus take their place among the great men and women of history who have served the Brotherhoods' plans to draw mankind upward.

The tasks of The Adelphi Organization are primarily educational, and the costs of carrying out those tasks are expensive even though there are many volunteers to conserve finances. The persons who are not able directly to take part in the activities of The Adelphi Organization can still aid and amplify the efforts of people who are actually working and teaching here. Tithing to God's Work is the way by which we human beings compensate our Creator and those Greater Beings who sustain us. There is no work more worthy of support than the building of the first city of the Nation of God. Donations to The Adelphi Organization are an important way to hasten the urgent effort to implement the program planned by the Brotherhoods to preserve a remnant of civilization to survive Armageddon at the turn of this century. This effort deserves and needs the financial assistance of every person who is concerned with the preservation of the hard-won knowledge gained thus far by man. Everyone who learns of the Brotherhoods' Plan has the opportunity to be a messenger of the Brotherhoods by passing on THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER to other people and informing them of The Adelphi Organization. You may thereby provide the missing key to the searchings of other Egos.

The oldest Brotherhood has devoted its existence to analyzing the causes of success and failure of civilizations. The purpose of this monumental undertaking has been to provide the data necessary for establishing a superior civilization capable of avoiding the pitfalls that have been the undoing of all prior cultures. In spite of the exhaustive preparations made for us by the Brotherhoods and Christ, it is mortal men who must rise to the exhilarating challenge of bringing the Nation of God on Earth to fruition. If men do not aspire to this rewarding task now, it is unlikely that any civilization will again arise out of the utter destruction wrought by the geological upheavals which will reapportion the world's land masses the year following Armageddon.

Within the framework of The Adelphi Organization and the community its members build, you can democratically decide on your own governing and put into practice the highest ideals to which you

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### MALE/FEMALE ROLES

#### Biological Roles

A woman's life in prehistoric times centered primarily around her bearing and rearing children. The man, on the other hand, had to track and kill animals, and he had to protect his family from predators. Cunning, courage, skill, and sheer brawn were necessary for his getting what he needed. So-called masculine and feminine traits slowly evolved over millennia and differentiated the outlook of the two sexes.

In those parts of the world where agriculture and animal husbandry developed, the hunter became relatively unimportant to the needs of his people, and his dominance declined so that the maternal, nurturant aspects of the woman rose to a comparatively more prominent role in the life of the tribe. Where people remained dependent on hunting for survival, the masculine, aggressive outlook predominated in the tribe.

Thus arose the matriarchal and patriarchal ways of life in various parts of the globe and at different times in man's history. The different emphases developed by male and female Egos in their sex-role experiences up to that time began to merge in early Lemuria. As centuries passed, men and women in Lemuria each acquired the better aspects of masculinity and femininity for themselves while eliminating the less desirable traits associated with male and female personality differences.

The process of consciously working to grow in this way concurrently strengthened both sexes' powers of Mind, and their mentality grew apace along with practicality and ideality. The Lemurian men and women advanced rapidly toward what we today call Mastership, since cynicism and sophistication did not yet undermine man's faith in what he could achieve.

#### Egoic Balance

It's necessary that personal, Egoic balance be re-established in you if you hope to achieve Initiation in a Brotherhood. Adherents of the Brotherhoods' Philosophy must do everything possible to enhance the acquisition of people's Egoic balance by re-establishing a culture which allows children to naturally absorb every aspect of balance from the pervading culture and its world outlook.

Men and women today who turn their feet upon the path of Egoic uplift have to spend some twenty years of their lives overcoming the negative attitude-forming influences of their first twenty years so they may finally be able to start at neutral in their forties. That's an incredible waste of time and happiness and

efficiency and cultural advancement! Moreover, we are all permanently scarred by the ignorance of those who tried to rear us the best they could without full knowledge of Universal Law and child psychology, or awareness of the purpose of life and how to fulfill it. So, we in Adelphi have taken on the job of synthesizing and putting together the aspects of the matriarchal and patriarchal views of the world so as to regain the very potent Lemurian philosophy of balance. This involves our taking into account all things and assigning to them proper values in our quest for Egoic growth and for control of our environment.

Philosophies of life other than the Lemurian are usually constructed around one of two mainstreams of thought. They are variously called patriarchal vs. matriarchal, the rational vs. the cosmic, Western vs. Eastern, Apollonian vs. Dionysian. The genuine searcher for truth must take both views into account to find the path to sanity and reality. There are brilliantly intelligent men who are firm adherents of the scientific method and yet they also deeply believe in God.

There are different forms of thinking, all valid, which are available to us for perceiving reality in its many forms. As a matter of fact, the two hemispheres of each persons' cerebral cortex divide the cortex into two functions. The left side usually specializes in reason, logic, analysis, and language; whereas the right side usually specializes in intuition, imagination, spatial relationships, and holistic synthesis. The concrete and the abstract can be simultaneously real in an individual's experiences just as can the practical and the artistic, the rational and the fantastic, the physical and the spiritual precepts.

For a person to be a whole human being, he must touch upon the whole universe. His brain and body are creating-tools, but they are also sensitive receivers of all the messages streaming from the far corners of creation as well as from life near at hand. Certainly we must look to outer space for information, but perception of your own body's inner space will reveal great wonders to you also.

#### **Exploring the Concept of Balance**

Apollo was the Greek god of reason, order, light and boundaries, and Dionysus was the Greek god of wine, excess, fantasy, and metamorphosis. The elements of both views are right, and the sage incorporates both views concurrently within himself.

The two views were really never meant to be separated. Practical and idealistic attributes, when blended into a balanced whole along with mentality are the stuff of which Initiates are made. The history of a people, the nature of their natural environment, and their mode of competition with others all influence their philosophy and mythology.

The patriarchal influence on Greek thought emphasized separation of God from the world. Man's spirit was separated from the flesh, and mind from matter, and a higher value was placed on spirit and mind as sacred Apollonian aspects of man which were at odds with his bodily needs. Patriarchal man, therefore, is seen as divided within himself. He's separated from God by sin, and in contention with nature which threatens to overwhelm him. The rationalist regards the universe as a chaos of random physical forces held in check by one another. His human society is formed by a social contract to control man's natural aggression and territorial instincts which he feels would otherwise tend toward total warfare.

On the other hand, the matriarchal philosophies see unity in human mind and body, and God exists in every aspect of creation. Unity underlies the appearances of plurality, continuity exists between all life forms, and the whole cosmos is seen as an integration of intelligent life in graduated planes. The universe is seen as order, and things occur in it by intelligent design. The matriarchal community is a single, organic whole, and the various functions of social structure are a harmonious outworking of the fulfilling of mankind's needs.

#### **Masculine and Feminine Roles -- Striving for Balance**

It is not difficult to observe that the female role of rearing children engenders less aggressiveness than the traditional male role, which involves making and keeping laws and boundaries for the populace at large, often over forceful and rebellious activity. Aggressiveness in the marketplace was a natural adaptation for males as well, and the imposition of patriarchy through the acquisitions of war throughout the known history of the world has kept women in positions of relative servitude, particularly in third-world countries.

In cultures where prosperity is the norm, people tend to lift themselves out of the level of mere survival skills. When cultural values center around education and self-development, and around the arts and sciences, both sexes tend to take on refinement, and both acquire the opportunity to take on the positive characteristics of the opposite sex.

If the middle class of the U.S.A. had continued to flourish in the 1970's and education had not been undermined in the latter part of the nineteenth and early part of the twentieth century in this country, women might have grown tired of competing in the marketplace. There was a tendency to seek a return to the home in a new context of worthwhile achievement-centered women, but the current economic trends have prevented that from happening. In most homes now, though many women have become disenchanted with working outside the home and have aspired to enter into the role of their children's teacher, it is no longer possible for most families to be supported by only the male's wages. In all too many cases, women have discovered

that in spite of their discovery that they are not emotionally suited for many of the workplace situations in which they find themselves, they no longer have the opportunity to stay in the home and apply their skills there.

Fortunately, the general rise in women's consciousness will not be lost to mankind, for in future incarnations opportunities will be presented for those same balanced builders of the home environment to achieve their goals to improve the human condition by service, whether they choose to work in or outside the home.

In the Nation of God, women who choose to have children will be required to devote eighteen years of their lives to their child so that each new generation of mankind will be provided with the ideal opportunities for growth and development. There will be plenty of time before child-rearing begins and after it ends for women to pursue their specialized professions, but the profession of educating and nurturing a child will be given the highest honor in the land. Since a complete grounding in child psychology and education will be given to every prospective mother, she will no longer be cast adrift on a vast ocean of responsibility for which she has not been trained. The role of mothering will be accorded the kind of respect it deserves in the culture of the future.

Women are especially suited for that vital role, because of the prevalence of emotional development which their past lives have prepared in them. Their intuitive and nurturing qualities have been developed by centuries of responsibilities in the home. The advantage of emotional development in women will become more apparent when the education of women of all races and cultures brings their intellectual advancement to a level which is appropriate for their being the educators of mankind. Universal education up to the age of twenty-eight for both sexes, with special added instruction for those women who will embark on a career of being a mother, will do away with patriarchal attitudes about the dignity of the nurturing and educating role of parenting.

Fortunately, men will achieve the same kind of emotional development when their work week is only twelve hours a week, and they too can enter into the rich environment of the development of human potential. Human psychology will surely be a major field of study for human beings in the centuries to come.

The feminine virtues of surrender, trust, romantic imagination, fantasy and mysticism, will be developed and refined, encouraging the sensitivities of children to flourish. The masculine virtues of rationality and practicality will be made available to all children. Poetry, ESP, play, music and dance, as well as training in how to make and change things will be accessible to all developing human egos. The value of conflict, of limits, responsibility, discipline and efficiency will be recognized, and those values will be presented within the context of

harmonious role modeling. Varieties of human experience will enrich intellectual achievement in the children and adults of tomorrow. Furthermore, commitment to societal change will be easy to find in people whose natural idealism has been given free rein.

**Some Exercises in Imagination**

How do you see the role of women changing in current times?  
Can you extend that view to a woman in the Nation of God?

Do you have ideas on a new male image of the 90's? Do you see trends in the development of men in our culture? Can you project that onto a man in the Nation of God?

How do you see yourself in that new nation's structure? Can you see yourself as a child in the Nation of God?

Can you see yourself as a spouse?

What else can you envision?

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## **MARRIAGE, FAMILY & CULTURE**

by Mary Ann Engel

### **Introduction**

According to Richard Kieninger, most marriages in our country are different from those which existed in more advanced cultures. For example, in Lemuria, women did not marry until after they were twenty-eight years old, had an excellent education, and much experience with the opposite sex. Men waited until their early thirties and had similar education and experience with their polar opposites. Given that kind of background, both men and women were far more likely to be emotionally mature. Furthermore, married couples usually lived together at least three years before having children so as to be sure their union was solid and there was plenty of love and respect established between two intelligent, secure, independent, and psychologically enriched individuals. It was a great help to each generation that the whole society provided examples of solid maturity as children were growing up.

In our culture, on the other hand, a majority of people marry in their early twenties. At this stage in life a person from our culture is rarely ready for a mature relationship. It is during this time in life that we are learning who we are, and our place in the world. We have had few close, long-term relationships with members of the opposite sex and thus have a limited idea of what kind of person would make a good life partner. And, in our twenties, we are just stepping into the work place and are not equipped to earn a good steady living. Economically we are just beginning to accumulate basic necessities -- our first car, furniture, etc. When children are brought into the picture soon after the wedding, there is little stability and maturity that the parents can offer. It is difficult enough learning who you are as a person during one's twenties. When you add to this the effort required to build a marriage relationship with another person, along with the responsibility to help shape the development of a child, it is not surprising that the strain is often too much. One out of two marriages fail in the U.S., and the number is greater if you count those where the couples stay together out of religious principles but don't get along with each other.

### **Why Marriage?**

According to Richard's teachers, marriage is an ideal aid to Egoic growth. It is a natural desire to be married since we have a God-given propensity to love and a desire to merge with the opposite polarity. This naturally converges on one special person. Our inborn quest for spiritual advancement

is also served in the marriage setting. It is challenging; and at the same time, a healthy marriage offers the potential for the kind of love that ennobles the spirit.

In marriage, one is asked to truly commit, in both love and friendship, to stand by another through thick and thin. The sharing in a healthy marriage enhances rather than diminishes each partner's individuality. Unselfish love asks that you encourage and support each other's personal spiritual needs and growth, which naturally leads one to greater understanding and acceptance. The happy home becomes a place for spiritual, physical and mental rest and renewal. It is a base from which we can gather strength and insight.

### **Bringing Children Into A Marriage**

In a loving marriage, it is quite natural to want to express that love by bringing offspring into the home. When a marriage has been given the time to mature and strengthen into a solid union, the offspring have an ideal example of balanced love and healthy sexuality. What are the possibilities when parents and child are involved in such a positive environment?

For the couple, parenting is probably the most intense challenge for learning a whole new level of love, open communication, teamwork, nurturance, consistency, and awareness of both one's own internal make-up and that of another developing human being. By connecting with our children, in many ways we get to re-experience our own childhood -- in all of its vulnerability, fears and needs, and equally its curiosity, exuberance and zest for life. Ask any good parent and they'll tell you that parenting is probably the most difficult thing they have ever done and yet is filled with unanticipated rewards.

### **Choices Are Made**

According to the philosophy outlined by the Brotherhoods, the choice to bring a child into the home brings with it vast karmic responsibilities that are not to be taken lightly. After all, the purpose for human existence is to progress closer to Mastership each incarnation. The formation of values and character in the childhood years largely determines how well one is prepared to meet life's challenges.

It is comforting to know that each Ego chooses his/her parents and that the child's Egoic advancement is always at least equal to or greater than the average Egoic advancement of the parents. The choice of parents is made to further one's advancement yet is also governed by one's past karma. Agreements with your parents' other children and foreknowledge of the family's life circumstances are largely understood in advance. Parents are chosen in spite of their human imperfections and frailties.

Keeping all this in mind, how is it possible for us to advance ourselves and help our children stand on our shoulders

so civilization can move forward? In the following pages a few thoughts and concepts worthy of a book will be shared, but in no way is this a complete discussion. Rather, each topic is intended to stimulate thought.

### **Solid Relationship**

As already mentioned, of critical importance is bringing children into a healthy, happy and loving relationship. In this environment children have a living example of how to get along; and as we all know, children learn best by what they see more than what we say.

Research shows that people are more likely to have successful and fulfilling relationships as adults if they come from a home where the parents were in love and expressed that love openly. The children automatically learn that no matter what may come up, the love is there and they can feel secure.

When mommy or daddy is worried or upset, children pick up on the emotional undertones. It is best not to burden children with details of adult worries, but it is a good idea for parents to tell a child when they are preoccupied with troubling concerns and also assure the child not to worry because mommy and daddy love him and will take good care of him and everything will be okay. By doing so, the child is reassured and won't assume he is to blame for your unhappiness. Children often automatically assume that they are the cause of all our problems even when they have absolutely nothing to do with it.

### **Parent Training**

Given the importance of child-rearing to mankind's progress, it seems ironic that little or no education or training is available for parenting. In no other area of life is there the expectation that one automatically knows how to undertake such a complex skill. Even parents with professional degrees in child psychology and development are often hard pressed to deal effectively with the challenge of parenting. We should not expect of ourselves or anyone else that we instinctively know how to be a parent.

That being the case, a key to the success of the Adelphi community and to the evolution of a new nation is the availability of training and support for all parents. In the U.S. today help is readily available for learning how to deliver your baby and breast feed him/her, but education on how to rear your child is almost nil.

A good model is the "New Parents as Teachers Program" developed in Missouri. This program which has now spread to several states due to its outstanding results began in the mid-70's and has been used in Adelphi and Stelle. The participating parent has a regular home visit from a parent educator who helps answer day-to-day concerns and questions, and recommends a program of mental and neurological enrichment. They also meet

on a regular basis to learn about an area of general interest to parents such as effective discipline, healthy diets, etc. This kind of support does much more than supply the parent with much-needed information; it instills a sense of confidence and know-how. Parenting is enjoyed much more when you are not constantly wondering if what you are doing is "right."

For the child, the results have been documented and represent a milestone in the field of child development. Measurable and statistically significant improvements were found in all areas of development -- social, intellectual, auditory comprehension, verbal and language ability -- when these children were compared with their peers. We at Adelphi also found this to be the case.

### **Babyhood**

The seven most important stages of neurological development (our basic "program" for life, as it were) occur between birth and age 6. The first four of these seven stages occur in the first year of life. To conceptualize the rate of growth, think of a newborn baby -- how he looks, what he can do -- and then think of the one-year-old. They are almost two entirely different creatures.

The first impressions a baby receives as he grows are implanted the deepest. They are the conditions upon which all future input is built. That is why it is so important that the baby be given a great deal of love, nurturance, attention and appropriate stimulation. One of the primary emotional abilities learned (for a lifetime) in the first year is the ability to trust. Learning to trust is started at birth and is essentially established by age one.

### **Bonding**

From birth, the process called bonding is begun. Contrary to the original theory that bonding had to happen in the first two hours after birth or not at all, it is now believed that bonding is an ongoing process that begins at birth and continues throughout the early years. Bonding is the love affair that melds together mother, father and siblings with the new family member. It seems to have a lot of psychic components since a great deal of non-verbal communication often goes on within bonded families. Bonding incorporates sight, sound, gentle touch, holding, smell -- all the senses.

It is interesting to note that when a baby is ill or separated at birth and can't be with his mother, the mother can lose interest or have difficulty loving the baby. However, once mother and baby are given regular contact and the mother is shown how to touch and respond to the baby, bonding can take place and the parents and child develop a connection.

## **Touch**

One difference we find between parenting in this culture when compared to more "primitive" societies is the presence of touch. In our modern culture, we often remove our babies from this sensory experience. Touch is probably the most highly developed sense at birth, and yet we wrap babies in clothes and put them in a baby carrier and thus greatly limit human touch. In more primitive cultures, babies thrive on frequent skin-to-skin contact by holding and carrying next to the body.

Touch is important for humans of all ages. Touch is a neurological nutrient. Research has shown that the sick and elderly can become more alert and responsive when they are given an animal to pet. Physiological processes like heart rate and blood pressure can be directly influenced by making touch a regular part of everyone's life. It is very important for our well-being that we drop our cultural 'taboo' against touching.

## **Movement**

At the same time that we need to touch our babies, we also need to be aware of their other neurological needs. In keeping with the stages of development, babies from birth need to be given lots of opportunities to move on their bellies (prone) on a smooth firm surface. This results in the natural progression from crawling to creeping to cruising to walking, but the entire sensory and motor development is also impacted. It is through the unhampered development of cross-pattern arm and leg movement (among other things) that humans are later able to read. Science is just beginning to scratch the surface in understanding all of the areas of function that are impacted by the development of cross-pattern creeping and crawling during the time it is naturally designed to emerge. A good rule of thumb is to keep a baby horizontal on the belly until he is able to be vertical on his own. When a baby is able to be upright independently, all aspects of the system (the muscles, skeleton, balance mechanism, etc.) are ready for that to happen. By limiting movement or by using walkers and other devices, we can interfere with nature's very delicate and perfect plan.

## **Early Education**

The Brotherhoods have taught us that we have barely scratched the surface of our human potential. Along with the processes of moving, talking, and using all of their senses, tiny children are ready for learning right from the start, and far more than we had ever believed. By learning about the stages of brain development, parents can do a great deal to advance a child's intellectual, physical, artistic and athletic abilities beyond what is commonly believed today. In fact, parents are the child's first and best teachers.

Contrary to popular myths, providing a wide range of stimulating opportunity to learn about everything under the sun does not create an egg-head, a misfit, a social outcast, or any of the negative connotations you hear about. But pushing

a child, never being pleased with his accomplishments, showing a child off, and expecting him to accomplish your dreams do have negative consequences. True enrichment is shared freely, establishes an ability to learn quickly and easily, and instills a love of learning. All of us have potential that is untouched in every area. Does that mean that all of us will become a Mozart or an Einstein? No. People do seem to have unique propensities in certain directions. What it does mean is that by broad stimulation, a child can enjoy (or at the very least be introduced to) a wide range of disciplines and can make choices to excel in one or more of these.

From my observations, the child who has been neurologically enriched early in life has interests in many areas; loves reading (assuming that was introduced early) and can do so with ease; has greater ability to perceive and recall details; has superb memory; is often skilled in two or more very different disciplines; has a strong, coordinated physical body; is able to question and probe to solve problems creatively; can understand and empathize with others; and can play and interact with both children and adults with comfort. This kind of well-rounded ability makes a child adaptable intellectually, socially, culturally, and physically and can set the child on the path to being able to accomplish whatever he or she chooses.

#### **Expectations and Self-Talk**

Expectations of parents for their children can open doors or close off possibilities. You've seen this before -- "my child is such a klutz he is always getting hurt." "Don't go out without a coat or you'll catch a cold." Often children fulfill expectations that aren't even verbalized. Thoughts are powerful, and children are particularly susceptible to our thoughts. If you expect your child to succeed, or if you expect him to make terrible mistakes, he will make this a reality in his life.

Children instinctively want to please, and without question they will believe whatever messages the parent sends out about them to be true. This becomes a kind of self-talk for a child that can last a lifetime: "I'm attractive and fun; I'm stupid; I'm a bad boy; I can't ever get anything right; I can't do math; I think before I act; I am patient and kind; I am strong and healthy; I'm pretty but I'm not smart; I am lovable; I am a trouble-maker." The messages are clear, and any of these can become reality for any and all children. The sad thing is that many times the messages have nothing to do with actual reality. Many capable, intelligent, talented, attractive, healthy people have such negative images of themselves and their abilities, that they will never break free to accomplish their dreams.

For the children's sake, try actively to instill positive messages. Actively ascribe qualities to a child that are important to their character development. Find opportunities to say: "You are such a patient person; You are so helpful;

It was a very kind thing you did when you helped that child find his toy; You are such a fun friend to have; You know how to get along with others; You use good sense when you make decisions." Those can become the child's internal "tape" recordings and a boost in making their life dreams and aspirations become possible.

### **Teaching Consequences**

One of the most important things parents can teach is that there are consequences for our actions. This can be done by talking with your child about how to think through situations to reach the outcome we desire: "We want to remember the umbrellas tomorrow because it is supposed to rain. Let's put them by the front door where we'll see them as we leave in the morning." If the umbrella is taken, the child finds himself prepared; if it is left behind, he gets drenched.

Too often parents rescue their child from the natural consequences of his/her actions and rob the child of a naturally learned lesson. We need to help children learn systems (homework assignments are remembered if they are written on a calendar); learn how to think logically (in order to get the report done by Thursday, I'll have to work on it Sunday, Monday and Tuesday because Wednesday I have a meeting); how to make kind and thoughtful choices (You know, Billy really looks up to you and respects you -- perhaps we can invite him to the ball game with us); how to see our 'dharma' (someone can get hurt if they step on the bottle on that step. I'll go remove it to the trash can); how to plan ahead (if we want people to come to the party, they'll need to receive the invitations a week in advance); how to organize things so we can find them (let's put all of our books on this shelf, blocks in this box, and balls in the bag). By simply talking with children and thinking out loud, as it were, we teach them strategies that can early on become a natural pattern for use in life.

### **Teaching Respect For Life**

Cultivating a sensitivity for living things is critical to the quality of life we enjoy -- both our own internal quality of life and the manifestations of life in the environment around us. We can instill in children a sense that life is precious, but, once again, they must see this in our example. Do we watch violence-oriented TV? Do we respect the environment? Are we thoughtful of people on the road, in stores, on the phone? How do we treat animals?

It is interesting to see the reactions of young children whose TV exposure has been limited and screened. When watching "children's" movies, they often get very upset and disturbed during periods of suspense or when the characters are experiencing pain, loss or misfortune. The children still are sensitive to the emotions and feelings. But, all too often, adults and

'peer pressure' encourage children to watch violent programs. The eventual result is that they become insensitive to violence and pain.

### **The Role Of The Family**

The family is at the core of society, and thus it holds a vital place in the philosophy of The Ultimate Frontier. A society and its culture can only be as good as the family units within it: how are the children raised; what kind of values do they learn; how is their character and self-image shaped; what sort of examples do they see; do they learn how to love and be loved? Fundamental programming of behavior and attitudes is established in childhood. The most deeply rooted of these are learned in the earliest years of life. It is very difficult to undo what has been learned in the first six years of life. This can be either a blessing or a curse, depending upon the quality of one's early experiences. Years of psychotherapy often cannot undo bad childhood experiences. At best we can only hope to develop awareness and overlay it with a secondary response. On the other hand, a good childhood environment is the springboard for a happy, healthy and productive life experience.

In Adelphi and Philadelphia, one of the most important things we can do is to educate everyone about the importance of child-rearing. In a community setting every adult has an impact on and a responsibility toward all the children and must learn how to interact in a positive, growth-engendering way.

One of the main ways to do this is to study other cultures. By such comparisons we are often better able to see the aspects of our own culture that are helpful and those that limit or diminish us. We can begin to add elements from other cultures that help us get what we want and need out of life and discard those things that do not serve our greatest good.

Adelphi and Philadelphia offer a unique opportunity to have a hand in shaping a new civilization. Only when we are all well educated, aware and involved can we hope to lay a foundation that can support Egoic growth for centuries to come. We can then benefit from growing up in a superior environment as we incarnate in the future into what we help create today.

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## The Adelphi Organization

### THE TEN LEMURIAN LAWS

#### Introduction

History has shown that self-government affords the best environment for advancement. The greatest civilization, Lemuria, flourished for 52,000 years because an informed citizenry took responsibility for governing themselves through participatory democracy. Their legislative branch was comprised of the people themselves, who made their own laws democratically.

Lemurians took citizenship very seriously. They earned the status of citizenship through a seven-year period of study. Those who served as statesmen of the Executive Branch undertook another seven years of study, along with their spouses. The Judicial Branch of Lemurian government was comprised of direct representatives of the Brotherhoods: However, as stated above, the Legislative Branch was the people themselves, who passed their laws through a process of referendum.

The Ten Lemurian Laws were their guidelines for keeping positive karmic balance within the culture. When there was a question as to how to interpret the ten laws, a referendum was prepared and the people voted. Individuals achieved a balance of give-and-take over time as they experienced being sometimes in the minority and sometimes in the majority. Both required maturity, then as now. Lemurians were well-informed people; each person a politician, moralist and philosopher. Generally they had the wisdom to govern themselves with ten succinctly-written laws as directives because their customs, courtesy and maturity precluded the need for elaborate laws and external authority.

Redeveloping that kind of incentive and ability to fully participate in our own governance is our primary task now. Civilization has finally progressed once more to a relatively high level of both the desire for self-responsibility and of the material freedom afforded by technological progress. The Lemurian Laws and the U.S.A. Constitution's Bill of Rights are available to us so that we can study and compare them in order to raise our awareness of the privileges and responsibilities of a truly democratic process.

