

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Readers, Members, Friends and Colleagues,

A lot is happening in the world right now, including major upheavals and crises, and there is sound prediction suggesting that this will escalate over the next decade.

We can all take a valuable part in what goes on, even in the greater world, and a good place to start is with informed understanding and a corresponding judicial action, in particular, to gain a wide understanding of the intrinsic processes of man, the world, and the solar system, so that our informed assessments and actions can be in alignment with and promote, the Grand Design of this solar system.

I'm therefore continuing with the theme of basic dual paths we pursued in my last letter but now ask us to look at further dual paths that might be considered as even more basic to God's Plan and Purpose and as intrinsic within the processes of men and worlds.

FURTHER BASIC DUAL PATHS TO GOD - The Involutionary and Evolutionary Paths - The Devic and The Human Paths - The Paths of Good and Evil -Parts 1, 2, and 3.

Introduction: These three dual paths directly *and indirectly* affect each other and together spiral man and his world onwards, *and upwards*, within the grand Design of our Solar System.

Each, a major area of study in itself, will be dealt with as a package in the next few newsletters, as they are in progressive, synthetic, spiraling interaction and each affects the other. I only separate them into Part1, Part 2 and Part 3 as the size of our newsletter is limited.

It will aid our understanding, if we keep in mind the Laws of Periodicity and Cycles which condition our world, mentioned in my last letter. (Remember our T.S. extensive libraries and the Public Library can aid us in any further enquiry that may arise.)

"...The absolute universality of the Law of periodicity, of flux and reflux, ebb and flow..." H.P.B. Secret Doctrine1, pg.17

"His will or Purpose works out through the Law of Periodicity." Alice Bailey Esoteric Psychology, pg.65

Apparent Paradox: Our minds might boggle at first at the suggestion that such as the involutionary path or perhaps even the path of evil are, (though indirectly and sometimes abortively at times,) paths to God, however these are all paths within God (that Absolute That holds all within IT, and yet, is more than That, - the essence of Which is within every being.) Also to be considered is the natural progression of nature to Good, with man's full *conscious* union with God an end result. I remind us all, that: ***All that is, was, and will be, is part of the Grand Design.***

In this newsletter we start with Part 1, The Paths of Involution and Evolution and tippy toe into the next areas. Throughout I give frequent reference to the dual paths of Deva (angelic and fairy) and Human, and Good and Evil, because, to more fully understand the part we need to look at the bigger picture, the whole. *The subjects are huge, complex and frequently misunderstood, therefore it would perhaps be wise as we study these letters to keep in mind the following saying:*

"...eat an elephant one bite at a time..."

PART 1 - THE BASIC DUAL PATHS OF INVOLUTION (descent of spirit into matter) AND EVOLUTION (ascent of of spirit) - (and introducing the paths of human and deva within this.)

"Formation, transformation. Eternal Mind's eternal recreation..."(Goethe. Faust, part 2.)

"The cycles of matter will be succeeded by cycles of spirituality and a fully developed mind..."(Blavatsky, Secret Doctrine.)

Involution-Evolution as Paths and Cycle: These Paths, or processes, of Life are the descent (involution) of spirit into Matter and the ascent (evolution) of spirit from there, - the Return. *It is important to keep in mind while studying and pondering these paths that these are paths within God and are from one polarity of It, Spirit, to the Other, Matter, and back.*

"...On the descending arc it is the spiritual which is gradually transformed into the material. On the middle line of the base, spirit and matter are equilibrated in man. On the ascending arc Spirit is slowly asserting itself at the expense of the physical or matter..." Blavatsky. Secret Doctrine 11. Pg. 30.

Together, the involutory arc and the evolutionary arc, accomplish a complete divine cycle *at the end of which the True Man or Monad will have gained an expanded experience and wisdom.* This is an essential, dual, cyclic, periodic process in which firstly all the essential qualities and potencies of God, as THE MONAD or ARCHETYPAL MAN, are rayed out, differentiated and set out as planes, levels and realities in the involutory process. These then provide planes and blueprints through which the individualized sparks of the Monadic Self (i.e. us) can return on the evolutionary path.

