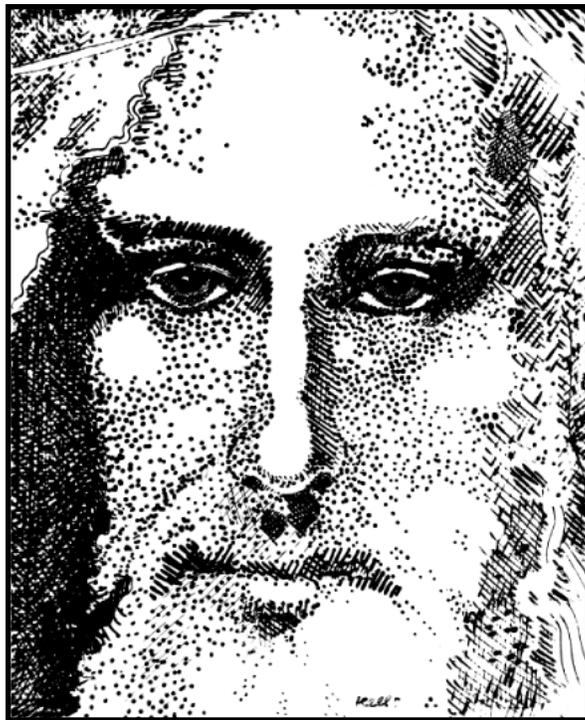


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“These teachings have been sent to explain the truth as Jesus intended it to be known in the world -not to give a new Christianity, but to give the real Christ-teaching: how to become like Christ, how to resurrect the Eternal Christ within one's Self.”

...Paramahansa Yogananda

Purpose:

Love
(An Awareness of Oneness)

Vision:

Bringing Heaven to Earth

My *intentions* for this class are:

1. To enter into a greater understanding of the Principles that support the enlightenment of my soul and the resurrection of my flesh.
2. To engage in real spiritual practice for the revelation of my wholeness in Christ.
3. To experience 'Jesus Christ come again' as my life.

4. *To*

Myself

5. *To*

Others

Signed

Date

Following are the Class Assignments for the Second Coming of Christ course.

Class No. 1

Readings: Preface, Introduction, Discourses 1 & 2

Other: _____

Class No. 2

Readings: Discourses 3 & 4

Other: _____

Class No. 3

Readings: Discourses 5 & 6

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Class No. 5

Readings: Discourses 9 & 10

Other: _____

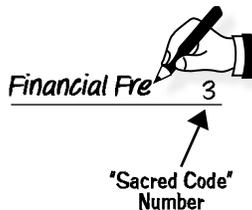
Class No. 6

Readings: Discourses 12 & 12

Other: _____

This section of the manual was developed to serve as a syllabus to support the deeper exploration of the subjects included in this retreat. It contains a brief overview of the underlying Principles that are incorporated into the overall program. It is designed to serve as an interactive “whole-brain” learning experience. Following is a description of each of the unique elements of this section.

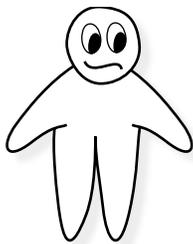
“Filling In” the Blanks



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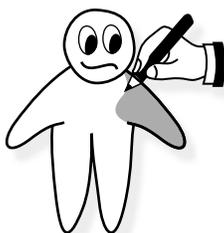
1. Fill them in as you are instructed during the class.
2. Complete them by using the little “code numbers” on the right hand side of the blanks. These are references to the “Sacred Code” located at the end of the Syllabus section of this workbook. **(Page 50)**

Symbols, Icons and Illustrations



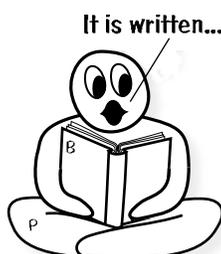
Each section of text is accompanied by an icon, symbol or illustration that will help convey the information contained in the written dialogue. Generally, these images are placed on the left-hand side of the page in order to be more accessible to the “right-brain.” The text is on the right-hand side in order to be accessed by the “left-brain.” Together these two segments combine to provide a “whole brain information package.”

Coloring the Booklet



The third important element of this workbook is the coloring of the symbols, icons and diagrams. **It is highly recommended that the coloring be done within 48 to 72 hours after each class.** This will cause the information that has been received to be powerfully reinforced and retained. Or, if you are using this document on your own, you may wish to do the coloring as you read through the material. Detailed instructions about the coloring process are given on the next page entitled “The Spectrum of Life.”

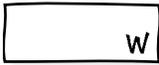
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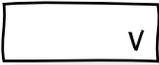
Silently reading the Truth will change your *attitude* about the physical conditions of your life. However, speaking the Truth will actually *change* those physical conditions. Consequently, reading the written words of this syllabus aloud to yourself will fully activate the transmission of Truth within them. This is equally true for any spiritual book or Sacred Scripture that inspires you when we read it. **“What you hear you forget. What you see you remember. What you say you become.”**

The various icons and illustrations throughout this manual are designed to be colored by you. If this is done in the manner described below, you will learn from the actual process of coloring. This is because the colors selected are esoterically significant. Following is a brief summary of the meaning of each color:

The Cosmic Palette



White is the sum of all colors. It contains all colors, yet is other than all colors. It represents the **Wholeness**.



Violet [Pink+Blue] represents the quality of **Love**, or the coming together of heaven (blue) and earth (pink).



Blue represents the **Spiritual or Heavenly** aspect of our being. This realm is sometimes referred to as the “supernatural.”



Green [Blue+Yellow] denotes the higher wisdom faculties. It represents the realm of **intuition**.



Yellow represents the ordinary human conceptual mind. It is the realm of the **intellect**.



Orange [Yellow+Pink] denotes the realm of **emotions**. This is the area where mind and body interact.



Pink represents **embodiment** in the physical realm of the senses. This includes our personal “*flesh body*” as well as the “*body of our affairs*.”



Gray represents the condition of light being partially obstructed and/or obscured. It signifies the hidden or **subconscious** aspect of our being.



Black is the absence of all color. The darkness defines the light and gives it meaning. Also, the darkness holds all that has yet to “*come to light*.” It represents the **mystery** of God.

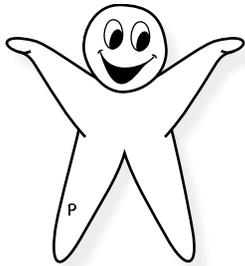
Instructions

Color each of the figures and illustrations in accordance with the little code letters contained within them. They correspond to the colors coded above. The figures can be colored using any number of media from pencils to crayons. An excellent recommendation is the use of “*Highlighter Pens*” available in any stationery store. The entire manual can be colored with just three pens: *pink, yellow and blue*. The other colors of violet, green and orange can be created by mixing the three primary colors as indicated above. Actually, you will learn more by blending the colors yourself than by using several separate pens.

This course of study is based on Principles of Spiritual Truth which are universal in nature. Hereafter, this form of Universal Truth will be identified with a capital "T."

Truth Sets Us

1

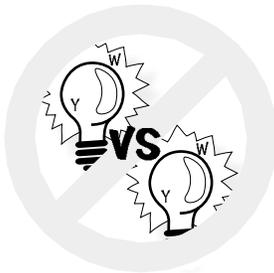


"...and the Truth shall make you free." John 8:23

Through the ages the Biblical promise written above has served humanity as a beacon of hope. Yet, the nature of this Truth tends to be elusive. That is because Spiritual Truth is not a fact, it is a *feeling*. It is the feeling of freedom which comes from the experience of deep understanding, or wisdom. The experience of Truth is often referred to as Self-Knowledge. It is actually an expanded awareness of the "divinity that is within us."