While the Bill of Rights is detailed in its very specific protections against the tyranny of 18th century England's rule, the Lemurian Laws are simply stated guidelines, outlining Natural Law. It was intended that we learn about Universal Law mainly by experience in an environment conducive to growth. Reading the Lemurian Laws can give a glimpse into the type of Mind which was operating among a more elevated level of justice and love.

## Table 1 - The Ten Lemurian Laws

1. No one may profit at the expense of another. [profit]
2. No one, nor the government, may take anything from a person or another nation by force. [force]
3. All natural resources shall belong to the commonwealth of all citizens and shall not be owned by any person or corporation of persons. [resources]
4. Every Citizen is due equal education and the freedom to choose his vocation, and he has equal rights before the law. [equality]
5. All promotions shall be based only upon personal merit and proficiency. [merit]
6. Everyone must compensate fully for every personal possession he receives and hopes to retain. [compensation]
7. No person nor the government may operate in the environment of another unless specifically requested to do so by that person. The government, however, may enforce the law in treasonable, criminal, and civil rights. [interference]
8. No one may kill or injure another except in the defense of his life or his state. [defense]
9. The sanctity of the home is inviolate. [sanctity]
10. If no violation of Natural Law is involved, the majority rule will apply and will be subject to approval of the Brotherhoods' direct representatives whose decisions will be final. [majority]

## History of Democracy

In the history of Western civilization there are few recorded instances of democracy. The first glimmerings were in the city-state of Athens, as introduced into the Greek ethic by the Hermetic Brotherhood. Then the Romans developed a republic, with a representative type of democracy such as we know today.

In English history the Magna Carta stands out. That was the ultimatum presented by nobles to the king for the first time, challenging the divine right of kings and establishing some measure of authority and choice in man's daily life.

When the Brotherhoods again guided mankind to establish freedom for mankind, the U.S. introduced the world to the Bill of Rights:

Table 2 - The First Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution,  
Usually Called the Bill of Rights, Went Into Effect  
December 15, 1791.

AMENDMENT 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. [religion, speech, press]

AMENDMENT 2: A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. [arms]

AMENDMENT 3: No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner prescribed by law. [quarters]

AMENDMENT 4: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized. [search and seizure]

AMENDMENT 5: No person shall be held to answer for a capital or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. [due process]

AMENDMENT 6: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law and be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense [trial]

AMENDMENT 7: In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States than according to the rules of the common law. [jury]

AMENDMENT 8: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. [punishment]

AMENDMENT 9: The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. [rights]

AMENDMENT 10: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people. [powers]

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## THE BROTHERHOODS' COSMOLOGY

### Introduction

This seminar is based on a statement attributed to Dr. White in *The Ultimate Frontier*: "It is valuable for you to understand nutational motion because it is the very key to the secrets of the universe." As we study nutational motion and how it relates to the seven planes of existence, perhaps together we can storm the upper limits of our awareness, and perhaps each of us will individually penetrate into the "secrets of the universe" more quickly as a result. (Please use the spaces provided--or more--for any questions.) One of those secrets is that all things and living beings on the seven planes of existence are differentiated from each other by the nutational rate of the basic particles on each plane.

Another secret is that even though a man may no longer function in a physical body after death, he can still function in another body of another plane of existence. Actually, a person can consist of four bodies at the same time and place. There are comparatively large distances between molecules, and so our four bodies--each on a different plane of existence--readily interpenetrate one another. These bodies do not interfere with each other since they are of different nutational rates and do not inter-react.

Now in order to better understand what nutation is, let's start off with an analogy of the behavior of basic particles.

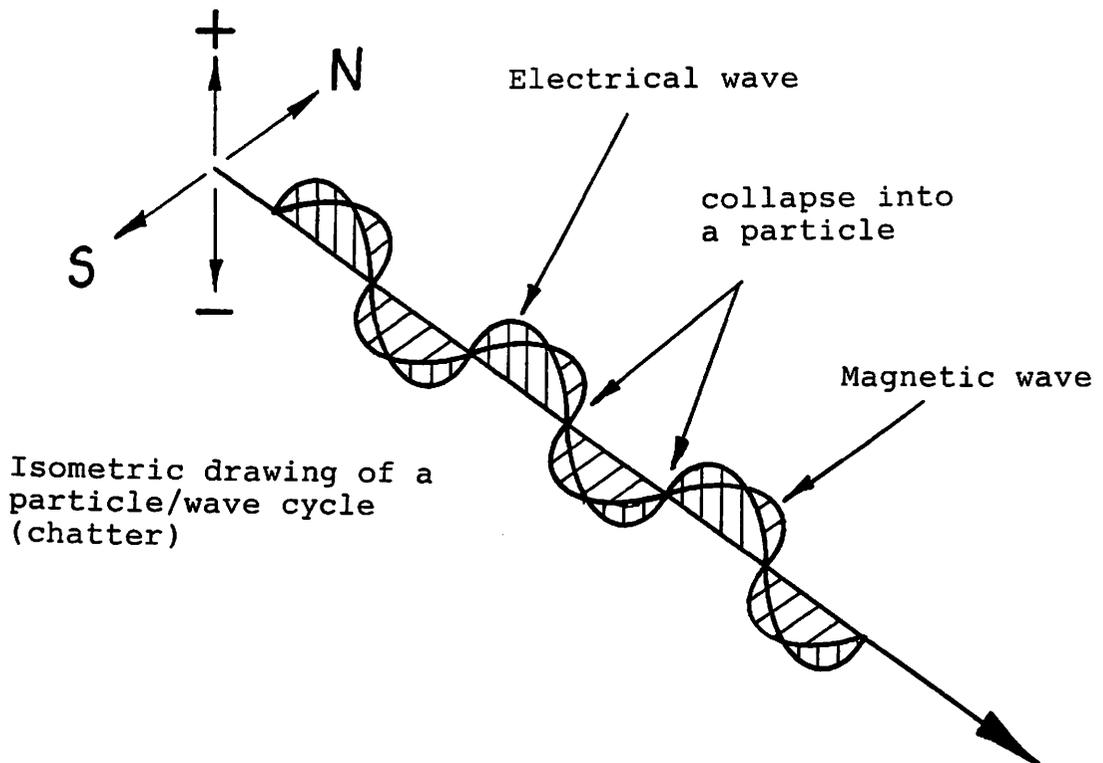
### Basic Particles

The axis of a top that's spinning will have a slight wobble which rotates slowly in a direction opposite to that of the top's spin, and it's called a precessional wobble. The axis of the Earth also has a precessional wobble which takes about 26 thousand years to complete one cycle. We see a top and the Earth as solid bodies; but when we get down to the sub-atomic level of electrons, protons, and photons of electromagnetic energy, they are not solid at all. These tiny so-called particles are but swirls of energy. Perhaps the best way to visualize them is like the way a smoke ring looks as the eddies of air describe a doughnut-shaped form.

All matter and all energy are comprised of such structures. They are really just eddies in what is called "basic energy". Another term for basic energy is the Ether, which acts like a non-particulate, frictionless fluid. Eddies that travel in a straight line comprise energy, which moves at the speed of light. Eddies which rotate in orbits comprise matter.

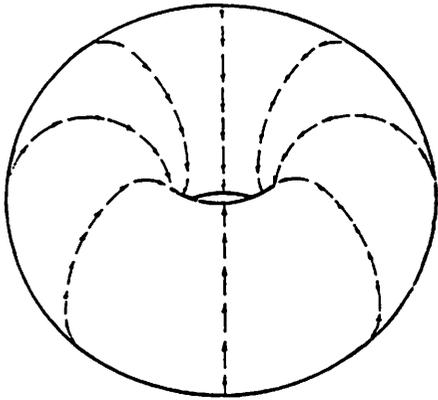
In addition to being this doughnut-shaped eddy, so-called particles of matter tumble around in their orbits, which makes it difficult to imagine one as appearing quite like a top or the Earth since these latter two are gyroscopically stable in comparison.

Light exhibits a curious behavior in that it seems like particles at times and like waves at other times. As a photon of light (one of these tiny doughnut-shaped eddies) travels through space at the speed of light, it runs up against an inherent barrier in the Ether of which it is formed. The net result is that the photon is annihilated into a waveform, which spreads out as a wave of electrical force in one direction and as a magnetic force that spreads in another direction at 90 degrees to the electric wave. These two waves then collapse back in upon themselves to form the doughnut-shaped ring again. It chatters along through space in this way by alternating rapidly between a ring-shaped "particle" and an electro-magnetic waveform, which it can do for billions of years. The higher the energy that originally drove the photon, the more frequently it bucks against the upper speed limit imposed by the Ether, giving the photon wave a higher frequency and a shorter wavelength.

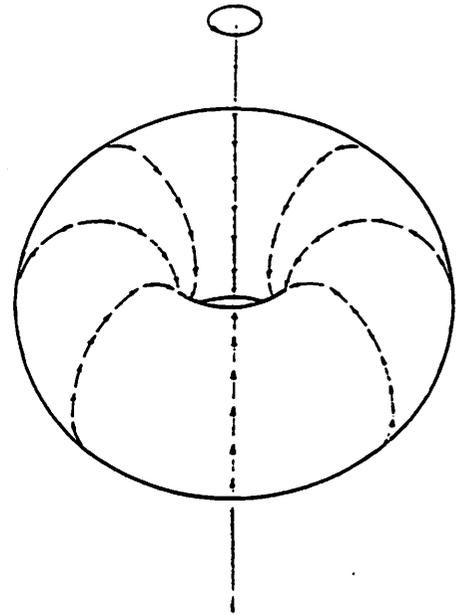


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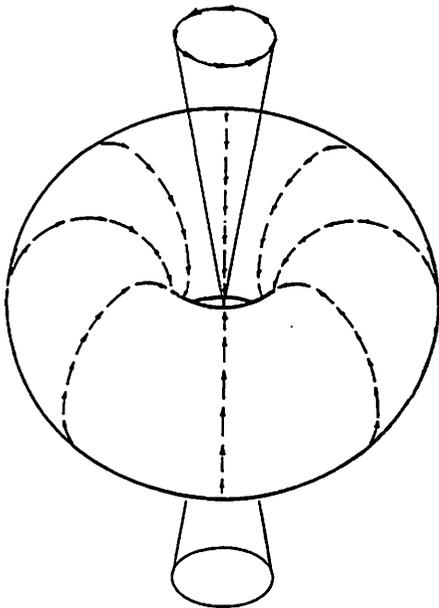
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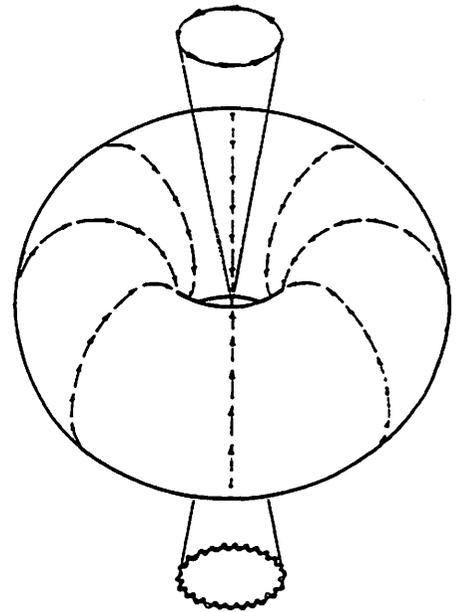
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central axis



The axis precessing



Precession with  
nutation

## Nutation

Every particle on the physical plane and every photon of electromagnetic energy on the physical plane has precisely the same nutational rate regardless of its spin or energy level. Chemical and temperature changes do not affect the nutational rate. The nutational wobble is similar to the precessing motion of a top or the Earth but is at a much higher frequency. The Earth precesses once every 26 thousand years, but basic particles on the physical plane--namely electrons, protons, neutrons and photons--nutate at the fantastic rate of 7 billion times in a billionth of a second.

Do you want to record any questions here, for class?

## Seven Planes

To again quote Dr. White: "There are seven planes of existence in the universe, and each of the seven planes of existence consists of atoms and quanta (photons). Each plane is differentiated from the others by the nutational rate of the matter and energy composing it. Therefore, there are seven nutational rates, one for each plane of existence. (Each rate is double the frequency of the one below it, and there are no blends or intermediate tones of nutational particles.) No scientific instrument on the physical plane can detect or measure the presence of the higher, more refined planes of existence. Atoms and energy of one nutational rate are not en rapport, as-it-were, with those of a different nutational rate. Inasmuch as the nerves composing man's five physical senses are made of atoms of the same nutational rate as those of any other physical instrument, these senses are also unable to perceive the higher planes. However, certain powers inherent in Mind can provide the means whereby the upper planes may be 'seen'."

The lowest plane is the Physical Plane, which has the nutational rate of all physical matter from gases and minerals up to all plants and animal bodies, including the human body.

The second plane is the Etheric Plane of existence, which is two thousand times denser than the physical plane, and therefore its binding power is tremendous. Gravity and magnetism are binding forces which have their origin on the Etheric plane. Every living thing has a Vital Body, which is the etheric pattern for plant, animal and human physical bodies and gives stability and order to their growth year after year, as well as making wounds heal. As the Vital Body grows, the physical body conforms through genetic processes.

The third plane is the Astral Plane, where human Egos reside when they're not on this physical plane living in a physical body. This third plane is where so-called heaven and hell exist,

although really they are different mental aspects of the same place. Human spirits of varying degrees of advancement are operating on the Astral Plane all around us, though most of us are unable to perceive them because the nutational rate of Astral bodies is different from that of our sense organs. The third plane is the level of the animal life essence, which vitalizes animal cells.

The next higher plane, the fourth plane of existence, is the Mental Plane, which is where those human beings who have learned everything of the first four planes work and reside while they wait to move on to the Angelic Plane. This is also the plane of the life essence of the Human Ego, where human beings' individuality, continuity of consciousness, and indestructibility of Egoic identity are manifested. The fourth or Mental Body is highly developed in an advanced person who has accumulated much knowledge and is seen as a large, colorful aura of coruscating energies by clairvoyant people. Masters function and communicate with one another on the Mental Plane rather than risk the communication avenues at the Astral Plane level.

Angelic intelligences exist on the fifth plane. They create planets and evolve physical life forms, step-by-step, through a conscious evolutionary process under their complete control. Man, as well as all the lower animals, was evolved species-by-species from simple to increasingly complex organisms by the Angelic Host. Racial variations can occur through natural selection to improve a species' chance of survival, but a new species can only be created by Angelic design and their mental powers.

On the sixth plane, Archangels have the job of creating matter and mentally holding together the physical universe. Every particle of matter and virtually every particle of energy on the lowest six planes of existence has been created by Archangelic Mind and continues its existence via the sustained mental precipitation of Archangelic thought. There are a few notable exceptions, however. The kinds of energy particles created by the Archangels on the lower six planes include and are analogous to the electromagnetic spectrum of the physical plane of existence but do not involve the Life Essences or Mind and Love energies.

The seventh plane is the Celestial Plane of existence, where new Egos are created, laws that govern the universe are formed, and galaxies are organized. Life Essences are special energies, having nutational rates appropriate to the specific plane of existence upon which they respectively function. These Life Essences which motivate living beings--plants, animals, men, Angels, Archangels, and Celestial Beings--are created exclusively by the Celestial Host. Mind is also an exclusive creation of God, as well as the energy we call Love, which is a power emanating from God and permeating the Universe. All phases of existence respond to these two great powers, Mind and Love.

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>OCTAVE</u>	<u>LIFE ESSENCE</u>	<u>HUMAN BODY</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL EXPRESSION</u>
Physical	1st	*Mineral	Physical	Form
Etheric	2nd	Plant	Vital	Pattern and Akashia
Astral	3rd	Animal	Astral	Drive
Mental	4th	Human	Mental	Ego and Emotion
Angelic	5th	Angelic	-----	Life and Evolution
Archangelic	6th	Archangelic	-----	Energy and Creation
Celestial	7th	Celestial	-----	Pure Spirit & Love

\* Note: Mineral Essence is not, technically, a life essence, since it is not alive. However, it is associated with the physical plane, and it is the essence that becomes Plant Life Essence at the next progression of the life waves.

## Creation

The first task of Archangels is to create hydrogen, which they do in vast tonnages. Then they mentally bring that hydrogen together into a primordial star which compresses this gas by gravity, which operates according to Natural Laws. Eventually this forms a glowing star which begins to give off energy as the result of nuclear fusion reactions. The resulting nuclear furnace builds higher elements. At a certain phase in the evolution of a star, there's quite a bit of ejecta in the form of dust particles and gases thrown out into space.

Using the laws of gravity and magnetism, Angels consciously coalesce these materials, which are in the space around a star, into planets, having determined what size the planet is going to be and what elements they want to come together. This is done mentally by imaging an etheric pattern of what they want to create.

Similarly they create self-replicating Vital Bodies which are the basis of giving form to the various species of life on a planet. Thus, one-celled plants and animals were created and evolved through various species in a conscious way, until the individual Egos created on the Celestial Plane began existence in appropriately evolved physical bodies.

The best way that human beings can show gratitude to the higher beings who played Their parts in our creation is to take responsibility for our further evolution and strive to reach the levels of advancement of our creators. Thus, it was designed that we are given the opportunity to play a vital part in Creation at this level.

Questions you would like to bring up in class:

## THE SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION OF MAN

### Introduction

"Great problems evolve great people; worthy challenges elicit growth." Such seems to have been the guiding philosophy of the Angelic creators of our planetary environment. We find ourselves continually having to work in order to grow and survive. No picking bananas off the trees for us!

Fortunately, we as humans have developed an effective and apparently essential means for meeting the challenge of evolving ourselves to cope successfully with life. We call it civilization. The basics of security and the fulfillment of bodily and emotional needs are provided only by interaction and interdependence with others. Civilization enables the social linkages with others that we seem to crave; linkages of affection, compassion, shared goals and shared beliefs. A highly developed society provides the opportunity for the social interactions that are essential to our spiritual advancement.

### Responsibility

Among the many essential requirements for forming a civilization, one is an attitude of personal responsibility. An individual who has assumed personal responsibility for what is occurring in his environment will immediately recognize other individuals who have also assumed responsibility. Only such as these can truly co-operate. Only such as these have any concept of the meaning of the word trust.

And what then is the definition of responsibility? It is closely related to the word ownership. Responsibility is perhaps best seen as an attitude toward oneself and one's environment. Responsibility implies awareness of events and forces in the environment. It implies an appreciation of those things that are most important to attend to in relation to those things of less importance. Responsibility is the ability to establish a hierarchy of importances for decision-making and action in the flow of environmental events. Such an awareness and ability requires Discernment, Precision, Courage, Efficiency and Patience. Responsibility therefore implies the practice of the twelve Great Virtues as an individual relates to problems and to other people in the environment.

A responsible person says: "Now I will do this"; and then he actually does it. He will confront an error of his own or any other person's as a problem to be solved. He will say, "I did it"; and then he will fix it. The responsible answer to any error is--"fix it". Self-blame and the blame of others is a distortion of responsibility.

A responsible person is someone who deals with his environment as though he had ownership of it. Not exclusive power over it, but stewardship of it. A successful farmer does not stomp on his crop if it is poorly, nor does he blame his neighbor and curse the weather. He tends to his crop, he helps his neighbor, he bows to the weather and he attempts to steer his course in as serene a tone as possible. The earth has taught him this. A responsible person does his work and co-operates with others in mutual endeavors like a successful farmer deals with farming.

The benefits to be enjoyed from the co-operation of responsible people await us as we continue to evolve ourselves; since co-operation is a more civilized, more harmonious and more happy way to be than are the currently prevalent political struggles.

(As an exercise, test the validity of the following statement in various areas of your life: "A person cannot be denied control, either operating or co-operating, of that part of his environment for which he is willing and able to be responsible.")

## Love

The most crippling disease known to man, which most surely blocks any hope of spiritual evolution, is the lack of love. Human beings are social creatures because of their dependency on each other for the love which nurtures the emotional aspect of their Egoic minds. Our psychological make-up purposely was created with this need.

Striving for power or material gains becomes a substitute for love for some persons, but the majority suffer a malaise of spirit which keeps them from being successful at anything. A sense of unworthiness dogs the person who experiences no love, and this results in depression and defeatism.

It is difficult to learn how to love and be loved if one enters adulthood without having acquired a loving nature in early childhood. However, many grown persons have determinedly managed to learn how to love. Acquiring this ability is intimately tied to one's achievement of emotional maturity and mental health. The crux of the problem lies with the fact that most babies are given no love because their parents are incapable of loving. There is a far cry between a woman fulfilling her maternal instincts and being able to love her child.

A child is intended to take in love along with his mother's milk, and he quickly learns to love in return at a tender age. The emotionally mature, loving mother rears children who learn how to love by example, and they come to expect that the world is a loving place. Such children are a delight because of their own loving nature, which is a reflection of their environment. They are well on their way to becoming capable, confident, outgoing youngsters who will engage with life in a zestful, creative manner and be able to cope successfully with the problems of life. Moreover, these healthy-minded people develop a sense of acceptance of themselves because their successes engender a sense of personal worth as well as the ability to love themselves. When a person is feeling on top of the world, when he can find joy in everything he does, and when he finds good in everyone he knows, then he expresses love in the most expansive terms - he loves God and man and needs not hoard his love.

We all tend to envy the loving person because he is so attractive to others. How, then, does one learn how to love and thus attract even more love into one's environment? The key lies in developing self-worth, and this depends upon performing and accomplishing in accordance with one's higher ideals; so we are talking about an aspect of emotional maturity again. Acquiring the Great Virtues, being recognized for one's contribution of skills, practicing love of Christ, and accepting responsibility in serving others are the paths to self-worth and self-love; and these in turn eventually allow one to give love and become an open channel for it. Love supplants fear and hate; and inasmuch as bodily ills, insanity, bigotry and warlike tendencies spring from fear and hate, the loving person is free of these destructive, crippling conditions. Indeed, he becomes attuned to Christ's work for mankind's evolution.

### **Self-Discipline**

Just as our personal spiritual evolution requires attunement to love, as well as a firm sense of personal responsibility for the direction of our development, so too the advantages of self-discipline need to be clearly in mind in order to overcome lifetimes of Edenic procrastination.

Without making an investment in emotional discipline, one cannot enjoy peace of mind; without training oneself to achieve self-excellence, one is bound to mediocrity; without fortifying oneself against the demands of life, one is cast about helplessly by it. Self-effort and self-discipline are the keys to achieving the truly worthwhile advantages life has to offer. Indeed, no one has ever achieved Initiation in the Brotherhoods by waiting for his innate potentials to bloom of themselves. Enlightenment must be fought for, and victory over one's smugness and laziness is universally hard won.

The person who earnestly seeks to improve himself attracts the assistance of the Brotherhoods. When he really begins to make headway over his shortcomings, he begins to encounter circumstances to test him and make him grow. The more successful he becomes in acquiring the techniques of self-advancement, the more strenuous are the challenges to stretch his growth in a more accelerated way. However, the extent of the difficult circumstances brought into the aspirant's life is limited by design to effect optimum growth and to not crush or break.

The challenges presented to those who would achieve Initiation into the Brotherhoods are not harsh but they are exacting. When a man or woman becomes a Brother, the devotion expected of him is total. The Brotherhoods know that one who has been selected as an Initiate can carry out assignments and will not deviate from the work for which he is made responsible because he has proven himself many times over.

The task of returning true civilization to our planet is complex and the timetable precise. Failure to preserve civilization at this critical time could mean the loss of the opportunity for further advancement of hundreds of millions of deserving Egos. The battle against evil entities demands unwavering strength and faith in every Brother, and Melchizedek has ever been wont to expect that a Brother give everything to this most important of all programs - establishing the Nation of God. There can be nothing more vital to mankind. As Christ, Melchizedek frequently called for His followers to give up family and comforts and even to risk being martyred for God's work. The main purpose for creating the Brotherhoods thousands of years ago will come to its consummation in our lifetime. The efforts of millions of Masters who have studied the successes and weaknesses of man's every attempt at civilization are being focused upon the Great Program at hand. This vast concerted power of the Holy Spirit now being brought to bear upon the problems of preserving mankind became possible only through the dedication and discipline of its members.

Every person who would like to control his own destiny, emotions and environment is really seeking to bring order into his life. This requires that he comes to understand himself and his relationship to others in the context of his society, but first of all he must make the effort to study himself and analyze his situation.

\*\*\* (As a personal homework exercise, list as many factors or items as you can think of that you would consider essential to building and maintaining an environment that would lend itself to enhancing the evolution of your maturity, wisdom, consciousness, creativity and ability to love. In so doing, bring to mind the terms you would use to describe the process of spiritual evolution.) \*\*\*

## Growth

Egoic growth is the accumulation of knowledge by the Ego over many, many incarnations. The sum of this knowledge, which must be acquired by actual experience, is referred to as the soul. An Ego is created by God with all the mental attributes needed to acquire knowledge and to retain the essence of all he learns. An Ego is eternal, and his soul is built by knowledge. An Ego's character is acquired through the practice of the virtues by his own efforts. The mind is the exclusive agency of Egoic soul growth. The Ego is individualized mind, and conscious mentation is the tool for his self-enhancement. The physical world and our physical bodies have been contrived by our Creators to impose growth-engendering experiences upon us from infancy on, and these experiences are the opportunities and avenues for acquiring knowledge about ourselves and the Universe. But it is not those experiences themselves which provide soul growth but rather how we respond to those experiences and what we think about them. This knowledge survives the mortal vehicles we occupy, and therefore such growth is spiritual as well as a function of a given brain's memory. Spiritual growth, soul growth, and Egoic growth are identical and proceed exclusively from conscious awareness and analysis. One's bringing into balance his mentality, practicality and ideality is a measure of his spiritual growth.

A key to rapid Egoic advancement is one's development of self-esteem by becoming demonstrably and self-evidently useful, needed, and important to the Great Plan. The acquisition or realization of self-esteem opens channels to the power of Love emanating from God. This indeed is like opening a magic door to human insight and one-ness with God. The Christ Consciousness Within spoken of by the great Masters is simply the ability to receive Love, to let it flow through one's Egoic being, and to become a concentrating focus of Love, which naturally involves redirecting it. Therein lies the ability to truly love one's fellow men and feel the joyful emotions which love engenders as it manifests through one's mind. Those persons who have opened the channels of Love find all other powers naturally and easily added unto themselves. Their practice of the Great Virtues ceases to be a struggle. Those who have acquired a Christ Consciousness no longer need laws imposed from outside of themselves, for they do not do hurtful or selfish things to another person or allow themselves to leave Christ's Work undone.

## HISTORY AND THE GREAT PLAN

### The Five Great Civilizations

The first great civilization that evolved on our planet was the Lemurian Civilization, which started approximately 78,000 years ago and lasted some 52,000 years until 26,000 years ago. The second greatest was the Atlantean Civilization which lasted about 14,000 years and sank beneath the waves of the Atlantic Ocean some 10,500 years ago. The third greatest civilization was the pre-dynastic Egyptian culture, known as Osiris, which was greatly different from the records that we are able to find of the various dynasties. The fourth greatest civilization was the Rama Empire in the Indian sub-continent. The common people in India then had an entirely different philosophy than the educated ruling families who, incidentally, were members of the Brotherhoods.

