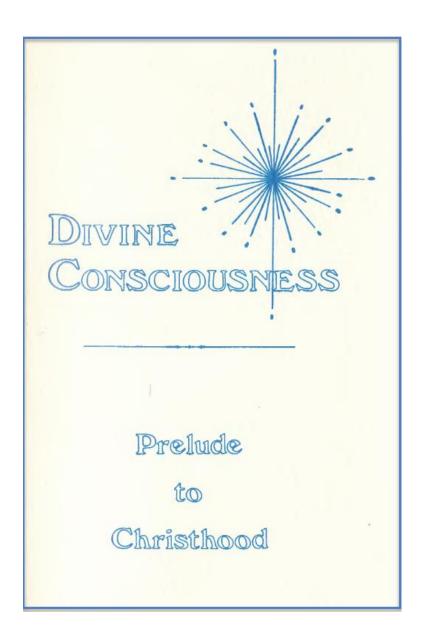
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INTRODUCTION

When Beloved Holy AEolus held the Office of Maha Chohan, He imparted to us the Wisdom concerning the guarding of the individual consciousness, and at that time, gave a series of Lessons which it is now our great pleasure to present to all who are desirous of advancing in the Light and expanding their consciousness through study and application of the Truths contained within them. It is our sincere wish that these Lessons will provide further enlightenment concerning the subject of Consciousness - an understanding of which is fundamentally necessary in our studies of Life throughout the Universe.

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CONSCIOUSNESS

The state of consciousness in which a man lives determines how much happiness or unhappiness he knows during his sojourn upon the Earth plane.

There are no two living Beings unascended who live in the same state of consciousness constantly. Unascended Beings meet and enter the same sphere of consciousness at a lecture, in schools and churches, and for a time rub shoulders, but return again into the wheel and sphere of their individual consciousness evolved through the centuries. Within these 'material spiral-forms' they bounce like a rubber ball through the course of a day, plunge into darkness, are raised by temporary exaltation, explode in anger, and so on, sometimes passing through a hundred states of consciousness in the course of an eight-hour period.

Now each state of consciousness through which they pass has a vibration. All of the destructive emotions and tendencies naturally have a vibratory action that is disintegrating to the Spiritual nature evolving through the soul. The soul which is Being pummeled by these vibrations (which sometimes change as often as three times within a minute) is grasping for the Light of Spiritual Counsel and sometimes direction from Above; the Higher Self is endeavoring to send through this whirlwind of vibration enough pressure to be the guiding Power of the soul.

This requires that the Higher Self must secure a vibratory action of Its Light which can pass through the waves of vibration; but before that Light can be anchored, the individual has passed into another vibratory action and state of consciousness. The Spiritual Consciousness again changes the vibratory direction, but by the time it reaches the soul, the soul is in another state of consciousness - running from room - with the Spiritual Self endeavoring to get it quiet enough in any one state of consciousness to secure an entrance to bring the Light and Spiritual Succor required.

You will see, therefore, that to train individuals to maintain a more or less steady vibratory action in their vehicles, is to enable their own Higher Self to give them the Spiritual Food and Counsel and Courage required for their Freedom. Many students newly enjoying Spiritual Knowledge sometimes have wild spurts of enthusiasm which, while good in themselves, are also rapid shocks to the vibratory action of the soul, and We therefore always recommend the holding of the outer self in the Middle Way so that the Light and Radiation from the "I AM" Presence can enter into and become one with the vibratory action of the aspirant. Thus, progress and unfoldment come more quickly to the man anchored in Peace, than to the more zealous but uncontrolled Lifestream.

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How Your Consciousness Can Assist Others

There is no limit to what one man, or one woman can do for any number of Lifestreams through a strong thought and feeling held firmly within the consciousness for GOOD. There is no Power in all the Universe that can oppose a GOOD THOUGHT or that can manifest an evil thought unless the individual holding the constructive one chooses to let it go. That is why it is said that 'one with God is a majority'. That is why one unascended Being could hold the planet Earth from dissolution IF his consciousness could be unshaken by the mass mind, appearance, or any number of visible or invisible pressures that would attempt to change the thought and feeling of Perfection and Protection held by the ONE.

All the forces of hell combined, with all their energies, cannot prevail against the smallest thought which is in agreement with God's Plan unless the Lifestream holding the thought relinquishes it; and so, with your very great tenacity of Spirit, know that you have an invulnerable armor and a tremendous Power to Free, to heal, and to hold Peace, unless you surrender your thought for a less perfect thought in the mind or Heart of another.

Maintain and Sustain Peace

The only way that the "I AM" Presence can reach the consciousness of the outer man is by directing certain vibrations which enter into the outer consciousness as desires, feelings, aspirations, and a pressure toward certain activity even though the outer self is ofttimes unable to explain by REASON that which is the prompting of the Heart. Until the development of the chela enables the outer consciousness, in a fully awakened state, to join with the Divine Plan and Image held in the Higher Self, the "I AM" Presence uses the subtler vibrations and promptings to forward the Plan of Perfection because the soul and the lower vehicles of man must be receptive to these vibrations in order for them to record forcibly enough for action to ensue.

We do stress particularly the cultivation and maintenance of as steady and unchanging vibration as is possible through the lower vehicles under all circumstances and all strain.

As static destroys a radio or television program, making it ofttimes impossible to even understand the words or messages, or interpret the picture, so does discord of any nature distort the promptings and vibrations of the "I AM" Presence so that they are neither received nor anchored into the Energy of the outer self with sufficient strength to become the guidance of the daily Life.

In times of crises, more than ever are required individuals who maintain a constant flow of connection with their "I AM" Presence, and We do require that such individuals build that momentum and maintain and sustain a peaceful vibratory action so that the receptivity of the Divine Impulses may be clear and distinct enough to be a protection and guidance to many thousands in emergencies that may manifest.

Accelerate Your Consciousness to the Golden Age

We are again studying Consciousness and the Presence of Perfection in this Universe NOW. Just as the radio programs are present in a room but require an instrument to draw their vibrations forth as sound, which is audible to the ears of physical bodies, in just the same manner is the Golden Age ever present because We are living in the present and We are enjoying the Golden Age NOW in Our Octave where Perfection, Harmony, Beauty, and Freedom are the atmosphere in which We live.

You can, and do, tune into that Golden Age when you contact Us; when you hear Our words; or when Our Presence comes to you in your contemplations or devotions. At such times, your consciousness is accelerated and reaches up into the Higher Vibrations that are ever-present. We are desirous of sustaining you in that consciousness so that you may live in the world, and yet be not of it.

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To this end, We suggest that you call for your consciousness to be enveloped in that of your own "I AM" Presence, or any Ascended Master, **at all times**, and then that through self-conscious effort, you try to think, and feel, and live, and speak as if you had passed through the Gates into the Kingdom of Heaven and were the honored guest among the Perfected Assembly there. *By practicing your presence in the Kingdom, you will find that it can become a fact instead of a fancy.*

God's Omnipresent Supply of Good

The Universe, as already created, is completely and fully stocked, so to speak, with every requisite for mankind's full enjoyment of his God Estate. The very Law of Creation is such that the Solar Logoi who took the responsibility of evolving humanity on the Earth, created and drew from the Heart of God, with the cooperation of countless Ascended Beings and Devic Hosts, a great stock-pile, as it were, or Cosmic Reservoir in which is held all the Opulence, Beauty, Harmony, Health, and assistance which every one of the ten billion Lifestreams could possibly require to fulfill their individual Divine Plans.

It is like a Cosmic Trust Fund established in accordance with the Divine Law under the supervision of the Solar God Himself, which had to be completed and offered as a Bond before the Elohimic Builders could take the responsibility of Creation. Therefore, there is pulsating through the atmosphere of Earth such a countless store of unused Blessings, Powers, Activities, Qualities and Opulent Expressions of Perfection that there is no Lifestream who could not have the fullness of his Divine Heritage at any instant that he chooses to connect his consciousness with their ever-present Good. In metaphysical parlance, We call it 'Omniscient Omnipresent Supply'.

In the most squalid tenement, or the house built of straw, you will find the vibrations of Beauty flowing, uninterrupted by the bound consciousness that dwells within the squalor. In this way, mankind has remained enmeshed in a consciousness of limitation while through his bodies is playing constantly the ever-present Good.

To pry the intellect Free from the intense Power it has given to the appearance world requires all the Cosmic pressure of Our combined Flames and Rays. When once the individual identity opens itself to the inflowing of these Rays which bring Beauty, Harmony, Opulence and Peace, and the consciousness expands from its dwarfed estate and encompasses the Universal Good (which is ever-present), such a one will be released from his dependence upon a limited financial income in the realization that the Ever-present Supply, by Its nature, will enter his world when entertained in his consciousness; and that if money is required, as he holds his attention Free from money as entering into his picture at all, the glorious Perfection that he builds in his consciousness will, as one effect, produce the required supply by drawing it through natural channels into his experience.

Money is Often Repelled By the Thoughts of the Chela

It is one of the most difficult of all tasks to approach the human consciousness on the subject of monetary exchange - whereupon the human self becomes wary and protective; but if I can convince the intellect that the action of the Law is to open the consciousness, expecting the miraculous; giving no thought to the appearance, and entertaining, in anticipation, the Glory of the Opulent Perfection, then those individuals who, with tenacity, HOLD TO THIS ACTION OF THE LAW, will find themselves Free from bondage to the dollar, and the dollar will become the servant of the consciousness as it should be. When you come into this understanding with meditation and sincere open-minded contemplation, it should give great Freedom to the inner nature.

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Experiment With Consciousness

The study of Consciousness is the study of Freedom, for once the Lifestream begins to experiment with the Creative Powers contained within the individual governing influence of one's own thought and feeling, such a one stands at the threshold of complete relief and release from the bonds of the third dimensional thinking and feeling.

The Golden Age is the Presence of the Ascended Masters' Octave in the consciousness of all Life. We live in the Golden Age NOW because there is no time in God; there is no past, no future - just the ever-present. The Golden Age is a consciousness of Perfection, of Harmony, of Beauty, of Health, and of Peace.

Our individual consciousness, through the centuries merged with, and became one with the God-Consciousness that does not recognize imperfection, and which creates constantly, by the Creative Powers within Itself, ever-expanding Perfection. Therefore, all people unascended are living in the Presence of the Golden Age but shut it out by their own thoughts and feelings.

There is great hope when one can tune in the consciousness to the ever-present Golden Age and let It, just like a magnet, entertain and draw into Itself the fullness of that Beauty. Such an individual consciousness then becomes, by its own nature, a projector of the Golden Age through the individual Lifestream so tuned in, and in an ever-widening circle, the Perfection of that Age begins to flow through whatever consciousness offers itself as a cup for those forces.

When one or more can be found to render such a service, you can see how it hastens the perception of the Golden Age by the masses. The feeling of struggle that has always enveloped new Movements is wholly unnecessary.

Consciousness Precipitates

Consciousness, by its very nature, precipitates, and as you entertain the Kingdom of Heaven in your consciousness, it can no more cease to precipitate itself into your world than the Sun can cease to precipitate Light and not explode. Even an urchin on the street who would contemplate and entertain a palace in his thought and feeling would, by his very nature, manifest that bliss even though all the natural laws of the outer world would deny wealth or Power, or authority.

Neither the monetary exchange, birth, heritage, or environment is the law over the precipitating Power of consciousness, BUT the untrained consciousness is affected so by environment that it entertains that environment and therefore duplicates the form, generation after generation, which seems to be a bondage of birth.

No matter what a man's estate, his consciousness is the road to his Freedom - whether he sits in a darkened dungeon or on the top of Mount Sinai - whether he dwells in the palace of a king or the hovel of a goat-herd.

Expansion or Limitation

Once the chela can grasp the Eternal Truth that the state of thought and feeling which forms the consciousness of the individual represents his wealth, his health, his environment, and the experiences through which he will pass from hour to hour, such a one has begun to sever the chains and bonds of limitation and to come into the realm where he is master of circumstances.

Take the money exchange - a man measures his wealth, his ability to serve, the beauty with which he surrounds himself, and his beneficence to the rest of Life upon the physical money, either in his possession or, by the natural law, coming to him in the process of human payments, endowments, salaries, and so on,

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and he thereby empowers an inanimate object to dole out to him a small percentage of the substance of the Universe through its ability to regulate his affairs and his Life, and he lives, day in and day out, year in and year out, under the dictates of this exchange.

Saint Germain has stated that money is only as valuable as its monetary presence requires for a medium of exchange. We have seen the monetary exchange of various nations become worthless and the fortunes of state and individuals reduced to nothingness; still the student cannot perceive that it is his consciousness, and not the amount of physical assets in his hand, which represents either his health or his prosperity.

I am going to endeavor to show you a way and means by which you may withdraw from your apparent difficulties, and in the use of the Sacred Fire, MOULD into your universe all the Beauty, all the Perfection, all the Happiness, Opulence, Health and Comfort that you desire; and when you have enriched your consciousness by ACCEPTING the ever-present Opulence throbbing through the Universal Light, you will find that money is an EFFECT that will manifest from this inner Cause which will be a servant appearing like a genie of old as the requirement of the moment demands.

Money is a Servant

Money, like the intellect, is a beautiful servant, but a cruel master. In itself, it cannot buy any of the Eternal Gifts of God. It cannot maintain Life except where another part of Life chooses to accept money in return for the expenditure of Life Energy. It cannot buy Peace; it cannot buy Happiness: it cannot buy Beauty, Illumination, Understanding, or Wisdom. A man left on a desert island with the entire physical assets of the planet Earth, but with no co-operation from Nature, would not sustain Life in his body for very long, for it cannot be eaten; it cannot be breathed in as air; it cannot heat as the Sun. It is only as valuable as man has made it, for he serves money where the Gods serve Life, and when the hour comes that mankind awakens to giving Service for the Joy of expanding Life's Perfection, the monetary exchange of the planet Earth will cease to be.