Truth is NOT

2



A debate is a contest of *ideas* based on the "evidence of the senses." Whereas, Spiritual Truth is a "unitive realization" based on *un-seen* evidence, which is *faith*. Ultimately, we can never explain the Truth. This is because words are *dualistic* tools which can never fully describe a *unitive*, or mystical experience. Consequently, Truth can only be *realized* by the one who is seeking it. The best that we can do with our verbal skills is to communicate to others the way in which we have come to our own realization of Truth.

Truth MUST Be

3



The nature of the world is such that it will produce evidence to our senses that will prove the validity of whatever it is that we *believe*, whether it is the Truth or not. When our beliefs are in alignment with Truth, they will always produce greater freedom in our experience of life. When our beliefs are not in alignment with Truth, they will produce the experience of limitation and suffering. Consequently, it is imperative that we test our "belief systems" to ensure that they are in conformance with Spiritual Truth. "Living our own truth" does not mean that we should reject teachings of Truth that do not conform to our current belief systems. On the contrary, we are called to transform our belief systems in order to conform them to the teachings of Truth. Therein lies our freedom.

The Big Question:

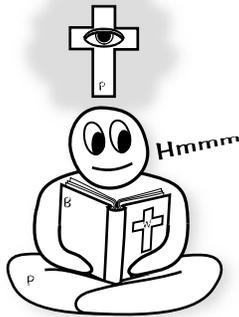
If your current "belief system" is not challenged by the Principles presented in these materials, there would be little point in your working with them. However, whenever you are in "disbelief" of some aspect of this teaching, the appropriate response is not debate. The appropriate response is to ask yourself this all important question:



4

If the answer to this question is "Yes," then it becomes your responsibility to *test* the Truth of the Principle by applying It to your own life. This course will provide you with the tools and techniques to do this. Remember: "Freedom is the proof of Truth."

1 Stage

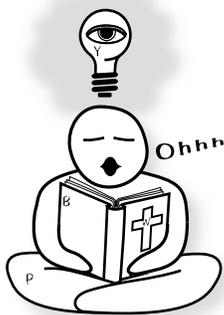


The Literal School
"Seeking the Truth"

Lit'eral – Concerned primarily with facts; upholding the exact meaning of a word.

It is at this beginning stage of our search for Wisdom that we turn to the ancient sacred scriptures and teachings of eternal Truth to look for the answers to the mysteries of life. However, at this stage we can only comprehend the literal meaning of the Bible. In other words, we can only conceive of, or 'see,' what can be experienced through our physical senses. Fortunately, at a deeper level there will always be an intuitive *recognition* of the greater spiritual Truth within the scriptures that will arise in us as an experience of 'hope.' ☺

2 Stage

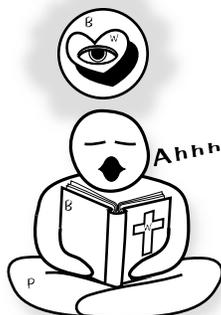


The Meta-Physical School
"Receiving the Truth"

Met•a•phys'i•cal – Based on abstract or speculative reasoning; excessively subtle.

At this stage of *seeing*, we begin to receive answers to the questions we have been asking on our spiritual journey. Here the sacred words of scripture are lifted up beyond their literal meaning to reveal a greater understanding regarding our beliefs and attitudes about the world. The words of scripture begin to take on a deeper symbolic meaning. We begin to have the 'eyes' to see and the 'ears' to hear the higher levels of Truth. It is at this stage that we begin to *realize* that the principles within the scriptures apply to our own lives. This *realization* will instill a feeling of 'trust' in the Lord. ☺

3 Stage



The Mystical School
"Being the Truth"

Mys'tic•al – Having a spiritual reality un-apparent to the intelligence or senses; stemming from direct communion with God and founded on subjective experience.

At this stage we now begin to develop the 'heart' to *feel* the changeless reality of Truth in our lives. For It now lives in us as we become a center, or opening for Its expression. In other words, the Bible is no longer a 'book' outside of us, but it becomes a tool to simply 'look' into the Wisdom that is within us. It is at this highest stage that we serve others by *revealing* the Wisdom of God as the Truth of our own being. In other words we literally become a '*Light unto the world,*' as we begin to experience 'Love' as the true and inherent nature of our being. ☺

The unique characteristic of human experience is having awareness of our thoughts. Since the quality of our lives is dependent on the quality of our thinking, recognizing the source of our thoughts allows us to determine their quality. There are three sources of thinking which express themselves as follows:

1. Rumors - 1 Thoughts



Obey the Rumors and Follow the Pack.

Nurture - The sum of environmental influences and conditions acting on an organism. *

Nurture Thoughts reside in the collective consciousness of our human environment which begins with our family, then moves out through our friends, community, country and ultimately the entire world of humanity. **Nurture Thoughts** are characterized by *agreement* about what's right or wrong, and frequent *disagreement* over what to do about what's right or wrong. This disagreement arises as a result of a conflict between our "Nurture Thoughts" and "Nature Thoughts."

Computer Analogy: Nurture Thoughts come from the Internet.

2. Opinions - 2 Thoughts



Obey Your Opinions and Battle the Pack.

Nature • 1. An individual's fundamental character. *
2. The human condition unredeemed by grace. *

Nature Thoughts consist of all that we *remember* within our bodies based on our past experience and inherited tendencies. They tend to be selfish "*survival thoughts*" arising from the "*mind of our cells.*" They will generally be focused on ways to get what we want and need in order to experience pleasure and avoid pain. **Nature Thoughts** tend to be buried in our subconscious nature. Consequently, they often express themselves directly into our behavior without a conscious awareness of their presence. They tend to "*come to light*" only when they are challenged by some opposing idea. **Nature Thoughts** are characterized by a sense of *certainty* that we are *right*. Any challenge to them is quickly met with *disagreement*.

Computer Analogy: Nature Thoughts come from our 'hard drive.'

3. Truth - 3 Thoughts



Obey the Truth and Lead the Pack.

New - Never used before: Fresh*

New Thoughts arise from the "*divinity that is within us,*" and have the ability to freely manifest themselves as heavenly conditions beyond anything that we could imagine. **New Thoughts**, without real spiritual practice, tend to be corrupted by our natural way of thinking into *fantasies* consistent with the nature of our "*nurture world.*" **New Thoughts** flow through faith, and are characterized by the intuition that our thoughts are not our own. They seem to come from a higher source within us. They will invariably embrace the highest good for all, and will always produce feelings of *gratitude*.

Computer Analogy: New Thoughts come from us.

* Definitions from Webster's Dictionary

Jesus Christ

Version 1.0 - "Historical Person"

FEATURES:

Jesus Christ is: _____

Draw a sketch, icon or symbol that best represents your current concept of Jesus Christ.

Write a brief description of your former concept of Jesus Christ. You may wish to use your non-dominant hand to do this. (ie If you are right handed use, your left hand.)

JesusChrist

Version 2.0 - "Mystical Presence"

FEATURES:

I am "JesusChrist Come Again" as: _____

Draw a sketch, icon or symbol that best represents how you would like to conceive the nature of JesusChrist.