The pre-dynastic Egyptian culture was concurrent with the Rama Empire and both were concurrent with the end times of the Atlantean civilization. They were known as the three kings. Atlantis was predominantly a very practical group of people...the people in the Rama Empire of India were much more idealistic than they were either practical or mentally oriented...the Osirian nation was primarily noted for its use of mental techniques in a positive way.

One of the peculiar things about civilization on this planet is that it seems that mankind has been losing ground as we've gone along. Our present Western Civilization, the fifth greatest, has only been under way as a technological phenomenon for some 200 years. Some of the other cultures went on for thousands of years and managed to accumulate a tremendous amount of knowledge in science and technology.

### Seismic Reapportionment

Man's civilizing efforts, as detailed and very advanced though they have been at certain times, have been interrupted, quite abruptly, by natural seismic occurrences on our planet. Entire continents moving thousands of miles in a period of a few days can produce earthquakes more severe than anything Richter has been working on as a scale! Between five and 25 thousand years seems to be the interval between these seismic reapportionments of the Earth's land masses, wherein the entire crust slips into a new position on the underlying magma of the planet. Every part of the world is affected by such an event.

When Atlantis sank in a localized earthquake, it left all the rest of the globe impoverished so far as technology was concerned. Nobody else knew how to duplicate that technology; so many of the things that had been used world-wide simply didn't exist any longer. Even though technology gradually diminished in the rest of the world, they managed to be civilized towards one another. But then 3,000 years after the sinking of Atlantis came a world-wide reapportionment of the land masses.

That last reapportionment 7,500 years ago put an end to the Rama Empire in India as well as the Osirian nation in the Mediterranean basin. Today, what we consider ancient history only goes back to about that cataclysm. What we commonly refer to as the "cradle" of civilization in the region of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers was people trying to come back into some semblance of civilization and culture.

### **The Great Pyramid**

The Great Pyramid of Gizeh was constructed under the direction of a semitic people known as the Hyksos. It took many hundreds of thousands of Egyptian volunteer laborers to quarry the stones and cement them together in less than a hundred year period, but the Hyksos were the ones who initiated and supervised the massive construction effort. They were foreigners to Egyptian soil, but over about a century of gradually infiltrating the country they managed to be in positions of government administrators and eventually were able to elevate one of their own to the highest ruler of Egypt. Actually, the Hyksos had been assigned the task of building the Great Pyramid. With typical patience the Hermetic Brotherhood guided them to a smooth and peaceful integration with the Egyptian nation.

When the construction was completed, the Hyksos drifted off without disrupting the nation. A large part of them emigrated to the British Isles, and it was these people who built the Stonehenge circle which incorporates the same mathematical and astronomical relationships, as measured by the pyramid inch, which is the same as the old British inch. This split migration accounts for the fact that the British and the Hebrews inherited the pyramid inch. Those two people were intended to translate the pyramid's message when the time came.

The pyramid is a time capsule, and it preserves the time-table for the development of the future Nation of God and gave the coming history of events from when it was built in 4800 B.C. until the time when that Nation will be formed. The series of events documented in stone was derived through the ability of the High Adepts and Masters within the Hermetic Brotherhood to see history as it occurs in the future. They were seeing the end result of the aggregate free will decisions of billions of people living between their time and the time when we would be able to translate the coded messages. Time is an entirely different thing than most of us have discovered so far. We

haven't yet developed the mental tools required to understand how time operates.

The pyramid inch is precisely 1/500 millionth of the diameter of the earth through its polar axis. The pyramid rests on a square which is exactly 36,524.2 pyramid inches in perimeter and one percent of that number is the precise number of days in a solar year. The apex is 5813 pyramid inches from the base, and that figure is equal to the radius of a circle having the same perimeter as the base of the pyramid; defining the geometric ratio known today as pi.

### **The Great Plan**

Christ's plan for establishing a great civilization was formulated about 7,000 years ago by Him in conjunction with a dozen Masters of the ancient mystic Brotherhoods of scientist-philosophers which He founded. Christ has since maintained mental contact with these highest of human Egos, and it is through them that things are coordinated and passed down to workers on the physical plane. Using the Hyksos to build the Great Pyramid in 4700 B.C. was the first outward sign of their Plan. Bringing the Jews to Egypt where they could be trained in the ways of building their own civilization was foretold in the pyramid as being 1486 B.C. with the advent of Joseph, son of Jacob (Israel).

One of the most significant fulfillments of the Gizeh prophecies was contained in a public revelation made by Isaiah around 700 B.C. when the Hebrew prophet disclosed the Brotherhoods' plan for the appearance of Christ in Galilee. The Holy Land was a cross-roads of the two main trade routes in the world and this location was chosen for Jesus' birthplace because it provided a good means for disseminating Christ's teachings when He would come.

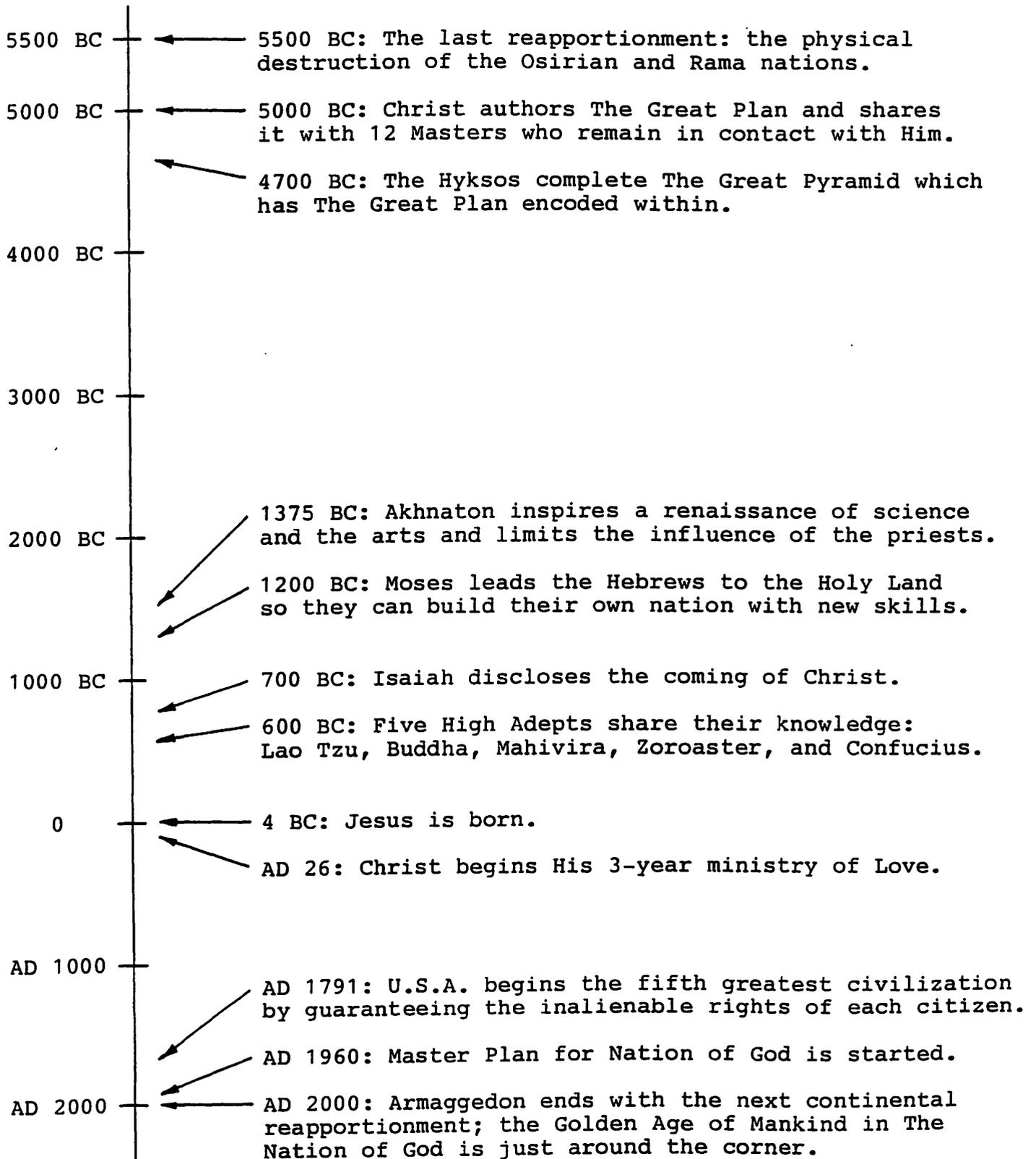
Subsequently, a series of nations in the western world were civilized through the inspiration of the Brotherhoods into a progression of 'stepping stones' leading toward the eventual evolution of the Nation of God. The U.S.A. is intended to be the last of those nations; many of the Founding Fathers of the US were students of the Brotherhoods.

The master plan to form the Nation of God was set into motion on Dec. 15, 1960. The new city of Philadelphia, to be the first city in the Nation of God, is to be constructed on an island which now exists in the Pacific Ocean. The global War of Armageddon to be fought from 1998 to Nov. 1999 will bring a political and economic end to essentially all the nations in the world. Then the reapportionment of the world's land masses will occur in a cataclysm predicted to occur on May 5 in the year 2000. About 90% of all the world's population will probably expire as a result. The Great Pyramid predicts that the Nation of God will be founded in October of 2001, ushering in the Golden Age of mankind.

## Adelphi's Role

So what does all this history mean to us today? (Use this page to write an essay on what influence your understanding of history has on your daily thoughts, attitudes and goals.)

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## THE BROTHERHOODS

### Who They Are

The Brotherhoods are organizations composed of men and women who, by techniques that are available to every person who has ever been born, have managed to elevate Their awareness to the point where They have discovered quite naturally that there are higher planes of existence. They have discovered some of God's Universal truths. These people have seen fit to organize in order that Their efforts may be more productive as an organization rather than as individuals. A reason that They have stayed underground for so long - and the first Brotherhood was organized many thousands of years ago - was that historically whenever any group of intellectual people or scientists or philosophers became too prominent, They were immediately stamped out by the priests or the kings who happened to be in authority at the time. The world seems always to have been under the heel of some tyrant or dictator; so rather than expose Themselves to needless harassment, the Brotherhoods simply withheld Their identity and concealed Their abilities from the world at large.

The Brotherhoods have long had a rule that if you are a Brother you must not say that to anybody other than to another Brother. People feel pretty safe with saints and people of superior ability once they're dead and buried, but they are nervous when they're around. Clairvoyance, for example, is accepted in some circles but it's just not real to a person who has not experienced those things himself.

### What They Do

One of the characteristics of a person who has advanced himself to the point of understanding a great deal of what there is to know of human existence, is that he finds that his greatest pleasure comes from serving the legitimate needs of other human beings, which especially includes teaching them the truths of existence which They, the Brotherhoods, have come to know. So the purposes of the Brotherhoods are to provide facilities for the instruction of candidates who look like they could make the grade, people who aspire to be better than what they are, whatever they might eventually become, hopefully to some higher level toward perfection as has been taught to most people who have become aware of the Brotherhoods. It is possible to become perfect, which qualifies one as a Master.

In addition to helping worthy candidates, Brothers are also involved in helping to garner all knowledge of the truths of existence. They have preserved a continuous history of mankind even though civilization hasn't always been continuous. Somebody had to preserve that information so that history wouldn't be lost forever.

One of the things They have been concerned with is trying to relate and analyze the causes of the successes and failures of civilizations throughout the past. They are trying to protect and guide the populations of the world in whatever ways they are permitted, which can't be direct. Mostly it's through information They reveal through the spokesmen that They have had, and hoping that people hear Them. Many of the great philosophers of the past have been spokesmen for the Brotherhoods. And all this is to prepare us to build a Nation of God on Earth, which men have to do for themselves.

One of the advantages that the Brotherhoods have seen in starting to be more open about the reality of Their organizations, is that people have something to aim at and can see there are worthwhile things to be done. There is some inspiration for those people to contribute their part to make mankind, or at least their little corner of the world, somewhat better. Fortunately, there are individuals who, if they see that there is something that can be done, are willing to work on it. And they build themselves in the process.

Most of the great religious leaders of the world have been spokesmen for the Brotherhoods. They weren't trying to establish religions, it just turned out that their truths were so profound that people who heard them institutionalized them so the information wouldn't be lost; so they became religions. The Brotherhoods are not involved in teaching religions, rather, they are teaching a philosophy of truth -- what the world is really like; what the nature of existence is all about; what our purpose as human beings is (why we were created). These are great things to know about. People have been concerned with such questions from time immemorial.

### **Their Start In Atlantis**

During the first civilization known as Lemuria, there were no Brotherhoods. Advancement just proceeded naturally without any organizations, as was intended by our Creators. There was nobody granting degrees or recognizing levels of self-advancement. People just naturally, through the proper (appropriate) living of their lives, were able to perceive the other planes of existence -- and this is built into all of us. People gradually strengthened and built their own minds to the point of being able to know all there is to know of the first four planes of existence.

The reason the Brotherhoods were set up was because civilizations were going the wrong way after the sinking of Lemuria. Atlanteans, for example, were a very unbalanced group. They were absolutely fascinated with science and technology, but they were hardly interested in what would be considered spiritual types of things. Even artistic endeavors were considered pretty impractical. The thing that caused their downfall was that they tried to control other people. They didn't have the same kind of morality that Christianity or the other great religions of the world are trying to promote today.

Christ decided to intervene and do something for our planet. He set up the Brotherhoods to start giving us information and help to guide us back toward the concepts of a true civilization. The Lemurian Brotherhood, started 21,000 years ago in Atlantis, was formed to teach the concept of balance between practicality, mentality and ideality - a concept which Atlanteans were sorely in need of to avoid their self-destruction.

### **The Seven Lesser Brotherhoods**

Altogether there are twelve Brotherhoods currently in existence. Five of the Brotherhoods are comprised solely of Masters, who are human beings who have learned everything there is to know about the physical plane plus the next three planes of existence above that. They never incarnate. The other seven are known as Lesser Brotherhoods, and they are composed of a few Masters and other human Egos that have learned all there is about the physical plane and who are known as Adepts and Brothers of lesser degree of spiritual and mental advancement - all having been initiated into the Brotherhoods as a result of the personal skills that they acquired. The Lemurian was the first of all the Lesser Brotherhoods, and it was formed in response to the lack of balance that existed in Atlantis at that time.

The reason that seven, rather than just one, Lesser Brotherhoods were formed was to provide an appeal to a majority of the various personality types. Each of the Brotherhoods specializes in a certain "mystery" - a truth which is so profound that it's likely to go unnoticed (so it seems to be mysterious). Regardless of their approach, all the Brotherhoods are working towards getting an individual, whatever his weakness may be, closer to a balance in strength between his practical, mental and idealistic natures.

The Rosicrucian Brotherhood was founded in order to teach the mystery of Practicality. The Luciferian was founded to teach its mystery - Efficiency. The Hermetic Brotherhood, which was founded in Egypt and was responsible for construction of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, has as Their mystery Precision. You can see why mathematicians and engineers have been attracted to that school. The Essene Brotherhood, of which Jesus, Mary and Joseph were members, has as Their mystery Love. The Coptic Brotherhood, which was also founded in Egypt, has Devotion as its mystery. The Brahmnic Brotherhood, of which Buddha was a

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR BROTHERHOOD

### The Balanced Way

There has to be equalization between three major aspects of the personality -- mentality, practicality, and ideality -- before one can be an Initiate in the Brotherhoods. Practicality is generally thought of as a more masculine trait and ideality is more often regarded as a feminine trait. These distinctions tend to blur as a person becomes Egoically more evolved since one tends to take the very best of what is femininity and the very best of what is masculinity and do away with the negative aspects of those characterizations.

It is characteristic of overly practical individuals to tend to believe in only what is tangible. If they can see it, feel it, measure it and put it in the bank, then it is real so far as they are concerned. If they're going to put forth effort on anything, they'd just as soon that it is something that practically turns a profit. Generally speaking, they are mostly interested in whatever benefits them; so they are comparatively unimpressed with what's benefiting mankind or society.

Overly practical individuals tend to be skeptical and suspicious of other people's motives. They know what works for themselves, and they'd just as soon not have anybody come along with some new ideas -- which might upset their apple cart -- whether it will work better for them or not. They tend to be atheistic. If you tend to believe in only those things that you can see, God seems to be a little distant.

Cultural aesthetics, music, art, and architecture seem to be a waste of time for these practical people to even think about and consider. They don't see that it puts any bread on the table. They would likely not object to having automobiles all look exactly alike and having all homes look like they were stamped out by the same cookie cutter. Being totally utilitarian serves to bring the price down, and that would be fine so far as overly practical persons are concerned. They tend to prize efficiency. They don't like to waste time or personal energy.

Unfortunately, they also tend to be very critical of others, who tend to regard them as opinionated. But they also tend to be "go-getters" which means they get things done. The world is very much dependent upon that type of individual actually making things happen, but at the same time they don't seem to have very much imagination along artistic lines or operate with faith in the unseen.

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The overly idealistic type of people tend to believe that shunning material things makes them spiritual. Many of them are very arty; kind of frivolous. They also tend to be somewhat gullible. They tend to fall for wrong causes and false gurus. They hold work in contempt, for the most part. However, they are giving of themselves for others, which certainly sets them apart from the overly practical type. They tend to be wasteful, improvident for their own needs in the future, careless (with money, for instance), a little sloppy about precision in the household and how things look - unless they happen to be very artistic.

Overly idealistic people are typically fanatical and intolerant in religious beliefs. They are just as critical of others as the practical person is critical. They usually make quite a pretense of humility. Even though they are trying to be humble, they're also convinced that they are made of finer clay than everybody else. They are dreamers who unfortunately lack persistence, so they don't get much done. They're imaginative, very faithful in religion, and have faith in other people. They're trusting.

Artistic types tend to be overly impractical because of their idealism, but that allows them to try things that everybody else "knows won't work". And they find out it does work. They're governed more by their hearts than their heads. They tend to make hasty decisions on hunches and emotions rather than on thought and reason. They also tend to be temperamental.

The above characterizations are the extremes of the purely practical and idealistic persons. Most people are mixtures of the these traits and exhibit them in moderation rather than these extremes. And rather unfairly, the idealistic type is popularly regarded as being related to femininity and the very practical type as being related to masculinity.

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Mentality is closely related to intelligence. All the things you have learned in order to perceive your environment for what it is and to develop ways to cope with it allows you to survive. To understand what is happening about you so you can develop cause-and-effect relationships eventually develops reasoning processes. A lot of educated people have no intelligence to speak of, and a lot of people with hardly any education are extremely intelligent.

When people get together who become good friends or who are potential mates, it's usually found that their intelligence is approximately the same. Spending a lifetime with a mate with a lower mentality would not sharpen you or challenge you to grow beneficially in areas you haven't experienced before.

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Complementary types provide good examples to one another: a practical man marrying an idealistic woman is a common example. Some of the things that are beneficial in her ways of doing and being are going to rub off on him, and some of the things which are his strong points, which may be missing in her personality, can be picked up by her just observing the things he does. This would be an example of an Egoically balanced coupling, or 'balanced polar coupling'.

There are Masonic and Biblical symbolisms that deal with the interplay between these three main factors of personality. When Solomon was involved with the building of the temple in Jerusalem, he represented idealism. King Hiram was the practical overseer of all the construction work and became interested in bringing together fine materials and top-notch workmen from all over the Middle East. Solomon saw beauty and relationship to God through this place of worship. Into this was added the Queen of Sheba, who represented mentality. The building of the temple in Jerusalem is symbolic of the building of one's Egoic self, and the interplay of these three personalities demonstrated the importance of bringing them into balance with one another so they can all work most effectively. The fact that there were at various times conflicts between the three of them indicated how things were always brought to a stand-still when they were out of balance with one another. And when the three were really clicking, progress sped along with the construction of the temple. So even the Bible points out this importance of the "three kings": mentality, practicality, and ideality.

America is a recapitulation of the Atlantean viewpoints; we have technology and little refinement of culture, and little tolerance of the ways other people of the world look at things.

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Exercise: How do you remind yourself to look at the strengths of both the matriarchal and patriarchal ways of doing things?

### Changing Yourself

To change yourself requires a great deal of will and mental stamina. Like a mountain climber, you can't reach upward until you let go of one of the anchors you've already established. It is hard to let go of those personality traits which somehow you've managed to put together into a reasonably viable package. When you disturb any one of those traits it re-adjusts everything in your personality. Most people find that so uncomfortable, that they'd just as soon stay where they are.

The beautiful things that your parents told you when you were a child have to be modified in light of the real world. And you don't like that real world in comparison to the fairy tale,

sugarplum, kind of sweetness that children are presented with. When you discover that the ultimate reality and your climb toward it are very different from what you've become comfortable with, there is a strong tendency to not want to pursue truth. You have to fight constantly in order to change, but the rewards on the other side are well worth it! After a while you learn that it can be fun, but it's like learning how to be an adolescent continually - the world is constantly presenting realities new to you that you aren't at first prepared for.

### **Cosmic Consciousness**

Cosmic consciousness is a prerequisite for Initiation into a Brotherhood. It is a combination of two separate abilities that a man or woman can have: Mystic Awareness and self-controlled clairvoyance.

Self-controlled clairvoyance is the Egoic ability at will to consciously perceive, or "see", the Astral and Etheric Planes of Existence while you are awake in physical incarnation. Of course, your Mind is readily able to always perceive these two higher planes of existence when you are discarnate or when commonly your Mind functions separately away from your physical body during sleep.

Mystic Awareness is the recombining of several basic physical functions of the brain, which normally remain in the nonconscious realm. These are recombined into an expanded, unified consciousness. This state can be sustained only for short periods of time. The unification of these various parts of the brain brings you in touch again with those centers of the brain that you primarily used as a child. Some of the brain extrasensory perceptions that a very young child normally has, as well as the child's subconscious telepathic ability, are brought into conscious awareness by the adult mystic.

The cerebellum is brought into play during the mystic experience. This large area is uniquely capable of magnetic induction of electrical current in its internal circuitry because of the way its nerve tissues happen to coil around each other. This unique characteristic of the cerebellum allows it to function more like an analog computer as compared with the simple digital circuitry of the cortex, which depends upon linear synaptic connections. The functions of the archaic brain (brain-stem, medulla and pons), cerebellum, and the cortex are all combined by the mystic so that he can reprocess information which is already contained in his brain's memory and experience. This combination does not give him the power to perceive other planes of existence.

This new interconnection, which is latent in all persons over age 28, occurs through the midbrain's complex of circuits that normally link all the brain and draws the limbic system, which

is the pleasure processing areas of the brain, and the thalamus, which is the emotion and feeling center, into the experiences of mystic awareness. Bringing all three major brain centers into conscious awareness, even if only for a period of 30 seconds or so, is a profoundly beautiful and awe-inspiring experience that a mystic finds immensely pleasurable, expansive, as well as educational (offering a unique perspective).

Only the sanest of persons can make it through to mystic awareness - they have to be very balanced and very mature. There are no guarantees, by following certain practices, that you'll ever achieve it. But by quieting your incessant brain chatter through meditation, you can put yourself more in touch with your midbrain and the archaic brain.

Controlled clairvoyance -- the other half of cosmic consciousness -- is also a natural process. We were intended by our Creators to just flow into that ability as we grow Egoically. This mental ability to perceive the basic personality and modes of consciousness of other incarnate or discarnate Egos primitive tribes do quite naturally. These people are so close to Nature and so much in touch with their own bodies and natural processes, that they don't have neuroses. Primitive matriarchal societies usually provide all that Nature intended for a child to receive and enjoy from his infancy through adolescence. They have no emotional blocks to the natural abilities that man is heir to.

Controlled clairvoyance in our culture arises from the acquisition of character uplift. The conscious development of character results in the refinement of the mental vibrations associated with each of the qualities of Egoic character. Reduction of the lower vibrations associated with base thoughts and attitudes, plus the increase in higher vibrations associated with virtuous living, bring you more en rapport with the higher planes of existence.

The person who is clairvoyant has learned how to transmit information, which he is picking up as an Egoic entity always functioning mentally on the Astral Plane, to his physical brain.

However, we are limited by the cultural beliefs imbued by our society's philosophy and mythology and by our culture's expectations of what is possible for a human being. This powerful conditioning is difficult for your Mind to override. The physical brain, then, is hard for your Ego to teach.

From the viewpoint of the average person, clairvoyant perception just sort of trickles into your awareness. Many people, just in the process of growing older, suddenly begin to have flashes of clairvoyant ability, which may be frightening to them because seeing other beings around you seems like moments of insanity.

A person who is totally blind is just as good a clairvoyant as a person who has eyes. So it has nothing to do with physical

eyes. It has to do with mental abilities. You can perceive somebody on the Astral Plane in one of several ways: you may see that person, which is clairvoyance, or hear him, which is clairaudience, or even smell a presence.

### **Burning Desire**

Desire backed by faith can lift people from lowly beginnings to places of power, wealth, love and happiness; it can ward off death; and it can serve as the medium by which one can stage a comeback after being defeated in a hundred different ways. Through the power of Mind, man uses the impulse of strong desire to reach a state which recognizes no such word as impossible and accepts no such reality as failure. In that state, what we call failure is only another stepping stone toward success.

### **Positive Mental Attitude**

Happiness is the natural state of the emotionally balanced person, regardless of age. On the other hand, the person who suffers from feelings of inadequacy constantly compares himself unfavorably to those who are competent, and he tries to tear them down in order to justify his own shortcomings.

As a person becomes happy, competent, outgoing and positive-thinking, he does not regard other persons as threats to his ego esteem; and by being unafraid, he can expand into richer interpersonal relations which elicit positive acceptance from others. In fact, he tends to accentuate the goodness in every person and in every situation he encounters. He can afford to be happy to see the success of others and to applaud their superior talents without envy. Above all, the happy person can love others and feel worthy of the love of God. He can give of himself without the shriveling fear of getting less in return than what he gives. He expands his circle of love, and he grants freedom to all because he does not need to control others in order to feel safe from their imagined encroachments. He is complete.

### **Superlative Health and Stamina**

Because requirements for nutrition, sexual involvement, rest and exercise vary among individuals, it is the responsibility of each person to identify and meet his/her needs. When basic physical requirements such as these are met, mental attitudes provide added protection from sickness. In fact, confidence in the knowledge that one can overcome the adverse influences of microbial infection by mentally reinforcing the natural defenses with positive outlook can alone prevent illness from ever threatening.

Love is a powerful healing force, including self-love. A healthy self-esteem and the release of emotional armorings are key elements to superlative health and stamina.