For you who are desirous of having your financial Freedom, I beg you to contemplate often that your wealth is not in finance, but in the entertainment of the Universal Presence of All Good, and if the rest of the Universe required money to give to you their products which they created by the use of Life's Energy, the Law of your Being would supply that monetary exchange.

They would receive the money, and you would receive the Beauty, the Opulence, and the Perfection which is more of God. Then you would be complying with the outer law and yet would fill your universe with the fullness of the Perfection of the whole Universe.

Train the Consciousness to Contemplate Only Good

Unawakened men and women are bound by the three-dimensional plane because they do not know of the Creative Power that is conferred upon them individually, and which regulates their Life's experience.

Therefore, they use their consciousness to SUSTAIN their estate rather than to IMPROVE it. This consciousness mirrors their family, their environment, their race, and then through the Creative Power within itself, re-projects that which is entertained within it.

Strong souls, from time to time, have broken away, with great effort, from the pattern of their people through the help of an Ascended Being Who placed upon their consciousness a strong impression that they were receptive enough to grasp. However, such people become exceptions to the rule.

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With chelas, however, once they become aware that what they entertain in consciousness becomes fact for them, there should come a complete transformation of the inner nature wherein it no longer accepts the reports of the senses which lead to a limited and imperfect expression of mind, body, and affairs.

Such chelas must take their consciousness firmly in hand and dislodge it from its rut of acceptance - shaking it Free as you would shake a dust-mop from the window. This process will have to be repeated again and again because the consciousness settles back into its socket by habit and by its own weight.

When you DETERMINE to disconnect that consciousness from the mass mind, you immediately draw the attention of one or more Members of the Ascended Host. They begin to play Their Light into your consciousness which absorbs and entertains more of the Divine Plan in thought and feeling. This makes the sum total of the consciousness Lighter and more pliable.

Then, as you consciously TRAIN it to contemplate GOOD, and refuse, repeatedly, to allow the tentacles to reconnect with limitation, you will find it becoming much easier to tune in to the Golden Age EVER-PRESENT until there will be no instinctive desire of the consciousness to rush back to its former estate every time you let down on your conscious application; and then it will learn to ride above the mass mind on the Wings of Light. Then your steady state of Being, like that of the adept, will be a constant perception of and acknowledgement of PERFECTION.

This disconnecting process with the old, and the process of re-orienting the mind with the new is the most difficult period, but it is one which receives the greatest assistance from the Ascended Masters, and you can ask Them to take hold of your consciousness and enfold it in Their Cosmic Hearts. You can insist upon the assistance of the Christ within in this respect, and as your consciousness begins to respond only to expressions of Perfection, both your physical vehicle and your affairs will reflect your corrected thought and feeling.

Supply and Demand

Supply always precedes demand. For instance, there is air in the Universe before the infant draws its first breath. There is Light in the Universe before the plant breaks through the surface of the earth and requires its beneficent rays.

As a mother prepares for the coming child before the child steps into the three-dimensional plane, so the Universal Father prepares every activity, Gift, Power, and requirement for the Lifestream BEFORE the journey into the three-dimensional world of experience takes place. As the individual passes through his Earth experience, he finds, from time to time, that there are various requirements which he needs in order to fulfill his destiny, and that upon making the demand of Life, the fulfillment of these requirements is at hand - PROVING that the Great Divine Plan of Love and the great Guiding Presence foresaw the unfoldment of his nature and truly fulfills the statement: "Before they have called, I have answered!"

In the evolution of an individual from a child to manhood, and the requirements accruing due to the growth of body and soul, and the civilization in which he finds himself, Life has provided, more or less, the fulfillment of those requirements such as schooling, higher education, and assimilation into some profitable endeavor. As the entire race proceeds in its evolution, the Higher Law has provided more and more Universal Gifts to help it along, such as Light, electricity, air transportation, and so on. You can see, therefore, that there is a constant drawing forth from the unseen of more and more of the Gifts of God to fulfill the requirements of the evolving humanity. This will show us, then, that there has always been great unused Beauty already perfected in the Universe.

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For instance, let us take the electric Light bulb. It was not until one was perfected by demand on the Universal that it came into Being, even though the electricity and Light were in the Universe all the time - but no one had asked for them enough in order to manifest in the outer.

The airplane did not come forth until some unascended Being demanded more speed in transportation. Then the completed plane that was in the Universe at the time of Marco Polo became manifest in our modern world.

Limitation is of Your Own Choosing

The average man chooses to remain in his own limited consciousness - accepting as it comes whatever innovation in the universal improvement some bold son or daughter chooses to demand from Life. But you can see from the above that the great Universal Opulence pulsating UNUSED may be tuned into and drawn forth NOW, as well as a hundred years hence.

The Golden Age can be experienced in Its Fullness by any unascended part of Life this very hour by tuning the consciousness into it and DEMANDING Its Expression and Living in Its Glory without waiting for the bold volunteer to draw it forth. Then like electricity and air transportation, the masses will enjoy it in years yet unborn.

Union With The Cosmic Consciousness

The great Cosmic Joy when an unascended Being raises his consciousness to a point of union with the Cosmic Consciousness cannot be described in words, but the individual who is aspiring toward Perfect Understanding would never cease in his search if he could have a fore glimpse of the ecstasy that comes when his outer intellectual self blends into the God Consciousness of the Kingdom of Heaven. The effort and endeavor to sustain a separate consciousness would be released and relinquished forever as the individual consciousness is merged into the awareness of the ONENESS of all Life.

The Universal and the Individual Consciousness

In the most advanced unascended Being there is yet a circumference in which his individual identity dwells. It is like a band that separates him from the Universal, and at the moment of the Ascension, that band slips away and the individual consciousness then flows forth to every electron of every star and planet of the System. That complete release and relinquishment does not bring an unconsciousness, but on the contrary, a tremendous alertness wherein the individual is completely conscious of the feeling of every star and planet in the System and finds that they are all held within the compass of his own Heart.

The Cosmic Consciousness toward which the chela strives is worth every ounce of every electron that you have ever borrowed from the Heart of God, and the moments of contemplation which have taken you soaring above the things of Earth are but a fragment of the eternal joy of becoming ONE with all that is.

Universal Brotherhood is such an exquisite Unity that We but live for the hour when all the men, women and children who think themselves apart from Us will return Home to experience this Fullness.

The Vibratory Rate of the Consciousness is the Determining Factor

The consciousness of every man can absorb and retain only that which vibrates at the same rate as the general thought and feeling nature of the individual. Consciousness is a series of vibrations determined by that which has held the attention of the Lifestream through contemplation, thought, feeling, and sense activity.

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The subtle rapid vibrations of the Higher Octaves cannot find entrance into the consciousness of the mass of mankind because of the lack of compatibility in the wave-length of the Energy in motion in their minds which represents their state of consciousness. We shall see, then, that the entry into the Consciousness of the Ascended Master (which is ONE with the Consciousness of the Divine Mind) calls for a definite change in the vibratory action of the chela's consciousness, and this can only be achieved by the careful selection of the material and substance to which the senses are directed and upon which the Life Energy plays through contemplation.

All people are affected by music, and to some extent, by color, perfume, pictures, and words - written or oral. Chelas do not understand fully what a tremendous opportunity is always at hand in the constructive material now manifesting in the physical world to quicken the rate of vibration in their individual consciousness so that it may tune in to the Divine Thought of the Logoi and make the chela a co-creator - not in the blindness of individual darkness, but in the Light of the Spiritual Understanding that comes alone from the union of the outer self and the Christ Consciousness into which Jesus entered in the waking state.

The Raising of the Consciousness Lies Within Your Free-Will

The raising (and lowering) of the vibratory action of consciousness under the conscious control of the Free-will is Mastery and Freedom for the Lifestream who achieves that personal Victory.

What is done by mankind every day involuntarily can be done by every Lifestream at will if perseverance and determination are present. There is no man, woman, or child, incarnate or discarnate, who has not, and does not, through the vibratory action of an eight-hour period, change the state of consciousness and the vibratory action of the Energy waves passing through him many hundreds of times through the medium of internal and external stimuli, but for the most part, individuals have no control over the various states of consciousness into which they enter - catapulted from one to another by the passing maya of daily Life.

Each state of consciousness into which the Lifestream enters immediately fills the entire Being and world of the individual with its experiences, and the individual lives for that period in no other world or realm. Although mankind travel through the Earth more or less shoulder to shoulder, you can scarcely ever find two Lifestreams who travel even eight hours of a day in the same state of consciousness consecutively. Because of this constant change, sometimes shocking in its rapid succession, the people of the races are in a highly nervous and tense condition, and because those moving together in a family, a business, a school, or a communal body are all functioning in different states of consciousness from moment to moment, and are not consecutively in the same sphere, it causes confusion as well as intolerance in the outer mind.

However, for the individual who is endeavoring to find Truth, the first step is to try and maintain, as undisturbed as possible, an equable vibratory action which will keep the soul in more or less the same state of consciousness receptive to higher vibrations through the greater part of the waking and sleeping hours. It is far easier for the soul to learn when it is not constantly forced to submit to vibrations of different wavelengths corresponding to changes in thought and feeling.

If you will endeavor to set a vibratory action through music and reading, and control of thought and feeling - keeping at an even level, you will find yourself coming closer and closer to the Christ Consciousness - which is Eternal Peace.

Attainment of the Ascended Master Consciousness

The attainment of the functioning Christ or Ascended Master Consciousness is the goal to which both Master and chela work in evolving the Creative Centers that can become facets for the Divine Will of the progressive

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God Spirit that surges in ever-increasing intensity from the Heart Center of Creation to the periphery of the formed Universe.

Upon the Path to at-one-ment, realization, illumination, unfoldment, and awakening come to the individual (seemingly) from within himself, and gradually both nature and manifestation change to express the Truth that has become a part of the evolving consciousness. The process by which such Illumination rides within the soul, and like the Sun rising in the morning, dispels the darkness and confusion of the night, varies according to the nature, training and environment of the neophyte would bring to your attention the tremendous assistance that can be offered the evolving chela in the presence of the Ascended Master or Cosmic Intelligence, which like the Light bulb in the darkened room, conducts or transmutes the vibration of the ever-present Light into a radiation that can be accepted and enjoyed by the inhabitants thereof.

Individuals who pass through a phase of accepting the ever-presence and omniscience of God, which is similar to the ever-presence of Light in the atmosphere, sometimes repudiate the necessity, or the privilege perhaps, of the assistance of concentrated Foci of Godliness which the Super-Intelligences represent. They are in the same position as individuals in a darkened room who accept that electricity is ever-present in the very air, but yet will not use the medium of the electrical current and bulb to catch, focus, localize and bless themselves with its presence.

As the strength, the courage, the faith, and actual physical co-operation of an unascended Being can double or triple the capacity of an individual to accomplish a given manifestation, so in exactly the same manner, only a great deal more Powerfully, can the Master Presence focus through individual God Hearts - not only accelerating your own Christ Development, but also your manifestations.

After centering yourself within your own Godhood, you can actually FEEL the expanded Consciousness, Radiation, Capacity and Power that flows, not only into your Spiritual but your physical-self when you make the contact with any Beloved Friend of the Heavenly Kingdoms. According to your need, and sometimes according to your motive and action, do these Beings draw toward you. Sometimes They are the pressure behind the action, and sometimes the requirement is the magnet that draws Them, but in any case, such a Cosmic Blending of Consciousness is not only to be recommended, but highly encouraged through the self, and will not only accelerate your own consciousness, but gradually increase the speed of your soul's journey toward ultimate Illumination.

Communion With The Saints

Consciousness is a marvelous study because we will find, on a moment's thought, that an interest and an activity must be generated within the Lifestream before he can partake, in any particular manner, of any Focus of Consciousness in this Universe. It is a marvelous and deep study to realize that, at this very moment, there are some countless millions of Individual Consciousnesses alive, active, and radiating within the sphere directly concerned with mankind's growth and evolution - that for the most part, individual man is aware of an infinitesimal part of the consciousness of those incarnate souls who form his fellow travelers; that within the covers of books on the shelves of the library are the consciousness of great men and women who have passed along Life's pathway and which for you have no Being lest you should open the cover and voluntarily partake of their gift that is within.

And it is so in association, business, and pleasure; individuals move side by side through an entire Life, perhaps, and seldom enter into the consciousness of one another - except where Love and sincere interest stir their Lifestreams to more than ordinary effort and open the door of that realm of consciousness that friends share all too seldom.

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Then, think further that at this very moment there are Beings - wholly Perfect - without number, and that Their Consciousness is as alive and as accessible as the consciousness of any great author - requiring, however, individual conscious interest which forms the stimulation for the activity by which the mind is opened to the influence, and sups at the board.

Individuals come to a point where they acquire a Knowledge of the Masters, the Universal Cause, and then comes the step which separates them at once from the seekers and enters them into the group of elect who have FOUND. When the Love and admiration of the Masters and the devotion and duty are transplanted by a warm interest in the Nature, the Consciousness of those Beings, this is the step toward understanding God.

Many religious Faiths refuse mediation of the 'saints'; rather choose, with their finite, limited consciousness, to pierce into the Heart of the Universal First Cause, interpret and make It their own. This is similar to an infant attempting to ascend a tall building - refusing to use the staircase or the elevator.