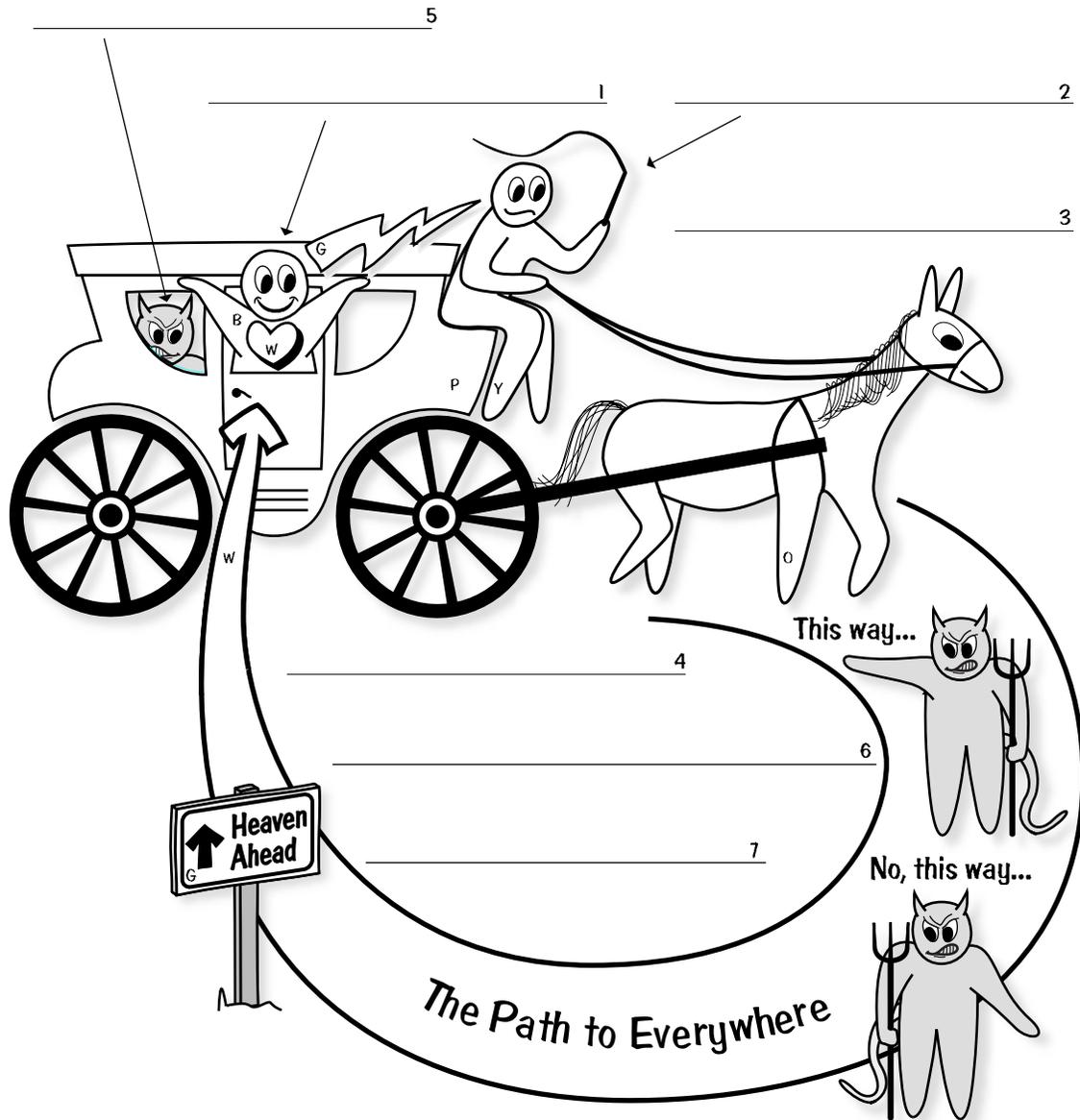
In ten words or less, write how you would like to conceive the nature of JesusChrist. Write it first with your dominant hand and then again with your non-dominant hand.

1. _____

2. _____

The Coach to Everywhere 9.1

The vehicle we use to travel along the evolutionary path to "Spiritual Enlightenment" is the **Coach to Everywhere** shown below.



Following are brief descriptions of the various aspects of our being that collectively comprise the **Coach to Everywhere** shown in the illustration above.



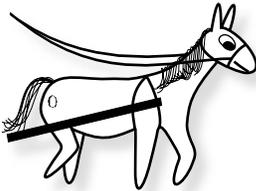
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The Master of the Coach is the Creative Spirit within us all. The purpose of our evolutionary spiritual journey is for this aspect of our being to awaken and become aware of its own nature and role in the creative process of life, thereby putting itself in charge of all the components of the Coach. It should be noted that the guidance of our Master within is communicated to the Driver with the "still small voice" of intuition, which is often drowned out by the noise of the Driver yelling at the clapping Horse which is pulling the rattling Coach.

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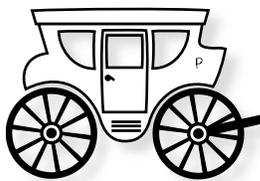
The Driver of the Coach represents our mind, which is the aspect of our being that can think, ponder, plan and perform feats of logic. However, in the absence of direction from the Spirit, the mind doesn't really know where it is going. It only knows that it wants to get there fast and have some fun along the way. Therefore, it either whips the Horse (emotions) into a frenzy, or gets distracted by the scenery and loses its way. The biggest mistake the mind always makes is to think that it is its own master. Note that the Driver directs the Horse with the reins of imagination which are a more substantial form of communication than the "still small voice" of intuition.

3



The Horse represents our emotions, which are the motive force behind our whole being. The word emotion literally means "energy in motion," and what we call a *feeling* is simply an awareness of how that energy is moving. When it is moving in a life positive fashion we feel good. When it is blocked or moving in a destructive pattern we feel bad. The secret to using the Horse correctly is to guide or direct it without holding it back or suppressing its energy. Note that the harness makes a very direct and solid connection between the Horse and the Coach. In like fashion, our actions in the world are closely linked to our emotions.

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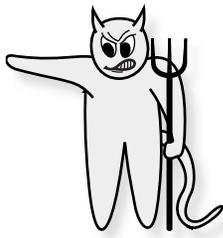
The Coach represents our physical flesh body which serves as our "vehicle of expression." It is through our bodies that we express and experience the manifestation of the indwelling Spirit. In order for our bodies to endure, they must be properly used and maintained. If the Horse is always out of control and the Driver is constantly heading off the path across rough terrain, the "wear and tear" will soon take its toll and damage or destroy the Coach.

5



The Passengers represent the "false beliefs" about life that we have picked up along the way on our spiritual journey. They are the "errors of the flesh" that have been created out of a misunderstanding of our experiences in the world. Even though we may have consciously suppressed these errors, they still remain with us and behave like "backseat drivers" in our Coach. The favorite trick of the Passengers is to confuse the Driver by contradicting the directions of the Master.

6



The Pedestrians represent the “*temptations of life*” that we meet along the way on our spiritual journey. The great irony is that they are simply an outer expression of our “*inner errors*.” In other words, whenever we suppress our Passengers in an attempt to be *good*, they pop up outside of us as persons and circumstances that tempt us to be *bad*. Our natural tendency is to want to suppress the Pedestrians. However, this will only strengthen them, and will also serve to strengthen the Passengers as well. The only sure way to dispel them is by blessing them away.

7



The Signs we receive along the way provide “*divine guidance*” to assist us on our journey. These spiritual signs come in many different forms, such as teachers, books, intuitions and coincidences. However, the most reliable source of spiritual guidance comes to us through the written “*Word of God*,” as given in the sacred scriptures which have withstood the test of time. The favorite trick of the Pedestrians and Passengers is to come to us as “*false prophets*.” By testing their suggestions against the “*Word of God*,” we can protect ourselves from spiritual *deception*.