### **High Level of Skill in Trade or Profession**

People with a high level of skill in their trade have usually learned to use the ten qualities of Mind and the Great Virtues fairly well. For example, they learn to listen to and test their hunches, to use discrimination to evaluate options, to use self-discipline in choosing their direction and maintaining their focus, to express their feelings with tact and openness and to allow for the natural outworking of events. They will have learned to fire their desire by concentration on their goals and to persevere. They are people who are guided by their own inner convictions rather than by trends or the advice of others. They have learned how to find needed information and how to be genuine in communication.

### **Positive Karma**

The happiness and success which people enjoy in life has much to do with the karma they generate. Forming habits which improve one's karmic balance is easier when one becomes conscious of the habits he or she has formed which might be netting one karmic debits. Generating economic, emotional and physical karmic credits becomes more automatic when habits carry people along on the right track, thus creating even more opportunities for growth and giving. Exploring these areas is a very personal and individual kind of essential pursuit.

### TEN QUALITIES OF MIND

Man, of course, is not the only animal that has a brain, but we are the only ones that have Mind. The human body is the end result of a long evolutionary line of guided creation. Man is primarily a spirit being who functions through an animal vehicle, and that animal body has a brain. The brain is man's point of contact with physical existence. Most people think of their bodies as being who and what they really are, but man is Mind! A man can think and exist without his body, but without his Mind he could not be man. To the extent that we have the power of Mind, we are made in God's image. How many arms and legs we have or the shapes of our bodies is immaterial. The greatness of man resides in our abilities to be conscious, and to visualize what does not yet exist, and to create. To a limited extent, we are co-creators with God, but most people do not recognize this fact.

Mind is not a biological function. It is not some chance end-result of the development of life. Thought is definitely not a function of matter either. Since the brain and the cells which compose it are made up of atoms, one would be faced with the absurd deduction that atoms have been arranged in the human brain in such a way as to be able to perceive themselves. Only Mind can perceive sub-atomic structure. Mind is a power created solely by God, and made part of the human Ego.

In this context Ego means the 'self'. Inasmuch as we have been talking about survival of intelligent consciousness after death, then Ego is the term we can use to describe an individual's human essence whether he's functioning through a physical body or as a spirit being.

An Ego is a bundle, as it were, of Mind powers that retain a distinct and unique identity forever. Whatever character traits one develops become part of his Ego.

Animals have a certain level of extra-sensory perception but this usually is based on physical sensitivities that human bodies do not have or else are squelched from our awareness by mental activity. A person's extra-sensory powers are due to his consciousness and will, which are absent in animals. An unconscious kind of extra-sensory perception is possible between a human mother and newborn infant if they were bonded during the first few hours after birth. They seem to be en rapport and have a means of sensing one another's needs and feelings.

Keep in mind that when we list what constitutes powers of Mind, that there may be brain functions analogous to some of these. However, these are the qualities of Mind which exist in a person who does not even have a brain - that is, when he is not incarnate in a physical body. They are: memory, desire, will, curiosity, consciousness, conscience, creativeness, intuition, reason and emotion. Essentially, these are the tools that have been provided human beings in order for us to cope with our world and to learn everything there is to know about the physical plane and those planes that are beyond. In this way, an Ego can perfect himself to the point of knowing all that is knowable.

In elaborating on these characteristics, we'll address them in the same order. For instance, **memory** of your experiences when you were alive on the physical plane continues forever after. Thereby, the experiences of life are still of benefit to the individual after he has gone through transition to the world of spirit. Obviously, the brain also is capable of storing information, and conditioned reflexes are part of brain memory. All the vertebrate animals and some lower animals have that ability.

**Desire** and **will** operate together since will involves the resolution of choices into an intention, and desire provides the enthusiasm and determination to pursue that intention. Animals, on the other hand, only operate on conditioned reflex, instinct and drives. **Curiosity** is a driving force which impels one to search and learn and advance even in the face of danger and discomfort; and that is not a characteristic of any animal.

**Consciousness** provides an awareness of one's existence as an entity distinct and separate from external things and beings. The ability to focus one's exclusive attention on specific and ordered thought processes is also a function of consciousness. This is not an ability which any animal can experience. Animals are either awake or asleep. Awakeness in an animal is not the same as human consciousness.

Clairvoyance is a non-physical manifestation of consciousness. It is the ability of a person who is physically alive to be able to perceive human activities on other planes of existence. We are all continuously able to Egoically perceive events on other planes of existence, but the clairvoyant is actually able to bring such information to his physical consciousness.

**Creativeness** includes the imaginative abilities of visualization, original inventiveness, and the re-combination of knowns into unique ideas. Man's artistic and inventive powers are definitely not shared by any animal. **Intuition** covers the receiving of information by thought-transference and allows telepathic communication as well as one's sixth sense. This

category also includes the ability to combine facts instantly into a correct conclusion without consciously using step-by-step logic and reasoning processes. It also allows ready insight into people and situations.

Reason applies to thinking power and to the ability to consciously weigh facts and principles in order to arrive at dependable conclusions through logical inference and deduction. By this quality we can determine cause-and-effect relationships. Reason provides the ability for us to command the tools of language symbols upon which effective communication depends. The gaining of knowledge is a conscious, rational selection of what to store in one's Egoic memory.

Emotions are the source of human sensibilities, and out of emotions arise compassion, empathy, and sentiment. There are five cardinal emotions with which an Ego is endowed as part of his basic Mind: these are awe, joy, grief, fear and anger. All other emotions are modifications and combinations of these five brought about by societal conditioning during incarnation.

Love is not an emotion. Love is a great creative and healing power which emanates from the Mind of God, and when we experience it, love gives rise to feelings in the muscles of our body just as the emotions do. Our bodies are not the source of emotions. Emotions come from the Mind; and what we call feelings are physical responses appropriate to each emotion.

Science as well as the branch of metaphysics called religion are both seeking to know what the truth is. They approach it from different directions; but when they arrive at the whole truth, they are going to find that it is the same truth for both. If they don't arrive at the same truth, it is then only a partial truth. Both methods of getting at the facts of what the universe is really like appear to be getting noticeably closer to each other every year.

The Mind and brain mesh together so beautifully that we're mostly unable to sense a difference between the two. Life takes on a whole new perspective when you look at this physical lifetime as an opportunity to gain experience and knowledge that you can use for the rest of time instead of merely having everything end at death.

The brain, however, has many limitations that it imposes on the Mind while an Ego is incarnate. The subconscious parts of our brain store up our childhood fears and make us subject to neurotic fixations and blocks to our being a fully functioning and effective person. But then again, the same subconscious stores of knowledge in one's brain record every last detail of every experience of every day of a lifetime.

The human potential of every person can be glimpsed in the extraordinary mental skills that are publicized about unusual

people. Any one of these exceptional individuals usually has only one or a few of the wondrous skills which all of us are heir to. Every one of us could be musical geniuses; the powers of lightning-quick calculations evidenced by idiot/savants is inherent in us all; the mind-readers and the people who can move material objects by willing it mentally have been proven genuine by scientists; even children in some primitive tribes can walk unharmed on burning coals; an Albert Einstein can stretch his perceptions around a universe and point the way for others to do the same. All of us have the potential mental powers to accomplish everything that every so-called 'exceptional' person has done.

### SUMMARY AND EXERCISES

#### Ten Qualities of Mind:

Memory	Desire
Will	Curiosity
Consciousness	Conscience
Creativeness	Intuition
Reason	Emotion

Which of the ten powers of Mind do you more thoroughly enjoy exercising, or appreciate having, than the others?

What sort of difficult situations have you been through, or exhilarating ones for that matter, where one or two (or more) mental abilities came through for you loud and clear?

As an affirmation of your potential, imagine how unique today would be if you were suddenly quite well-developed in one of the qualities of Mind. For example:

How much more fulfilling would your life be if you now had incredible powers of creativeness?

How efficient would you be if you had total recall of all the information you have ever been exposed to?

How much more discerning would your decisions be if you had access to strong, accurate intuition? How courageous would you dare to be?

Can you imagine how rich life would be with a vastly expanded consciousness?

How different would your day be if you frequently experienced a powerful sense of joy?

## TWELVE GREAT VIRTUES

### Introduction

As you make a conscious effort to set yourself on a path leading in the direction of human perfection, a certain amount of emotional turmoil results. This turmoil can be distressing and difficult to surmount, but it is important to remember that other people have faced the same problems and have ridden them through to a happy conclusion. Most likely you have observed someone who made a change in his life and eventually mastered the feelings of insecurity and confusion that always seem to follow personal change. Knowing that others have succeeded and knowing at the same time what happens to those who do not try or who fail, you have both inspiration and incentive.

A tried and true technique for starting on the road to successful change and diminishing the anxiety of self-doubt is to gradually build your confidence. Bit by bit you gain confidence simply by trying one small thing and being successful at it and then trying another small thing and again succeeding. With each success, regardless how minor, you can say that something has been accomplished, that a change in your life has taken place. You will begin to grow confident that you can change yourself from being what you are today into something greater tomorrow. As you gain confidence in small ways, you can begin to tackle bigger things. Soon your successes will outnumber your failures, and you will have gained considerable confidence and self-esteem. Confidence and success are mutually dependent upon each other, and they grow together. But remember, success is not always immediate and always requires effort--sometimes the effort having to be repeated over and over. Each lack of success is educational.

It is a person's emotional maturity which allows him to sustain his effort despite the strains he puts upon himself as he grows from what he is to what he strives to become. His growing sense of well-being and happiness makes him increasingly immune to influence from lower entities. Acquiring emotional maturity corresponds to finding the way to satisfy your desires and ambitions without causing harm or pain to other people.

Making the Great Virtues a part of one's consciousness develops emotional maturity, and the measure of how well one is maturing is reflected in how one responds to various life situations as they arise. Not knowing how to cope with life's situations produces frustration and the feeling of being out of control--blown about by the whims of chance.

Personal acquisition of the Great Virtues is an inherently slow process requiring considerable patience and a boundless sense of humor! The ongoing reward is that it builds character, integrity and morality bordering on greatness and results naturally in the intensification of extrasensory perception.

### **Twelve Great Virtues**

Thumbnail definitions of the twelve Great Virtues are given below. There is, of course, much more to be said about each of them, but these abbreviated versions can serve to give an appreciation of what lies ahead for the sincere student. The person who would like to consciously acquire the virtues can start by concentrating on just one per week and each evening reviewing the events of the day and one's responses and actions in light of that virtue. Setting up a chart and grading oneself on each success or failure to live up to that virtue instills a habit of disciplined progress.

**Tolerance** is the wisdom of not making judgments on fellow men since we can never be sure of their true motivations, trials and personal problems. Criticism of others' beliefs, habits and personalities is unwarranted, self-righteous and inexcusable. The tolerant man does not measure others only by their errors; rather he asks himself how he would have reacted under identical circumstances. Instead of having a critical, irritable attitude toward another, which can only add to the cross he must bear, the tolerant person is slow to speak and act lest he detract from his opportunity to spread happiness and peace into the lives of those with whom he comes in contact. To detract from the reputation of another by gossip and hearsay is karmically disastrous.

**Patience** is the willingness to await the outworking of natural processes. Patience stresses calmness or composure under suffering or provocation or in performing a demanding task. Impatience with another person arises from lack of tolerance and a selfish peevishness to have one's own way. To fail to take the time to explain to a child or an employee what is to be done and then jump down his throat because the task was not performed as desired is a typical example of impatience. Impatience is a major source of irritability in our world, and much of this is due to desires which cannot be realized realistically.

**Kindliness** is the sincere desire never to bring hurt to another. It is consideration of the feelings of others as well as gentleness, sensitive benevolence and sympathy expressed in word and deed.

**Forbearance** is self-possession and serenity of mind under any provocation and conveys the patient lack of a desire for retaliation. It is the overcoming of revengeful reaction to personal affronts and injuries. The nursing of grudges only breeds bitterness and psychosomatic illness. Forbearance is

an attitude of nonresistance and a bending with the situation. Knowledge of karmic law provides the comfort that one's desire for retaliation against an offender is pointless in light of the natural law of action and reaction. The offender will suffer karmically without our engaging in destructive thoughts; thus forbearance breaks the circle of repercussions typical of feuds. Forbearance becomes an exercise in humility, for personal pride and the need to uphold self are common causes of retaliatory instincts.

**Charity** stresses brotherly love, clemency, leniency and an interest in the welfare of others to the extent of giving of oneself. It is wholehearted sympathy toward the suffering which man must endure until he begins conscious advancement. Charity precludes criticism of others.

**Humility** connotes absence of arrogance, snobbishness, pride, boastfulness and self-satisfaction. Humility does not imply weakness; rather it is the result of strength, power and true personal completeness so that one need not feel he must contend for a place in the sun. Similarly, meekness is the absence of wrath, and it stems from a sense of complete control over one's environment. Humility is the awareness of one's own shortcomings in view of the knowledge that virtue always recedes from one's present standing and that one has far to go to achieve even the First Degree of Brotherhood.

**Devotion** is the consecration of oneself to an ideal or a cause such as to the service of God. Devotion implies singleness of purpose which supplies an interest so great that serving the object of one's devotion is a joyful, untiring experience. The finer emotions of allegiance, faithfulness, loyalty, steadfastness and reverence are involved in devotion, but to this is added zeal in service due to love of and personal attachment to the object of devotion.

**Sincerity** conveys the absence of hypocrisy, affectation, sham or deceit. The sincere person is genuine and straightforward in his desire to learn and practice what is right. Conscientiousness and honorable conduct are closely associated with sincerity, but sincerity should be practiced with knowledge of right thoughts and actions; most of the evil and wrongheaded errors brought upon the Earth have been the result of sincere though misinformed persons. The acquisition of the other virtues is impossible without sincerity and the depth of application it affords.

**Courage** is quite distinct from bravery, which is usually an instinctive response to a perilous situation and implies lack of fear and bold recklessness. Courage, on the other hand, carefully takes into account the dangers of a situation in advance of action and is the product of reason sustained by marshalling one's powers of moral determination in the face of personal fear. Resolution, tenacity and determined morale

are associated with courage. It is the noble quality of character which enables one to stand firmly for his convictions in spite of persecution.

**Precision** involves exactness, accuracy and definiteness as opposed to purposeless activity, careless work and hazy thinking. Forethought, dependability, punctuality and thoroughness are hallmarks of the precise person. To remain a virtue, however, precision must not become piddling fussiness, or a display of meticulousness which intolerantly compares those of lesser preciseness and strips away all beauty from every situation in order to exhibit precision.

**Efficiency** is the ability to deal effectively with one's environment with a minimum expenditure of energy, time and materials. To become more efficient requires an alert interest in methods and techniques and the acquisition of skills through practice. Attention to organization of details and planning ahead are the marks of the efficient person. Precision is inseparable from efficiency.

**Discrimination** implies the power of discerning the motives of people and their character, and the ability to see the real truths below the apparent surface of situations. To discriminate emphasizes the power to distinguish the excellent and the appropriate; to judge between what is good and what is better; to weigh alternative courses of action in the light of karmic law; and to perceive the fallaciousness of teachings disseminated under the guise of all that is good and beautiful. Intuition is a natural extension of the power of discrimination.

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### **Epilogue**

Every positive (loving) linkage that a human being has with another seems to add more to his psychological maturity and emotional stability. When unsuccessful responses are made, it tends to tear down the personality. The strength to overcome hard knocks when dealing with others is attained by acquiring the Great Virtues through conscious effort. The capacity to enjoy rewarding and satisfying emotional responses has been built into us either as Egos or through the mammalian bodies that we human Egos inhabit. Our built-in needs constantly nudge us to be together with others and to learn to move upward.

## LAW OF KARMA

### Introduction

In our Western Civilization we have developed the notions of fate and predestination; however, there is no such thing. Everything that a human being has happen to him, he has instituted in a prior time, either in this incarnation or a former incarnation. It's carryover from something he or she has either done here recently or sometime in the past. Karma strictly refers to the carryover of either credits or debits from past actions from one lifetime to another lifetime.

In a practical sense, we also talk about karmic accountancy, or the accumulating of "treasures in heaven", which is the Christian way of speaking of karma. When you have done things which are hurtful to another person, then you have debits in your karmic accountancy. It's a case of cause and effect; "that which you do, so shall ye also reap." As the scientists would say, "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

Karma has certain laws, certain action-reaction situations that are always the same--the net effect is always equal. This accountancy is maintained automatically on the second plane of existence, on the Etheric Plane. It's part of, as Christians call it, the "book of God's Remembrances". This is an automatic system of maintaining a record of all the things that you do and think. It's self-executing. Nobody has to govern it in anyway. It works whether you want it to or not and for everyone equally.

### Three Categories

Whatever you do which is hurtful to another person has to come back to you in an equal hurt. When you do something which is good and beneficial for other people, then exactly the same thing is going to come back to you. There are three different categories in which this cause-and-effect interplay is recorded.

One is **economic** karma: if you steal something from somebody, something is going to be stolen form you which is of equal value. It may not be in this lifetime, or perhaps 50 years may go by before that equals out, but it will happen.

Another is **physical** karma which would have to do with causing a bodily injury to another person. If you carelessly close a door on somebody's hand and break a couple of bones in their fingers, which is painful for weeks afterwards, then you can expect that you're going to suffer equivalent pain somewhere along the line. It might not come back exactly to the hand, but some part of your body will be used to deliver the same amount of pain and inconvenience back to you.

The third category is **emotional karma**: the kinds of things that you might do which would be hurtful to the sensitivities of another person. Also, the bringing of joy to many people means that there will be many people who bring joy to you.

### **Purpose of Karma**

The whole object of karma is twofold. One is to maintain absolute justice throughout the Universe and time, and the other is to teach people through example that doing anything which is dishonest comes back to you. If you don't like things which are painful to happen to you, be sure you do not initiate them by doing them to somebody else first.

What matters is the end result of the action that you have initiated. You may have decided to do some dirt to somebody, but if the net result of what you started didn't work out to be harmful to that person then there is no negative karma.

However, the kinds of thinking that you went through--the negative imaging and hateful thoughts that you entertained--those have an effect on your character, and you carry that with you. But that has nothing to do strictly with karma.

### **Karmic Retribution**

The whole universe is totally benign. There is nothing intended to be harmful about it by our Creators. We have to institute anything which is harmful. But instead of somebody else being the agency to carry out the return of that debit, it is possible for the universe to do it in a sort of neutral, automatic way. Which is really the best way for karmas to be paid off.

Although automatic, it can be moderated in some way by Higher Intelligences: mostly Adepts within the Brotherhoods who are known as the Lords of Karma. They can assist you yet you're not aware of it, at least not in your waking consciousness. But they can assist you in making your karmic lessons be highly beneficial, and making sure they occur at a most opportune time.

A corollary to the karmic concept is that there is no such thing as an accident when it comes to human interactions. There are no accidents so far as human beings are concerned. There are, however, chance occurrences that happen to animals and plants and other physical phenomena.

### **Christ's Intervention**

Christ did remove the accumulated sins of the world at the time that He was here, just before He began His ministry. The 40 days He spent in the wilderness He was doing something, not just meditating and fighting off the temptations of Evil. He didn't remove individual karmas from people--that was something they had to work out by themselves. But what He did remove was the accumulation of what the Bible refers to as the sins of the fathers which can be visited unto 7 generations. (They didn't use the term karma.)

Christ was unable to eliminate the world's karmic indebtedness; it's being held in abeyance by the Archangelic Host, and it is intended to be returned to mankind at the turn of the century. In fact, there has been a cushioning effect that has been existent since Christ was here 2,000 years ago, which allows more time for us to compensate for things of our own volition rather than having undiminished karmic retribution fall upon us. If a person does harm to somebody, he can compensate for that by doing an equivalent good; and, therefore, of his own volition and control have neutralized the harm he would have had coming.

Christ saved the world by removing its heavy karmic burden which was keeping people from moving forward. They were constantly being crushed by the overwhelming indebtedness that was coming due all the time. They couldn't get ahead. Pestilence, disease, famines, war, enmities of all kinds; these things were keeping mankind up to its nose in water and just barely able to survive. It seems very likely that we would have just submerged into bestial times if it were not for Christ's intervention. At the time Christ was here, the so-called civilized persons were nobody that we would care to have any association with today.

#### **Group Karma and Individual Karma**

A mass of karmic indebtedness was due to fall upon various nations and races as a result of things that they had done since there are such things as group karmas, racial karmas, and corporate karmas. Those kinds of karmas Christ could remove, and it literally did save the world, but He did not remove individuals' karmas.

On an individual basis He gave the great news of God's forgiveness. God blames us about the same way you would a 1½ year-old child for breaking a dish. You may be angry about it, but you certainly don't condemn him for his actions. A young child who has been watching shootings on television and later comes across a loaded gun and shoots his brother, would be very upsetting to his parents; but they have to forgive the child, because the child could not know the real consequences of his act.

Similarly, mankind in its great ignorance, very frequently does things without knowing what they are all about. In ignorance, people usually do things that they feel they have need to do, and then find themselves having to pay off the karmic consequences of what they have done. God says, "Pay the dues. This is what you did, it was dumb, and you have to deal with the consequences. That's all there is to it. But I don't hate you for it. I mean, you're going to have to work it out. And you've caused a lot of mischief to other people. They had it coming otherwise they would not have been susceptible to it, but woe be unto him who is the agency through whom such revenge comes. Because revenge is the Lord's."

In other words, let Nature work it out. Don't you get involved in other people's karma to pay them back, because then you have karma too. It's self-defeating to perpetuate this kind of thing. It's just like feuds; like the Jews and the Arabs. There's no sense at all in what they're doing to one another although they're quite convinced that it's the only honorable thing to do.

### **Improving Karma**

Any time that you help uplift mankind or some individual--to help, to educate, to alleviate pains, to lead to a better understanding of truth--these are ways in which you serve man. And whenever you serve man, you serve the purpose of God. Any time that you are doing things which are helpful and good to others, karmic credits accrue to your account--your "Treasures in Heaven."

It takes a great deal of discrimination to be aware of what actually is helping and what is not. If you encounter a panhandler on the street (a person who makes his living by begging) you may think, "I hate to see a fellow starving; he just wants a quarter; so I'll give him a quarter." Then you feel good about yourself because you've done something for your fellow man. But actually you have prevented him from taking charge of his own life and keeping himself in karmic balance. You have given him something for nothing, so he gets a karmic debit to compensate for it. So you're not helping him because you have entered into a transaction which has given him negative karma. And you have given yourself half the amount of his debit because of the long-range deleterious effect you have had on his life.

If you really want to help this person, you get him a job; that is helping him help himself. "If you give a man a fish, you've fed him for a day. If you teach him how to fish, you've fed him for a lifetime." Education counts for a lot in helping to uplift mankind from his current condition.

### **Karma and Tithing**

Most of us forget that every day Higher Intelligences provide for us. They actually do a kind of a work. Our planet is protected by Higher Intelligences. The depredations that we wreak on our ecology are balanced by special action taken by our Angelic Host. They may create new kinds of bacteria or new insects in order to compensate for the loss of the things that we destroyed. The Archangelic Host generates the energies that come from the Sun (even after their creation of such a star to begin with), and they have to continually sustain and regulate that. That doesn't go on all by itself. If there isn't Archangelic thought continually applied to the holding together of atoms, they cease to exist. They just dissolve back into basic energy.

We should compensate for that by tithing to something which is of benefit to mankind. If we don't tithe, then it is extracted from us in other ways. We may not know, but things do not come to us that we are working for, and the windfalls that should have come our way are diminished. So there's a kind of hidden way that lack of tithing is nevertheless compensated for.

### **Karma and Prayer**

Prayer has to be answered by Higher Intelligences. Your attempts at influencing somebody else's life without their knowledge can amount to sorcery. The individual who is very ill and has a whole group of people praying for him--the sending of positive energies--is certainly beneficial. But to interfere in that person's life without his knowledge and permission is a karmically dangerous kind of thing to do.

Whenever you pray for somebody else, it is best always to put in the proviso, "if it be for the greatest good of all concerned." Then it leaves it up to those Higher Beings who would be responsible for carrying out your prayer to divert it to some other useful direction if it did not happen to be beneficial for that individual to be saved from this particular disease. Maybe he incarnated to learn about being an invalid, because maybe his actions towards invalids in the past was not altogether positive, and this is something that he now has to learn about so that he is kinder in future incarnations.

So don't interfere. Never be so cocksure that you know what is right for another person, whatever it is, because you cannot really know all the lessons that a person has come to incarnate to accomplish. Higher Beings know, but they don't talk to anybody about them.

Knowing that the Law of Karma is at work in our lives every moment of every day is cause for hope. Knowing that justice ultimately always prevails gives us the incentive to sincerely apply our ability to discern the outworkings of situations that we set into motion. The fact that the universe is not chaos--but rather is governed by intelligence--gives us the courage to learn the ways to completely control our environment to our liking without damaging or depriving anyone else.

### **Karma and You**

As an exercise, mentally note at various times during any given day or week how the three different kinds of karma are manifesting in your life. Is your environment completely to your liking in all three areas at all times? Do you keep a record of what you learned (or what has you stumped) about any situations that were not to your liking? Do you congratulate yourself whenever you notice an improvement? Others may have been the agents of that improvement (maybe a hug of appreciation is appropriate) but you were responsible!!!

## LAW OF PRECIPITATION

### Introduction

We and we alone are responsible for the conditions and situations that enter into our lives. We're responsible for allowing them, even if we don't cause them. The Universe, through the automatic action and reaction of Natural Law, gives assurance that we control our own destiny, unless we allow otherwise.

The first seven degrees of Brotherhood basically measure our ability to interact with other people, and our ability to control our personal environment. **Precipitation** has to do with the bringing into our personal reality the things or conditions that we desire--through our own mental concentration and through cooperating with certain laws of the Universe.

### Natural Law

We use the term "law" in the twentieth-century western sciences to refer to any situation that is repeatable under controlled laboratory circumstances. After centuries of careful observation, for instance, the Law of Gravity seems always to have held true.

A Natural Law is simply the way the Universe was engineered to work by our Creators. The guiding strategy They used in engineering the Universe centers around the human beings who live in it. We humans are the ultimate reason for having a physical universe so we can grow towards becoming ultimately equal with our Creators. Natural Laws were designed to facilitate our growth.

Scientific discovery of Natural Law involves consistent cause-and-effect observation. Since all of us are observers of the events that result from our thoughts and actions, we all are called upon to be as scientists--at least to the extent that we can discern how events relate to each other.

There are some Natural laws that are not as readily observable as gravity. In a few civilizations of the past, many of these basic laws were not only discerned and put into practice, they were considered the most important foundations of the philosophy of the civilization. An example of one such Law is Mental Precipitation.

### Mental Precipitation

Mental precipitation is so named because it involves the use of the Mind. The full term is "mental precipitation from the ethers", and that implies another plane of existence called the Etheric plane. It is a Natural Law (or Law of God, if you prefer) because it is consistently demonstrable. Once you learn

it, you can always use it, as long as you follow the appropriate steps. The term precipitation deals with the causing of conditions or things that you desire to have in your reality.