The Masters, the Saints, Those Who are called the Intercessors, are Beings - people, you might say - Who have been interested in God and Who have absorbed and made Their own much of the Nature, the Purpose, and the Vision which They, in turn, received from Those further on the evolutionary ladder, and the wise aspirant is he who is willing to absorb the God Nature from these more advanced Brothers and Sisters - knowing that he is not Being sidetracked by merely pursuing a natural course of evolving - loving not, mind you, the Individual, except in a friendly manner, but seeing the God Nature embodied in such a One, making it their own, and partaking of the substance which the Teacher, through years and centuries of service, has previously absorbed by identically the same process.

Now I am awaiting the day when the deep interest of your Hearts eagerly explores MY Consciousness. Oh, not for curiosity, but through an intelligent loving interest in My Purpose, to make it your own and so draw yourself closer to THE ONE to Whom My Face is always turned and Whom, it is My constant prayer, I may represent in as accurate and Perfect a manner as My Nature and capabilities will allow.

Consciousness is the Creative Center

Consciousness is the Creative Center from whence all form and all manifest externalization ensues. Each Life endowed with consciousness must experience within itself the control and mastery of the thought and feeling processes which form the Creative Centers in this Realm of Causation.

All of the evolution experienced in incarnation and existence is primarily designed that the individualized Being of a particular scheme might create and have sustained as their permanent possession a vitalized Light Consciousness capable of existing according to the design and desire of such a Being.

From Life to Life, from birth to death, there is but one permanent possession of a Lifestream, and that is the CONSCIOUSNESS he has evolved - weaving its threads into his Being with every breath that he breathes. Even in the ascended and cosmic state, all that We have is Our own Consciousness, with no periphery as far as opportunity is concerned to expand, develop and mature, and through this - Our Consciousness - and through it alone, can We and do We serve Life. Our gifts to any member of the human race inclined to turn their attention towards Us consists of imparting of the Substance and Nature of Our own Consciousness and experience, thus sharing Our Heritage of centuries freely with those who aspire to the development of a consciousness which would enable them to exist and be in a realm superior to the externalized effluvia of the undeveloped Creative Centers of the masses.

All instruction, all radiation, all impressions from the Guru to the disciple are to enrich, discipline, expand and hasten his evolution and to develop and mature the instruments of creation which the disciple is developing

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through the experience called Life, and if a man, in the course of his three score and ten years, emerges at the end of his incarnation with a richer consciousness, he has not lived in vain.

Contact and association with the Higher Minds, and the pure feeling of the Celestial Beings should be the cause for great rejoicing, for contact with a Higher Consciousness must, of necessity, impregnate the exposed one with a most certain contagion of Divine Awareness.

Man's Individual Sphere of Activity

The realm of consciousness is every man's own individual sphere of activity which endures beyond the realms of birth and death and persists even into his external Cosmic Emancipation and Ascension. It is the orbit in which he has his Being and forms the individualization of his particular focus in the Universe.

When any Lifestream desires to become a potent, Powerful and progressive force for Good in the great Cosmic Scheme of Evolution, he must consciously unite the realm and sphere of his consciousness with the Realm of Cosmic Ideation in order that there may be translated and transferred into his intellectual and outer-self enough of the God Plan that he may become an intelligent and conscious co-worker in Its fulfillment.

The great Divine Plan for the planet Earth and this Universe is so manifold in Its Glorious Expression that, although every son and daughter of Earth should apply to the Universal Law for enough of that consciousness to fill every hour of his waking state in the manifesting of God's Kingdom, and although every man, woman and child were filled to overflowing with the Ideas which take a whole Lifetime to work out, they would scarcely tap the unseen, but potent, Design which is awaiting fulfillment through the open door of the humanity to which that Design is dedicated.

Were every Lifestream on the planet to identify themselves with the Cosmic Will with the intensity and purpose of the Master Jesus, and to live in form and nature as Perfectly and Powerfully as He did, this would still be but the slightest beginning in the unfoldment of the Design prepared and potent that seeks expression through the outer selves of men.

So, there is no limit to how much anyone can perceive of the Divine Design, and perceiving, with Wisdom, manifest; nor in anyone's growth can any other part of Life be dimmed, for the more of God's Kingdom that is translated Earthward, the more there is yet to come.

Open your consciousness freely to the infusion of the Great Cosmic Panorama and try to hold as one-pointedly as is possible to the realization of that consciousness as manifest through your own particular identity.

Some Individuals Have a Greater Capacity to Feel Than Others

Thought and feeling Being the instruments by which consciousness gives form and Life to ideas, we must understand that individuals who are naturally endowed with a strong capacity to feel, will find that consciousness is bound to externalize more rapidly that which is entertained in their realm of causation. Just as ground varies greatly in its capacity to nourish and externalize the growth of Nature, so do the various consciousnesses of mankind vary tremendously, both in their capacity to externalize and nourish ideas, and in the speed with which such growth is accomplished.

In the land where there is more Light, more warmth, the vegetation is not only larger, more luxurious, and more rapid in its externalization, but it produces on a larger scale both the beauty of the orchid and the venom of the pernicious creatures of nature that is fatal to man and animal Life as well. Thus, when individuals come into the Light, we shall say (to use the phrase of the hour), not only the natural Powers of

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thought and feeling, but the concentrated Light drawn into the consciousness make these Creative Centers of the student much more potent forces, and externalization follows the entertainment of anything in consciousness much more quickly than it does in the realm of those who are among the 'sleepers'.

Time and again, Saint Germain has counselled His students to be alert beyond all measure as to what is allowed into the consciousness because of the tremendous incubation process which is alive in all seekers who are within that Realm of Initiation from whence they will step Masters of consciousness and form.

Aside from the particular atmosphere of intensified Light in which a student's consciousness is constantly immersed, there are seasonal influences, and the Life-flow of the Springtime does not alone affect the physical bodies of man, but greatly accentuates the Creative Centers in the realm of consciousness as well. It is, therefore, a time when it is well to plant thoughts of affluence and peace, health, and well-Being, for they will take root and form with added strength and speed in this season.

The Occultist will tell you that the monthly season for the planting of seed corresponds to the birth and unfoldment of the new moon, but they have not, for the most part, traced the process into the Realm of Precipitation. If a man were to design a pattern and plan with the first crescent of the moon, he has not only the Power of his own Light, but the pressure in his consciousness of that impulse which accentuates the Creative Centers of thought and feeling. The period of growth extends through the complete full moon, and that is why, at the time of the full moon, all the Powers of the consciousness are in greatest activity and most Powerfully felt as a pressure for good or evil in the Lifestream.

On the wane, they enter again into the slumber - getting their new Life impulse as it rises. As the water of the Earth and the tides are affected by the magnetic pull of the moon, so is the emotional body, and individuals who wish to precipitate money, or health, or peace, if they work with the incoming tide, they will have a tremendous natural assistance for their precipitation, just as the farmer who plants with the moon draws into the very plant Life certain currents and beneficent rays which will create and manifest a crop out of all comparison to those who work by chance.

The Capacity to Expand and Nourish the Consciousness

A man's consciousness, in a way, is like the Earth in Springtime. It has the Power to impart Life to any seed that is scattered upon its broad bosom by man or bird, or wind, or any of the messengers of Nature. The earth does not discriminate, you will notice, but merely fulfills its Divine Purpose in providing the sustenance and the nourishment by which the seed becomes its full externalized value.

The consciousness of man, in like manner, has the capacity to expand and nourish whatever it planted within it from the Realm of Ideation, whether by the wise sower of a harvest that will be beneficial, or by the chance scattering of impure or imperfect seed. Into the realm of consciousness comes an idea, and the consciousness immediately begins to germinate and expand the fullness of that idea. It is thus that the Creative Centers which form mankind's greatest Power, are constantly nourishing that which happenstance has sown in their fields. The farmer who endeavors to produce a crop that will be beneficial to his family and his neighborhood is far more careful of that which is sown into his field than even the most intelligent man or woman who accepts into consciousness through any of the media of sight, hearing, etc., seeds that must, by the nature of his own consciousness, live and flourish on his Life, for consciousness cannot discriminate, but the Spirit, the soul, and the individual who is the director and the creator of consciousness CAN, MUST, and WILL one day, understanding the Creative Powers working always within himself, guard the realm of his consciousness and set into motion ONLY that which cultivates GOOD.

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Evolution On the Four Planes of Consciousness

Until a man is ascended, his evolution is going on the four planes of consciousness - which are the physical, mental, emotional, and etheric — all at once. He, for the most part, is only conscious of his physical evolution because his conscious Life is anchored more or less through his physical body, and until he has achieved a certain unfoldment and development, he is not able, at will, to function in any of the other planes.

Every man uses his emotional body and his mental body spasmodically as he responds to feeling and thought impulses or memories of the past, but he is not able to make definite excursions into the mental plane, the etheric plane, or the emotional plane - returning with the conscious Knowledge of what transpired there until he has advanced quite materially upon the Path.

These four planes of experience upon which his soul is functioning form the schoolroom of his nature. Sometimes his soul will be in the primary grade, physically speaking. On the etheric, according to his past lives, he may be a professor, a child, or an adolescent. On the mental plane, he might be at the point of a high school or college man, and on the emotional plane he may be no more than an infant.

As the individual passes through his day, various experiences come to him; some of them are emotional experiences; some are mental; some are etheric - tying with past lives; and some purely physical. He will react definitely to each set of experiences according to his unfoldment and development upon that plane, and a little contemplation of one's own nature will show where the greatest weakness lies and where the greatest development has been attained as one progresses toward the goal of Mastery. Such a one will find the greatest test lying in the particular sphere in which he is the least developed, not as punishments or obstacles, but as EXPERIENCES to raise that particular body into a balance with the more advanced part of his nature.

Hence, if a man is emotionally under-developed, he will be forced by Life to 'cram' along that score. If he is mentally sluggish, Life experience will place him in a position where his mental body must make more effort. If he is physically undeveloped, Life experience will require the development and unfoldment of a strong physical structure. These experiences should not be a pall upon the Spirit but should always be taken with a realization that the Great Teacher, in endeavoring to round out the nature, is bound to return the chela again and again to the lessons required for the development of that one's Spirit.

The Relationship Between the Master and the Chela

The relationship between the Master and the chela gives the aspirant a tremendous opportunity to accelerate his Spiritual progress far beyond what might have been accomplished when he was led by the spasmodic promptings reaching through his consciousness via intuition, vision, prophetic direction, or whatever medium the Higher Self and the Master could employ with constructive effect in order to prod the consciousness toward Perfection.

When the chela is fortunate enough to have a bridge over which may come the specific directions to accelerate his soul growth, he is no longer subject to the faulty reception resulting from the lack of development or the accumulation in and around his Lifestream to date. The difficulty, however, so often encountered because of the student's previously conceived opinions concerning the Pathway, lies in the fact that the Master cannot and does not assume the responsibilities of the Lifestream whom He has taken into partnership, but rather shows such a one the way and means by which HIS OWN CONSCIOUSNESS may dissolve the fetters and chains of his own forging.

The reason for this is that the consciousness of every Lifestream walking the Pathway toward Perfection will continue to emit the false problems, limitations and appearances in which such a one finds himself until the

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fiber of his consciousness itself is changed, the causes behind and within the limitations dissolved, and the individual trained to not create more effects of limitation and distress.

The Masters have, through the centuries, assumed a certain responsibility in easing the Path for an eager aspirant, but this is a temporary surcease only until the inner nature has been completely raised above the possibility of repeating, consciously or unconsciously, the causes that continue to catapult human appearances into the pathway of the Lifestream plodding Homeward.

Because Our Service is in the enlightening and raising of consciousness, We are sometimes disappointing to the hopeful individual who feels that Our friendship and fellowship are a guarantee to a perpetual state of Nirvana.

To assume and maintain the responsibility of sustaining a consciousness of Heavenly Bliss in and around a Lifestream would be to retard that one's own development, because latent and dormant within the individual would be the seeds of human consciousness which would spew forth their projections whenever the protecting Heavenly Bliss (artificially maintained by an Ascended Being) was withdrawn. It is much better, then, to continue to play Our Light Rays into the inner consciousness - coaxing and training it to timid efforts in the right direction, so that with or without the Ascended Being, such a one, through his own consciousness, could maintain an eternal state of Bliss, Contentment, Opulence and Peace.

To those of you who have developed an impetuous nature, this process seems tedious and sometimes hopeless, but I assure you, in the final analysis, it is both wise and by far the kindest sort of friendship that anyone, ascended or unascended, could offer.

Two Consciousnesses Are Active

There are two complete, individual and separate consciousnesses in the experience Life of every individual until Ascension is attained. The purpose of Spiritual training is to blend and merge the two into one. The average man and the average chela are actively aware of the personal consciousness because this outer consciousness rules the activities of the daily Life and more or less usurps the Power and attention of the vessels of man.

The Divine Consciousness is latent, and until it is INVOKED through intense devotion and Love, it does not begin to appear shining through the heavy garment of the human self.

The process of blending the human and the Divine is referred to as 'Spiritual' evolution. Now and again, through the centuries, glimpses of the Divine Consciousness have pierced through the human self, but in the final embodiment, the Divine Consciousness MUST BECOME the ONLY acting Presence. Therefore, the human self must, of necessity, have great tenacity in drawing forth this inner greatness until the personal self has completely lost all hold of one's time and attention and one's affairs.