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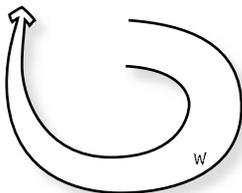
Intuition is the direct perception of Truth, independent of reason. It is through the power of our *intuition* that we are able to contact the “*divinity that is within us*.” Although intuition is perceived in the head, it emanates from the heart. This kind of an experience is often called faith, which is the direct intuition of Spirit. It is the “*substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*.”

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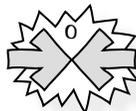
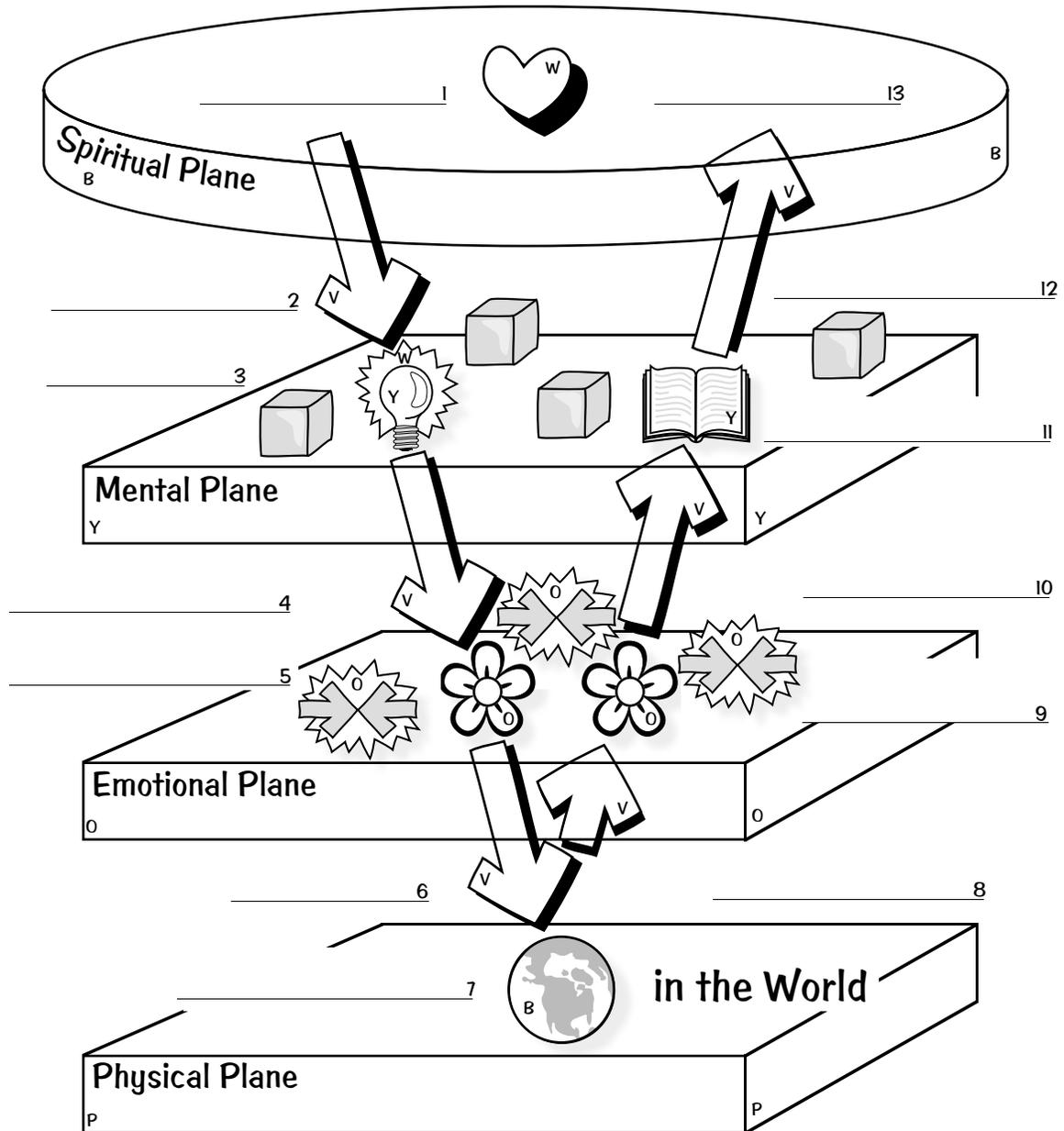


The Universal Heart represents the spiritual center, or “*Word of God*” that is within us, acting through us and expressing Itself all around us as Life. It also represents the “*Alpha and Omega*” principle. In other words, the initiation and the fulfillment of the creative process of Life. Notice that the heart symbol has two elements, one white and one black. These colors represent the *wholeness* and the *mystery* of God, as well as everything in between.

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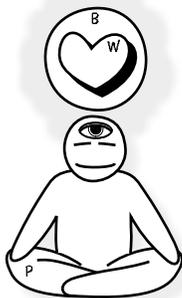


The Path to Everywhere is the long, sometimes difficult and uniquely glorious route that each of us has taken to come into the highest realization of the “*divinity that is within us*.” As our Creative Spirit begins to awaken within our Coach, we start to take conscious control over our journey. As we gradually begin to “*drop off*” our Passengers, ignore the Pedestrians and follow the Signs along the way, our journey becomes increasingly peaceful and filled with joy. Ultimately, we find our way home, where we come into an “*awareness of oneness*” with all of Life.



The basic steps of the Creative Process shown on the preceding pages are explained below. Beneath some of the sections, there is a brief example of how this process might work in a real-life situation. These explanations are preceded by a little flower symbol (✿). After reading through all the steps, you should read through these examples only to get a feel for the continuity and flow of the entire Creative Process.

1 - A conception of something in its perfection.



An *ideal* is an idea that has been taken to its highest, or most transcendent, level. Therefore, everything begins on the Spiritual Plane as a *Divine Ideal*. These *ideals* are unchangeable principles such as Love, Beauty, Peace, Joy, Freedom. There is never the slightest suggestion of form or appearance at this level of being, only the abstract qualities of God. These *ideals* are often referred to as Principles of Truth. It could be said that God is “*the good that we can all agree on,*” since we can all agree that it would be good for there to be more Love, Peace, Beauty and Joy in the world.

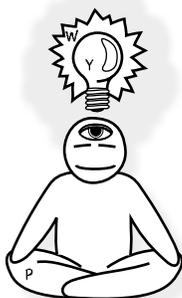
✿ An example of a “Divine Ideal” being expressed might be Beauty.

2 - A direct perception of truth, independent of reason.



Through the power of our *intuition*, we are able to contact the “*divinity that is within us.*” Although *intuition* is perceived in the head, it emanates from the heart. Therefore, it produces a felt sense of *knowingness* associated with some thought or idea that you hold within our mind. This kind of an experience is often called *faith*, which is the *direct intuition* of Spirit. It is the “*substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” It is most important to recognize that our *intuition* always emanates from a Divine source that is within us all.

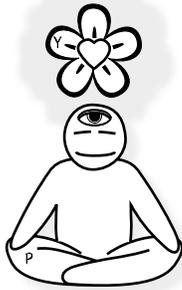
3 - A conception existing within the mind.



As a result of our intuition, we formulate an idea, or concept, within our mind at the mental level. It is at this level that we begin to individualize, or give form to, *Universal Ideals*. In other words, we personalize that which is Universal. It is said that “*everything begins with an idea.*” This is because an idea is the prelude to the pictures and feelings that develop within our imagination. It is the seed of our inspiration and ultimate experience in the world. An idea is the “*mental equivalent*” of the objects, conditions and circumstances that we create in our lives.