In weather forecasting, precipitation means the coming together of moisture into rain. In chemistry, there are cases where you can combine two clear liquids which instantly form an insoluble solid that settles out as a precipitate. Mental precipitation can be just as dramatic and sudden.

Everyone mentally precipitates all the time whether they're aware of it or not. So, obviously, you don't have to be conscious of all the steps. It's something that can happen naturally (which is a very common characteristic of God's Laws). Some people seem to just naturally engage all the steps in the right order most of the time, and they have remarkable success in achieving their goals and desires. Most of us pursue a rather hit-or-miss, uninformed, random sequence of these necessary steps and thus are mostly disappointed by our failure to have what we desire. But when it does work, it may seem almost miraculous.

### **Etheric Pattern**

Precipitation starts happening whenever somebody wants something. It is the way, by the use of the Mind, to get an object or a condition into our lives that we desire. The Mind has an extremely powerful effect on the second plane of existence, to which physical existence corresponds exactly. There's a correspondence between the physical plane and the Etheric Plane; so if you want to change or create something on the physical plane, a direct channel to do that is to use the Mind to modify the Etheric Plane.

Magnetism and gravity are two forces which most scientists believe are physical but which actually originate on the Etheric plane. Gravity is one of the weakest physical forces, so a person whose Mind is disciplined, like Jesus, can modify the Etheric plane to eliminate the action of gravity. This is how He was able to walk on water.

The Etheric plane basically acts as a pattern for the physical plane. Everything that has ever been built or created was first envisioned by Mind. Mental imaging creates patterns on the Etheric Plane, and as that pattern is reinforced by repeated and consistent mental imaging, physical manifestation conforms to it. Therefore, to bring about or change some situation or object on the physical plane, you need first to deal with the idea that will cause it to exist.

### **Creation**

Precipitation is creation. You are creating a mental pattern. In fact, the stars, the planets and every element in the Universe was created by the mental precipitation of Higher Beings.

Adepts or Masters in the Brotherhoods have developed Their Minds to concentrate so intently that They can directly precipitate physical objects, seemingly out of thin air. They have so much knowledge of all the sciences--how the Universe is put together--that Masters can picture the cell structure of the wood and the construction of a chair and create a pattern of that chair in infinite detail. Then using other mental techniques which the Master has developed, He or She can coalesce physical atoms which are present in the atmosphere (carbon dioxide and water vapor, etc.) into cellulose and lignin, etc., and in time a real chair appears.

### Six Steps

Automatically, wanting something begins precipitation; so the first step is to have a desire. The more intense your desire, the more successful and rapid the precipitation tends to be. When you really want something, you naturally think about it frequently and intensely.

Picturing in your Mind what it is that you desire, forms the etheric pattern for that dreamed-of object or condition. Clear, consistent visualization strengthens that etheric pattern. A clear, precise mental image can be assisted by such things as making models, pictures and blueprints.

When you intensely desire something, the more you concentrate your mental energy on it, the faster it will manifest. When you concentrate on visualizing your precipitation goal, you are powerfully strengthening its etheric pattern. In addition, such concentration also impresses your desire upon your subconscious midbrain, which will continue to reinforce your plans even when you are not consciously precipitating.

Masters can achieve their goals purely mentally, but at our stage of development it is appropriate to take physical actions that correspond to what you're trying to accomplish. If you want a new house, go find an architect; if you want a new car, start shopping for cars. Very frequently the pattern that you are creating may cause whatever object you're after to come to your attention from a completely unexpected quarter.

The law of mental precipitation is like any law in the realm of the physical sciences. The requirements for something to manifest in your environment are specific, and as soon as those conditional requirements and situations are met, results will accrue. There's a point where all the factors needed for your desire come together, as in a chemical reaction like scratching a match hard enough to get it to ignite. Confidence in this natural cause-and-effect process engenders the patience and continued endeavor required, and prevents counter-precipitation through lack of a positive, confident attitude.

Silence about your precipitation may be necessary to maintain your concentration; talking to others about it tends to disperse and weaken your focus. Also, if somebody else does not want you to get what you are after they can counter-precipitate against you. It's best to talk about your precipitation only with those who are necessary to help bring it about.

### **Karma**

Mental precipitation can, and should, be used for anything that you want that you feel will improve your environment. However, one condition for lasting success is that you have the karmic credits to retain what you precipitate. A person who is a really good precipitator can attract things that he may not have earned the right to hold. Either in this lifetime or the next he's going to have to pay what is due. You can get it, but whether you can hold on to it is dependent on your karmic balance; "There is no such thing as a free lunch."

Precipitation is a very powerful tool, like fire. Used without the proper care, it can be harmful. An example is three-year-old Jimmy who can't walk from the kitchen to the dining room table with the butter dish without dropping the butter. All the parent has to do is anxiously look at him and picture the butter dropping, and it will practically jump out of his hands. That's actually a kind of sorcery, which is indeed a form of mental precipitation.

To avoid the karmic repercussions of meddling in another person's life when precipitating such things as a spouse, a new job or a friend, simply don't focus on one particular person. If you want a wife who has certain qualities, precipitate a person with these qualities. Picturing someone you know is interference, but putting out into the universe your desired result leaves you karmically in the clear.

### **Pointers**

What we precipitate into our environment is usually the result of our habitual thought patterns. These habits are often more powerful than those we have concentrated intensely upon for a few moments a day during precipitative exercise. Each of our thoughts throughout the day has a modifying effect upon what enters our life. Whenever you experience doubt about a precipitation, you undermine the very thing you want to accomplish. Remember that Universal Laws always work, and there should be no doubts.

The secrets of our hearts always come into reality, for desire is a powerful precipitative force. If we plan or do one thing but fear that something may happen, such as sickness or financial need, then these feared things come about. When we remind ourselves over and over again that "I am plenty," then we will have plenty.

A key to precipitation is to regard the desired result as if it has already been received; then it comes about more readily. To say, "I will soon have my desire," is counterproductive because the use of the future tense holds off results to some unsure future time, and tomorrow never comes. Or if you say, "Maybe I don't have the karmic credits," etc., then you can cancel the precipitation. Such negative thinking can become an ingrained habit, and we have to work hard to overcome it.

The more we prepare ourselves to be channels of wealth, the more we attract it. Wealth can serve mankind, and we can be the channels for it. We basically want to serve; we came to serve; and we grow through serving.

## THE TEN LEMURIAN LAWS

### Introduction

History has shown that self-government affords the best environment for advancement. The greatest civilization, Lemuria, flourished for 52,000 years because an informed citizenry took responsibility for governing themselves through participatory democracy. Their legislative branch was comprised of the people themselves, who made their own laws democratically.

Lemurians took citizenship very seriously. They earned the status of citizenship through a seven-year period of study. Those who served as statesmen of the Executive Branch undertook another seven years of study, along with their spouses. The Judicial Branch of Lemurian government was comprised of direct representatives of the Brotherhoods: However, as stated above, the Legislative Branch was the people themselves, who passed their laws through a process of referendum.

The Ten Lemurian Laws were their guidelines for keeping positive karmic balance within the culture. When there was a question as to how to interpret the ten laws, a referendum was prepared and the people voted. Individuals achieved a balance of give-and-take over time as they experienced being sometimes in the minority and sometimes in the majority. Both required maturity, then as now. Lemurians were well-informed people; each person a politician, moralist and philosopher. Generally they had the wisdom to govern themselves with ten succinctly-written laws as directives because their customs, courtesy and maturity precluded the need for elaborate laws and external authority.

Redeveloping that kind of incentive and ability to fully participate in our own governance is our primary task now. Civilization has finally progressed once more to a relatively high level of both the desire for self-responsibility and of the material freedom afforded by technological progress. The Lemurian Laws and the U.S.A. Constitution's Bill of Rights are available to us so that we can study and compare them in order to raise our awareness of the privileges and responsibilities of a truly democratic process.

While the Bill of Rights is detailed in its very specific protections against the tyranny of 18th century England's rule, the Lemurian Laws are simply stated guidelines, outlining Natural Law. It was intended that we learn about Universal Law mainly by experience in an environment conducive to growth. Reading the Lemurian Laws can give a glimpse into the type of Mind which was operating among a more elevated level of justice and love.

## Table 1 - The Ten Lemurian Laws

1. No one may profit at the expense of another. [profit]
2. No one, nor the government, may take anything from a person or another nation by force. [force]
3. All natural resources shall belong to the commonwealth of all citizens and shall not be owned by any person or corporation of persons. [resources]
4. Every Citizen is due equal education and the freedom to choose his vocation, and he has equal rights before the law. [equality]
5. All promotions shall be based only upon personal merit and proficiency. [merit]
6. Everyone must compensate fully for every personal possession he receives and hopes to retain. [compensation]
7. No person nor the government may operate in the environment of another unless specifically requested to do so by that person. The government, however, may enforce the law in treasonable, criminal, and civil rights. [interference]
8. No one may kill or injure another except in the defense of his life or his state. [defense]
9. The sanctity of the home is inviolate. [sanctity]
10. If no violation of Natural Law is involved, the majority rule will apply and will be subject to approval of the Brotherhoods' direct representatives whose decisions will be final. [majority]

## History of Democracy

In the history of Western civilization there are few recorded instances of democracy. The first glimmerings were in the city-state of Athens, as introduced into the Greek ethic by the Hermetic Brotherhood. Then the Romans developed a republic, with a representative type of democracy such as we know today.

In English history the Magna Carta stands out. That was the ultimatum presented by nobles to the king for the first time, challenging the divine right of kings and establishing some measure of authority and choice in man's daily life.

When the Brotherhoods again guided mankind to establish freedom for mankind, the U.S. introduced the world to the Bill of Rights:

**Table 2 - The First Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Usually Called the Bill of Rights, Went Into Effect December 15, 1791.**

**AMENDMENT 1:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. [religion, speech, press]

**AMENDMENT 2:** A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. [arms]

**AMENDMENT 3:** No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner prescribed by law. [quarters]

**AMENDMENT 4:** The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized. [search and seizure]

**AMENDMENT 5:** No person shall be held to answer for a capital or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. [due process]

**AMENDMENT 6:** In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law and be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense [trial]

**AMENDMENT 7:** In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States than according to the rules of the common law. [jury]

**AMENDMENT 8:** Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. [punishment]

**AMENDMENT 9:** The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. [rights]

**AMENDMENT 10:** The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people. [powers]

## Exploring the Lemurian Laws

While all of the Laws are thought-provoking, perhaps the ninth is worthy of special consideration. It has been said that all government is derived from the Ninth Lemurian Law:

### "THE SANCTITY OF THE HOME IS INVIOLATE"

The home (not inferring a dwelling) is the basic, natural, social unit of all mankind. Every home has its head (man or woman), and the head of the home may be alone or may be with multiple dependents comprising the home. The home is the smallest possible "kingdom" and consists of from one person to dozens of persons under one head. A home is to the body of mankind what an atom is to a body of matter. Privacy is the supremely sacred right to which the home is entitled by Natural Law; and yet also inherent in the home is the sanctity of the right to combine in social contracts. The autonomy and sovereignty of this smallest "kingdom" is absolute, and all man-made laws derive from the agreement of many homes to surrender some part of their absolute sovereignty for a common purpose; but the sanctity of the home is inviolate in the absolute sense, and governments derive their powers from the granting of some of the prerogatives of the home/kingdom. The government that forgets that fact eventually falls. Governments and religious institutions, though they may presume to guide, direct, and oversee the social interactions of a populace, are proscribed by Natural Law from interfering with the internal affairs and behavior within a home. In effect, however, there are a few practical exceptions in most present societies--for instance, there is general agreement today that murder and maiming, even of one's own household, are no longer prerogatives within the home to be dealt with internally or with impunity. The home should not be a sanctuary of immunity for those within it who cause harm to members of other homes, but still there must be agreement by the larger society to prevent trespassing in or searching of a home or seizing a person and his goods without orderly process and the permission of the home directly affected.\*

\*Excerpted from a letter from R. Kieninger, written 1/13/76

## ECONOMICS IN THE NATION OF GOD

### Introduction

Not surprisingly, since the U.S.A. is a stepping-stone to the Nation of God, many of the better aspects of our present free-enterprise system will be used in the new Nation. For instance, it's not the purpose of government to be in business. Rather, it would license the tasks of harvesting our natural resources to individuals or corporations who can bring their skills together to efficiently perform that service for all the citizens of the commonwealth.

One big difference that will immediately be noticed in the Nation of God is that people in business will be motivated by the fun of turning their energy and talent into a profit for themselves. People enjoy certain kinds of challenges, e.g., seeing if they can bring a price down, performing more efficiently, capturing a larger market, etc. Money may be a convenience and a reward, but it's not the prime motivation for healthy, energetic people. As for material wealth, it is anticipated that after a few generations the very best would be available to everyone and that everyone would soon live like a millionaire, but would not require a millionaire's income in order to enjoy those advantages.

Many people in this culture share a certain preoccupation with money. Perhaps if we understand more about money, it will take on a better perspective. We sometimes lose sight of the fact that any currency that we have today is really based on human effort. Basing it on how much gold you have in the central bank, or something of that sort, is just a way of keeping score. For instance, if you want to buy lumber to build a house, the only value that should be represented in that lumber is the amount of human effort it took to cut the tree down, to dress the lumber, and to move it from where it was cut down to the mart where it's being sold. That should be all that's involved. Of course, there are some equipment costs which have to be amortized. Machinery has to move it and cut it and develop it in one way or another, and that has to be pro-rated over the value of that particular piece of lumber. Now, in our present system, the person who owns the tree can charge whatever he chooses or whatever the market will bear, and he gets a percentage of the lumber. In Lemuria, the Commonwealth owned all natural resources. The Angelic Host created all these things for us. No man created a mineral or a tree, so it seems unnatural that he should be paid for the labor of Angels, at the expense of other people.

If this seems foreign to us, we must note that the right of Eminent Domain was built into our system in the early days of

our government, when it was decreed that the land is owned by the commonwealth, and we have a deed to its usage. We can build houses or factories on that land, but if the government says that a freeway is to go through there, then we find out how little we own it! We've only purchased the right to use the land we buy. In the Nation of God, corporations can actually be operating some utility, but only under the control and at the behest of the commonwealth, a referendum-based government.

### Corporate Structure

So public ownership of natural resources will help to eliminate human greed; and high-quality products will end what we know as "planned obsolescence". In our present society people who are in the higher echelons of a corporation, generally speaking, are the ones who have capitalized it, and they expect more return from a job than the person whom they hire to do the work.

In the Lemurian system in the Nation of God, rather than the stock market, the commonwealth provides money for capital equipment of a corporation. It owns the factory and all the machinery. It sees to it that what is being produced by that corporation is valuable to the commonwealth; otherwise the government wouldn't have invested in it and licensed the corporation management in the first place.

Although the means for production and distribution is owned by the commonwealth, the Lemurian system is not collectivist in any way. Everything is designed so that a worker receives in direct proportion to the amount of effort that he puts forth, or the amount of skill that he has to bring to bear in a corporation. A corporation is people, and the purpose of a group of people coming together to work in a corporation is to maximize the return on the effort that they put forth every day. There are greater efficiencies possible within the specializations of many different people coming together in a corporation -- rather than one person trying to do everything or to learn everything and not being expert at anything. Usually a sole proprietor ends up being a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none. However, the cooperative teamwork of specialists is to the advantage of all concerned.

Also, a profit-oriented situation does not have to lead to the lack of parity between executives and workers which we see today. Everyone in the Nation of God is definitely a first-class citizen, because eventually the only persons who can be allowed to live there are those who have achieved Initiation and higher. Some people choose to do work in the shop, some like to be engineers, some like to sell things. There's something for everyone, and they can do what they want. The time and skills that people put in are comparable between various trades. A machinist has a highly salable and desirable skill that he is marketing, and so does the executive. There is no reason for management to enjoy vastly greater wealth, status and privilege than labor. That disparity will disappear in the new Nation.

Competition serves as incentive in our present-day society, but in many cases monopolies have been given to utilities, and the control of the resources and how business is done is in the hands of a small segment of the populace for private profit. In the Nation of God, engineers, cost accountants, people who would know exactly how much it should take in order to do a given job can establish what the fair price would be that they could charge. Of course, it's up to the efficiency and energy of the individuals to make a profit on that basis, and it is important that everybody make some profit.

### **Profit and Distribution**

In the U.S. there is now a system of laissez-faire, so that people can, if they find a way of making money, do whatever they want and charge anything they want to. It was seen that people abused that, and so antitrust laws were passed. People in the Nation of God will have to be educated as to what the karmic consequences are of trying to get something which they haven't earned and will know that there's no possibility of doing that in the larger view of things.

If we examine profit markups today, we will find that it is not what it costs to get something to the marketplace; prices are based on what the market will bear. Four and five hundred percent markups are not at all uncommon. In many cases that is the minimum a company can charge if they are to stay in business, often due to many levels of inefficiency. Whatever the reason for such inflated prices, if your prices are too unreasonable, then someone is going to take over your market.

A very efficient Mart System was used in Lemuria, and it will be reinstated in the Nation of God. This is where there is only one distribution system, and only one store in each town from which to buy things. The Mart System eliminates all the middlemen and controls all distribution -- transportation from the factory, warehousing, and getting the goods to all the stores throughout the nation. All agricultural products will also be distributed that way, so true parity will obtain in the agricultural markets, assuring the farmer of his true profits.

With the Lemurian System, the idea was that the maximum size of a city was 250 thousand persons, and generally there was no more than eight miles on a side, which means the centrally-located mart would never be more than four miles from any person's home. They had a delivery system, which we expect to recreate also. A person didn't have to go to a store, just telephoned an order of what they wanted and had the goods delivered. If you want to pick out some ready-made clothing or see what kind of hardware items there are for something you want to do, you can go to the Mart, which will be like a large department store in the Nation of God.

Having just one store saves a great deal of money. Each store now, say a furniture company or an industrial supply company,

has a large stock which might not be called on for six months at a time. That warehouse space has to be figured into the cost. There may be shrinkage or deterioration as well.

Interest also is a major expense for each store. In the Lemurian System, there was no interest charged on anything. Interest charges were completely illegal because they do not fit in with karmic law. Given the fact that the inability to pay interest on vast debts is a major cause of bankruptcy in many nations, probably including our own, a world without interest charges is intriguing indeed.

#### **Other Benefits of the Lemurian Economic System**

Management and labor will work together as a team, and the best outfit which can produce a service or material, etc., will be appointed by the commonwealth to do that. If we eliminate the duplication of various stores and firms, then it naturally follows that there will be less work to do and that the work-week will be shortened. Twelve hours per week is the work-week in the Lemurian System. Such a work-week will fit the needs of people who have already evolved themselves to being Initiates in the Brotherhoods. They will have time to pursue education and to help in the education of their children, as well as to help their children to pick up the very fine attitudes and customs which are in the culture around them. There will be freedom to pursue knowledge and higher truth, and there will also be freedom from the multiplicity of laws which we know today. People will not be transgressing the law because of the philosophy taught to the populace. Customs will be loving.

There will never be taxes in the Nation of God. There will be the expectation that everyone will contribute ten percent of their income to provide for the various municipal services and governmental services that would benefit everyone. There would also be an expectation that each individual would tithe ten percent of their income to the work of God, which is essentially to the educational system. Ongoing education of adults and children would be the very basis of the high level advancement and the continuation of that advancement in the Nation of God.

There is little stability in the economy we know today. The present government of the U.S. now over-spends tens of billions of dollars every year, and that has brought us to the point of no return, economically. Paying the interest on that debt is barely possible, and the threat of inflation or deflation looms over us at all times. There will be no chance of that kind of instability in the Nation of God for there will be no inflation, no rising taxes, no interest and no banking system to regulate money. The unit of human labor will keep the monetary system stable and eliminate any inflation. Careful cost-accounting will monitor all finances. Such a system can keep going indefinitely, given the training in basic morality and the refinement of the citizenry in the Nation of God.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### Some Prevailing Attitudes About Education

Education begins at birth; but because babies can't talk, many people think of them as empty little shells with no ability to think. Fortunately a lot of research proves otherwise. There's also a lot of presupposition in our society that if you attempt to teach a child very early, you will burn him out or make him or her unable to get along with peers, though this too has been disproven. When learning is fun, there is no pushing, and true teachers make learning fun. Add to these rather dismal views of little people's abilities the fact that many parents' level of self-esteem is so low that the idea of their child outdistancing them is too uncomfortable. You can see that solving our educational problems is more than a matter of getting more money for better teachers.

Because tiny children are capable of developing their potential and learning more at pre-school age than ever again in their lives, it is imperative that parents and future parents be educated about the potential of all youngsters and how the brain develops. Our nation is in a bind educationally because most of the citizenry was neglected as far as the nurturing and development of the Mind goes, and so parents are subconsciously conditioned to accept the same underdevelopment for their own offspring.

### Parenting Is Teaching

Only a parent is close enough to their own baby to be that child's ideal teacher in every way. Of course, some teachers have been able to teach a little baby more in ten minutes a day than the parents can in weeks, because at the present time only a relatively few parents are aware of universal principles of teaching and learning. Lab-school programs demonstrate and document feats like dramatically raising the I.Q. levels of groups of infants. There is much for today's parents to learn from child developmentalists who are making great new strides in our understanding about early education. Those teachers know how to make learning fun. They know that pushing is not teaching, and all parents can learn that too.

Imagine a world where it is the norm for such teaching skills and such an attitude to exist in all parents, who greet their newborns with deep joy and gratitude for the opportunity ahead of them. The mother and father, fully bonded to their child, having given birth free from fear and from the unnatural medical practices that are common today, will understand that this little one of great potential genius has chosen them to learn from. These parents will be prepared to lavish their full attention,

love, and educational know-how on their fortunate baby. Although such ideal family situations do exist in this time, they are all too rare. Planning for that kind of early education is uplifting to the parent-teacher as well.

The main turn-on for the tiny child is the enthusiasm and fun conveyed by the teacher. Conversely, one of the greatest blocks to learning is anxiety. Therefore, the comfortable, confident and knowledgeable parent can help the child feel in control of the information being gained, freeing the child from spending his energy on dealing with tension, thus assuring that the child can retain the information.

### **Brain Development**

Since input starts from the moment of birth, the parent needs to know a good deal about human brain development -- that all brains develop certain areas at certain times in a sequential order. So it follows that a greater amount of effective education can be carried out if one knows which part of the brain is stimulated through what actions and when. The very first thing that mother teaches baby is that its world is a safe and nurturing environment; a friendly place to be in, without harsh noises, bright lights, rough handling and painful experiences. Mother is in the process of establishing a lifelong rapport which will make their interactions much smoother, with less confusion and stress in their relationship. She will be able to meet her child's needs as they arise so he or she can relax and allow things to flow naturally rather than tensing up and developing stress patterns.

Knowing the neurological progression of development and recognizing stages of neurological readiness so that exposure to the information needed is provided on cue, is the name of the game in early education. Those moments of readiness are when the appropriate information is gained easily and retained. That's true at any age; but at the ages before six, those stages are more vital than ever again. During those first six years, and particularly around age two, the earlier that information is received, the better. That is when the brain is best capable of making the many synaptic interconnections which determine whether or not the intelligence is to be complex or simple.

### **Teaching Facts, Eliciting Curiosity**

When the child has a teacher full time, and often two teachers in both mother and father, he should be able to read by the age of three and to write by the age of four. Words, mathematical facts, and pictures of all kinds can be shown on flashcards (at first very large flashcards), with one bit of information on each card, in very short learning sessions. Prior to the age of two you can teach a child a multitude of mathematical operations before they are even able to speak. Tiny children are able to instantly find the answer to an equation which involves three or four operations, because they will have been helped to develop access to a center of the brain that most

people aren't in touch with as an adult. Consistent and pleasant early exposure to math facts grows the brain in mathematic processing so that the language of math is acquired naturally and effortlessly.

Just as math becomes a language and not an abstraction to the child, so does reading. Both math and language are essentially codes that are best learned at the same early age. And both these codes are more easily assimilated through sight than by hearing. A child can learn to read long before he offers to speak. Just as it's easier for us to read a menu written in French than it is to speak the language before we are fluent, so it is for the child. Mothers and fathers know that their child is understanding what is being said long before the child learns how to speak the language. The best time to teach a child to read is well before he learns how to speak -- well under one year of age.

A valuable thing a parent can teach the child at age three or four is how to seek answers by first asking questions, and later how to go to other sources besides the parent for those answers. Accessing books, reference materials, recordings and other knowledgeable people for answers to feed an insatiable curiosity, opens up the world of the Mind to the young child. This goal, of providing access to many sources of information in unlimited quantities, is a worthy one for the mother of a pre-six year old.

#### **Socializing, Independence and Readiness**

Before the age of three, a child's primary focus is mother. He's not much interested in other children or other adults. At approximately the age of three a child will start noticing other people. He will then have an interest in interacting with other children and adults. About this age, the child can be taken to a school-type environment, which acts primarily as a resource center. The mother, working with the child in the school, can continue the one-on-one teaching, using the school's wider facilities and materials. Not only will the mother help the child to use these facilities but also to learn how to work around other people. Each child is encouraged to pursue his or her own interests in such a situation. One child might be interested in mathematics, while another might be interested in music and composers at that point. They might be the same age, but their current interests are different, and this must be encouraged.

Gradually, by the age of six, the youngster is able to pursue his or her interests mostly on his own without direct supervision. He or she has had such supervision since birth in a one-to-one relationship; so these needs have already been met. He is patiently and lovingly shown how to utilize the resources and the facilities available, on his own, so that one-on-one is no longer required.

Putting children in classes of, say, twenty-five or thirty children before they have been given these advantages is as difficult for the teacher as it is for the child. Once people realize how unnatural it is to expect children to feel excited or challenged or confident in the kinds of situations into which they are thrown today, they will no longer blame children for adapting poorly.

When the true teachers of early education -- parents -- do the teaching, I.Q.'s of 200 or higher are normal. It is already natural, but it surely isn't the norm. Mothers can be taught how to recognize when a child is tremendously interested in learning how to put on his own clothing or giving himself a bath or using a fork, etc. Such sensitivity is a lot more natural when bonding at birth takes place. Parents then are better able to pick up on their child's subtle signals for interest in science, music, art, literature, history, and all the myriad things there are to learn about. Parents can provide appropriate field trips and encourage stimulating projects along the lines of the child's developing interests.

When other parents enter into the educational picture at a resource center, their particular interests and talents can be pooled for use by the other parents and children. So one's expertise in field biology may be of use to someone else's child, while his mother's musical ability may help another child. In other words, when the child's sensitive period to meeting other people arrives at age three, new people will have new gifts to give to him or her. Moving into the larger community of the world will later open ever-new vistas for such a child, the pattern having been established at a very early age.