The Great Men of the East

The Elect of the East knew of the Presence of this Divine Consciousness as a Spiritual Activity of their own Lifestreams into which they could enter by certain preparation and control of the vibratory action of their own souls. These Masters of Wisdom could experience in the matter of a few moments the ecstasy that is found in the Great, Great Silence, and by raising the vibratory action of their own souls, they entered into this mighty pulsating River of Force which they termed Samadhi. Here they were not unconscious, but wholly alive and drawing into the inner-most nature of their Beings the Light, the Peace, the Beauty, and the Harmony that flows in constant motion through this Realm of Eternal Bliss.

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What they have accomplished, any aspirant may accomplish, but he must first become master of the vibrations of his own Energy because the vibration of his Energy is the Power of levitation of his soul.

As the pilot must have complete control of all the levers and mechanism of his plane in order to ensure a steady and constant flight, so must the aspirant be the Master Presence of his own Energy in order to ensure the maintenance of the vibratory action required to sustain his consciousness within the Great Silence - within the River of Bliss or Peace, Happiness or Opulence until he, at will, chooses to return to the vibratory action of the third-dimensional plane to complete the Divine Plan of his Lifestream.

Most men of the West allow the control of their Energy to be at the disposal of any external force, and they are like the pilot who allows his plane to be constantly impeded in its flight by the pixies' realm. If you determine to enter the Realm of Peace, Happiness, Purity, Opulence, Strength, or Health, you must, to the best of your personal ability, erase from your consciousness the vibrations that are opposite to the positive radiation of the quality or state or sphere into which you desire to enter.

The vibrations of fear, depression, etc., must be eliminated, and you must generate and emit, as much as possible, a vibration similar to the Cosmic Quality to which you aspire. You must then refuse to allow the external world to intrude, through circumstance, depression, agitation, annoyance, and so on, any pressure that can change the vibration of your Energy from that which you have set consciously preceding your union. That is why time, undisturbed completely from constant vibration of the outer mind, is essential to this practice.

When your vibratory action is so set and maintained, this Cosmic Consciousness can then pulsate positively, and this will greatly increase your ability to maintain and sustain this positive radiation through longer and longer periods of time.

Guard the Doors of Your Consciousness

You might say that a man's consciousness is like a great new building given into the keeping of his soul, without blemish or spot. The Free-will of the soul determines what type of material, furnishing, and human-kind shall be admitted into this beautiful edifice. Whatever the soul allows to pass through the doors (centers), the soul must live with, for the soul is pre-destined to live within this building.

The careless soul does not provide a guard and allows the passing traffic of the road to find entrance and habitation, and then is unhappy in the personalized discord of the inhabitants of his exquisite temple.

The wise soul, knowing that he must live within this building, is constantly and consciously aware of all who apply for admittance through the media of his sight, hearing, and feeling nature, as well as the inner faculties of contemplation and meditation of the soul. Through such wise discrimination, he chooses his own visitors, and his building and consciousness abide as a place of Peace and Glory to the Lord, and a proper environment in which he individually may develop his own higher nature in preparation for his Ascension.

Watch, therefore, that the doors to your consciousness are always well guarded by your own Higher Self, and where you have opened them and admitted imperfection, reorder your Life by dismissing, through the use of the Sacred Fire, these unpleasant and unwelcome intruders.

A man cannot be disturbed except by that which he allows to enter his world through his consciousness, and yet the consciousness is the least protected of all his assets.

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The Golden Flame of Consciousness

In this great and beautiful Universe, there are mighty universal currents rushing like rivers of Golden Flame that are representative of the consciousness of Peace, Opulence, Well-Being, Harmony, Purity, Love and Light. These Rivers of Force flow through and around the planet Earth from the Hearts of the great individualized God Beings Whom the Occult Law refers to as the Virtues, and Who have been presented through the avenues of the channels dedicated to serving the Spiritual Hierarchy by the name of the Radiation They carry, such as the Goddess of Peace, Purity, Love and so on.

Every individual who becomes a Master of the Energy of his own Lifestream, enters into this great vibration which is representative of the Cosmic Qualities he has developed and individualized through self-conscious effort. The instant he becomes master of the element of Peace, so he can no longer be disturbed from within or without, his soul is caught up, so to speak, in this great River of Cosmic Peace and he becomes one more facet of that river, adding the pressure of his own Life to the Cosmic Flow. The same is true of Purity, Opulence, etc. The entrance to the Cosmic Flow comes when the individual has become Master of the Individual Flow of Energy through his own Lifestream. He then becomes part of the Cosmic Consciousness, and while retaining his own identity, he FEELS the Cosmic rush of these Divine Qualities in such an expansion and awareness as the human mind cannot perceive.

However, an individual who is earnest in his determination to attain mastery, may tune in to these Rivers of Force and bathe his soul in their Light by raising his consciousness toward the Virtue he is desirous of expressing. As his attention is held in utter contemplation by the control of his outer faculties, he may enter into this mighty Stream and taste of its Cosmic Radiation which will make his hunger and thirst for fulfillment greater, but he will also partake of its Radiance which will become a part of himself. Through the momentary use of each succeeding endeavor to so rise and then to sustain that arisen consciousness, will it become easier of accomplishment.

If the student will remember that by allowing any external force to change the vibratory action of his consciousness, he is drawing away from that Cosmic River of the Quality toward which he is aspiring, he will become more alert in sustaining his unperturbed balance in the midst of external confusions.

Man Determines His State of Consciousness

The things we think about during our waking hours, and the way we feel about Life and our friends, associations and experiences, determine our state of consciousness. What we allow our minds to dwell upon during the time our physical bodies are engaged in the daily tasks of living, really expresses our choice of associates.

These thought and feeling forms draw to us experiences like themselves, even as in the outer world, dogs attract dogs, cats attract cats, children attract children, and young men and women gravitate toward those of their own age and interests. So do thought-forms of sickness or health, depression or opulence, draw invisible, but potent, associates from the outer world which take up their residence and live within man's experience world.

It is, therefore, a most dangerous thing to entertain-or invite even one thought or feeling of depression, poverty, fear, etc., because, through them, we draw many, many transient forms of the same vibratory action, and even as barnacles are builded on the side of a boat, one by one, do these thought and feeling forms increase within the consciousness until they form a heavy weight that sinks the Lifestream into an external expression of the internal dread.

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It is the old story of one rotten apple in the barrel, and it is a most unfortunate activity which becomes a great impediment to the progress of earnest people whose souls are pure, and whose natures are clean, but not understanding the necessity of controlling the consciousness through the rejection and repelling of wrong thoughts and feelings, they become swamped by the depression and imperfection that are not of their own creation, but which flow unclaimed through the mass mind and are absorbed by any Lifestream entertaining a like vibration even for an instant.

These unclaimed thought and feeling forms of poverty, disease, depression, exhaustion, etc., are the offsprings of the minds and feelings of the race and have been exuded for many centuries. Sometimes they cling to the Lifestream who has generated them, and they remain in the lower atmosphere of Earth. When the individuals pass on at the end of their embodiment, these thought-forms are ownerless and unclaimed, for the most part, and 'like seeking like' throughout space, when they find a vibration like their own, they cluster there, and it is this substance which We refer to as the psychic and astral effluvia in which mankind moves, and to which they are constant prey.

The Virtues of God are Constantly Flowing Around Us

In the unseen realm which flows constantly through and around the souls of men, are all the Qualities which the outer-self desires so much in order to express the fulfillment of its destiny.

Even as there is all the air required to sustain Life in the lungs of every person, animal and plant on this planet; as there is all the water required to purify the substance of the physical world; as there is all the Sun required to Light every home and every Heart; and sufficient earth to sustain the weight of all the bodies and buildings, and to produce the supply requisite to nourishment of the people; so is there all the Happiness, the Peace, the Health, and the Opulence required for every Lifestream that is in embodiment and all that are yet to come. Even as the Godhead did not provide a planet too small to hold the weight of the humanity of the Earth, the Godhead did not provide a Universe too small for the ample supply of Peace, Health, Opulence, Illumination, Purity and Light for the evolving mankind.

Man, however, through Free-will, may draw on as much or as little of that Universal Supply as he chooses. From the Hearts of the Great Beings around the Sun; from the Elohim, the Solar Lords and the Virtues, flow constant streams representing Their Substance, Radiation, and Peace. Any unascended Being, by turning his attention toward these Beings or the Virtue They represent, may enter into this Stream at will, and bathing in the Love, the Beauty, the Purity, or the Peace of this Cosmic outpouring, find their individual consciousness greatly raised in its journey toward Perfection.

Invite these currents through contemplation, even as the outer self has invited, with success, so many currents of a disturbing element which have limited the soul growth in the past.

Like Attracts Like

Like attracts like throughout the Universe. The outer world has used the expression that 'money begets money' and 'success begets success' and this is true because the vibratory action emitted from the Lifestream who is successful or opulently supplied is filled with a POSITIVE assurance. That vibration passes through the Lifestream and raises the consciousness into the corresponding Cosmic Radiation of success, prosperity and well-Being.

The metaphysical channels used to say that optimism was a Powerful magnet of attraction, and they did voice a truth in that statement which Saint Germain reiterates by affirming that expectancy and anticipation of Good become a Powerful force to draw the Universal Substance into manifestation.

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The great Cosmic Rivers of Force that pass from the Hearts and the Consciousness of the Divine Beings that govern the Universe are Free of access to any Lifestream DETERMINED ENOUGH and ONE-POINTED ENOUGH to maintain the conscious control of his own Energy despite the pressure of suggestion from the outside world. The bold Lifestream desiring to experiment with the Cosmic Currents of Opulence, Health, Peace, or Purity, who will set the thermostat of his own feeling nature and natural processes into an emanation of the Cosmic Quality toward which he aspires, and who can, with undisturbed contemplation, hold the vibratory action of his individual self upon that positive current, will not only find the proof in his own experience, but will become a facet for the dispensing of the Blessing of those Cosmic Currents into the less Powerful consciousness of those surrounding him.

The men of the Christian Church who achieved the fulfillment of Jesus' example and healed in the Name of the Christ, were those who fitted their nature into the vibratory action of their Master, even through great effort of human control, until their vibration corresponded with the vibration of the Master and His Nature could connect with their own through the sympathy of vibration.

The Ascended Master Consciousness

As a child cannot conceive the presence of the intricacies of astronomy and the sciences, even though the full understanding is present and assimilated by many Lifestreams incarnate at the same time as the infant, so the average man cannot conceive the presence of the supernatural science of the Ascended Master Consciousness, which is likewise present and enjoyed by many Lifestreams in common.

The aspiring student and chela upon the Path must realize that his consciousness is as undeveloped as that of the infant, but that by aspiration and application, he may open the cup of his consciousness to this mighty and ever-present outpouring in the NOW - that which mankind at large will experience in the future.

Therefore, if the Ascended Master Consciousness is ever-present, we can see that the student must but change the vibratory action of his own consciousness in order to enter into this wider and fuller understanding of Life, and to experience all that is within it in the present. The student, upon entering his contemplation period, must also recognize that the contemplation toward which he strives is even now pulsating in and around him, and that there are Living Intelligences within this Consciousness enjoying all that it contains and experiencing the richness of the Perfection that flows through it.

The student is like a man in the basement shoveling coal into the furnace who also knows that on the roof shines the Sun in whose presence an August Company is already assembled. To take this realization of the presence NOW of the Ascended Master Consciousness, rather than projecting that consciousness into the future, will greatly hasten the liberation of the Higher Faculties through which one can attain a union with them.

When you desire Peace; when you desire Money; when you desire Health, acknowledge that THAT Consciousness and Presence is *already active* in the Universe - functioning through thousands of Lifestreams - ascended and unascended. Then, by the attuning of your own vibratory action, know that in a matter of moments, you have access to the fullness of that which you require, and that you do not need to spend months or years developing yourself to a place where such release and relief may come to you.

The Experience Life Forms the Consciousness

A man's consciousness is comprised of that of which he is aware or has been acquainted with through the experience Life. The outer world divides the consciousness into the SUBCONSCIOUS, wherein is contained the experiences of the past which are sometimes buried deeply in the nature; the CONSCIOUS, which

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comprises the experiences of the present; and the SUPER-CONSCIOUS, or higher unfoldment toward which man is striving.

The average man and the student are constantly enlarging their sphere of conscious Knowledge from the time of birth, through all succeeding years, until the end of that embodiment. A child of two has not the consciousness of a grown man, and the experiences, education, and instruction of childhood make him aware of a great deal more that is in the Universe than his infant mind could comprehend.

For illustration, we shall take an individual at the foot of a great mountain. He is conscious, through the media of his sight and hearing faculties, of his surroundings - of the ledge from which the climb would begin; of his fellow travelers; of the plain, the shrubbery, and so on. If it is his initial journey or ascent, he will not be conscious of what is at the apex of the mountain until, through his own Life Energy, he has made the ascent. He may have implanted into his consciousness a vague picture of the top through descriptions given by others, through photographs, etc., but even though the top of the mountain, the surrounding scenery, the snow-capped summit shining in the Sun are now actually present, to him these are views or a consciousness into which he can only enter through effort. Once he has climbed the mountain by the Energy of his own Life, that experience will record the fullness of the beauty which is at the top, and that consciousness will be his forever.

You will see now that many men and women will never make that climb, and for them the consciousness of the mountain top will ever remain a super-consciousness - one that they are not aware of except by the tales, descriptions, or photographs of others.

It is exactly the same with the human and the Ascended Master Consciousness. The Ascended Master Consciousness, like the summit of the mountain, is ever present. The mass of mankind live beneath it; the few hear of it through description, allegory, etc., but in order to make it your own, the ascent must take place through the Energy of YOUR OWN LIFESTREAM, and once you have achieved that summit of mastery, even though you return again to the affairs of the outer world, that is a part of your nature and experience that no one can erase.