These Paths as They Affect Our Own Progress: *The result of our own progress through this cycle is at least threefold: we actualize and bring further into manifestation the creative Idea, Plan and Purpose of God: we realize our own potential (become initiated) at physical, emotional, mental, soul and spiritual levels as both individual man and as Humanity; as we progress we raise the level of the world's higher and lower kingdoms in a synchronized, synthetic progression.*

*"Tis to create, and in creating live
A being more intense, that we endow
With what form we fancy, gaining as we give
The life we image..." Byron*

Remember, the paths are dual within a Unity which is Life, Tao or God! It is our perception, interpretation, intention and position on the evolutionary path which determines whether something (or someone) is experienced as evil or good and whether these perceptions hinder or aid the evolution of ourselves as organisms, people, communities, countries or world.

As hinted here, as we become more conscious on our evolutionary path, not only does our personal awareness and sense of responsibility in this process develop, but we become conscious that we are part of ever greater groups and progressively assume responsibility for these right up to when we become God identified, (as Jesus did).

*Out
Of a great need
We are all holding hands
And climbing.
Not loving is letting go.
Listen
The terrain around here
Is
Far too
Dangerous
For
That.*

(Hafiz. A Great Need. The Gift pg.165)

Blavatsky elaborates in her Key To Theosophy, pg.113 (in PNTS library)- "*Try to imagine a "Spirit," a celestial Being, whether we call it by one name or another, divine in its essential nature, yet not pure enough to be one with the ALL, and having in order to achieve this, to so purify its nature as to finally achieve that goal. It can do so only by passing individually and personally, i.e., spiritually and physically, through every experience and feeling that exists in the manifold and differentiated Universe.*

...[gains] such experience in the lower kingdoms...pass[es] through every experience on the human planes....

In its very essence it is THOUGHT..., the thinking entity imprisoned in a case of flesh and bones This, Theosophists call the real human Ego.

...But once...incarnate, their essence becomes dual ... (a) their essential inherent characteristic, heaven aspiring mind (higher Manas), and b) the human quality of thinking, or animal cogitation... . One gravitates towards Buddhi, [the other] tending downwards, to the seat of passions and animal desires. ...it is the Manas which is held responsible for all the sins of the lower attributes... "

The journey of the prodigal son: *This whole process of bringing more Spirit, Life, Love, Wisdom, Co-creative intelligence, Light, Order and Beauty into the deepest chaos of matter and bringing differentiated experience and realized qualities back to Spirit (Monad) has been allegorically presented as the journey of the Prodigal Son.*

A journey carried out by microcosm (e.g. you or me) and macrocosm (e.g. our earth).

This journey may be seen to be a never ending carrying out of the Law of Sacrifice (making sacred) by which evolution is assured in our solar system. The life stories of the great Founders of our religious traditions, such as Osiris and Jesus reflect this continuous cycle of the limitation of Spirit in form, also known as the Divine Sacrifice, the Resurrection of the Dead or the Liberation of Spirit from captivity in matter.

This is the great Going In and Coming Forth of God, at both the microcosmic and macrocosmic levels, by which Life proceeds over millennium.

Different Yet Dual, Synchronous Evolution of Life and Form -Matter Rearranges, Life Unfolds

D.K. explains in A. Bailey's Treatise on Cosmic Fire. Pg.231: **"The whole method of evolution is simply that of adjusting the matter aspect to the spirit aspect so that the former proves entirely adequately as a body of expression of the latter."**

One of the ideas that can lead us astray is that life also evolves as well as form. We can forget that life just is. Throughout our investigation of these processes C. Jinarajadasa (pg.16. *First Principles Of Theosophy*) reminds us, it is important to remember;

*"...Though matter evolves from homogeneous to heterogeneous,
from indefinite to definite, from simple to complex,
life does not so evolve.
The evolution of matter is a re-arrangement;
the evolution of life is an unlocking and an unfoldment."*

Introducing the Basic Dual Paths of The Devic Kingdom and the Human Kingdom

Dual, Yet Synchronized Jobs of Man and the Devas Within the Paths of Involution and Evolution:

It is the job of the Devic Kingdom, (Angels, Exalted Intelligences of Truth, Wisdom, Power and Love and the lower orders of fairy folk and nature spirits) to set up and maintain the various qualities, planes, levels, bodies etc. on the paths of involution and evolution.