### **Addressing Some Concerns About Education**

How do we get from here to there (or is it from there to here)? Assuredly, people who have been brought up in the way described above will find it natural to be great parent/teachers when they grow up. And when the other people in the community and one's spouse, not to mention other people's children, are free of the kind of negativity and limitations with which we are now dealing in the culture at large, there will be all kinds of support and enlarged opportunity. But right now, it seems that both parents have to work to make ends meet, and a lot of people already have children spaced too closely to allow for one-on-one teaching. Furthermore, it's hard for some people to believe that a little baby is thinking and is receptive in the extreme. But if we can accept that, then what do we do with an intelligent child in this world? And what would it be like to have a child who can reason and who can accomplish better than we? If we can answer all those questions within ourselves, then what about the child next door whose only claim to fame is that he can karate chop and batman-punch faster than you can blink? What about the flak his parents give early

educators? Your relatives and friends, especially, can ridicule and dismiss great ideas so readily!

#### **Day Care vs. Individual Care**

Only fifty years ago there were no day-care centers, and there was rarely a second car in the family. There were more home vegetable gardens, more home canning, and probably more sewing and cooking at home. Would opting for a "lower" acquisition of material things, voluntarily, allow people to give education a higher priority in this much more complicated era? It might for some, but it takes a lot of self-discipline to make that kind of trade. We read stories about immigrants who went without lunches in order to send their children to a university; so we know that some parents placed a high premium on education in the past.

#### **It's too late to space many of our children**

When siblings are too close in age to allow giving them the time that is necessary, it may be possible to develop extended families with creative give-and-take between caregivers. Until people are aware of the possibilities and the advantages available when children are spaced six years apart, there will be many situations where it is difficult to give a child the exclusive time he or she needs in the early years. By working with other parents so that alone-time is gained for each child, parents can provide a higher level of education for their children.

#### **Can a helpless baby absorb information?**

Babies seem helpless because their brains are not developed, but the potential of the human baby's brain is so awesome that those who have forged ahead into early education are forever immersed in wonder. To see a tiny baby's eyes dart to the dot-card asked for, when the question is, say, "Which card has ten dots?" is humbling indeed. And to teach a child facts and have that child offhandedly repeat the information later, no matter how sophisticated that material may seem to us, is also quite an experience. Those who teach reap gratifying results.

#### **What does the world do with an intelligent child?**

The world enjoys the benefits which the intelligent child, grown to adulthood, gives back to the world, whether it be inventions, the arts and esthetics, great books, wise counseling, breakthroughs in science and psychology, or whatever. An unhurried, well loved, and intelligent child grows into a stronger person and also into a vastly more giving person. We have early education, given mostly by parents, to thank for the gifts of every genius that the world has ever known, although occasionally it was rather an aunt or uncle, grandparent or friend who was the deciding factor between that child's mediocrity or greatness. The point is, a receptive child was given much information.

### **What if my child exceeds me?**

The expected roles of child and parent are sometimes hard to change. The parent is the authority figure, the expert. After the early stages of the child/parent relationship, the parent needs to know how to transfer the child's dependency on the adult for information so that the child himself becomes self-reliant, which is as it should be. Unless the parents step down from that godlike stance, the grown-up child will not be able to enter into the friendly equality which is natural in the later stages of child/parent relationships -- a very special adult-to-adult relationship. The insecure parent can come to realize that when the child surpasses him, he has done his job well. He can thus be assured that his offspring's love, admiration and gratitude will not cease; that he can give his child the same kind of respect due any beloved and admired friend and be tremendously more enriched than with a controlling, neurotic, dependency-laden relationship, with all its attendant resentments.

### **The Culture: Other Children and Adults**

Interactions with other children who are steeped in the negative patterns of violence in entertainment and who are determined to maintain and spread the view that learning has to be deadly boring, can be trying to both adult and child who are following a more sane path. It has never been easy to deal with people who do not want to move up and out of ignorance or any other kind of lack of abundance. If grandma feels she needs closely-spaced grandchildren, and if some relative or friend ignorantly maintains that a smart child just has to be both neurotic and weird (even though the opposite occurs), then those people are entitled to their opinions, but those opinions are just that and have no power in themselves. Attracting other families who share more positive lifestyles will come with time, because like attracts like.

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### **The Challenge and the Choice**

Every child has the potential for genius -- a potential so broad that all children can become talented in music, can have perfect pitch, can learn how to express themselves artistically, can carry a tune with their voices, do mathematics expertly, and can learn how to follow the scientific method to deduce laws of Nature. If you teach children the facts, they will intuit the laws. A superior education involves the accumulation of skills and application of information to real-life experiences.

To teach a child more than we adults have been taught takes some keeping up. It necessitates a lot of adult education and brings untold enrichment into an involved parent's life. We don't really have to wait a century or two to avail ourselves of those kinds of riches. If we don't expect it unrealistically to be easy, then we can have it now.

**MARRIAGE, FAMILY & CULTURE**

by Mary Ann Engel

**Introduction**

According to Richard Kieninger, most marriages in our country are different from those which existed in more advanced cultures. For example, in Lemuria, women did not marry until after they were twenty-eight years old, had an excellent education, and much experience with the opposite sex. Men waited until their early thirties and had similar education and experience with their polar opposites. Given that kind of background, both men and women were far more likely to be emotionally mature. Furthermore, married couples usually lived together at least three years before having children so as to be sure their union was solid and there was plenty of love and respect established between two intelligent, secure, independent, and psychologically enriched individuals. It was a great help to each generation that the whole society provided examples of solid maturity as children were growing up.

In our culture, on the other hand, a majority of people marry in their early twenties. At this stage in life a person from our culture is rarely ready for a mature relationship. It is during this time in life that we are learning who we are, and our place in the world. We have had few close, long-term relationships with members of the opposite sex and thus have a limited idea of what kind of person would make a good life partner. And, in our twenties, we are just stepping into the work place and are not equipped to earn a good steady living. Economically we are just beginning to accumulate basic necessities -- our first car, furniture, etc. When children are brought into the picture soon after the wedding, there is little stability and maturity that the parents can offer. It is difficult enough learning who you are as a person during one's twenties. When you add to this the effort required to build a marriage relationship with another person, along with the responsibility to help shape the development of a child, it is not surprising that the strain is often too much. One out of two marriages fail in the U.S., and the number is greater if you count those where the couples stay together out of religious principles but don't get along with each other.

**Why Marriage?**

According to Richard's teachers, marriage is an ideal aid to Egoic growth. It is a natural desire to be married since we have a God-given propensity to love and a desire to merge with the opposite polarity. This naturally converges on one special person. Our inborn quest for spiritual advancement

is also served in the marriage setting. It is challenging; and at the same time, a healthy marriage offers the potential for the kind of love that ennobles the spirit.

In marriage, one is asked to truly commit, in both love and friendship, to stand by another through thick and thin. The sharing in a healthy marriage enhances rather than diminishes each partner's individuality. Unselfish love asks that you encourage and support each other's personal spiritual needs and growth, which naturally leads one to greater understanding and acceptance. The happy home becomes a place for spiritual, physical and mental rest and renewal. It is a base from which we can gather strength and insight.

### **Bringing Children Into A Marriage**

In a loving marriage, it is quite natural to want to express that love by bringing offspring into the home. When a marriage has been given the time to mature and strengthen into a solid union, the offspring have an ideal example of balanced love and healthy sexuality. What are the possibilities when parents and child are involved in such a positive environment?

For the couple, parenting is probably the most intense challenge for learning a whole new level of love, open communication, teamwork, nurturance, consistency, and awareness of both one's own internal make-up and that of another developing human being. By connecting with our children, in many ways we get to re-experience our own childhood -- in all of its vulnerability, fears and needs, and equally its curiosity, exuberance and zest for life. Ask any good parent and they'll tell you that parenting is probably the most difficult thing they have ever done and yet is filled with unanticipated rewards.

### **Choices Are Made**

According to the philosophy outlined by the Brotherhoods, the choice to bring a child into the home brings with it vast karmic responsibilities that are not to be taken lightly. After all, the purpose for human existence is to progress closer to Mastership each incarnation. The formation of values and character in the childhood years largely determines how well one is prepared to meet life's challenges.

It is comforting to know that each Ego chooses his/her parents and that the child's Egoic advancement is always at least equal to or greater than the average Egoic advancement of the parents. The choice of parents is made to further one's advancement yet is also governed by one's past karma. Agreements with your parents' other children and foreknowledge of the family's life circumstances are largely understood in advance. Parents are chosen in spite of their human imperfections and frailties.

Keeping all this in mind, how is it possible for us to advance ourselves and help our children stand on our shoulders

so civilization can move forward? In the following pages a few thoughts and concepts worthy of a book will be shared, but in no way is this a complete discussion. Rather, each topic is intended to stimulate thought.

### **Solid Relationship**

As already mentioned, of critical importance is bringing children into a healthy, happy and loving relationship. In this environment children have a living example of how to get along; and as we all know, children learn best by what they see more than what we say.

Research shows that people are more likely to have successful and fulfilling relationships as adults if they come from a home where the parents were in love and expressed that love openly. The children automatically learn that no matter what may come up, the love is there and they can feel secure.

When mommy or daddy is worried or upset, children pick up on the emotional undertones. It is best not to burden children with details of adult worries, but it is a good idea for parents to tell a child when they are preoccupied with troubling concerns and also assure the child not to worry because mommy and daddy love him and will take good care of him and everything will be okay. By doing so, the child is reassured and won't assume he is to blame for your unhappiness. Children often automatically assume that they are the cause of all our problems even when they have absolutely nothing to do with it.

### **Parent Training**

Given the importance of child-rearing to mankind's progress, it seems ironic that little or no education or training is available for parenting. In no other area of life is there the expectation that one automatically knows how to undertake such a complex skill. Even parents with professional degrees in child psychology and development are often hard pressed to deal effectively with the challenge of parenting. We should not expect of ourselves or anyone else that we instinctively know how to be a parent.

That being the case, a key to the success of the Adelphi community and to the evolution of a new nation is the availability of training and support for all parents. In the U.S. today help is readily available for learning how to deliver your baby and breast feed him/her, but education on how to rear your child is almost nil.

A good model is the "New Parents as Teachers Program" developed in Missouri. This program which has now spread to several states due to its outstanding results began in the mid-70's and has been used in Adelphi and Stelle. The participating parent has a regular home visit from a parent educator who helps answer day-to-day concerns and questions, and recommends a program of mental and neurological enrichment. They also meet

on a regular basis to learn about an area of general interest to parents such as effective discipline, healthy diets, etc. This kind of support does much more than supply the parent with much-needed information; it instills a sense of confidence and know-how. Parenting is enjoyed much more when you are not constantly wondering if what you are doing is "right."

For the child, the results have been documented and represent a milestone in the field of child development. Measurable and statistically significant improvements were found in all areas of development -- social, intellectual, auditory comprehension, verbal and language ability -- when these children were compared with their peers. We at Adelphi also found this to be the case.

### **Babyhood**

The seven most important stages of neurological development (our basic "program" for life, as it were) occur between birth and age 6. The first four of these seven stages occur in the first year of life. To conceptualize the rate of growth, think of a newborn baby -- how he looks, what he can do -- and then think of the one-year-old. They are almost two entirely different creatures.

The first impressions a baby receives as he grows are implanted the deepest. They are the conditions upon which all future input is built. That is why it is so important that the baby be given a great deal of love, nurturance, attention and appropriate stimulation. One of the primary emotional abilities learned (for a lifetime) in the first year is the ability to trust. Learning to trust is started at birth and is essentially established by age one.

### **Bonding**

From birth, the process called bonding is begun. Contrary to the original theory that bonding had to happen in the first two hours after birth or not at all, it is now believed that bonding is an ongoing process that begins at birth and continues throughout the early years. Bonding is the love affair that melds together mother, father and siblings with the new family member. It seems to have a lot of psychic components since a great deal of non-verbal communication often goes on within bonded families. Bonding incorporates sight, sound, gentle touch, holding, smell -- all the senses.

It is interesting to note that when a baby is ill or separated at birth and can't be with his mother, the mother can lose interest or have difficulty loving the baby. However, once mother and baby are given regular contact and the mother is shown how to touch and respond to the baby, bonding can take place and the parents and child develop a connection.

## **Touch**

One difference we find between parenting in this culture when compared to more "primitive" societies is the presence of touch. In our modern culture, we often remove our babies from this sensory experience. Touch is probably the most highly developed sense at birth, and yet we wrap babies in clothes and put them in a baby carrier and thus greatly limit human touch. In more primitive cultures, babies thrive on frequent skin-to-skin contact by holding and carrying next to the body.

Touch is important for humans of all ages. Touch is a neurological nutrient. Research has shown that the sick and elderly can become more alert and responsive when they are given an animal to pet. Physiological processes like heart rate and blood pressure can be directly influenced by making touch a regular part of everyone's life. It is very important for our well-being that we drop our cultural 'taboo' against touching.

## **Movement**

At the same time that we need to touch our babies, we also need to be aware of their other neurological needs. In keeping with the stages of development, babies from birth need to be given lots of opportunities to move on their bellies (prone) on a smooth firm surface. This results in the natural progression from crawling to creeping to cruising to walking, but the entire sensory and motor development is also impacted. It is through the unhampered development of cross-pattern arm and leg movement (among other things) that humans are later able to read. Science is just beginning to scratch the surface in understanding all of the areas of function that are impacted by the development of cross-pattern creeping and crawling during the time it is naturally designed to emerge. A good rule of thumb is to keep a baby horizontal on the belly until he is able to be vertical on his own. When a baby is able to be upright independently, all aspects of the system (the muscles, skeleton, balance mechanism, etc.) are ready for that to happen. By limiting movement or by using walkers and other devices, we can interfere with nature's very delicate and perfect plan.

## **Early Education**

The Brotherhoods have taught us that we have barely scratched the surface of our human potential. Along with the processes of moving, talking, and using all of their senses, tiny children are ready for learning right from the start, and far more than we had ever believed. By learning about the stages of brain development, parents can do a great deal to advance a child's intellectual, physical, artistic and athletic abilities beyond what is commonly believed today. In fact, parents are the child's first and best teachers.

Contrary to popular myths, providing a wide range of stimulating opportunity to learn about everything under the sun does not create an egg-head, a misfit, a social outcast, or any of the negative connotations you hear about. But pushing

a child, never being pleased with his accomplishments, showing a child off, and expecting him to accomplish your dreams do have negative consequences. True enrichment is shared freely, establishes an ability to learn quickly and easily, and instills a love of learning. All of us have potential that is untouched in every area. Does that mean that all of us will become a Mozart or an Einstein? No. People do seem to have unique propensities in certain directions. What it does mean is that by broad stimulation, a child can enjoy (or at the very least be introduced to) a wide range of disciplines and can make choices to excel in one or more of these.

From my observations, the child who has been neurologically enriched early in life has interests in many areas; loves reading (assuming that was introduced early) and can do so with ease; has greater ability to perceive and recall details; has superb memory; is often skilled in two or more very different disciplines; has a strong, coordinated physical body; is able to question and probe to solve problems creatively; can understand and empathize with others; and can play and interact with both children and adults with comfort. This kind of well-rounded ability makes a child adaptable intellectually, socially, culturally, and physically and can set the child on the path to being able to accomplish whatever he or she chooses.

#### **Expectations and Self-Talk**

Expectations of parents for their children can open doors or close off possibilities. You've seen this before -- "my child is such a klutz he is always getting hurt." "Don't go out without a coat or you'll catch a cold." Often children fulfill expectations that aren't even verbalized. Thoughts are powerful, and children are particularly susceptible to our thoughts. If you expect your child to succeed, or if you expect him to make terrible mistakes, he will make this a reality in his life.

Children instinctively want to please, and without question they will believe whatever messages the parent sends out about them to be true. This becomes a kind of self-talk for a child that can last a lifetime: "I'm attractive and fun; I'm stupid; I'm a bad boy; I can't ever get anything right; I can't do math; I think before I act; I am patient and kind; I am strong and healthy; I'm pretty but I'm not smart; I am lovable; I am a trouble-maker." The messages are clear, and any of these can become reality for any and all children. The sad thing is that many times the messages have nothing to do with actual reality. Many capable, intelligent, talented, attractive, healthy people have such negative images of themselves and their abilities, that they will never break free to accomplish their dreams.

For the children's sake, try actively to instill positive messages. Actively ascribe qualities to a child that are important to their character development. Find opportunities to say: "You are such a patient person; You are so helpful;

It was a very kind thing you did when you helped that child find his toy; You are such a fun friend to have; You know how to get along with others; You use good sense when you make decisions." Those can become the child's internal "tape" recordings and a boost in making their life dreams and aspirations become possible.

### **Teaching Consequences**

One of the most important things parents can teach is that there are consequences for our actions. This can be done by talking with your child about how to think through situations to reach the outcome we desire: "We want to remember the umbrellas tomorrow because it is supposed to rain. Let's put them by the front door where we'll see them as we leave in the morning." If the umbrella is taken, the child finds himself prepared; if it is left behind, he gets drenched.

Too often parents rescue their child from the natural consequences of his/her actions and rob the child of a naturally learned lesson. We need to help children learn systems (homework assignments are remembered if they are written on a calendar); learn how to think logically (in order to get the report done by Thursday, I'll have to work on it Sunday, Monday and Tuesday because Wednesday I have a meeting); how to make kind and thoughtful choices (You know, Billy really looks up to you and respects you -- perhaps we can invite him to the ball game with us); how to see our 'dharma' (someone can get hurt if they step on the bottle on that step. I'll go remove it to the trash can); how to plan ahead (if we want people to come to the party, they'll need to receive the invitations a week in advance); how to organize things so we can find them (let's put all of our books on this shelf, blocks in this box, and balls in the bag). By simply talking with children and thinking out loud, as it were, we teach them strategies that can early on become a natural pattern for use in life.

### **Teaching Respect For Life**

Cultivating a sensitivity for living things is critical to the quality of life we enjoy -- both our own internal quality of life and the manifestations of life in the environment around us. We can instill in children a sense that life is precious, but, once again, they must see this in our example. Do we watch violence-oriented TV? Do we respect the environment? Are we thoughtful of people on the road, in stores, on the phone? How do we treat animals?

It is interesting to see the reactions of young children whose TV exposure has been limited and screened. When watching "children's" movies, they often get very upset and disturbed during periods of suspense or when the characters are experiencing pain, loss or misfortune. The children still are sensitive to the emotions and feelings. But, all too often, adults and

'peer pressure' encourage children to watch violent programs. The eventual result is that they become insensitive to violence and pain.

### **The Role Of The Family**

The family is at the core of society, and thus it holds a vital place in the philosophy of The Ultimate Frontier. A society and its culture can only be as good as the family units within it: how are the children raised; what kind of values do they learn; how is their character and self-image shaped; what sort of examples do they see; do they learn how to love and be loved? Fundamental programming of behavior and attitudes is established in childhood. The most deeply rooted of these are learned in the earliest years of life. It is very difficult to undo what has been learned in the first six years of life. This can be either a blessing or a curse, depending upon the quality of one's early experiences. Years of psychotherapy often cannot undo bad childhood experiences. At best we can only hope to develop awareness and overlay it with a secondary response. On the other hand, a good childhood environment is the springboard for a happy, healthy and productive life experience.

In Adelphi and Philadelphia, one of the most important things we can do is to educate everyone about the importance of child-rearing. In a community setting every adult has an impact on and a responsibility toward all the children and must learn how to interact in a positive, growth-engendering way.

One of the main ways to do this is to study other cultures. By such comparisons we are often better able to see the aspects of our own culture that are helpful and those that limit or diminish us. We can begin to add elements from other cultures that help us get what we want and need out of life and discard those things that do not serve our greatest good.

Adelphi and Philadelphia offer a unique opportunity to have a hand in shaping a new civilization. Only when we are all well educated, aware and involved can we hope to lay a foundation that can support Egoic growth for centuries to come. We can then benefit from growing up in a superior environment as we incarnate in the future into what we help create today.

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## MALE/FEMALE ROLES

### Biological Roles

A woman's life in prehistoric times centered primarily around her bearing and rearing children. The man, on the other hand, had to track and kill animals, and he had to protect his family from predators. Cunning, courage, skill, and sheer brawn were necessary for his getting what he needed. So-called masculine and feminine traits slowly evolved over millennia and differentiated the outlook of the two sexes.

In those parts of the world where agriculture and animal husbandry developed, the hunter became relatively unimportant to the needs of his people, and his dominance declined so that the maternal, nurturant aspects of the woman rose to a comparatively more prominent role in the life of the tribe. Where people remained dependent on hunting for survival, the masculine, aggressive outlook predominated in the tribe.

Thus arose the matriarchal and patriarchal ways of life in various parts of the globe and at different times in man's history. The different emphases developed by male and female Egos in their sex-role experiences up to that time began to merge in early Lemuria. As centuries passed, men and women in Lemuria each acquired the better aspects of masculinity and femininity for themselves while eliminating the less desirable traits associated with male and female personality differences.

The process of consciously working to grow in this way concurrently strengthened both sexes' powers of Mind, and their mentality grew apace along with practicality and ideality. The Lemurian men and women advanced rapidly toward what we today call Mastership, since cynicism and sophistication did not yet undermine man's faith in what he could achieve.

### Egoic Balance

It's necessary that personal, Egoic balance be re-established in you if you hope to achieve Initiation in a Brotherhood. Adherents of the Brotherhoods' Philosophy must do everything possible to enhance the acquisition of people's Egoic balance by re-establishing a culture which allows children to naturally absorb every aspect of balance from the pervading culture and its world outlook.

Men and women today who turn their feet upon the path of Egoic uplift have to spend some twenty years of their lives overcoming the negative attitude-forming influences of their first twenty years so they may finally be able to start at neutral in their forties. That's an incredible waste of time and happiness and

efficiency and cultural advancement! Moreover, we are all permanently scarred by the ignorance of those who tried to rear us the best they could without full knowledge of Universal Law and child psychology, or awareness of the purpose of life and how to fulfill it. So, we in Adelphi have taken on the job of synthesizing and putting together the aspects of the matriarchal and patriarchal views of the world so as to regain the very potent Lemurian philosophy of balance. This involves our taking into account all things and assigning to them proper values in our quest for Egoic growth and for control of our environment.

Philosophies of life other than the Lemurian are usually constructed around one of two mainstreams of thought. They are variously called patriarchal vs. matriarchal, the rational vs. the cosmic, Western vs. Eastern, Apollonian vs. Dionysian. The genuine searcher for truth must take both views into account to find the path to sanity and reality. There are brilliantly intelligent men who are firm adherents of the scientific method and yet they also deeply believe in God.

There are different forms of thinking, all valid, which are available to us for perceiving reality in its many forms. As a matter of fact, the two hemispheres of each persons' cerebral cortex divide the cortex into two functions. The left side usually specializes in reason, logic, analysis, and language; whereas the right side usually specializes in intuition, imagination, spatial relationships, and holistic synthesis. The concrete and the abstract can be simultaneously real in an individual's experiences just as can the practical and the artistic, the rational and the fantastic, the physical and the spiritual precepts.

For a person to be a whole human being, he must touch upon the whole universe. His brain and body are creating-tools, but they are also sensitive receivers of all the messages streaming from the far corners of creation as well as from life near at hand. Certainly we must look to outer space for information, but perception of your own body's inner space will reveal great wonders to you also.

#### **Exploring the Concept of Balance**

Apollo was the Greek god of reason, order, light and boundaries, and Dionysus was the Greek god of wine, excess, fantasy, and metamorphosis. The elements of both views are right, and the sage incorporates both views concurrently within himself.

The two views were really never meant to be separated. Practical and idealistic attributes, when blended into a balanced whole along with mentality are the stuff of which Initiates are made. The history of a people, the nature of their natural environment, and their mode of competition with others all influence their philosophy and mythology.

The patriarchal influence on Greek thought emphasized separation of God from the world. Man's spirit was separated from the flesh, and mind from matter, and a higher value was placed on spirit and mind as sacred Apollonian aspects of man which were at odds with his bodily needs. Patriarchal man, therefore, is seen as divided within himself. He's separated from God by sin, and in contention with nature which threatens to overwhelm him. The rationalist regards the universe as a chaos of random physical forces held in check by one another. His human society is formed by a social contract to control man's natural aggression and territorial instincts which he feels would otherwise tend toward total warfare.

On the other hand, the matriarchal philosophies see unity in human mind and body, and God exists in every aspect of creation. Unity underlies the appearances of plurality, continuity exists between all life forms, and the whole cosmos is seen as an integration of intelligent life in graduated planes. The universe is seen as order, and things occur in it by intelligent design. The matriarchal community is a single, organic whole, and the various functions of social structure are a harmonious outworking of the fulfilling of mankind's needs.

#### **Masculine and Feminine Roles -- Striving for Balance**

It is not difficult to observe that the female role of rearing children engenders less aggressiveness than the traditional male role, which involves making and keeping laws and boundaries for the populace at large, often over forceful and rebellious activity. Aggressiveness in the marketplace was a natural adaptation for males as well, and the imposition of patriarchy through the acquisitions of war throughout the known history of the world has kept women in positions of relative servitude, particularly in third-world countries.

In cultures where prosperity is the norm, people tend to lift themselves out of the level of mere survival skills. When cultural values center around education and self-development, and around the arts and sciences, both sexes tend to take on refinement, and both acquire the opportunity to take on the positive characteristics of the opposite sex.

If the middle class of the U.S.A. had continued to flourish in the 1970's and education had not been undermined in the latter part of the nineteenth and early part of the twentieth century in this country, women might have grown tired of competing in the marketplace. There was a tendency to seek a return to the home in a new context of worthwhile achievement-centered women, but the current economic trends have prevented that from happening. In most homes now, though many women have become disenchanted with working outside the home and have aspired to enter into the role of their children's teacher, it is no longer possible for most families to be supported by only the male's wages. In all too many cases, women have discovered

that in spite of their discovery that they are not emotionally suited for many of the workplace situations in which they find themselves, they no longer have the opportunity to stay in the home and apply their skills there.

Fortunately, the general rise in women's consciousness will not be lost to mankind, for in future incarnations opportunities will be presented for those same balanced builders of the home environment to achieve their goals to improve the human condition by service, whether they choose to work in or outside the home.

In the Nation of God, women who choose to have children will be required to devote eighteen years of their lives to their child so that each new generation of mankind will be provided with the ideal opportunities for growth and development. There will be plenty of time before child-rearing begins and after it ends for women to pursue their specialized professions, but the profession of educating and nurturing a child will be given the highest honor in the land. Since a complete grounding in child psychology and education will be given to every prospective mother, she will no longer be cast adrift on a vast ocean of responsibility for which she has not been trained. The role of mothering will be accorded the kind of respect it deserves in the culture of the future.

Women are especially suited for that vital role, because of the prevalence of emotional development which their past lives have prepared in them. Their intuitive and nurturing qualities have been developed by centuries of responsibilities in the home. The advantage of emotional development in women will become more apparent when the education of women of all races and cultures brings their intellectual advancement to a level which is appropriate for their being the educators of mankind. Universal education up to the age of twenty-eight for both sexes, with special added instruction for those women who will embark on a career of being a mother, will do away with patriarchal attitudes about the dignity of the nurturing and educating role of parenting.