No one can take from a man, ascended or unascended, any experience that widens the consciousness, whether it is a sight of exquisite beauty in Nature's Cathedral, or whether it is the entrance of the soul into the Realms of Spirit, for consciousness is the sole property of each individual Lifestream and is one activity that cannot be stolen or destroyed. Therefore, what a man builds into his consciousness by contemplation and effort is his for Eternity.

God's Gift of Consciousness

No one in this Universe can proceed anywhere except over the medium of his own consciousness. No one can experience any joy except through that consciousness. All the Beauty, Happiness, Love and Learning require an individual consciousness in order to become an animate part of the Life journey. Having been endowed by God with consciousness is to have been endowed with Life and the capacity to enjoy, expand and create.

What passes through the Universe while the individual is asleep or unconscious does not exist for him, and the greatest personal ecstasy can only be incorporated into the Life because the individual is conscious of its activity at the time. For instance, a glorious sunrise can raise a waking soul to a Spiritual height, whereas for the millions of slumbering Lifestreams, the sunrise neither existed nor stimulated, nor will it remain a living part of their Life experience.

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We shall see, therefore, that in the God-endowed faculty of conscious Life, we have the capacity to enjoy and sustain every activity we experience, and that an awakened alert consciousness is requisite in order to avail the self of the ever-present Glory provided for the Life of this System.

The Instrument of Being

Realizing Consciousness as the Instrument of Being; as the conductor of the Individual through space; and as the recipient of the God-Illumination, we can begin to understand the necessity for purifying, raising and perfecting that which we call our individual focus of conscious Life. To continue to invoke the currents of the Divine Ascended Master Consciousness through your own, is to invite the greatest purifying healing currents provided for this Universal Scheme, and to greatly hasten the soul growth, not only of yourself, but of your fellowman. Call often that they be awakened and receptive to the Cosmic Panorama, and that their consciousness accept and make a part of itself this Cosmic Outpouring even as the sun-worshippers made the sunrise an eternal part of their devotion to and Love for Beauty.

Treasures In Heaven

The consciousness of each individualized God Flame is really the only activity that may be called personal, and which endures according to the choice of the Free-will from eternity to eternity. Therefore, what a man builds into, accepts, entertains and retains in consciousness, determines the wealth or poverty of the Lifestream. When the Master Jesus gave the admonition to lay up the treasures in the Kingdom of Heaven rather than in the material substance of the temporal Life, He conveyed the thought that the development of a Spiritual consciousness is, in reality, the only worthwhile use of Life Energy. As a man's consciousness passes with him from birth to the time of his transition through the veil into the Realms of the unseen - abiding with him and around him when he comes again into the physical world, we can see that the wise and far-sighted individual will determine to build and unfold his consciousness and to place in its secondary place the temporal pursuits of the Earth Life for the succeeding Life in the Heaven Realm - in preparation for his next sojourn on Earth.

The experience Life of the soul is only as important as is the development of consciousness that results therefrom. When man learns to regard his Life as the whole instead of dividing it into the small insignificant intersectional fragments tied by the temporal knots of birth and death, he will place the weight and strength of his Life energies upon the development of the Spiritual or Ascended Master Consciousness, and bend all of his energies (wherever his temporary abode may be) to the unfoldment of his Higher Nature.

Space and Consciousness Are Not Synonymous

A man's consciousness is the least explored of all his personal assets, and yet his consciousness alone survives with him through birth and so-called death. The radiation of a man's consciousness varies according to the type of thought and feeling which forms the general background of his Life. All mankind's consciousness is temporarily raised by prayer, religious service, and various Spiritual stimuli, but the vibration of the consciousness during the average activity of daily Life, forms more or less the permanent status of the Lifestream. This vibration determines the experiences which the individual will meet, and also the sphere in which he functions during both his waking and sleeping hours.

The outer world uses the medium of space to determine a person's position, but the medium of consciousness is the only determination of a Lifestream's position in the Universe, because two people can be side by side physically, and yet one dwells within the Ascended Master Consciousness and the other might function in the lower consciousness of the outer world. Therefore, although they might proceed together

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upon the physical plane, in close proximity according to the dimension of space, they could be worlds apart in the vibration of their consciousness.

Vigilance is the Price of Peace

The only true medium of levitation is the changing of the vibratory action of the consciousness. The Master can do this at will; the aspirant at times experiences the exhilaration of his consciousness through prayer, meditation, devotion or inspiration, and for a time such a one is privileged to live in a sphere far transcending the usual vibratory action of his work-a-day world.

We desire, however, a sustained upliftment of consciousness for all sincere aspirants. We must, therefore, understand that Our slightest willing thought and feeling, and every activity that holds Our attention is determining the sphere in which We are functioning from moment to moment. Constant vigilance is the price of Peace in which every Master, Angel and God-Presence dwells. They remain within this by not allowing Their attention, Their eyes, Their hearing, Their feeling, or any faculty to admit a vibration that would lower Their Consciousness and automatically drop Them, so to speak, out of the Kingdom of Heaven or Harmony. Yet men and women who desire Peace and Spiritual Illumination, and who have raised themselves, by great effort, until their vibration is harmonizing with that ever-flowing River of Peace into which any aspirant may tune, allow the external effect of a single thought or feeling to carry them again into the lower vibration in which the mass of the people function wherein there is only discord, enmity, disease and destruction.

Enroll Your Bodies As Students

It is difficult for the outer mind to contemplate the vibration of the Master because the human consciousness and the Ascended Master Consciousness are so many worlds apart, but when one is possessed of a sincere and determined Heart, he can achieve that sympathetic vibration with the Master through the interposition of the Master's own Ray which will, when requested, begin to rhythmically pass through the inner bodies and train them into a similar pattern and response to His own.

For the aspirant to attempt to express the feeling nature of the Master El Morya or the Master Jesus, there would be a terrific mental barrier, but if the student will honestly approach the Master with boldness, and yet humility, and ask that the Master Himself direct His Rays through the lower bodies, and teach the feeling world, the mental, etheric and physical bodies to vibrate according to His Divine Pattern, the Master will take those bodies as students, which is something of which the outer world knows nothing. Enroll your lower bodies as the students of any one Master and you will see that they will be more apt in their assimilation. and learning than the personal self has been during the centuries. Visualize them shined up; with their hair combed and their best garments on, their shoes shined, setting out to sit at the feet of the Master; and then visualize the Master's kindly Radiation and Instruction flowing through them. This is a most marvelous treatment for the people of the West because their lower bodies are so Powerfully charged with an independent Spirit that the personal self, when trying to harness them, will find them very wayward.

Because of the necessity of declaring the independence of this nation from the old order of Government and affairs, individuals whose Lifestreams were delegated to that task were Powerfully charged with Cosmic Currents in which Independence was the integral Radiation, and this Cosmic bombardment, while nationally and internationally of great benefit, greatly accelerated the human propensities in the inner bodies and made the early patriots of the Nation a particularly wild lot. This is part of the price they voluntarily paid by opening their bodies to this Cosmic Infusion of Force because common sense and reason, let alone Divine Intelligence, would show that the human rabble could never have wrested a Nation from a system of Government which had endured for thousands of years except by Divine Pressure, and this pressure we must

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now balance by the infusion of the Spiritual Radiation which will make their independence FREEDOM, and which will repay them for their service.

Unite Your Consciousness With The Masters

All consciousness is composed of thought and feeling in the Ascended Master Octave as well as in the human. All thought and feeling make vibrating Energy waves which pulsate through the Universe at different speeds according to their initial Cause. The Consciousness of the Master, in which are thoughts and feelings only of a constructive and harmonious nature, vibrates very rapidly and is therefore called a High or Ascended Consciousness as against the low or human consciousness where the vibration of thought and feeling is slow and dense because of imperfect and heavy causes.

As sympathetic vibrations meet and blend, so shall we see that to tune in to the Ascended Master Consciousness, the individual must, by conscious effort and control, change the vibratory action of his own thought and feeling waves and raise them to a frequency similar to that of the Master's vibration if he chooses to enter in, expand and be one with the Greater. The capacity to raise one's consciousness to the Master is within every Heart. Some have developed it to a point where that capacity is under the conscious control of the outer intelligence. These people have an "open line" into the Master's Realm. Others, through devotion, contemplation and application, raise themselves temporarily into union with the Higher Consciousness; and still others have not exercised their capacity and must rely upon the dexterity of other Lifestreams for their inspiration to date.

It is to develop the latent capacity to join the outer consciousness with the inner that the Members of the Spiritual Brotherhood seek out and train chelas from all over the Earth, hoping that by association, They can develop and sustain the consciousness of unascended Beings as instruments of God's Will.

As you can quicken your step to move from the path of a falling object, so can you quicken your consciousness; only you have exercised the feet more than the inner faculties, and therefore seem to have a greater momentum in regard to the physical movement than in the inner accelerations.

The Power within the Feeling Nature

There is an old saying: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do," and this is part of a great Cosmic Truth. When a Lifestream chooses to incarnate, or is, according to his nature, forced to incarnate upon any planet of the System, he must assume in miniature the nature, characteristics and proportionate elemental substance of that planet. As you know from early study, the people of the 'Earth chain' incarnated upon several planets preceding that which is now the schoolroom of the race. On each planet, the vehicles of every incarnation had predominantly one specific activity to be developed - either the etheric, the mental. the emotional, or the physical vehicles. The Planet Earth is the schoolroom for the development of the emotional nature; thus, eighty-percent of the Planet Earth is water, and every Lifestream incarnating upon the Earth must take eighty-percent of his incarnation in his FEELING BODY. It is perhaps the most difficult training of any belonging to this chain. It explains why the Earth has fallen into the pit because the harnessing of the Feeling World is the greatest Initiation of the evolving God. When the Lifestream has attained mastery over the feeling nature, he graduates from the Earth because that is the only lesson that the Earth can teach. Thus, you incarnate again and again upon the Earth in order to master the Feeling World.

"I AM" the Incarnate Representative of the Holy Spirit - the FEELING side of Life, and it is My responsibility to see that every Lifestream on the Earth achieves this Mastery and Control.

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With Neptune and the Water Element, We have a tremendous opportunity to serve, and any chela who chooses to invoke My Cosmic assistance into the feeling nature of the people, will receive My Benediction, Gratitude and Blessing throughout Eternity.

You think that you have responsibility when you have tried, perhaps, to control one feeling nature. Then maybe you can grasp what it is to be the Training Member of the Hierarchy in the control of some ten billion souls, most of whom have passed far beyond the time accorded for such mastery.

The Power of the Feeling Nature represents from seventy-five to eighty- percent of the Energy of each Lifestream and of the mass of the people. You will see, therefore, that the Earth is dominated by the Feeling Consciousness which is the Activity of the Holy Spirit. You will see, too, that it is My responsibility to so qualify the Feeling Nature of the Planet Earth and Her people that the majority of their energies, individually and collectively, are God-like and Divine.

Any individual experience in inspiration and in prompting must be tied to the Feeling Nature to become manifest, from the simple experience of desiring to move the body from one room to another. The thought is not executed until the feeling flows through the thought with sufficient intensity to raise the inert mass of the physical vehicle and carry it across the floor. The treatment of the day would be greatly to My advantage if you would call that a line of Force, just like a hose, be drawn from My Heart into the feeling worlds of every unascended Being and every discarnate, and that with the pulse of My Heart-Beat, that Feeling be intensified and released which would become the dominant Radiation in the Feeling Nature of the people.

The Feeling Nature is Powerfully charged with any number of qualifications which form a tremendous pressure of Energy behind action, but if the Feeling Nature were charged with the Power and Grace of the Holy Spirit, and all action was precipitated into the form with the pressure of My Feeling behind and through it, the individual, as well as the planet, would succeed to victorious accomplishment with much greater ease and much more quickly. You are all FEELING people, and "I AM" the Representative of the FEELING side of Life. Eighty-percent of the responsibility for the human race lies at My door. Would that I had sufficient chelas to assist Me in this task of regulating and governing the Feeling Nature of themselves, and then - the masses!

Directing the Consciousness Upward

When experiments are made in the stratosphere to record the Cosmic Rays, they are doing scientifically what any unascended Being can do through the beam of his attention by sending up the fullness of his consciousness into the Realms of Harmony where Perfection dwells. This is entirely different to going into the Higher Realms when you lay the body down to sleep because you do not draw into your awakened consciousness the full realization of your inner experience.

Your consciousness is a series of vibrations determined by your thought and your feeling; it functions in various realms according to the mood of the moment. When you are devotional and filled with a Spiritual realization, it rises like the stratospheric balloon out of contact with the inharmonies of the Earth sphere, but Being sensitive to the slightest vibrations, it is easily plummeted downward by the slightest external or internal suggestion which grounds it again into this third dimensional plane.

For those of you who have been privileged to receive an infusion of Our Consciousness periodically, it has caused great expansion of your own, and you can greatly accelerate your understanding without strain by invoking any Member of Our Brotherhood to fill your Being with His or Her Consciousness in regard to any problem of State or Nation, or any activity regarding the Earth or interstellar space.

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The transference of consciousness is an Activity of Transmutation, and no sincere Lifestream can invoke Our Consciousness into his own to throw Light upon any problem or feeling, and not have the actual Flame and Substance from Our Cosmic Hearts blend with and illumine his own thoughts, feelings and endeavors. No man, woman or child is alone in this Universe when they understand that the blending of consciousness can take place on the instant, and that he or she is not dependent upon the evolution of his or her own small experience in order to guide wisely his daily endeavors.

For those who would experiment with the invocation of the Ascended Master Consciousness and Feeling in any endeavor, We have some mighty interesting and helpful experiences to offer, and We might give you this further tip - the Heads of your Government and the Cabinet might be enriched beyond limit by the Consciousness of the Heavenly Host if invited.