Devic beings function as Builders and one of the first jobs of the Higher Intelligences was to set up the Golden Age (of both legend and fact) on the highest plane of Atma-Buddhi within which Man begins His journey of involution.

The Golden Age is a term given to the period that Humanity spent within a prototype world of 'perfection'. Here the virtues were practiced by men without thought of anything contrary or of any consequences.

An idyllic age, without good or evil, it leaves a residual memory within most of our hearts, and exerts an unconscious (at first) yet steadily increasing pull upwards on the path of Return (evolution).

*I am like a heroin addict
In my longing for a sublime state...
...Since we first met, Beloved,
I have become a foreigner
To every world
Except that one
In which there is only You
Or - Me.*

(Hafiz, *The Quintessence Of Loneliness*, Pg. 241, *The Gift*.)

Not perfect - a beginning not an end: However, the Golden Age was not, as it probably appears to us to be, perfect and an end in itself, for here, man lived *unconsciously* within a spiritual body, moreover he was merely *at the start of his journey*.

From here we started developing our inner nature, of virtues and qualities and continue this throughout the rest of our cyclic journey, and, although these inner qualities are harder to access once we are pretty thoroughly immersed in matter, we progressively strengthen our aim to manifest these on the Path of Return.

It was and always is a joint venture - a basic dual work by the Devic and Human Kingdoms, throughout the involutionary and evolutionary processes. After the High Intelligences ('first son' of prodigal son story) formed each descending world within matter, so man ('second son') descended through these archetypically 'perfect' worlds.

On the involutionary path we first lived in the Golden Age symbolized by fire, then through the Silver Age symbolized by air, then on the mental plane during the Brass Age (water), and then the Iron Age on the physical plane (earth), the furthest from the Monad\ Spirit.

Where we are: It can seem rather deflating to find out that this last level is where we are at, but we have *an important job to do here*. *We, cloaked in the successively denser forms we attained at each of these descending levels have now to ray out as much as we can of the higher qualities attained as we journeyed down. Plus, being deepest in matter and at an essential intermediary place we are the means of connection between the higher kingdoms and those lower kingdoms which exist on earth along side us.*

"And God saw that it was good." Gen.1.10.

What God called "good" was the *archetypal world of the Golden Age*, where High Intelligences such as Angels, Dhyan Choans, Adepts, Masters and also some saints consciously walk, It is a land of which mystics and aspirants have momentary, life changing revelation.

This is a world which we attempt to suggest by labels such as The Real etc. It is wise to remember that this Reality, existent in itself, is also a Draught Plan of what we are to bring into physical, astral and mental manifestation, and to remember that it eternally substands and totally interpenetrates our

world and our evolutionary journey. This, a Divine Blueprint, is what foretells that which is Eternal and True.

It is also wise to remember that a greater REALITY exists beyond This. Indescribable, IT is sometimes termed such as "THE NOTHING-EVERYTHING" or "The ABSOLUTE".

---TO BE CONTINUED--

Dear Readers,

***"We are
Like lutes
Once held by God.
Being away from His warm body
Fully explains
This
Constant
Yearning."***

(This Constant Yearning, Hafiz, The Gift. Pg. 116)

Many of us in times of fiercest struggle or of forced surrender, have called out in desperation or despair - "WHY?"

The Celestial Brother of G. Hodson has this in answer: "What reasons may be given to him who asks; 'Why should I tread the Path of Woe?' There is but one reason, but it is all-sufficient-- for love's sake."(The Brotherhood of Angels & of Men. Pg. 45.)

We undertook our journey for love!

In Brotherhood,
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