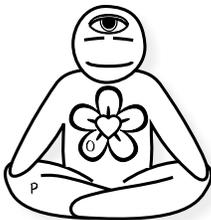
✿ Through the process of intuition, the ideal of Beauty might be conceptualized as the idea of a rose. Here the universal principle of Beauty is personalized in a particular form that is meaningful to us as individuals.

4 - The action of forming mental images or concepts.



Imagination is the activity of our minds by which we create mental pictures. As we hold these images within our mind, they become cloaked with feelings. They develop a felt sense of reality as though they were an actual experience. In fact, our mind cannot distinguish between a real and an imagined experience. Therefore, our imagination responds to whatever idea we put into it as a seed. Consequently, life-positive ideas produce expansive and joyful feelings that enrich our lives. Life-negative ideas produce contractive and fearful feelings that upset and disturb us.

5 - A divine influence exerted upon the mind or soul.



Inspiration results from the imagination stimulating the mind and emotions into a high level of activity. *Inspiration* is closely related to the emotional experience of desire. However, the subtle difference is that **"we desire to possess ...and we are inspired to express."** Based on its original Latin root "*spirare*," inspiration literally means to "*breathe in Spirit*." Although *inspiration* is *felt* in our emotional nature, its origin is in Spirit.

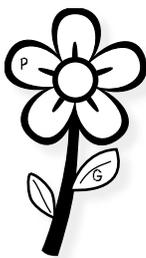
✿ As the idea of a rose is held within our imagination, it will begin to develop and expand until we feel the inspiration to plant a rose garden.

6 - A consciously willed act or activity.



In response to our inspiration, we become filled with initiative and are moved to take some form of *action*. Because our *actions* will be in alignment with our feelings, they will seem to be effortless. Often we will do things to bring our idea into expression without even realizing it. Such as attending a social event and unexpectedly meeting someone who can assist us in achieving some goal that we may have set for ourselves. Keep in mind the old Biblical passage which tells us that **"Faith without works is dead."**

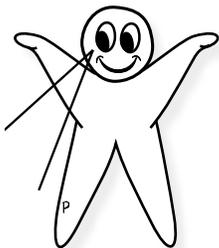
7 - Something personally lived through or encountered.



The physical outcome of the *Creative Process* will always be some form of *experience* in the world. Through our senses we will perceive *objects*, *conditions* and *circumstances* that reflect the intentions of our original idea. *Experience* is the motive force behind the return stage of the process. This is because our perceptions will now begin to extend back into the realms of our thoughts and feelings, leading us to the accumulation of knowledge, skills and wisdom.

✿ In response to our Inspiration, we take action and actually plant a rose garden. This activity produces an experience for us in the physical world. As the rose garden grows, it produces an object in the form of a rose that resembles the idea that was originally conceived through our intuition of the ideal of Beauty.

8 - An action in response to some influence or event.



One of the basic laws of the Universe is that “for every action there will always be an equal and opposite reaction.” Having created a physical experience in the world, we will now begin to respond, or *react*, to our creation through a variety of internal experiences. Life-positive actions will produce positive *reactions*, and life-negative actions will produce negative *reactions*. “As you sow, so shall you reap.”

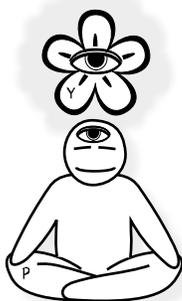
9 - An emotional perception or attitude.



The first and most immediate response to our experiences in the world will always be an awareness of our emotional state, which is a *feeling*. When we have created some desirable experience, we will be emotionally uplifted and feel joyful. This is very important because human beings are highly sensitive feeling creatures. Ultimately, we must realize that the only reason we ever want anything is to make us feel a certain way; and the way we always want to feel is healthy, happy, prosperous and free.

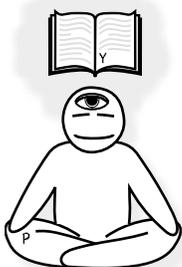
✿ When we finally see the rose, we have an emotional reaction to its Beauty that produces a feeling within us. In this case, it might be a feeling of joy or gratitude.

10 - The act or process of knowing.



Cognition is the mental process or faculty by which we extract knowledge from experience. As the result of having had a physical and emotional experience in the world, we can now learn something about its nature. All of our beliefs about life are based on the knowledge that we have extracted from our past experiences. Obviously, the quality of our past experiences has much to do with our present attitudes toward life. Unfortunately, we are often deceived by appearances and frequently extract false information from our experiences.

11 - The state of knowing; clear mental apprehension.



As a result of our experience, we will now gain specific knowledge about the world. It simply might be some information that will serve us in the future. Additionally, it could be some skill that will allow us to function more effectively. The greatest knowledge will always relate to self-discovery and the development of personal qualities such as patience, compassion or self-confidence. Often, our most challenging and difficult experiences will produce our greatest knowledge and understanding.

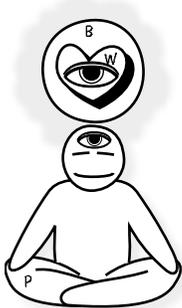
✿ As the result of planting a rose garden, we are able to cognize, or extract some useful knowledge from the experience. This is especially true if we have never before planted a rose garden.

12 - Perception of something as existing, true, or valid.



Recognition is simply an awareness that something which we now perceive has been experienced before. This is the process by which we look deeply into our experiences in order to discover their true cause or source. When we perceive the life-positive qualities within an experience, we can then *recognize*, or remember when they were first received from Spirit through the intuition that led to the conception of our original idea. The experience of recognition is actually a spiritual realization, or “re-intuition” of Spiritual Truth.

13 - The state of discerning what is right or true.

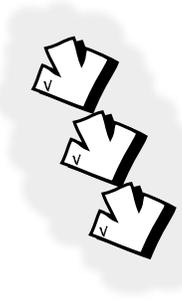


Wisdom is simply a deep understanding of what is universally true and eternal. Whereas information is perceived in the head and constitutes “shared knowledge,” *wisdom* is the understanding of the heart and is actually “Self-Knowledge.” There is a deeply felt knowingness associated with wisdom that will always guide us into right action. When our life experiences have been fully and rightly understood, *wisdom* is the result, and it alone will transform us.

Wisdom is the “alpha and omega” of the Creative Process and will always serve as the “womb of newness” in our lives.

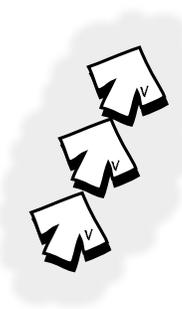
✿ If we are willing to look even more deeply into the knowledge that we have gained, we will see that it contains a universal understanding, or Wisdom. It is through this deeper inquiry that we recognize that the creative process of life is the mechanism through which Divine Ideals come into form and expression. This is the ultimate Wisdom.

14 - The act of drawing in as a participant.



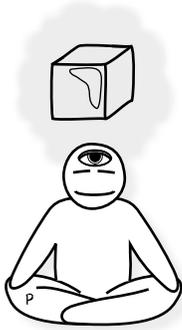
Spirit expresses itself into form through the mechanism of our *attention*, which is the activity of *mental concentration*. Through this process, we personally mold the *Universal Mind of God* into the form of our own ideas in order to produce experiences in the world. The Principle involved in this process is that “**whatever we give our attention to we become.**” It is through our *attention* that we *involve* ourselves with the activities of the physical realm. In order to evolve, we must first be willing to *get involved*.

15 - Gradual growth or development of something.