The Inner Eye Sees the True Essence of Being

The opening of the Inner Sight, the capacity to rise into that Realm where you can see Life and Light in its increasing intensity taking its dominion through the humanity of the race and the planet itself, completely reorients the consciousness of the self-conscious Being. For individuals yet wearing flesh garments and bound by the limiting walls of the senses, it is most difficult to keep and sustain realization that the expansion of the Light is the only purpose of Creation and forms the motivating Power behind all action and service of the Servants of God who want to be Light-Bearers.

One must constantly raise the vision above the representation of form, and at least with the Inner Eye, recognize the true essence that is within all Being, whether it be in the form of a man, a limb of a tree, or the sod that covers the surface of the Earth.

In the Ascended Master's Octave, We are greatly assisted in Our endeavors because We have earned the capacity to live in the Realm of the Real and see the form and substance of the third dimensional plane as but a loose and almost indistinguishable covering through which the Light and Life of True Being can easily be perceived. It is almost as difficult for Us to cognize and identify what you call 'matter' as it is for you to contact the gossamer substance which, to Us, is representative of all Life and Being. It is as if We stood at the apex and you stood at the base of a mountain - the one from above looking downward would have a more complete and accurate description, not only of the mountain and the countryside, than the one at the base of the mount looking upward. Yet, according to his place and position, the one below could be said to have accurately represented what his environment was, although to Us, perhaps it would not be the fullness of Truth.

When you are privileged to have the Higher Vision, either directly or through the intervention of Ourselves, you come under a different dispensation and action of the Law, and results will prove the efficacy of such application as against those who yet battle from within the shadows.

The Aquarian Age

Today we are studying the purpose for the establishment and maintenance of the Earth planet. Each planet in the System is a schoolroom through which the humanity of Earth must pass in order to gain full control and mastery of all their vehicles. As in the case of the outer educational system, some beautiful Spirits quickly assimilated the Light of the Presence and one planet was sufficient for their complete Illumination and Ascension, and they passed from Mercury or Venus into the Perfect Kingdom. The far greater mass, however, learned their lessons on succeeding planets and were transferred to the Earth planet to learn emotional control of the Energy.

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The Earth planet is an Emotional Being. Every soul incarnating upon it takes vehicles in which the emotional nature is predominant. Even the Avatars make this sacrifice when They come to bring Light and Illumination to the people.

With a little thought, we shall see that with the advent of the Piscean Age (which was the Age of Water) and the descent and incarnation of the Master Jesus, the Cosmic Moment had struck when every member of the human race should have reached the graduation point, but with the passing of that Age, mankind are little more advanced than in the preceding Cycle. The Aquarian Age is also representative of Water, and in this Age must be completed the pouring of the impure Energy of the emotional nature into the Pure Crystal Cup of the Master Control. "I AM" the Figure that holds that Cosmic Jug. "I AM" the embodiment of Aquaria. The far greater number of the mankind of Earth will come into the control of the Feeling Nature during this Age, but you can greatly accelerate their progress by invocation to My Personal Presence.

Promptings of Service to Life

The Mighty "I AM" Presence and Holy Christ Self of each Lifestream has complete access to the Heart and Mind of the Universal Father in the Sun behind the Sun. Any unascended Being can, of his own volition and initiative, enter into this All-knowing Mind and Heart of God and, following the Divine Plan from this impersonal Consciousness, draw back into the intellectual-self certain understanding which, translated into application, can be of tremendous assistance to the work of the Spiritual Hierarchy.

In the presentation, by the Master, of the instruction that has come forth in the numerous dictations and through the printed word, They have stretched the Cosmic Law thin in Their endeavors to prompt the outer mind of ways and means by which individuals could set into motion calls for Cosmic Releases and Dispensations which would Free the Lifestreams of the entire human race from the fetters and chains of the centuries. While many of these marvelous promptings have, as yet been ignored, although some have been put into use by the alert chelas who serve, the Master, by Cosmic Law, is limited in the amount and intensity of prompting that He can offer the Lifestream, but the "I AM" Presence and the Holy Christ Self of the chela know no limit whatsoever. If the Master is fortunate enough to have one or more Lifestreams who are so earnest in their desire to serve the Master's Cause that they will seek from the Heart of Heaven ways and means by which to sustain His work, He can then amplify the Radiation of the instruction and inspiration received without limit.

If during your contemplation or invocation of your Source, you are prompted to make certain definite Calls whereby the race can be benefited, or the Masters' Work sustained, TELL NO MAN, but apply with all the intensity of your Being, the invocation, and harness your feeling nature to your Call. You will find the Brotherhood most grateful for your Service.

The Service of the Holy Spirit

Every Ascended Master has raised His Emotional, or Feeling Body, into the next Octave above the physical appearance world. With the Ascension of each Lifestream, a portion of the feeling nature of mankind on Earth is cut away from the possibility of contamination and forms a percentage of redeemed emotion in God's Kingdom. Every Victory, therefore, is of tremendous interest to My Lifestream, Whose responsibility and duty, under Cosmic Law, is to redeem the emotional consciousness of this race, and the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms.

Every Lifestream who has not mastered the Emotional Body is My particular and individual responsibility, and that mastery and control is achieved through the co-operation and assistance of the incarnate Spirit.

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Every Lifestream comes under My direct supervision during a particular period in its evolution. This must be so because no Lifestream can be overlooked in this process of purifying and harmonizing the emotional nature which all share, no more than the housewife would overlook the cleaning of one room and feel her task of keeping her home beautiful, completed.

Having had some small experience within the compass of your own world as to the Power of the feeling body, you can perhaps sympathize with My lot when you multiply by some ten billion the feeling bodies of the race.

As I am more eager by far than any unascended Being to gain the Mastery and Control of the emotional status of the Planet Earth, the Call to Me for the anchorage of My Radiation and Substance in anyone's feeling world will give Me a great opportunity to Redeem more of My Substance. It has been said that it is My principal service to bring balance to those suffering from maladjustment of the mental and emotional vessels. You will see that, in My capacity as the Guardian of the emotional world, it is not only an opportunity, but a necessity for My full Freedom to see that every emotional body is harmonized, clarified, purified, and ASCENDED. I shall hope for your assistance in this task.

The Soul of Man

When We speak of the soul of man, We refer to that consciousness which is evolving toward union with the Divine Self, and which is the only self that the chela knows until the conscious union takes place. This soul, evolved through centuries of experience, is the precious part of the Lifestream with which the Master and the Higher Self are concerned, for the outer consciousness must become ONE again with the Inner before completed manifestation can take place.

From the Ascended Masters and the Cosmic Octaves, there flows constantly the nourishment, the illumination, and the Spiritual Currents into the soul, which will enable it to be re-united with the Divine Will, as the Master Jesus, in the personal self, became ONE with the Christ.

When the upper vibratory action is established 'and maintained by the Lifestream, the soul is always open to the particular outpourings flowing from above, from the Christ Self, the Ascended Masters and the Cosmic Law. An individual at Peace in the vibratory action of his mental and feeling world and his physical body, is in constant communion with the Divine Spirit.

As We explained previously, the rapid changing of the vibratory action of the outer bodies affects the receptivity of the Soul-Light, and that is why We have always counselled the chela to refrain from a sense of pressure, hurry, or tension. These seem like harmless frailties, but they are most detrimental to the maintenance of a receptivity by the soul from Spirit. The progress upon the Path is difficult at most, even under the most favorable circumstances, and the reception of as much of the Spiritual Unction as Life can offer is requisite to permanent progress. Therefore, for yourself and for those whom you can influence, endeavor to set a vibratory action of balance in all activity and all service, which will enable the Spiritual Light to find easier entrance into the nature.

The Laggard Souls

The soul of man is the real actor upon the stage of Life, and the Power within the soul is the determining factor of what is to appear upon the screen of maya. Let us, then, study something of the soul.

In the first instance, how did the soul come into Being? The great Divine Archetype of every man was created by the Godhead at the time when this particular humanity was thought and breathed into the Universal Life.

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When the individual Flame decided to proceed through the process of incarnation in order to become a conscious manipulator of the thought and feeling force, a portion of the Divine Flame, the Intelligence and the Consciousness which was manifest as the first man, was projected forth from the Godhead, and thus ONE BECAME TWO for a time. This artificial creation, you might say, or this independent consciousness capable of thought and feeling, and utilizing the Power of Free-will, was the germ of the soul.

Through the soul, the Life of the Spirit intended to direct and enlarge its Kingdom and thus fulfill its purpose in the Universal Scheme of manifestation. Endowing the soul with the capacity and Powers of thought and feeling, made it possible for the soul, in its journey, to disregard the authority of the Higher Intelligence and proceed upon a Life of its own, wandering through the ages, gleaning where it had sowed, and developing, even up to and through the present hour, certain characteristics and natural tendencies.

Thus, do we have a planet of 'lost souls', so to speak, who voluntarily dissociated themselves from the connection between the outer self and the Divine Presence of Life. The process of reuniting souls consciously with the Higher Self (the return of the prodigal son to the Father's House) is the present service of the Brotherhood.

The conditions of the Earth plane today are necessarily such because the planet itself is peopled, to a great extent, with those souls who have disconnected themselves from their Higher Selves and have not, as yet, found the way to resume their Divine Consciousness. Some of these are referred to in our studies as 'laggard souls'.

Cosmic Christ Consciousness

There is a great Universal Sea of Consciousness which envelops all living and created things, from the Solar Logoi to the blade of grass. It is the Aura and Radiation of the seven bodies of the Great Central Sun for this System.

A man's consciousness represents the exhalation of all his seven bodies, and the periphery of his aura is the conglomerate mass of Radiation exuded from these bodies. So does the great Cosmic Christ Consciousness, which forms the periphery of our Universe, contain within Itself all the Divine Ideation, Feeling and Powers of that God Heart from whence we all came into form. According to the capacity of the individual intelligences living within the great Cosmic Christ Consciousness to perceive the Beauty and Perfection that is there, does it manifest unto them.

We are all in the process of recognizing and actualizing this Cosmic Christ Consciousness through the individual consciousness We have evolved, and which forms for Us the periphery of Our own world of experience. Our ability to perceive Truth, and to enjoy the greater vista of its expanded horizon, raises Us constantly into a greater awareness of that which is, and it is always Our great Joy to translate, transfer and transmit that portion of Truth, which it has been Ours to perceive, to those who hold their consciousness open to Us for nourishment. That is the purpose of all Master-chela relationships; the purpose of all teacher and student relationships in the human octave - in the educational channels as well as in the study of the Higher Laws. The Teacher gives of the riches of His consciousness to the student, the parent to the child; and the Master to man, Man gives of the questionable contents of his consciousness, one to the other, in constant barter and trade. Consciousness is one of the most bartered activities of the race. The man who chooses to enrich his consciousness has chosen wisely, for there is no other lasting benefit that this Earth or any Star or Sun, can give. When he leaves this plane, it is only consciousness that goes with him, and when Jesus said: "Lay up your treasures in Heaven'...He spoke of this Truth.

To return to the beginning of Our instruction, this Cosmic Consciousness is like the ocean, and your seven vehicles are immersed in the midst of it. The Life and capacity to feel in your feeling world is a portion of the

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Feeling Nature of God, but how much of it? The capacity within the mind to think is a portion of the great Thinking Flame of the Cosmic Christ, and the very Energy of the physical body is a portion of the God Power which endows the Life. Therefore, identify your seven bodies with this Cosmic Presence, and in contemplation, DRAW IN all the Powers of thinking and feeling that are within the Cosmic Christ, PRECEDING application. You can draw a shallow breath, as most of you do, and take but the slightest bit of the vital currents that are in the physical air, and all the vitality of the Cosmic Christ which could animate the physical body is untapped. Another individual may draw from that same air enough vitality to make that body immortal. It is the same with your inner vehicles.

If you can understand this, you can not only treat, with great success, your own vessels, but you can enter into Cosmic Creation because there is no one to say you, 'nay' as to how much God Power you may choose with which to identify yourself.

The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand

Our Beloved Master Jesus said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" Two thousand years ago, He told the people of Earth that the Kingdom of Heaven which they were seeking was already enfolding them. I repeat that today because We are living in that Kingdom of Heaven, and any of you unascended Beings can enter in and live in the Glory of the Kingdom NOW! It is not a future estate, but it is an *attunement* of your outer selves so that you may feel and experience the Peace, the Harmony, the Light, and the Health that is ever around you.

As We have said before, your room is filled with music, but it requires the medium of the radio or television to bring that vibration to your physical ears. So is your room filled with Light, with Health, and Beauty, and Freedom, and when the outer self becomes still, the Heart can tune in to these beautiful vibrations and the Kingdom of Heaven will then express - not in some future time, but right NOW – TODAY! We must, if we choose to live in the Kingdom, try to live and act and feel and think in our everyday Life as if we had passed within the Golden Gates and were the honored guests of the Ascended Host, and as we practice this, we shall find ourselves in the presence of those Beings because, even today, They are walking constantly among you and it is but the vibrations of the outer self that keeps you from seeing, recognizing and enjoying the Radiation of Their uplifting Presence.

There is no unascended Being who cannot lift himself or herself into the Kingdom of Heaven by the Call to the Higher Self and to the Ascended Beings, and by the quieting of the outer self to allow the Inner Presence to express and regulate outer conditions in a manner which will form the necessary environment for that Kingdom.