Fortunately, men will achieve the same kind of emotional development when their work week is only twelve hours a week, and they too can enter into the rich environment of the development of human potential. Human psychology will surely be a major field of study for human beings in the centuries to come.

The feminine virtues of surrender, trust, romantic imagination, fantasy and mysticism, will be developed and refined, encouraging the sensitivities of children to flourish. The masculine virtues of rationality and practicality will be made available to all children. Poetry, ESP, play, music and dance, as well as training in how to make and change things will be accessible to all developing human egos. The value of conflict, of limits, responsibility, discipline and efficiency will be recognized, and those values will be presented within the context of

harmonious role modeling. Varieties of human experience will enrich intellectual achievement in the children and adults of tomorrow. Furthermore, commitment to societal change will be easy to find in people whose natural idealism has been given free rein.

**Some Exercises in Imagination**

How do you see the role of women changing in current times?  
Can you extend that view to a woman in the Nation of God?

Do you have ideas on a new male image of the 90's? Do you see trends in the development of men in our culture? Can you project that onto a man in the Nation of God?

How do you see yourself in that new nation's structure? Can you see yourself as a child in the Nation of God?

Can you see yourself as a spouse?

What else can you envision?

## DISCRIMINATING METAPHYSICS

### Introduction

The human mind can be honed to a point of being capable of controlled clairvoyance. Humans are intended to master a variety of perceptive abilities beyond those afforded by our physical senses through means and techniques available to everyone. Paranormal occurrences are not given a place in twentieth century Western cosmology, however, and so are not even considered by most of us. Those who are capable and do experience such extra-sensory events keep mum for fear of ostracism or, in some cases, outright persecution.

### Metaphysics

Religion is probably the best-known branch of metaphysics. There are other branches of metaphysics that are parallel to religion that also have to do with the spiritual aspects of perceiving the universe and trying to see what it really is. But in the process of trying to understand it, people can get into very dangerous means of divining what the truth is. It's in this area of metaphysics where people can tread some mighty thin ice and end up losing all of the Egoic advancement they had worked on in a given lifetime as a result of, for instance, control by nether spirits that they try to get in contact with.

As an analogy, there are many different ways to operate an automobile. It's obvious that you can get safely to your destination or wind up wrapped around a bridge abutment, depending upon the approach that you take. Metaphysics is much the same way, but unfortunately, there are very few warning signs and guideposts such as you might encounter on a freeway! Indeed, a lot of the people who get into some of the more dangerous aspects of spiritual strivings are deceived into it. They are told that this is the way to get results; the author who is pushing that idea doesn't tell them of the dangers that are involved, and he himself may not even be aware of the dangers.

A lot of people are looking for verification of spiritual things they read about, such as contacting a spirit guide who can give you direct information. Some people feel they're speaking with God when really they are talking with a human spirit. Nether entities always identify themselves as being somebody like Christ or an Archangel or an Angel or somebody who's grand, and people say, "How exciting! Look who's contacted me!" They feel all the more exalted by this "favor" that's been bestowed upon them by some nether entity, who says, "I'm one of the great ones." How can you gainsay what a spirit says? You are essentially dealing with an unknown, unseen intelligence operating from the other side. All higher Beings, members of the Brotherhoods,

and those who we might consider the spiritually great, are forbidden to take control of a person's brain in such a way as to manipulate them and thereby be heard on the physical plane.

### **Christ's Protection**

One of the things that Christ did on Earth the first forty days of his advent here, was to establish permanent barriers between a hapless, helpless human being on the one hand and an intent malevolent spirit on the other, so that someone could no longer be taken over by surprise. Henceforth, it had to be through their own doing.

Anybody can get involved with spirits to demonstrate to themselves that when people die, their intelligence continues on another plane. But by doing so, they are themselves piercing the barrier of protection that Christ established, thereby leaving themselves exposed and vulnerable to the whims of the spirits they have contacted.

The churches have always put down any attempts at divinations and getting involved with spirits of any sort, mainly because they know that it always ends up being to the detriment of the person and to the detriment of the people who are around him. If some powerful person has a strong drive to dominate others and to be war-like -- in other words, a person who really has a powerful political influence over large numbers of people, that's the very type of whom nether entities will try to get control.

### **Parlor Games and Mediums**

In today's world we are seeing an influx of parlor games like ouija boards, tarot, the I Ching; as well as books on practices concerning various divinations. They're even available as children's games. What people don't seem to realize is that you can contact real intelligences from the spirit world using any of these techniques. Once you pick a technique, whatever it may be -- just take a plain deck of cards or throw dice, anything you want -- if you assign a specific meaning to each of the different outcomes, a spirit entity can catch on to what you're doing. He can then begin to control the fall of those dice or how the cards are shuffled together. He actually gets involved in a telekinesis technique, through an energy that you are providing, where he's really operating these things very carefully. It's your interpretation of what they mean that's of value to him; then he can communicate with you. You can make up any code you want, but if you are consistent in doing it over and over again and keep seeking information from the other side, eventually you will get it because there are so many spirits on the other side who are seeking to be heard in this world and gain some influence over the physical plane. You can make yourself a medium all too readily. Unfortunately, most mediums are eventually destroyed by their spirit controls.

Psychometrists -- people who hold a person's watch and tell all kinds of things about that person -- are being fed information by a spirit on the other side who can read the Akashic Record. Psychometrists are really mediums. They hear or receive impressions instantly as they are confronted with a piece of personal attire or watch, anything of that sort which the person has held or kept close to them. They don't seem to realize that somebody on the other side is giving them this information. They can't pick it up just all by themselves.

Probably the most popularized medium was Edgar Cayce. People were having him do diagnoses of their illnesses, and the information he came up with was very specific and to the point. However, when his trance session shifted into an area concerning historical information, the format changed from being specific to very flowery and obtuse.

Such is the hallmark of nether spirits trying to mislead, confuse, and confound those of us on the physical plane who are trying to figure out what the real truth is. What we think is true is all that most of us have available to deal with, so the temptation to "go beyond" our own boundaries can sometimes be appealing. The churches have considered seances and other such mediumistic activities as being very immoral, because it brings into the physical awareness of people around you things which are misleading.

#### **Witchcraft**

Back in the early seventies there were approximately 500,000 practicing witches on our nation's campuses. Many schools offered courses in witchcraft just to be more liberal. People were asking for information other than the traditional curricula, and this was one of the areas that some people wanted to have an opportunity to look into; perhaps providing a way of controlling others, a way of making lovers do what you want them to do, a way of getting a better job.

Reflecting that common theme of control over others -- mediumship, trance speaking, automatic writing, psychometry, and witchcraft -- are basically all the same thing; the alliance of your energy and yourself with nether, discarnate entities.

Witchcraft is a conscious desire to get involved with satanic forces, and a person who goes into mediumship is generally convinced that they are going to be able to contact better sources of information on the other side, so therefore they consciously sit for training to become mediums. The net result is the same, and, generally speaking, the road ends in possession by some spirit control -- in which event the rest of the lifetime is spent in the funny farm, hopelessly unable to do anything which is of value in the world any longer. That person has been reduced to a point of total ineffectualness in his life.

The church is in possession of this information, and yet this position is not being made clear. They prefer to just make a rule -- thou shalt not get involved in astrology, or seeing in the future, or divinations, or witchcraft. The Bible clearly spells that out, but the information about why such divinations are dangerous is not provided. The church does not even acknowledge that there are human spirits on the other side who can cause harm to the unaware, so their rule makes no sense. People need to know why not. If people understood that the same motivations for control over others exist in the "spirits" as exist in themselves, they could more easily identify their own unsatisfied power needs and avoid getting involved in nether, outside exploitation of their own control issues. Bragging about one's "entity" is a direct result of immature, unmet needs for power over others, and those needs are the direct result of people not having had their natural power accorded them in early childhood.

### **Charismatic Movements**

There is a misapprehension on the part of those who get involved in charismatic practices that they're contacting the Holy Spirit. The power to understand other languages unknown to a disciple and to argue fine points of philosophy in those languages was given to the followers of Christ in that first generation. Indeed, they were able to go among foreigners, understand the other person's questions in a language they had never heard before and argue cogently and brilliantly in this other person's language.

Charismatics think that that is equivalent to the babbling they do. They believe that then they are contacting the Holy Spirit, or vice-versa. However, an advanced Ego is not permitted to do that with a person who is in physical incarnation. Speaking in tongues really is getting involved with spirit entities, but not the kind which are on Christ's side.

There's been a lot of investigation of people speaking in tongues, and it always sounds like one of the Romance languages, but you can't pin it down to an actual language. You can't make any sense out of it. On rare occasions a person can, but it doesn't say anything which is useful.

### **Temptation**

Americans are very impatient; they don't like taking a natural cure to an ill. They want an immediate result. Drugs have been introduced into the society as a way of getting a spiritual high, and you don't have to go through all the work the yogis do for ten or twenty years. That's one of the big attractions to witchcraft, that you get such immediate results that are so dramatic, so bizarre; because another entity on the other side with whom you make an alliance is giving you the power to see things that you never could see before. It's exciting to be able to do that. But once in, you can't get out of witchcraft. One thing about belonging to the Mafia, when you die

you're out of the group. But when you ally yourself with a nether entity and you go through transition at the end of your lifetime, you are even more involved with that nether entity than you had been when you were in physical incarnation. That is how they keep recruiting more and more of these nether types who are out to undo mankind.

### **God's Will**

Why people would get involved in surrendering their will and give up their choice of how they want to lead their lives to some other person instead is difficult to understand. The Ultimate Frontier points out the distinction of making your will congruent with God's will, as opposed to "surrendering your will to God". There are so many organizations that say we should get our puny, little wills out of the way; the "let go and let God" sort of thing.

God won't take that kind of control over you. He created you with a free will to understand what the truth is and ally yourself with it, not to turn yourself over to Him to be a puppet; and that's what it would amount to. The point is, that we are intended to perceive what God's will really is, which we can understand by observing all the laws that we have to operate under. And once we perceive those, then we naturally want to make our will correspond to His will. When we say: "Let Thy will be my will", that's really saying that this is a prayer to help show me the ways to understand so that I can ally myself with You, be a co-creator with You, be another individual who is helping to move my part of the universe in the correct direction.

### **The Tibetan Influence**

Man's ignorance of his antagonists is a major stumbling block. Our culture has focused on materialism and the scientific method to such an extent that "all that psychic stuff" is generally thought to be the domain of wierdos, astrologers and nuts. So it's no wonder that people engage in terribly dangerous practices. If you knew nothing about dynamite, lighting the fuse might not mean much to you.

However, it's not just the negative spirit entities that we have to deal with. We also have powerful world groups who have allied themselves to destroy mankind, and they have the same motivations: hatred, fear, anger. They influence mankind in every way that they can in order to keep mankind from moving forward.

Some people really feel powerful when they can undo a man to death and can do it by the millions: For instance, the negative groups that were behind Nazism. There are two groups of Tibetans that have been around for a long time, and they have operated as one of the greatest nemeses of mankind that we know of.

Nazism was a satanic religion. At the trials of Nuremberg the Allies decided they just weren't going to get into that aspect of it at all because it was just too incredible, too unbelievable. They themselves could hardly believe the things that they, the prosecution, had turned up in putting together the evidence against the Nazi war criminals at the end of World War Two. But they found evidence that the Agarathi and the Shamballa, which are two cave communities of Tibetans, really were very much behind all of the atrocities that occurred at the hands of the Nazis in Europe. Now, the Agarathi were specialists in astral projection and inspiring false leadership in the world, and the Shamballa foster illusion, materialism, and misleading humans into despair through techniques such as perverse sexual cravings and black rites, developing desires for physical pleasure so one loses sight of man's spiritual origins and his real destiny.

This is an interesting story: Hitler didn't originate Nazism. The man who really was the prime mover in that direction was a Dr. Karl Haushofer. Haushofer had been a general in the German army during World War One, and he eventually was part of German intelligence in India. There he learned a great deal about the Shamballists and the Agarathis; the kinds of powers that they dealt with and the influence they had among some sects like the Thugees, who were a murder cult in India.

Haushofer was a professor who taught geopolitics, and his ideas of Aryan supremacy and how Germany could dominate the world came from two books that were written by Helena Blavatsky. Blavatsky was the one who captured and dominated the theosophical movement in Europe. The movement had been started by some Brahmic teachers who were going around as mendicants in Europe and acquainting people with Eastern ways. It began to get quite popular, and she moved in on it sometime in the 1870's. When Blavatsky was about twenty years old she met two Tibetans who were members of these evil cave communities. One was named Kuthoomi and the other one was Morya, and they convinced her to come to the cave communities in Tibet. She spent quite a long time trying to get there, and finally, after being turned down by the Tibetan government for quite a few years, entered the country in 1856. She stayed there for three years while she was taught by Kuthoomi and Morya. Then she returned there in 1867 for a while, but thereafter she remained under hypnotic telepathic control by these two. Her principle job was to subvert Christianity and the work of the Brotherhoods.

Hitler's training in Satanism and black magic was started by a Dietrich Eckert back in the early 1920's through what was known as the Thule Society. Both of them were pretty much followers of Alistair Crowley's sexual magic, among other things, and Hitler indulged in human sacrifice, along with other members of the Thule Society, while Hitler was developed into becoming a channel for satanic forces. After the failure of the 1924 Putsch (known as the Munich Beer Hall Gang) where Hitler tried

to take over the Bavarian government, Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison. Dietrich Eckert went through transition then, and Dr. Karl Haushofer, the evil genius behind the whole idea of Nazism, took over Hitler's training. Haushofer based Nazism on Helena Blavatsky's super race theories for the Aryans. He contacted Hitler, gave him instructions of what to do, ghost wrote Mein Kampf, and eventually created a magical world conception which was based primarily on Blavatsky's The Secret Doctrine. All of that information, of course, came from Kuthoomi and Morya, who were incarnate at the time that they were dealing with Blavatsky. Blavatsky was a medium who wrote a great deal by automatic writing, and could speak directly the voices of Kuthoomi and Morya whenever she chose to give seances, which she did quite frequently. She was mixed up in some of the shadiest sides of spiritualism that we know of.

This whole magical world conception that Haushofer developed was a complete contradiction to western mathematics, astronomy, geography, and science. The Nazis sent exploration teams to Tibet to contact the cave communities of Agartha and Shamballa. The object of that was to see if these Tibetans would help them to receive the help of demonic forces. The Shamballists didn't feel that they needed to do that because they were in such thorough control of so many lodges dealing with metaphysical things. They really had things moving in the directions that they wanted them to go, which was down the tubes! The Agarthis, however, did send about thirty of their members to Berlin and helped to direct what things would be necessary to do in order to gain the assistance of demonic forces to help Hitler's war machine rule the world. It was they who came up with the idea of rounding up 3/4 of a million gypsies from all over Europe and making a human sacrifice of them. The Death's Head Group of the SS was really a monkhood, organized like a religious order. Their job was to learn and to teach new people who were coming into the SS that their purpose was to kill and die for the purpose of being channels for demonic forces to help Nazism rule the world.

Blavatsky's story, which she learned from the two Tibetans, was that there was going to be a new inbreathing of the world and it was going to elevate all those who had Aryan blood in their veins into a Master Race, a superhuman status. Haushofer was the one who suggested that there be all kinds of genetic experiments performed on Germans to find some way of hastening this new change that was going to come about -- this transmutation into a super race. Of course, some of this mythology has been very popular in Germany for a long time. The Wagnerian operas, like the Neibelungen Rings, all lent strength to this.

Metaphysics without discrimination has always been disastrous for the human race. The whole Nazi thing was just a sort of dress rehearsal for the reign of the Anti-Christ to occur within the next five years. The things the Nazis did, and even more evil, will be repeated with more force. The Agartha and the

Shamballa will be the ones behind it, in addition to the nether entities who operate from the spirit world. Europe seems to be ready for this kind of thing. There really is a strong neo-paganistic trend that is going on in Europe today, especially in the British Isles. They're going back to the old Druidic beliefs, the Celtic religions, the earth religions that were around before Christianity showed up.

### **What Are Our Options?**

Despite the trends of this decade and of this century, mankind was intended to rise from innocence to virtue, so that we might enjoy a series of perceptions that transcend the abilities of our sense perceptors. It always comes down to character development. You lift the natural vibrations of your essential being to the point where you automatically, naturally detect things which are happening on other planes. It is safe, and that's the way it should be. One has to develop himself as a more highly refined individual by being concerned with other people; living the Golden Rule.

Any practice that involves the relinquishing of your will offers an inroad to any discarnate entity, or incarnate person, who has an interest in controlling others, and that is very dangerous. And it's obscene in many ways, because you are bringing into the world more dirtiness, of all sorts, from the influence of black mentalists. The term black refers to the fact that they have such muddy colors emanating in their astral aura, as opposed to the pastel, bright, light colors of the individual who is Egoically advanced.

Many people put down the idea of a negative entity that would have a malevolent interest in controlling or destroying your life. It's hard for people to imagine that the world is really engaged in a battle between good and evil. Each one of us ends up being a battlefield. To whatever we turn our attention, determines who is going to be getting our ear.

Most people think the battle between good and evil ended when Merlin left Camelot, or when the last big war was "won" by the allies.

It's even more difficult for people to take the war between good and evil seriously because of the complexity of different forms of evil and its actions that undermine everyone alive. Almost everyone recognizes the evil of the Mafia and drug traffickers, but few people are aware of incarnate practitioners of occult methods to control others. It's hard for people to believe that there is a whole panoply of discarnate evil entities who exert their influence from the spirit realms on both evil people and on the negative and neutral elements of human societies. What we don't know can hurt us! Courageous, proactive goodness is the key to winning the war against evil.

## THE HIDDEN CHRIST

### Introduction

Who was the person Jesus Christ? Actually, He was two different entities using the same body, but not at the same time. Jesus was already an eleventh degree Brother and He was working towards achieving Mastership in that lifetime. He certainly lived the life of a human being just like most everyone else so far as outside appearances were concerned, except that He did a lot of traveling which is not mentioned in the Bible. He returned to the Holy Land from Egypt in time for the baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, at which time Jesus gave up control of His body for the Archangel, who the Jews called Melchizedek, to take over as the Christ. This is a very unusual occurrence for an Archangel to be operating in the physical vehicle of a human being, and yet He did so for some 3 years, which was the ministry of Christ. At the time of the Crucifixion, Christ separated from the body; and after it was repaired by Higher Beings while in the sepulcher, Jesus then took it over again. During Christ's ministry, Jesus finalized the requirements for Mastership while on the Astral Plane. After the Crucifixion, the disciples were unable to detect the difference between Christ and Jesus. The plan had been set up by Melchizedek for His advent on Earth to serve to help uplift mankind, to take away the karma of the world, and to set up barriers between the lower Astral spirits and those persons who are in physical incarnation.

### The Essenes and Jesus

Very few people seem to know about the association between Jesus and the group of people called the Essenes. Actually, some six hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah, an Adept of the Essenes, established an Essene center in Palestine after years of his studying at the Brotherhood's headquarters in Egypt. This was in anticipation of the changes that were going to be occurring some six centuries later. Isaiah's prophecy of the advent of Christ gives a detailed account of what was going to happen, and, indeed, it occurred.

The Essenes developed a center at Engedi, which is where the cave of David is, and where John the Baptist's education was continued under several Adepts after his mother died. There was a separate community at Qumran, which adopted much of the information that Isaiah brought, and they were responsible for the Dead Sea Scrolls. But the Essene center was at Engedi, not at Qumran, and it stayed there all through the time that Jesus and John the Baptist were doing their work. The Essenes managed to grow into a fairly large community, but most Essenes

were out among the populace, in much the same way as Joseph plied his trade as a carpenter. The Essenes were the smallest of the principal sects of Judaism so far as its number of adherents, but it was very well known and its tenets were known to the populace. Some Essenes were hermits and some were Nazarites. But the Essenes who became Initiates did not disclose themselves as being members of the Brotherhoods.

#### **Why These People and This Location?**

The reason the Holy Land was chosen for all these important events to occur is that the Hermetic Brotherhood had developed the Jewish Nation to be the ones who would continue the information about the one God and provide a framework within which Christ could operate and bring his message to the world.

Greek invasions of all those surrounding areas under Alexander the Great managed to lend a common language to scholars throughout that part of the world, though the common people of the Holy Land at the time Jesus was there spoke Aramaic. Jewish scholars used Hebrew in a legalistic way. The two main trade routes, the east-west and the north-south, crossed in the Holy Lands at Jerusalem. So that area was selected because the information could be rapidly disseminated via the various caravans and trading.

#### **Travels of Jesus**

Christ didn't travel very far, but Jesus did quite a bit of traveling. From the time Jesus was about thirteen years old, he became a world traveler, always under the protection and guidance as well as the tutelage of persons who were high in the Brotherhoods. He spent a great deal of time in Orissa in India -- at least four years there -- learning some of the higher knowledge that was available to the Brahmans, but he did not learn Hinduism.

People were very much impressed by what Jesus had to say as a child. An eleventh degree Brother does not lose consciousness of his full perceptions when he incarnates into an infant's body. Jesus had an adult's perception continuously from the time he was born.

After he left India, he traveled to Kapilivastu, Nepal. There he studied under some very wise gentlemen for a few years, and they were really very eager to move him along to Tibet, where all of the information that had been stored by the Brotherhoods for centuries was kept. He spent many years there, into young adulthood, before he traveled to other places acting as a good will ambassador between the various physical headquarters of the Brotherhoods around the Mediterranean basin. Incidentally, because he taught the Brotherhood of all men in areas where the caste system was still enforced, there were several times when he was almost strung up!

### **Arrival of Melchizedek**

During the few years before John the Baptist began his ministry, Jesus and John were together in Zoan, Egypt, receiving final instructions. Then John went on ahead to the Holy Land. The baptism of Jesus by John was really quite an interesting situation, because it was the advent of Melchizedek, the Archangel. When Jesus returned to the Holy Land from Egypt, John had already gathered a considerable following, and for several days prior to Jesus' baptism, Jesus was anonymously among the crowd around the Jordan River. John and Jesus would follow a little routine where John would wade out into the middle of the river and Jesus would come to the bank of the river. John would be praying and look towards heaven and Jesus would do the same thing, and nobody seemed to notice. After several days of this routine, a sign that they were looking for suddenly appeared, which would be apparent only to persons of considerable advancement, and that was that the Archangel Melchizedek was present among them. John asked if there was anyone else who wanted to be baptized, and Jesus spoke up and came into the water of the river. John supported Jesus' body while he dipped him full immersion into the river's waters and had to pinch his nose and hold his hand over Jesus' mouth while Jesus left his body for the moment Melchizedek could take it over. Otherwise, Melchizedek, upon standing, would be coughing and sputtering trying to get the water out of His lungs and nose. What John encountered as soon as Jesus' body, now supporting Melchizedek's intelligence, stood up, was an Archangel -- literally, a Son of God. Of course, they had been informed of and expected this from the time that they were teenagers; but try to imagine, knowing what John the Baptist knew, who it was that he was addressing. A dove flew down and landed on the shoulder of Christ, and the crowd suddenly felt that something very different had occurred, and John turned to the crowd and began proclaiming Hallelujahs and announcing that this was the one for whom he had been preparing. The crowd rushed upon them as they came to the shore of the river, and things got so pressing that Christ had to conceal Himself with invisibility, which is a trick he used a number of times in order to protect Himself.

### **Christ's Work**

The first important thing Christ did was to set up a barrier between the lower Astral Plane and people who are in physical incarnation so that nether entities would not have direct access to people who were incarnate. These nether entities were bringing the world to the brink of destruction through their influence on living people, which explains why there were so many possessed people who were brought to Christ to be healed. Most of the rulers of the people had also been taken over by spirit controls.

That helps explain Herod's actions against all the children, as well as why he was terrified of the advent of Jesus' birth at Bethlehem. (When the three Magi from Persia explained to him who it was that they were looking for and thought that he

would know -- inasmuch as he was king -- where Jesus could be found, Herod inquired of his ministers, what was this forecast about the coming of the Messiah?) Before Christ's time, anybody was fair game to the mentalists, whether or not the person was on the same wave-length as the mentalists. Today you have to definitely override Christ's protection with your own desire to encounter spirit beings on the Astral Plane.

Another important thing that Christ did was to lift the national karma of the world so that man would be able to advance. He did not actually dissolve it, but He was able to put that karma in abeyance until the end of this century, so that mankind could start getting ahead.

### **Christ's Demeanor**

From accounts in the gospels we have probably a good idea of how Christ conducted Himself, but in many cases people do not see the human side of Christ. He liked to be with the people. He was very convivial. He had favorite friends who He chose to be amongst in addition to His disciples, who He essentially lived with day-by-day. He liked to be feasted, and He drank wine. Of course, people criticized Him for drinking wine to the same extent they criticized John the Baptist for not drinking wine. Furthermore, He was really quite a raconteur. He could spin tales for three days standing. Being humorous was a means by which He would get people to repeat the things He said over and over again. Very apparent truth was put in such a palatable form that people would continue to talk about it years afterwards. He was at least a head taller than just about any other person that He ever encountered in the Holy Land. He had sandy hair, blue eyes, light complexion, and He was a person who slouched a lot. He would lean on something rather than stand erect. If He could sit, He would sit as long as people could still see Him and hear Him. That included Him among the people.

As an Archangelic Ego, He had total command of everything in His environment -- total command. Any one individual Archangel has the power to dissolve a planet, to kill any life form -- humans or what have you. He had absolutely nothing to fear at any time. Everything went just as He decided the scenario should go, and He had persons working among the Brotherhoods to help set things up so that they would go the way He wanted them to go, because He had many things to show people, many things to teach; mostly by example.

Children just flocked to Him, and women fell in love with Him. Mary Magdalen might have been called a groupie by some people. She had it in mind that she was going to marry Him somehow or other, and she worked on that. He would remind her on occasions that that was not what was going to be, but nevertheless, she never lost that hope. Christ probably enjoyed the emotional intensity of her love, for its depth surpassed that of the more patriarchal of His disciples. He accepted the fact that the people with whom He was dealing were limited in all areas of

development, but He loved them for the sincerity of their love. Mary Magdalene was not alone in loving Him as a man. He was everything that women adored; poet, spiritually inspiring lover of all mankind, and comedian. Of course, those women had no idea whatsoever of who or what they were really dealing with.

In Him, men and women both found a marvelous companion. He was easy to get along with. He knew psychology absolutely inside out. He could construct a brain; so He knew how human beings were set up to think, and how as Egos they were designed by God to desire to move towards God. He was there to help facilitate that. He loved everyone, and He really loved them. His love was so apparent that He didn't have to say that He loved them; people could sense it. But He never seemed to be sentimental about it. His love was a dry kind of love, utterly respectful, and yet very warm.

Christ was never haughty. He didn't have to prove anything to anyone. And nobody ever pushed Him around. All He had to do was look at them steadily, without showing any emotion, and somehow or other they said, "This person is not going to be intimidated, so there's no sense even trying." He was respected by everyone. It's interesting that He never was imprisoned until just the time He set it up to be imprisoned and then go immediately to His death on the cross. Remember, the Sanhedrin knew who He was by lineage and had a pretty good idea of what it was that He was about. The Sanhedrin's and the Pharisees' reactions to the things that He did were probably remarkably like what modern-day authoritarian reaction would be to His advent had He chosen to come now.