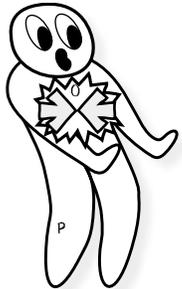
Spirit expresses Itself into form in order to contemplate Its own nature. *Awareness* is the mental mechanism through which Spirit performs this contemplation. Because of our *awareness*, we are able to think about our experiences and thereby extract knowledge and wisdom from them. It is through this gradual process of expanding awareness that *evolution* takes place within our consciousness, and we are constantly being changed and ultimately transformed into increasingly enlightened beings.

16



The Creative Process operating through us would be a swift, simple and very pleasant experience if it were not for the various obstructions that it encounters. At the mental level of our being, we encounter a wide variety of mental blocks such as doubts, delusions, distortions, judgments, opinions, prejudices, and a wide variety of false beliefs about life. These obstructions were born out of the “*ignorance of our past experiences.*” They are dark spots in our consciousness which have not been fully examined and understood to produce Wisdom.

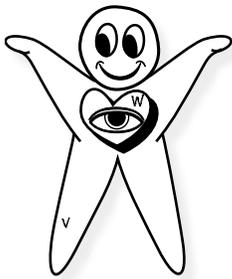
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As a result of our mental blocks, we constantly produce a variety of undesired *emotional conflicts* and reactions such as anger, fear, sorrow, resentment and guilt. These emotional disturbances come from two sources: The first is our reaction to the events of the world. The second is our reaction to the activity of an uncontrolled imagination which broods over past events and worries about the future. Whenever there is *emotional conflict*, it is always an argument between the logic of the head and the wisdom of the heart.

18

the Fulfillment of the Creative Process



“The Word Made Flesh”

The purpose of the *Creative Process* within the individual is to produce an *enlightened* being who is both wise and loving. This process performs a “*mystical marriage*” between our inner Spirit and our outer human personality.

The *Creative Process* does not involve adding anything to ourselves. It requires only the releasing of the obstructions to our fullest creative potential. This class provides the tools necessary to engage in this clearing process, so that we can become individualized centers of expression for Creative Spirit, which is the “*divinity within us all.*”

Can you recall an experience in your own life, even an unpleasant one, that has served to make you wiser and more loving? Can you determine the *mental blocks* that had to be released? Can you now see how the experience was actually the *Creative Spirit* within you, seeking a greater expression through you?

Following are 20 pertinent points to consider in relation to the Creative Process of Life and its revelation through us, both individually and collectively.

- 1 The universal intention of God is to express Life in ever increasing and abundant ways. Love is the “awareness of oneness” that reveals this divine expression of Life. Hence, Love is the “Self-Revealing Presence of God” in our lives. This is why it has been said so many times that “God is Love.”
- 2 Christ is the activity of God or the activity of Love in our lives. Christ was and is God’s gift or revelation of Love to humanity--present in the beginning, here now and for all eternity.
- 3 The activity of Love as Christ in us is given a conscious avenue for expression through our Sacred Covenants. This is why it’s so important to live from a purpose that is connected to a word of God.
- 4 When we give our attention to our Covenants or to a project Un-Hidden Agenda, we are actually giving Love an avenue, place, or direction for expression into our lives. Thus, we become an “opening” for the Word (our purpose) to be made real and flesh through us in service to humanity.
- 5 Love is obstructed from It’s free expression through us by error, evil and sin. These live in us as mental blocks and false beliefs which are fully active but deeply suppressed below our level of awareness and live as “frozen emotions” in the cells of our flesh.
- 6 When we create a Covenant or Un-Hidden Agenda, we consciously invite Christ as LOVE to FIRST show us these areas of error. Please note that we often want to “by pass” what we must do first in order to immediately try and get to the good we are wanting to experience. And what we must always do first is our own spiritual practice and healing work.
- 7 If we ignore this first aspect, Love is still active in us through our Covenant intentions and will “press up” into our experience that which appears to be “unlike” what we are claiming. How Love shows us what is to be healed is through our feelings. That’s why we must pay close attention to the feelings that arise after claiming a new good into our lives.
- 8 If we are aware of any feelings of frustration, anger, hurt, sadness, up-set, etc., we can then use such feelings as an invitation from Love to go within and do the inner awareness work to get through to a healing and thus a higher realization or understanding.
- 9 The practices we use for this “side” of the work (the right side of the Creative Process Chart) are meditation, fear to faith worksheets and what happened trees. All of these practices increase our “seeing” into what’s really happening within us so that which was hidden as error is now on the surface to be “exposed” to the Light of awareness.
- 10 In effect, this is how Love shows us what we are then to give our attention to (left side of the Creative Process chart) for our healing practices.

- 11 After this work, and only after this work, are we in a position to have Love/Christ bring into our experience the Good we are claiming in Covenants and Un-Hidden Agenda's. In other words, the good we want continues to be obstructed until we engage in real spiritual practice (prayer, praising prayers, releasing prayers, communion, etc.). We must PERSIST until the error is broken up
- 12 This is the only way the activity of Love can take form through our individual consciousness. Thus, each of us alone is the only person who can be responsible for the quality and intensity of our practice.
- 13 Our spiritual practice is the only place we can give our attention to the activity of God in us--Christ as Love. Remember, Love can only move from It's free, expansive, eternal and unformed state through individual consciousness. It can only take form through us.
- 14 This is why Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." The I Am of God as Christ was operating fully and freely through him. And, it is also why St. Paul said, "Christ in us, the hope of glory." And, why I would say, "Christ in me, and within each of us, is the Truth of God's Glory and Love."
- 15 Through our spiritual practice we achieve a higher state of realization (awareness) and, in turn, this higher realization must be revealed into form. Again, it can only be revealed through us and will eventually show up as a greater quality of experience (love, peace, joy) and/or a specific form (new job, car, vacation, etc.).
- 16 The work of realization must always precede a new revelation (attention or left side of Creative Process chart). If the practice work of spiritual realization isn't done, we just get a "re-decorated" experience that on the surface may look "new" but is without the substance of the healing work. And, anything that's "re-decorated" will certainly look "worn" after a time. That's why "re-decoration" always falls far short of God's promise through Jesus, "Behold, I make all things new."
- 17 In this way, the Covenant or Un-Hidden Agenda, coupled with daily dedicated spiritual practice, becomes the "tool" for God's Love as Christ in us to bring forth It's glorious newness into our experience of life.
- 18 Also, in this way, the Covenant or Un-Hidden Agenda becomes the "active" Word of God in us and begins to respond to our purpose, vision and intentions as soon as they are created and witnessed. This is the mystical process of the Word being made flesh right where we are in our own individual consciousness.
- 19 Through this process, the Universal Intention of God, which is Love, becomes individualized and *personal* to each of us.
- 20 The result is that the only thing left to do is to share It, give It, reveal It--just as Jesus did. In this way, we duplicate Jesus' ministry in our own "covenant ministries." In other words, we bring "heaven (Love) to earth (individual consciousness)" in all whom we serve. Thus, giving IT back to God through the intentional and conscious practice of activating the Creative Process of Life within our very own beings.