Man is the Guardian of His Consciousness

There are no two unascended Beings who have the same consciousness because the individual use of Free-will through many millions of years has determined the experiences of Life by which consciousness was created and sustained. A man's consciousness lives from embodiment to embodiment as the only enduring part of the Lifestream, and the state of his consciousness determines his experience on Earth and the heights to which he will rise after death of the physical form. The only passport into the Realms of Peace, Beauty and Perfection is the proper state of consciousness.

As every Lifestream lives within its consciousness, and the out-picturing of that consciousness determines its future, as well as present, activities, it is time for the student to begin to consciously turn the strength and weight of his Lifestream's Energy into a more careful choice of what he will entertain and sustain in his consciousness.

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A man's consciousness is that of which he is aware. He has Free-will to draw into his consciousness, by the avenue of his own Life Energy in the use of the faculties of sight, hearing, feeling, etc., from any Realm upon which his attention rests. His consciousness then becomes the receiving room for his externalized senses. What he sees, and thinks, and dwells upon in secret, as well as openly, forms the experience Life in which he lives here and hereafter. The human consciousness, as Saint Germain has said, is the 'dumping ground' of all the passing thoughts and feelings of the mass mind which flow Freely into the unprotected or undeveloped Lifestream. Thus, the qualities entertained in the consciousness by contemplation of imperfection, tie the aspirant, as well as the unawakened, to the mass mind.

The Ascended Master Consciousness has been developed by each Being who has passed through the Realm of birth and death to Eternal Life through tremendous self-conscious effort. The individual who aspires to Mastery must realize that his consciousness is always at the command of Free-will, and that the development of the Ascended Master Consciousness comes about, not only through Grace, but by the invitation of the higher thoughts and feelings into the conscious mind, not only during times of worship, but throughout the twenty-four hour period of daily living. The sorting of the sheep from the goats is a constant task, and every time the impure, imperfect, limiting thoughts and feelings are rejected from the consciousness by conscious endeavor and replaced by higher thoughts and feelings, the individual is building the Ascended Master Consciousness into his own experience, and this Consciousness will be his passport into the Higher Realms during sleep, contemplation, and at the hour of dissolution of the Earth form.

Light is the Body of God

The Radiation of Flame is Light. The Radiation of a God-Being is Flame. The God Being or Nature, the active Intelligence, can know no form, but the effect of such a Nature, or the Expression of that Nature, is a Garment of Living Light which has been called the Flame of Being. Just as Intelligence, or Purity, or Wisdom could not be said to have outline but yet from them comes a tangible, and sometimes visible, Radiation, so is the Nature of the Godhead in this tangible indescribable Presence. Those who possess accelerated vision have, for the lack of a better term, endowed these exquisite Beings and Virtues with a Garment of Flame which is really the Radiation of that Virtue, and Light is a softer intensity of the Radiation.

To tell a student who has lived so long in form that the Universal First Cause was 'Nothing' or 'No Thing' would be to completely confuse the mind and incapacitate the self from connecting with an apparent 'void'. Yet this Great Intelligence, the Godhead, or any of these Beings, are as real in that formlessness as your own nature which never could be seen, touched, nor outlined, but whose Radiation could be described and would be representative to the sense consciousness as yourself.

Wherever there is fire, there is fuel. Wherever there is Light or Flame, there is a Cause, which is the Life that creates and sustains it. Wherever in the Heavens there is an Oval or Focus of Flame, that is the Presence of some God Being. Then, when your Earth is suffused in Light by which men live, move and have their Being, that Light is the acknowledgement to all who know that it is an effect of the Aura of some Great Presence.

Now the purpose for which I bring this forth is because you who are on the Path will signify your Mastery when the emanation of your Being is Flame. At first it will be Light, and then it will be Flame, and that will acknowledge that the fullness of the Presence of God is manifest through you. When the Light becomes Flame, Transmutation of the remainder of the human nature takes place and the Flame Itself makes 'the Body Enduring' which is the Ascension. Thus, your own Flame is the Ascending Power, and until that Flame comes forth through you, the Ascension cannot be. Therefore, it is wise to keep visualizing the Garment of your Spirit, which is called the Immortal Victorious Threefold Flame within your Heart, as a constant expanding activity through your flesh.

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The Great Awareness

The expansion of consciousness is really increasing the state of awareness of the individual and the intelligent evolving Flame which We designate as the individuality. All of Truth IS NOW and EVER SHALL BE and the willingness of the self-conscious intelligence to perceive that Truth determines his state of consciousness and evolution.

The infant at birth is not aware of the Universe into which he has been precipitated, nor of the individuals who are responsible for his care, sustenance and protection, but gradually conscious perception of form and personality are evolved from within him. No one can describe the delight of the parent when first the child is aware of that parent as an individual toward whom flows a certain gentle substance of Love and affection. This moment of perception is shared by infant, parent, and guardian alike, and gradually the child's perception increases the sum total of fact and fancy of which he is aware until, when he has achieved majority, his consciousness has accepted and digested a fair share of the intellectual Knowledge of the time in which he has chosen incarnation.

The great study by which mankind is raised to an awareness of more of the God Truth in the Universe and of his expanded consciousness, lies, for the most part, in the direction of the Ascended Masters Who, by visitation, Radiation and instruction, endeavor to make the intelligent Lifestream perceive and become aware of a much greater vista of Spiritual Truth. The point of recognition and perception awakens the chords in the feeling nature and results in an exalted consciousness which those in the East call Illumination. As all of the Universe and its people existed prior to the child's awareness of their presence, so does all Truth persist and exist, and it is a gradual unfoldment of the individual to perceive and recognize and become aware of this state of exalted consciousness into which We direct Our efforts, Our Love, Our Light, and Our Will. Let all of your studies be followed by contemplation so that your soul and Spirit may perceive the Truths set forth.

And now, as We return again into the Heart of the Cosmic Christ, I am going to draw all of your inner vehicles to Me - your thinking Flame, your feeling Flame, your emotional Flame, and that strong and beautiful Flame which beats your Heart. I shall hold them there within the Heart of the great Peace of the Solar Quiet and there they shall unite with the Universal Source; and the River of Substance - ever increasing in brilliance and beauty, will feed your vessels and make of them diamond-shining facets of the God Will.

You are in a time of great anticipation as you are beginning to observe, recognize, and become aware of these God Forces of which I have told you. If it were not so, I would not have told you, and would not have come from Realms beyond the Power of mortal mind to conceive, but even with your human consciousness, there is an acceptance and recognition that such Beauty and Perfection must be, and that a God of All Good and All Grace would not make those Realms for a chosen few. They exist NOW, for ALL, and even in the midst of your present limitation, they live for YOU - not in some distant future - but the moment that you open your eyes and SEE!

There passes a time after the birth of the infant during which the sight is not focused, as you know, and though the Light of the Sun is there, as is the form of the parent or guardian, the child does not see these. Then comes that Cosmic Moment when the eyes are opened, and sight is conferred upon the human form. You are at such a Moment NOW, and Joy DOES live; Peace EXISTS, and Plenty abounds, and vital Health IS, but you must open your Heart and eyes to see, and I shall not rest until the impetus of My Strength and the Light are so blazing about you that you cannot deny Their Presence.

Directing the Attention

The faculty of your attention is an activity of the Sacred Fire, a Power delegated to your use for the enrichment of your nature to increase your capacity to serve God and man. Your attention, then, is one

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Flame of that Sacred Fire, and if you visualize it as such, you can direct it with tremendous results toward any Ascended Master, toward your own God Self, or anywhere in the Solar System from whence you desire assistance, Illumination, Peace, or Healing. The Flame of your attention, Being part of the Sacred Fire, connects immediately with the object to which it is directed. It forms a definite contact with all conscious substance, feeling and Power of the Being toward Whom you have sent the beam of your attention.

If you require healing and were to turn the beam of your attention toward the physical Sun and spend an undivided thirty or sixty minutes just contemplating the Perfection which is there, there would ride back over that beam of your attention Light Particles which could renew and rebuild your vehicles, inner and outer, into perfect health, vitality and well-Being. When the Master's attention is upon you, He is using the Sacred Fire. His attention is drawn to you the instant you think of Him; therefore, you have the positive and negative poles of the Sacred Fire in action during the time of your contemplation. This forms a perfect connection over which His Gifts and Substance may ride.

If you will experiment with this, you will be amazed and delighted at the physical and emotional results and relief that such treatment will bring. The Master treats not only the physical body, but also the inner bodies, sweeping away the heavy substance in the Emotional Body particularly, and if you would visualize sheets of Pink and Gold Flame passing through the Emotional Body, you would find the ease and Peace that would make the acceptance of physical assistance much easier than when you are taut and tense which so often result from personal application.

Increasing the Light of the World

Jesus said: "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." I would like to explain to you in detail what He meant by that statement in order that you may understand that every prayer and aspiration from your Heart is literally forcing the expansion of the Light in every human breast as well as in the realms where the disincarnates await embodiment.

From the "I AM" Presence, the Stream of Life flows into the Heart, and then, turning upward, forms the Three Plumes of the Sacred Fire which We call the Immortal Victorious Three-fold Flame. That is the God Focus within the human form. That exact pattern is in every human Heart belonging to every member of the human race, just as the Light from one match is the same as the Light from another, and as the Light in one electric Light bulb is the same as in every electric Light bulb throughout the world. So is the essence in every human Heart the same - connected by an invisible Intelligence to every other focus of the Flame, both in ascended and unascended Beings, passing through all Life and into the Heart of the Great Central Sun.

When any one of these foci of the Sacred Fire make an invocation to the Universal Storehouse of Good, whether that invocation is addressed to God, to Jesus, Mary, Mohammed, Zoroaster, or to Buddha, the response flows instantly from the Being to Whom the invocation was made, and also from the Sacred Fire in every focus of ascended and unascended Life. As the Flame within the human Heart responds to the invocation from an Initiate or chela, that individual's Light is expanded to a degree, and that expansion of Light will never recede. The individual does not respond nor is he cognizant of any change in his nature, but as more and more of the human race begin to send these calls of invocation, the Intelligent Flame that never misses that call to the Sacred Fire, will begin to press forth within the entire race, and it cannot be denied. Therefore, there could be no selfishness in calling forth Supply, or Peace, or Purity, or Light, for every impulse is like a Cosmic bellows in Freeing a rhythmic pulsation of that quality within every other part of Life. An unascended Being, mind you, in calling forth Light or Purity, increases the Cosmic quantity of that Virtue even in the Great Central Sun.

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The Law of the Circle

As man has proceeded from the Heart of the Father into human form, he has left behind him a tunnel, you might say, and if he chooses to turn and look back through the centuries that have been in the far distance before time was, he can still see the Light of the Father's Home and the small, but distant, outline of his own "I AM" Presence. In order to complete his circle of existence, he may gain strength from that contact which has been, but from his own Heart, he must send the circle forward and proceed from that back into the Home Realm from whence he came.

The Eternal Divine Memory, the consciousness, and the Beauty that has been from the beginning of time, become a part of the Robes of Attainment of the Lifestream; part of the harvest that will be garnered and brought with the returning son, but he cannot proceed backwards, but rather forward in his journey toward Completion.

The Law of the Circle is a beautiful study because, as the Power of the wind filling the sails can carry the boat along its chosen course, so does the momentum of all beautiful experiences that have been from the beginning of time become a pressure which the soul can utilize at any instant to carry it forward along the Pathway to Perfection. The stronger the Light experiences of the Heart in the centuries that have been, the greater is the impetus upon which the evolving soul progressively may rise.

When one has come to the point where he may look forward or backward and at either end of the circle see the Presence of the Father, he is at the complete center or axis of his manifestation, and then the progress into Heart of All Light and Life becomes a simpler, happier, and a more perfect journey.

Blessed be he who, having come forth on the crescent, returns on the full circle, and in Perfection's Name finds Completion. Each body must also find Completion - the mind body, the feeling body, and the flesh. As they do so, the individual, while still incarnate, enters that place of Peace and will no longer be disturbed by the maya of human creation.

Life is a Beautiful Study

Life to Me is the most beautiful study that can occupy the attention and feelings of any individualized focus or form incarnate, discarnate, or ascended. When the great Father, the Creative Center of this particular Universe willed you into Being, the endowment and heritage of Life itself became the permanent Gift by which consciousness could be sustained, and any degree of Perfection manifest.

The Life which flows through man, and which animates his form; stirs the brain to receptive activity; and gives to him the very capacity to be, to feel, and to know, contains within itself a sustaining Power that is completely independent of externals. It is the Power that was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, before form was, and after form ceases. This constant running Stream of Electronic Energy which We choose to call Life Essence, flows onward, intelligently, to create according to a given design. In the minds of the masses, this flowing stream of Electronic Energy is as worthless as a string of priceless pearls would be in the hands of an infant who would play with them as though they were the wooden beads of the first counting strings.

Man constantly looks without for the answer to his particular problems, his needs, his requirements - even the sustenance of his body's Life, and yet there remains to be discovered within the Electronic Essence that passes through the Heart and into the vehicles, all the Power and capacities of Creation that are within the Godhead.

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An exercise to feel the Life Principle in the veins, in the arteries, in the Heart and lungs, and ask Life itself to release its Gifts and Marvels and Powers would do much to engender the already strong Faith, and to assist in the expression of greater and greater Perfection.

The Lotus Flower of Consciousness

On the subject of Consciousness, we shall think of all mankind as small flowers, the Heart of the flower being the pulsation of Flame, and the petals the radiation of that Flame. The vibratory action of each flower is determined by the thought and feeling of the Lifestream, and the radiation from the petals is the perfume or stench in the atmosphere. These millions of flaming flowers represent the individual consciousness which is the only eternal part of any Lifestream. At the time of so-called death, the consciousness is removed into another sphere of experience where it is as keenly alive as when it was clothed in the atoms of the outer experience world.