If He wore a gray flannel suit today and cut His hair short and didn't wear a beard, He would look just like the people of today. But what He said and what He'd do would still rub people the wrong way, and His message would be accepted the same way, which was adoringly by those who were seeking truth, and with great jealousy and fear by the rulers. Those who were ruling Jerusalem two thousand years ago were afraid of an uprising and afraid that this claimant to Messiahship was going to take on the Roman Empire, which would definitely lead Jerusalem to war with Rome. But many Jews who saw Him and walked with Him were looking for a warlike Messiah to lead them to freedom and glory, and yet, there was an incident in which Christ drove home the point that He had no intention of doing that in a mundane sense. Christ gained considerable attention by all the miracles He worked, and His statements of being sent by the Father were accepted by many at face value. There had been for years a murmur among the people concerning the imminent appearance of the Messiah, since the prophecies of the old Prophets were showing evidence of coming due, and the appearance of Angels in Bethlehem thirty years earlier certainly alerted the populace and the priests. John the Baptist was thought by many to be the Messiah, but he consistently disclaimed it; but Christ never did disclaim it. The priests probed into His

background thoroughly, and the records showed that, through Jesus' father, He was the direct descendent of King David, as required by Isaiah's prophesy. It didn't take very long before this exciting bit of news raced through official circles and then filtered down to the common folks. Jewish officials were overjoyed at the prospect of a long-awaited fulfillment of these prophecies, but it became apparent by Christ's admonitions against the Pharisees and the rulers that they were not going to be cut in on the rule of this king if He became king. They worked against Him so that they wouldn't be supplanted by His reign. The people still adored Him, and they followed Him everywhere. One day there were some 5,000 persons who followed Him into a deserted place to hear Him speak. Because He sensed their militant intent, He had them arrange themselves in rows and in companies of fifty. At that particular time he fed the multitudes with His miracle of the five loaves and the two fishes so that there would be no doubt that God worked in Him. They admired Him for His serene, commanding manner born of his total self-confidence and control of every situation. He didn't subordinate himself to anybody. Those who understood His real message worshipped Him; but for the most part, men saw a handsome, fearless leader worthy of the throne of David. A great stir ran through the multitudes there on the hillside that day at the realization that they were arrayed as an army in companies at the feet of their king. Suddenly, just spontaneously, great shouts of Messiah, and King, rang from the throats of thousands. A young woman ran up to Christ, and He allowed her to place a crown of laurel upon His head. Pandemonium ensued, as you might imagine, and concealed swordhilts and daggers were gripped by their owners. Here was Israel's return to glory at hand. He was going to march them back to Jerusalem, they figured. But Christ restored quiet and then He repeated His familiar message that the kingdom He preached was of Heaven and not of Earth. Then He removed the crown of laurel and He broke it, and He stepped upon it. He spoke of peace and everlasting brotherhood between men, and that was a day that many Jews turned away from Him and persuaded others that the promised Messiah was yet to come. As unequivocally as possible, He had turned His back on the throne of Israel and set up his subsequent execution, which He had planned for thousands of years.

### **The Mystery and Message of Christ**

Shortly thereafter, when the crucifixion took place, Christ said before death, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" This has been a mystery to most people for many centuries and has led many to conjecture that Christ was merely a very special carpenter. But an explanation of why He said that can throw light on why so many people were converted to belief in Christ's divinity at that time. Jewish scholars argue various points by making reference to a given Bible passage, by repeating just the first sentence in that passage; so He was calling everybody's mind to the 22nd psalm of David, which all Jews had memorized from childhood. The 22nd psalm says, "for dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced

my hands and feet. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." He was telling everybody, and the Sanhedrin was already thoroughly aware, that He was fulfilling prophecy written a thousand years before Jesus was born, four hundred years before Isaiah said much the same thing in his prophecies. So He was telling them, "You have hung God upon the cross. How do you feel about that?"

Mankind needed that message, and He was here to put it across as impactfully as possible and yet not blaspheme so as to go against the Jewish Scriptures or in any other way be labeled as an agent of evil so that everybody would just forget about Him. He conducted Himself with diplomacy and kindness throughout His advent. People have not forgotten Him. Some regard Him with a highly charged emotional faith, and some from a historical and intellectual standpoint, but a large percentage of the population of the world have some idea who Christ was.

#### **How Hidden is the real Christ to People Today?**

Unfortunately, most of the religious people of today think of Christ in a maudlin, weak, and sentimental context. Of those who must reject that image as not at all Godlike, many deny that there ever was a figure in history who was worthy of being "king of kings" and submitted Himself to a crucifixion. One piece of physical evidence of the crucifixion of the Messiah is the shroud of Turin, which the Brotherhoods say was actually the burial cloth of Christ. An image was scorched onto that burial linen along the entire length of it. There is only one way that could have been done, and that was with an extremely high burst of energy that cast a picture, and left a negative impression of the front and the back of the body. A Mind had to control that to make it look that way.

Studies that were done in the early 70's by a team of scientists (some of whom were philosophically-inclined) working to determine the authenticity of the shroud, revealed quite a bit of corroborative evidence. Learning of these kinds of things was an emotional experience for some of those scientists. Even Adepts like John the Baptist and Mary, the mother of Jesus, had some emotional adjustments dealing with the Egoic presence of the Archangel, Melchizedek, in Jesus' body. John the Baptist's hallelujahs and Mary's recorded pondering "these things in her heart" show that they had to take emotional and intellectual leaps in consciousness to fully grasp the idea, so it will likely take some adjustments for us as well.

Exploring what happened in the minds of contemporary scientists who slowly and bit-by-bit uncovered impressive evidence, such as the presence of blood on the shroud and impressions of coins over the eyes which were dated at the time of Christ's advent, and evidence that there was much more brutal treatment at that particular crucifixion than was normally the case, gives one a personal glimpse at this point in history that has been given so much attention and reverence. There is evidence of the spear

wound, the cap of thorns and the wounds of the scourge, as well as things which show other maltreatment, which fits the story as handed down. The fact, also, that the shroud was so expensive and so finely made, shows that the person was very highly revered and places the importance of this crucifixion far above that of many thousands of others who met such a fate at the hands of the Romans of that time.

Balanced individuals, in whom emotional involvement is backed by an intense desire to know, can follow the path of scientifically-minded philosophers who conduct their own research into what actually happened, so that our intuitive beliefs match with what the logical mind uncovers. Following the scholarly path probably takes more determination than intellectual prowess, and the rewards are great. Information which is carefully investigated and then eventually converted into knowledge, can bring purpose and energy into people's lives through solid belief instead of blind faith.

## GROWTH DISCIPLINES

### Introduction

The vigorous pursuit of the beauty of excellence can become a wellspring of encouragement and fascination with all of life. Many psychologists in the latter half of this century have devoted their lives to the "human potential movement" and to the twentieth century quest for "higher consciousness".

Abraham Maslow, for one, speaks of experiencing a mature life fully, vividly and selflessly, with full concentration and total absorption, without the self-consciousness of the adolescent. Maslow says that at the precise moment of experiencing any particular event with enriched perception, awe and reverence, a person is wholly and fully human, and that people who experience life in this way are "self-actualized persons". He lists meta-values which are akin to the Twelve Great Virtues listed in the Ultimate Frontier. The Virtues are values which go beyond the outer material aspects of the world around us. Western man is just beginning to look towards the inner process of his nature and to define the pursuit of excellence within himself. Many Western people pursue excellence in their work and many other aspects of their lives but still don't think of the idea of working on themselves.

This seminar explores ways we can train ourselves to internalize the process of the pursuit of excellence and attain maturity in our emotions so that we can become "wholly and fully human" at all times, not leaving our growth to a haphazard course or to random chance. The Brotherhoods' Philosophy assigns the same energy to character growth and mental excellence as people commonly give to the procurement of professional or educational titles -- to enhance career, or financial or social status -- or to the all-out pursuit of success in developing a trade or a business. To add character growth to these goals makes their pursuit more complex, uplifting and, ultimately, permanently rewarding.

### The Rewards of Self-fulfillment

If all pursuits become part of personal growth efforts, they do not become petty or shallow, and each aspect of life takes on a deeper meaning. When materialistic people retire there is usually emptiness and loneliness, but people find that each year life is richer when they have pursued material things in the context of their own self-development. Sometimes they discover that they can no longer engage with people in a way that was once comfortable, and they realize that they have

traversed some distance on their path, having abandoned some of their former negativity. Even rummaging through old possessions can take one back in time and reveal a self that has made subtle advances.

#### **What is required for growth?**

To consciously place ourselves in an environment conducive to soul growth requires not so much courage, but rather a spirit of adventure. Little additional time commitment is needed because growth disciplines fit right into one's day, but planning and a change in attitude are required. A positive change in life style is gradually acquired by the fortunate aspirant.

#### **Tools for soul growth**

Meditation and prayer; the Twelve Great Virtues; retrospection (both daily and lifetime retrospection); mental precipitation; reprogramming of negative thought patterns; and the outward manifestation of beauty and prosperity through dress and the care of one's environment: these are valuable "disciplines". Let's explore each in more depth.

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#### **Meditation**

Quieting oneself by emptying the mind of all stray thoughts can bring mental clarity and serenity. The conscious effort to prevent errant thoughts from intruding requires full attention and keeps one from passively opening the mind to outer influence. Mentally imaging a field of light can aid one's concentration. The color violet is a natural one to envision. In everyday life, the constant internal dialogue within the brain deprives a person of serenity. Meditation allows tensions to ease, because becoming very still in the mind temporarily does away with such brain chatter. Limiting the meditation period to ten minutes is recommended. Ten minutes of full attention on preventing one's own thoughts from intruding will be safe, and is called "meditation with seed". A warning: Opening oneself to "inspiration" and using mantras are not recommended for safe meditation.

#### **Prayer**

Particularly on this planet at this time, it is often necessary to ask the Higher Beings for protection from outer influence, especially if you are on the path of inner growth. It is valuable to use the Protective Prayer in this regard:

"Dear Elder Brothers, in the name of Christ and through the white light of His power, I humbly ask that You allow only those influences to enter into my environment which are for my greatest good and for the greatest good of all concerned."

When we pray, it is preferable to seek to align our will with the will of God rather than to abandon our greatest gift -- our own individual will. Because our mind was created in the image of God, it is up to us to develop our will and our desire for self-determination. We were created to expand God's purposes, and we do this best by treating our fellow men as Christ demonstrated. It is up to us to learn how to apply God's Laws to human purpose. That is a far cry from giving up our will and "letting God direct our will," for it is God's desire that we become one with Him through working to become like Him and not through the negation of self.

Interference with the will of others goes counter to Natural Law. If we pray for others, it must be qualified with, "If it be for the greatest good." We should never visualize others saying or doing things, for such telepathic projecting or suggesting could violate their right to their own self-determination. All Higher Beings are forbidden to engage in such interference.

#### **The Twelve Great Virtues**

Courage, kindness, devotion, patience, efficiency, sincerity, charity, precision, discernment, tolerance, forbearance and humility are the qualities of character that have been developed in Higher Beings. Many of these virtues work to balance each other. For example, being precise can be practiced in excess so that efficiency is sacrificed. Courage to be honest can be exacting when kindness is also demanded of oneself, and one's efforts at unbridled honesty can bring hurt if the virtues have not been refined sufficiently. Many examples of efficiency at the cost of the rights of workers can be cited which show that the virtue of kindness is not always addressed by people bent on efficiency. Discernment must be used with the other virtues; e.g., there can be too much patience with things which are unjust, and forbearance carried to such an extreme that one becomes a doormat is excessive and not discerning. So, elevating the levels of all the virtues automatically brings about a balance in character.

The acquisition of humility is the product of refinement in all of the virtues!

#### **Retrospection**

A nightly examination and evaluation of one's efforts in following a virtue will bring faster progress to the person aspiring to greater character development. Somehow, it brings greater awareness of the given virtue (and greater opportunity, somehow) into the day's activities when we know that we will be assessing our responses to situations later that evening before we lie down for the night. Mentally retracing our activities backwards is good exercise in memory as well.

Another type of retrospection which is helpful for growth is tracing the entire lifetime thus far, so that a larger awareness of one's patterns and progress is developed. Many clues can be uncovered in this way which will help in the process of self-discovery. Only by first finding out what we are can we change for the better. A carefully self-examining diary is valuable here. Photographs and relatives' accounts can fill in early childhood gaps, too, as you develop your own personal history.

### **Mental Precipitation**

We can use our minds to create our lives and ourselves to be the way we want. Not only can we bring material objects and jobs into our lives, but we can mentally picture ourselves as better, achieving, succeeding in our spiritual goals. We are definitely not forbidden to visualize ourselves in action (and in plenty), for that is our great opportunity to achieve what we want.

Here are the six steps of precipitating what you want:

**A Burning Desire:** Intense desire for what you want is the motivation that helps sustain the focus of attention necessary for the formation of a well-defined Etheric Pattern. You are apt to frequently think about that which you fervently desire, reinforcing your mental image.

**Visualization:** Mentally imaging what you want creates the Etheric Pattern. The greater the detail of your visualization the greater the detail of your pattern, and a well-defined pattern tends to come into existence more rapidly than one that is hazy and vague. You can use photos and drawings of what you want to help in forming an exact image.

**Concentration:** Once you desire something intensely and have formed an image mentally, focus your attention on it to the near exclusion of all else for at least a minute a day. This impresses your desire on your subconscious midbrain, which continues to reinforce your plans while you go about your everyday affairs.

**Action:** Do what you can to help bring that which you have visualized into reality. You must go out and do the things which will lead to your achievement of your goal. Having and acquiring karmic credits to compensate for what you want is an important part of action.

**Confidence:** The positive attitude that what you are doing will bring about the desired results is necessary. God's Laws never fail, and the Law of Mental Precipitation is one of them. Fear counter-precipitates and can negate positive effort.

Silence: Prematurely talking about your plans can release much of your mental pressure on the universe that you have been building, so keep silent about your precipitation unless you need to share your plans with those who are directly involved. This also avoids negativity, such as envious blocking or doubts by others who may not share your enthusiasm.

### Reprogramming of Negative Thinking

Since the brain retains our every thought, including every negative thing we say and every negative thing anyone else says about us, there are many thousands of negative subconscious impressions that we have harbored about ourselves from the moment of birth. After those things were entrenched into our subconscious minds at an early, impressionable age, we began to reinforce those attitudes through subconscious repetition of the negative thought or comment. Since we have been about the habit of strengthening the negatives for so long, at first it is very hard to catch ourselves thinking negative thoughts about ourselves. But it can be done. And to understand that our brain works in such a way that every negative thought -- or word -- about another person registers on our subconscious as another putdown of ourselves, can really motivate one to stop all negative thinking.

Keeping a notebook handy at all times and jotting down our every single derogatory thought or word about anyone or oneself is a good way to become aware of how often we do it. Those thoughts and words can be turned to positive affirmations if each one is studied and an opposite for it is found. For example, if the thought occurs that we're not too smart because a mistake was made which caused some inconvenience, an affirmation can be made to counter that. A positive side then, of that might be, "my intelligence increases daily" or "I rarely make the same mistake twice".

Recording our positive thoughts on a tape and playing it back with our own voice giving us compliments in pleasant tones can be powerful. Our attitudes and automatic responses to situations are governed by our subconscious, and that can be changed by frequent reinforcement of our preferred new way via affirmations spoken aloud to ourselves. Old patterns of behavior can be overlaid by affirmations.

Stopping a negative statement mid-sentence can be embarrassing, but it pays off, with consistent effort. This works very well with the practice of nightly retrospection as a guide.

### **Outward Manifestation of Beauty and Prosperity**

Putting the best foot forward by dressing attractively will impress others favorably, but that is by far the least of the good it does. Looking our best makes a favorable impression on ourselves. Our confidence spirals upward when we feel that we look our best and that we are worth dressing up. In matriarchal cultures all children are told that they are wonderful and beautiful. On the other hand, we have to heal ourselves after a childhood in a patriarchal culture; so we need to convince ourselves that our bodies are worth decorating and give ourselves that kindness.

Similarly, it is valuable for us to feel prosperous. If we use some of our best things often, it makes us feel special, and, as children of God, we are. There are many occasions for gift giving. People give each other things that denote specialness. Giving others flowers brings excitement and quality to life, and giving oneself a flower works too.

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### **Recognizing Growth**

There's a certain warmth about a person who is pursuing inner growth and virtue -- probably because they are so earnestly seeking to establish a sense of integrity in their environment. The purity of sincerity is universally appreciated by fellow seekers.

Getting together in an effort to grow together is not new in this world. Newness, though, is probably the word which best describes the quality of life in those who choose to spend their lives growing. We are fortunate when we can find novelty in people and in our environment. When we also find ourselves fascinating and ever new, life takes on a deeper contentment.

## CULTURE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS

by Richard Kieninger

### **The End Times**

Since this century has been the most exciting one in recorded history, it probably won't come as much of a surprise to people that the next few years could be even more exciting as time goes by. There is an enormous tradition in the beliefs of Western culture regarding Biblical references to Armageddon (the great final war), the Antichrist, the Judgment, the Resurrection, the Tribulation, and the Wrath of God. People of religions other than Christian also have in their mythology many of the same kinds of references, pointing to what is going to be happening in the way of a great change, a great cleansing in human affairs all over the planet.

There are true psychics who are sensitive to the future and have the ability to read the Akashic Record of the future as genuine prophets; all have seen essentially the same kinds of things. It's been difficult to pinpoint in time when these momentous events are going to occur. As soon as the Nation of Israel was formed again, that alerted Biblical scholars who are particularly interested in prophecy that these indeed were the End Times. The tradition that there's going to be destruction and Apocalypse is so widespread that it permeates Western civilization.

May 5th, 2000, is the date of the grand alignment of all of the visible planets and the Earth and the Sun and the Moon in virtually a straight line, which is predicted to have quite an effect on the planet so as to cause the continents to slide. The great slide of the continents will not come unannounced. A whole series of major disasters will precede it so that the wise person will know it is time to do something constructive to survive the great cataclysm in May of the year 2000.

### **Surviving Calamity One More Time**

It should be noted that when we talk about so-called End Times, it is not the ultimate end of the planet or human life here. There are greater civilizations yet to be built by a remnant surviving this coming cataclysm, which is a natural geophysical outworking of the construction of our planet as it's stressed by various forces inside and outside of the planet. Higher Beings, as well as Christ, are making Their plan for mankind's uplift coincide with these natural events, but They are not causing them.

Disasters change the power structure in the world, change our philosophies, change our ways of dealing with one another socially, religiously, and economically. Great plagues in Europe changed the balance of power and changed the whole economic system. We can expect the same sort of thing to occur in the next few years. Seismic activity in the U.S. could damage our economy to the degree that something akin to a military dictatorship would be required to hold the country together in the face of the ensuing panic and internal strife. As physical disasters spread world-wide, the shock of the changes that are involved will likely be horrendous in most people's minds. As it keeps happening month after month it may bring out the worst in many people, with a great lessening in morality. When your economic system isn't working and when the political machinery has been turned over to martial law, it's easy to get the feeling that there is no future that you can count on. Even psychologically stable, loving persons will be sorely troubled by the disruption of everything that is familiar. Seeing everything that you've held dear crumble before your very eyes is going to be more than most people can handle. Unless they are aware that there is a place which is doing something to hold things together in the face of all this chaos, they are likely to give in to despair.

If you affirm in your own mind that you're here specifically to preserve civilization and technology so that mankind can continue to move forward rather than slipping back 7,000 years, then you may find Adelphi attractive for those reasons.

The Brotherhoods' message is one of hope, of preservation, of an oasis of sanity and looking forward to better things. That is what people are going to need. In order to be saved, we have to do it ourselves; God is not going to do it. Indeed, we have a lot to get done. By Grace we are given the information how to protect ourselves, but we have to elevate ourselves Egoically. We have to preserve civilization within us.

### Earth Changes

All prophecy is speculation until it happens, but the following prophecies have been foreseen by many prophets across the ages. It has been said that during the last decade of this century, major sections of the western U.S. will subside and cause a loss of many of the coastal cities. There has been foreseen a major submergence in the Great Lakes area with portions of Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois going under water. Eastern coastal states such as South Carolina and New Jersey may be inundated by the ocean, and Georgia may be destroyed by inundation and earthquake. Large quakes and coastal inundations in Connecticut and Massachusetts have been foreseen, as well as major submergence in eastern Texas and in Florida and Louisiana.

Prophets also foresee that the rotational balance of the Earth will be increasingly disrupted by the build-up of ice in the Antarctic. The Earth's magnetic field has been diminishing quite rapidly in the past few decades. All this is leading up to the year 2000 when the whole crust of the Earth will slip relative to the poles. The U.S. is expected to move about 1,500 miles closer to the equator at the turn of the century.

These changes, as destructive as they are and terrifying as they are to the people who have to go through them, nevertheless can open the way to a far greater era in mankind's history, where peace and a true spirituality will reign all over the world.

But we have to run the gantlet first, and that has a great deal to do with our karma -- the kinds of things that we have made ourselves susceptible to by our free-will actions relative to our dealings with other people and our nation's dealings with other nations. We have it coming, but our grandchildren will be of a different set of mind than we are today. Mankind has been a fearful, hateful, greedy lot. Satanic forces had free reign in doing what they wanted to do until Christ limited their powers 2,000 years ago. Now people have been dealing of their own free will with nether entities, and the Shambala and the Agarthi are doing their best to give rise to the Antichrist, who will take power in Europe. Through his influence, he will bring about a great world war at the turn of the century, which will culminate in the battle of Armageddon.

### **The Great Tribulation**

The Great Tribulation, spoken of in the Bible as "the 'war' against the Saints", is anticipated to begin in 1993 and last about three and a half years. Saints in this context are those persons who are spiritually refined and Egoically developed -- people who are members of the Brotherhoods.

The Tribulation will be brought about primarily by the Antichrist and the Shambala and Agarthi, who manage to place him in power. After that, there is another three and a half year period called the Wrath of God -- not that God or the Higher Beings would be directly involved in destroying people -- They need merely allow the karma of our past sins to be returned to Earth for us to work out. This represents the unatoned sins which Christ suspended when He removed the sins of the world twenty centuries ago and which are intended to be held in abeyance until near the end of this century.

About the time of the end of the great Tribulation, 144,000 Elect from all over the world will be gathered together into a peaceful area of the Earth where they will be exempted from this battling between the evildoers of the world. They will then be protected from the seismic cataclysm by an airlift at the turn of the century.

## **The Vision of Philadelphia**

The primary purpose of Philadelphia during the next few years is to provide a place of refuge for men and women of good will where they can put their energies toward positive creation of an educational community while learning to put into practice the ideals of the Brotherhoods. The construction and operation of a truly international university where all peoples can share and learn the best agricultural techniques learned by man in the least expensive way is a worthwhile endeavor. A full blown city will be required to support and service the university, thereby affording a place for just about every trade, skill and art there is. To construct such a place will require that it have a complete cross-section of people and technologies. Being essentially a peaceful academic community, it will not be concerned with military matters. One can build his home on his own property and be encouraged to establish his own business if he feels like it. There will be a minimum of laws and no income tax. It is also important to recognize that there are pioneering types of people who benefit psychologically by having a challenging frontier to make into a better place. Making a garden out of a desert and developing economic and technological excellence is very satisfying to those who need to be at the cutting edge of the means to better themselves and their environment. Such people are builders at heart, and they are crucial to the success of the coming Nation of God. With an unfettered profit motive to encourage them, they should be willing to invest in businesses and the manufacture of goods for world trade. It should be understood that the island of Philadelphia is not to be a colony of U.S. citizens but rather a place where people of many different nationalities will come together. Each prospective resident will be screened for having psychological and emotional health. The Brotherhoods are strong on the value of children being reared in a sound family environment, and the economy of the island will be devised so as to promote ideal home conditions for the education and development of children. There will be safeguards against anyone endangering the ecology of the island through individual or industrial pollution. Creating jobs for others is a worthy activity, but exploitation of workers will not be acceptable, and we expect to be able to develop a cultural attitude that down-plays materialism in favor of more loving human interactions. The drive for acquisitiveness of riches and power is often a substitute for love in one's life. There will be no banks in Philadelphia; the central treasury will hold personal, corporate and state cash and provide checking services and international trade accounts. There will be no lending at interest, and no fractional reserves permitted, and the result is that the cost of housing will be about one-fifth as much as in the U.S.A. today. Because there will be no lending on mortgages, that means that each immigrant have no outstanding debts in any country. The needs of the commonwealth will be bought by paying cash into the economy rather than borrowing cash into the economy from a lender at interest. This is very practical and reflects

the systems of a century ago before central banks became a widespread practice in the nations of the world.

One of our main features will be freedom from drugs in the culture. It should be evident that anyone who uses drugs or abuses alcohol will not be accepted to live on the island. It is a place for spiritual and ethical uplift, and that requires a healthy brain and clear mind. People who allow themselves to become chemically dependent essentially have no future prospects. To use drugs is unpatriotic in the extreme and pours money out of the national economy into the hands of one's opponents. As a matter of national policy toward China in the mid 1800's, England set up an elaborate opium distribution system that ensnared millions of Chinese citizens into addiction, engendered a wealthy and corrupting criminal underground that effectively undermined the government, and gave the English astounding wealth to finance their takeover of the Chinese nation during the Opium Wars. The Japanese pursued a similar policy toward China to weaken the populace in the decade before their invasion of China prior to World War II. There is ample evidence that foreign powers are presently flooding the United States with drugs to make it easy to corrupt and weaken the populace and withdraw hundreds of billions of dollars annually from our economy, which could otherwise go to improve and upkeep our cities and decrease unemployment. The people of Philadelphia will discourage foreign drug dealers simply by not buying.

Philadelphia will provide a place where health care and medical alternatives that truly work can be obtained by its citizens and visitors. Health professionals who can build clinics and health spas will be encouraged to do so. We envision providing education to all its inhabitants and foreign students in matters of proper nutrition and the organic production of food. It has been proven that crops can be profitably grown without the use of chemical poisons and herbicides. We will encourage hydroponic farms and individual vegetable gardens. Public health and public sanitation will also be emphasized. The island is surrounded by a rich source of edible marine life, and we will do everything possible to be sure that this marvelous resource is not overrun or diminished by human activities that might foul our nest.

In short, the island is for practical idealists who treasure the principles envisioned by the founders of the U.S.A. (but which have been undermined over the years by power seekers and economic manipulators). Justice, truth, love, creativity, beauty, and freedom are what we all seek, and we can start clean again even though it is on a comparatively small scale. Each person of sound mind recognizes that he must grant these precious gifts to everyone else if he is to have them for himself. Only by practicing these principles will all have prosperity, contentment and personal growth.