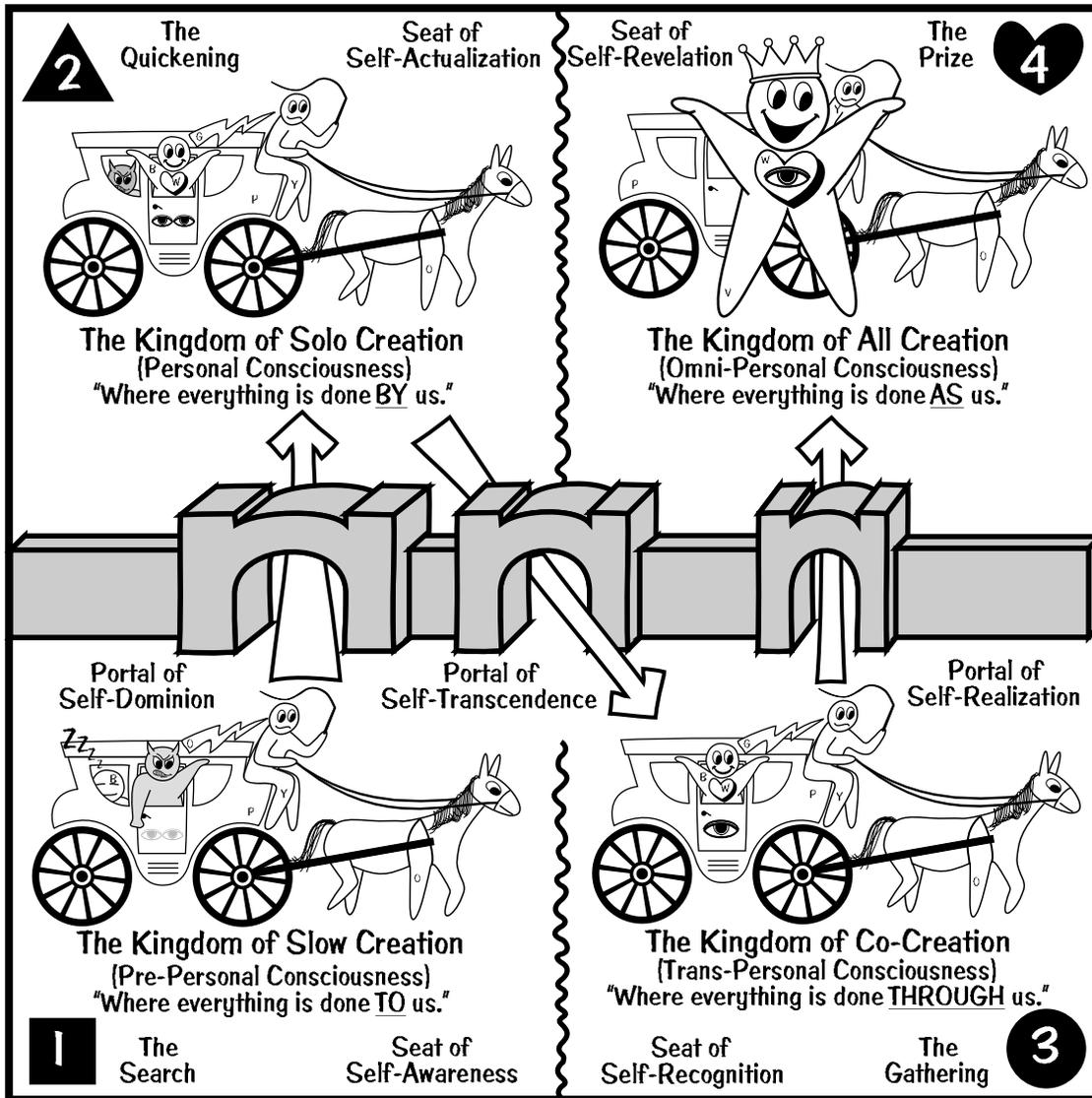
The diagram below is a map of the spiritual growth that we must all undergo in order to make the journey from being children of God to ultimately realizing our *oneness* with God.

Dualistic Realms of Knowledge

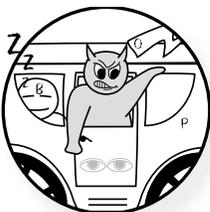
The principle of growth is "**courage**," which requires the *suppression of fear*.

Unitive Realms of Faith

The principle of growth is "**love**," which causes the *dissolution of fear*.



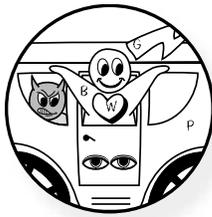
I. Kingdom of



All things are done **TO** you.

As our evolutionary journey begins, our indwelling Spirit often seems to be asleep. Consequently, our Driver/Mind receives its directions primarily from our Passengers/Errors. These directions come to us as emotional reactions arising out of our subconscious nature. In the absence of a fully awakened Spiritual Self to distinguish between what is True or false about life, we tend to obey our fears. This in turn leads us unknowingly into difficult circumstances that make us feel like victims in a world where everything seems to be done "to us." As our Spirit begins to awaken, we develop the capacity to put our Passengers into the backseat of our coach. This allows us to begin controlling the circumstances of our lives in a way that moves us through the "Portal of Self-Dominion" into the next realm of experience.

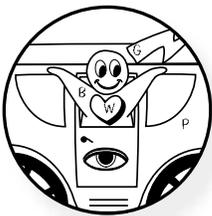
2. Kingdom of



All things are done **BY** you.

In the second stage of our evolutionary journey our Master/Spirit begins to take dominion over our experience of life by giving our Driver/Mind directions through the process of *intuition*. Consequently, we can now exert a high degree of control over our personal affairs. However, our Passengers/Errors are still with us as “backseat drivers” who subconsciously reveal themselves as hidden inner conflicts that sometimes cause us to be controlling and manipulative. As we expose and transcend the limiting beliefs and errors which were born out of the ignorance of our past experience, we enter into the next Kingdom.

3. Kingdom of



All things are done **THROUGH** you.

In the third stage of our journey we release the Passengers/Errors that have inhibited our highest Self-Expression until now. Without the burden of inner fears creating a “*sense of separation*,” we begin to develop an ever increasing *realization* of the unity of all life. This awareness expresses itself through a positive self-image and healthy *interpersonal* relationships. Additionally, this realization brings greater harmony, ease and personal freedom into our lives. This is the experience of living in *Grace*, which is the direct experience of the Divine living Its Life through us as individuals.

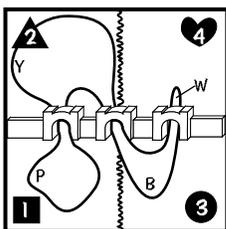
4. Kingdom of



All things are done **AS** you.

The end of our evolutionary journey comes when the “*Coach Ensemble*” has fulfilled its purpose and delivered us to our spiritual home to dwell in an “*awareness of oneness*” with God. It is here that we *realize* our true and inherent nature which is the Wholeness, Perfection and Freedom of the Divine. In this high and holistic state of consciousness we can fully *express* the Truth of who we are. Because we lack nothing in this ultimate state of being, our work now becomes an *expression of service* as we *reveal* to others the Truth of their being so that they might join us in the “**Kingdom of Omni-Personal Consciousness.**”

Moving Through the Kingdoms



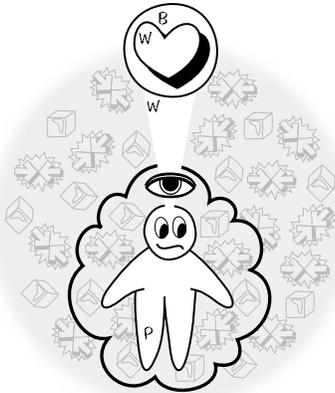
We move through the Kingdoms like a “*blob of consciousness*,” with parts of ourselves in each of the realms. Consequently, at any given time we may be acting from the consciousness of any one of the Kingdoms. However, each of us has a place where we probably spend most of our time. Even though we might occasionally be aware of higher states of being, we generally tend to act from wherever our “*center of gravity*” normally resides. The work of *spiritual evolution* is to use our head to move our body through the various Kingdoms until we reside in an awareness of our oneness with God.