The coming of the Ascended Masters through the veil, and the establishing of Their Radiating Centers of consciousness through the Sanctuaries, and the homes and bodies of the students, is one of the greatest manifestations that has come forth since the Fall of Man, because those individuals wise enough to invite one or more of the Ascended Beings to establish a Cosmic Lotus Flower of Their Consciousness through each small individual focus, have drawn, consciously or unconsciously, the One Power that can transform their natures without struggle. These great Cosmic Lotuses of Flame which carry the Consciousness of the Ascended Masters, and which pass through the thoughts and feelings of the little unfolding Lifestreams, pass through the vibratory action of the mental and feeling worlds and the etheric world like water, and instead of having to wrest by effort of will from the individual Lifestream, a certain control and balance, these little flowers can merge themselves with the Cosmic Consciousness of the Master Who has been invited to enter the center of their Being, and the thought and feeling patterns of the individual Lifestream radiating out into the Universe on the strong current of the Master's Presence, will build a momentum through the individual until he will be like the Master in every worded expression of thought and feeling.

This Radiating Center of pulsation, being but an outpost of the Ascended Master's Body, is a Cup - an eternally sustained Gift of the Master to the individual and is not withdrawn even when the individual is an Ascended Being. So, you do not have the very unhappy experience of dwelling in the Radiance of the Master, breathing in the Substance of the Godly, only to find yourself catapulted into your own vibratory action when the Master chooses to move elsewhere.

The invitation of the Cosmic rhythmic pulsation of the Ascended Master's Consciousness, Flame and Ray, is to draw, at your point in the Universe, a constant, eternal part of that Divine Being's outpouring which will be part of your glory throughout Eternity. In the old days, the student came to the feet of the Master and was uplifted, but when the Master passed through the change or was removed, the student found that his own weight returned him again to the vibratory action of his own state of evolution, and sometimes, without the sustaining Power of the Master, he became discouraged for centuries. Under this new action of the Law, the permanently sustained Radiating Power of the Master remains with the student wherever he may be. I might say that a homely simile to use would be that it is like giving an orange to a starving man, and when it is consumed, he returns to his state of starvation. It is much better to give him a tree bearing substantial fruit which he may pluck and eat as the need requires.

Withdraw All Power From Appearances

Until man can understand that it is his own Life which empowers and makes everything in his world and experience live, giving them reality or unreality, as the case may be, he cannot pass from the realms of

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shadow into the Realms of Truth. The Power that is within every Lifestream, no matter how ignorant, must be discovered and focalized by that consciousness before real and permanent Freedom can ensue.

In the East, the Masters constantly turn the student back into a study of the Powers within his own Life, both to heal the conditions of the flesh, to illumine the mind, and to set the soul Free. Mankind, however, has preferred to delegate Power to external agencies, and by their very faith in those externals, have ensouled them, so to speak, with a certain beneficent or malignant effect upon their lives. The tendency of the mankind of Earth is lethargy; it is much easier to deify an external agent than to call upon the Powers within one's own Life by which certain activities might be melted, re-organized, Transmuted and Perfected. The savages, as well as the civilizations since the sinking of Atlantis, have continued to externalize the Power of limitation, of war, of pestilence, and of famine, as well as the beneficent Powers of the church and the idol and then have rested - victims of their own creation.

In this day and age, we are endeavoring again to cause the student to re-examine, untangle, and re-delegate the Power that he has given externals again to the Godhead and to the Essence of his own Life. This is much more difficult than it seems on the face of it, for when people say: "I withdraw all Power I have ever given to persons, places, conditions and things," they do not follow with their feelings the enormity of that statement. If man would give the Power to his own Life that he has charged into relics and external forces to heal, he would find that the tremendous release of the healing currents lies within the Life itself that courses through him, but the crutch must not be taken from the masses until this understanding is planted deeply in their Hearts; for better to have faith projected outwardly and then returned as a beneficent effect than to have no faith at all.

Meanwhile, ponder that one statement given above. Ask Beloved Pallas Athena to cast the Ray of Her Flame of Truth upon it and see if you can come into a new understanding of the Powers and capacities within your own Life.

A New Look at Soul Searching

The soul search of the ages has been predicated upon so many needs or requirements, that the individual, in his personally evolved consciousness, felt that they would be the Ultimate once attained. The motivating Power behind all action, mental, physical, or emotional, determines to a great extent the final goal and external experience toward which the soul, in its search, catapults itself. Man, in his incompleteness, becomes increasingly aware of the absence of certain qualities, characteristics, or possessions, and during the experimental stage of his progression through matter (not seeking to still himself sufficiently to receive guidance as to the particular goal toward which he might bend the energies and strength of his Being) has set out on many by-paths seeking wealth, companionship, health, Power, etc., and feeling that these gifts in themselves would make of him a completed Being. The motivating Power behind the Energy formed his path, and the Law of Magnetic Attraction drew him eventually to the goal which he has set as the ultimate of his journey. Although this often took many embodiments, from the initial step upon such a by-path, until upon its completion, he was to find that THAT particular gift or quality was not the nourishment or completeness, and that he must again set forth upon the journey in another direction.

Looking at the progress of almost any individual Lifestream, rather than the single circle, we find spokes like a wheel running from the center to nowhere and back again, there being no circumference or outer circle to connect and unify the purpose.

As mankind has already spent millions of years in seeking the fullness of his own consciousness and has explored to their end almost every conceivable pathway woven out of the Energy of their own Life, we come, at the end of the age, to a period when the souls of men are uncertain, confused, disillusioned and

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bewildered, knowing not which way to turn to find that Completeness which will never give the Lifestream rest until it is achieved. Let us, then, on behalf of the mankind of Earth, invoke the Presence of the Goddess of Truth, Beloved Pallas Athena. Let dogma and creed and preconceived opinion; let passion and sense desire of the outer be superseded within the Heart consciousness of all peoples by a desire to know the fullness of Truth concerning Life, their relationship to it, their capacities to draw from it, and through unification with it complete their Circle of Manifestation - becoming Divinely Individualized.

The Mystic Path proceeding forth from the Emotional Body, directed by the Mental Force and the concentrated Life Energies, will lead man in whatever direction he may choose to send it, and at the end of the Path he will find exactly what his feelings have been seeking, but should he choose to pursue the Path of Truth, there will be revealed to him, like a great Light, the Will of the Father, his relationship to It, and his capacities to increase and multiply the Glories of the Kingdom.

The Re-orientation of the Mental Body

The capacity of the Mental Body, or intellectual consciousness of man has been limited to the acceptance of the already existing thought-forms that flow through the lower atmosphere of the third dimensional plane, and the vibratory action of this mental matter which flows in and out of the mental bodies of the masses like a tide flows in and out of a harbor, comprises what people call thinking, but which, in reality, has no Creative process of thought within it. The Mental Body is like a shell which carries the wash of the thought-waves that have been flowing in a stagnant sea for centuries of time.

Among the great masses, there have been, from time to time, individuals who have disconnected the Mental Body from the mass mind and who have utilized the Mental Body as a cup to receive the new vitalizing thought creations from the Higher Mental Plane. These people - the inventors, philosophers, the genius of art and music, and the Spiritual leaders of their day, set up new thought currents in the mental matter to which mankind as a whole had access, and these currents began to pass through the consciousness and were finally accepted as part of the heritage and belief of the mass mind - such as the fact that the Earth is round, that electricity could be harnessed, etc. It is amazing to see how few thinkers there are incarnate upon a plane, and for this reason hypnotic domination and control of the entire race has been an easy accomplishment for those who know how to set into motion thought currents which would flow, without resistance, through the mental matter of the receptive mental vehicles of the race.

In order to release the full perfection of the Kingdom of Heaven into the physical appearance world, we have to disconnect the mental bodies of the people from this sluggish and unimaginative inactivity and teach them that their Mental Vehicles can be raised to the Higher Planes where active, Creative thought processes can direct the plans and patterns for new form to revolutionize the Kingdom of Earth.

Anything that you can do along this line by calling for the purification of the mental bodies of the people and for their emancipation from the sluggishness into which they have fallen, will be greatly appreciated. An alert and receptive intellectual consciousness in which pride has not created a shell, allows the Higher Activity of Life a marvelous channel through which to send many of the Divine Ideations that are awaiting expression in the third dimensional plane.

The Feeling Nature Provides the Substance

The Mental Body creates the form - that is, the picture desired to be manifested. It is a distinct outline out of Universal Light Substance and is a vessel or Chalice which must be filled by the Power of Light that rests within the Emotional Body. On the Mental Plane, there are flowing constantly myriad forms that have been created by some aspiring consciousness, but which were never precipitated into physical expression because

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the FEELING nature of the particular Lifestream did not co-operate with the mental pattern and release the substance to fill the cup by which it could be lowered into the third dimensional plane.

A thought never can become a thing until it is filled with the substance of feeling. The training of the Emotional Body to be co-operative with constructive thought-forms, which are for the greater good, will enable the chela to become a very Powerful part of the Creative beauty in the incoming cycle. If the thought-form presented at the door of the consciousness is good, beautiful, harmonious, and contains within itself a Power to bless Life, it goes without saying that it is part of the Divine Design. If the Feeling Body will clothe such a form with Love, Enthusiasm, Peace, Harmony, and every feeling that is a Virtue, and the Radiation from the Feeling Body flows through the thought-form rhythmically and repeatedly with the same conscious constancy as we feed the body, manifestation will occur. The constancy with which the thought-form is nourished determines the actual precipitation. If the Feeling Body, however, refuses to feed the Divine Thought released from above, the thought-form either disintegrates or passes out of the sphere of that one's opportunity and anchors into a more receptive consciousness in the hope of fulfillment. Any thought that will do harm, of course. should not have the Radiation of the feeling world, but Divine Thought presented for manifestation represents a marvelous opportunity for the individual to be a co-creator in manifesting God's Kingdom.

Travelling in Consciousness

To travel in consciousness is to utilize the highest and most efficient means of levitation. All the Ascended Masters and Beings of the Fourth Dimensional Sphere proceed through the Universe by the manipulation of consciousness. Mankind, to a certain extent in their limited sphere, experience transportation of their consciousness into new realms through reading, story-telling, and picturization. For instance, when an individual becomes wholly concentrated in a description of beautiful mountains with great plateaus rising above the timberline wherein are manifold wildflowers not often seen by the eyes of those living in other sections of the planet, for the moment, he has entered into that very location, and although the envelop of flesh may not know motion or change, he has widened his consciousness to include beauty and perfection which his fleshy eyes perhaps may never see. Therefore, we see that the enrichment, unfoldment and expansion of consciousness can proceed with or without the accompaniment of the physical vehicle which is the envelope of incarnation.

As a man's consciousness is his Immortal Treasure, and the only part of his Being which endures through the vast cycle of incarnation and physical dissolution, the enrichment, unfoldment and expansion of the consciousness becomes the paramount command of the soul Life. When the Ascended Masters choose to pour Their Radiation and Instruction into receptive minds and Hearts, this, too, becomes a great enrichment of the individual's consciousness and enables him, by acquaintance with these new spheres, activities, planes and Powers, to both visit and assimilate into the consciousness the greater wisdom and richness of these perfected Realms of Light. Weary not in letting the consciousness dwell upon Perfection in any sphere, for you are as truly there through Cosmic Levitation as though your heavy physical garment was transported by a magic carpet into such a Realm.

The Ascended Master Consciousness

An Ascended Master's Consciousness is a great Cosmic Storehouse of Wisdom, Understanding, and Realization of the Truth behind all manifest form. The Master has evolved that Consciousness through living. Every experience that He had, every beautiful sight that He saw, every Divine Manifestation that He witnessed was woven into and became part of His Consciousness which continued to grow and expand as He continued His journey through this System of Worlds.

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As an infant at birth has less in his consciousness with regard to the use of his hands and feet and the world around him than the man who has achieved his majority, so does the unascended Being have a much more limited consciousness than the individual Who has become the Master Presence. The Purpose of the Life experience in the third dimensional plane is to expand the consciousness and give the individual a greater altar of Life and capacity to serve. In the third dimensional world, the infant and small child opens his consciousness to the learning and the limited wisdom of the elders and receives by transference much of the consciousness he will require to sustain his own Life, motivate his personal vehicle, and contribute, in a small measure, to the evolution of his race, country, and family Life.

In the larger and Freer sense, however, the mankind of Earth does not avail themselves of this Cosmic transference by which much of the Ascended Master Consciousness could flow Freely into and mingle with the limited consciousness of the unawakened. An infant, by the method of trial and error, could learn the fundamentals of body motivation, and even the intricacies of astronomy and calculus without the assistance of the already perfected consciousness achieved by his predecessor, but the time, effort and Energy involved would be far more than the average Lifestream would care to or could expand.

For the most part, individuals are willing to accept the assistance of the consciousness that has gone before them in the third dimensional plane. In like manner, the soul can achieve, by the trial-and-error method, certain truth and understanding which will expand the consciousness to a limited degree, or he can avail himself of the full Cosmic Consciousness belonging to the Ascended Host and available to all who choose to invoke it. The FEW who choose the easier way of opening their consciousness to the Divine Ones are called the Students on the Path, and the many proceeding with the trial-and-error method are the orthodox mentalities who make up the mass of the race. And so, We stand, with the Wisdom of the Ages awaiting the Call to illumine the minds, the Hearts and the Spirits of those in darkness. If you care to invoke this Ascended Master or Christ Consciousness for the masses, you can assist Us greatly, even in spite of their lethargic or disinterested Natures.