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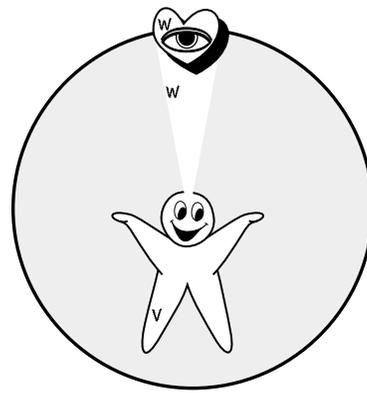
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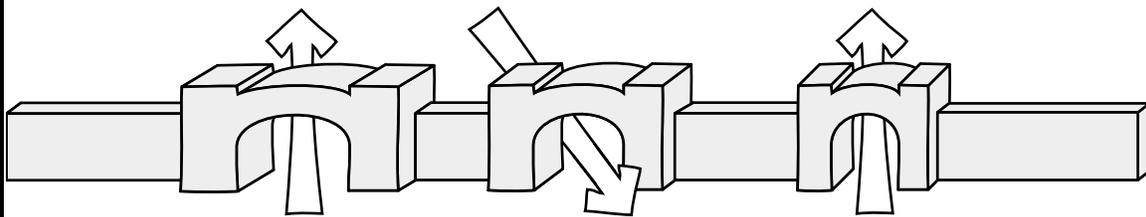
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The Selfish Self
 'Challenge-the-Leader Consciousness'
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 'I love the God that I am'



The Omni-Selfish Self
 'FollowerLeader Consciousness'
 'The Purpose of Life'
 'The God I Am is Love'

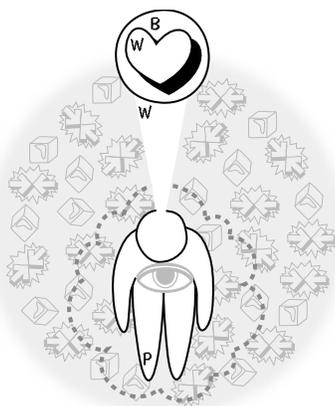


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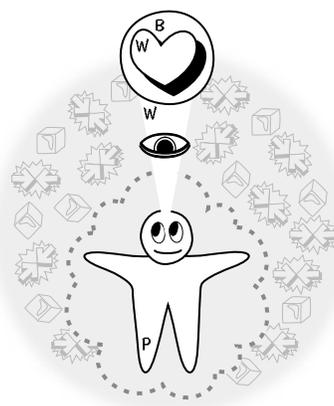
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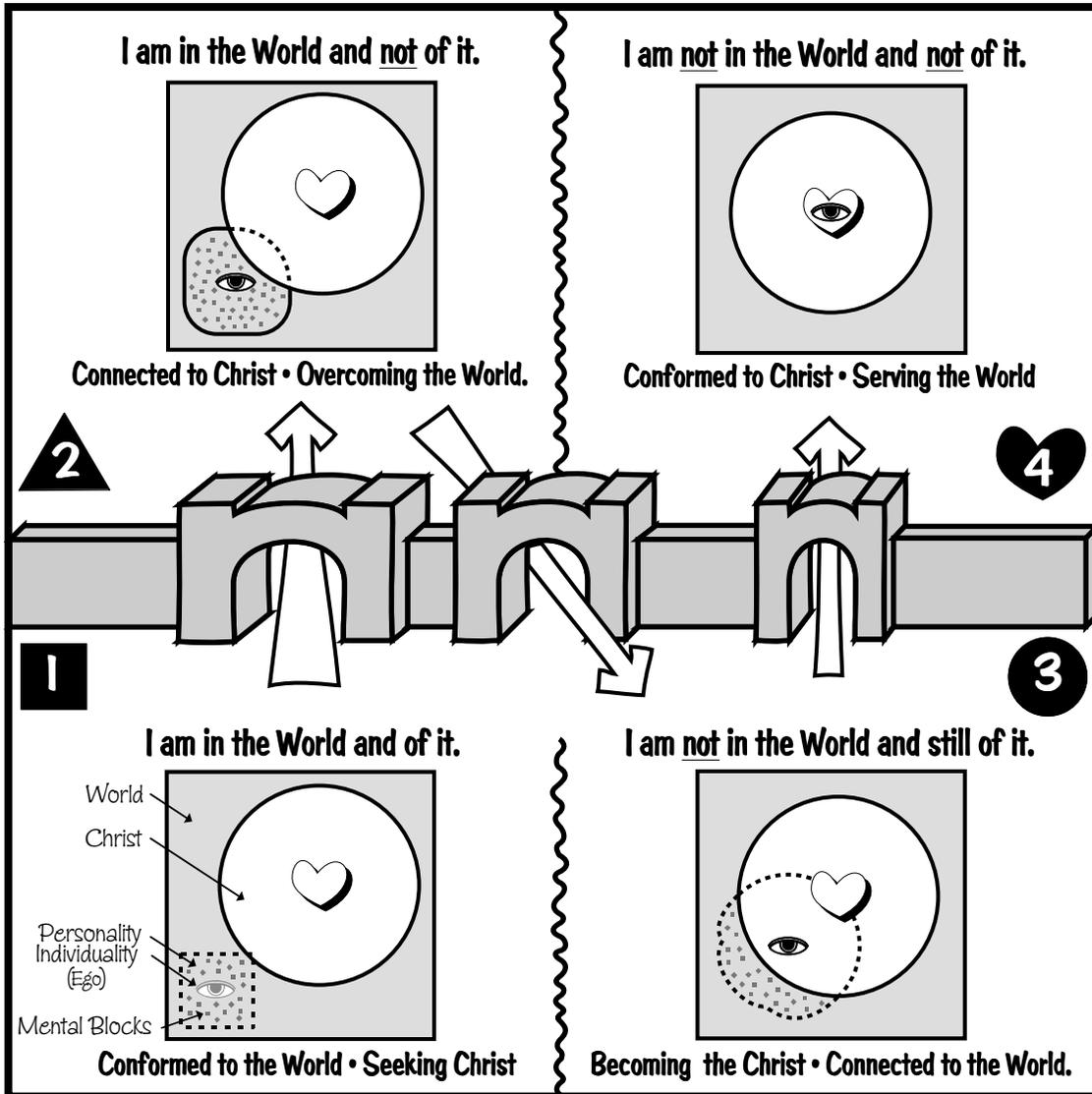
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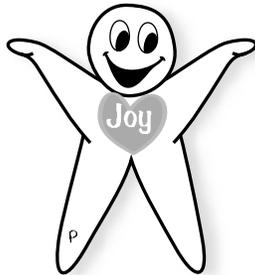


Note: The concept behind this version of the "Kingdoms of Consciousness" was inspired by a booklet entitled: "Getting It" or "How We Think and How Else We Can Think" written by Rev. Joan McKenna.

The universe is full of principles, laws and cosmic propositions. However, there is only one law that truly empowers us to take dominion over the conditions and circumstances of our lives, it is the **'Great Law of Life,'** as follows:

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What We



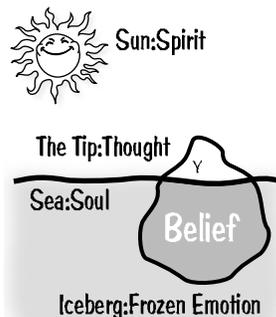
'As you have believed, so be it done unto you.' ...Matthew 8:13

Despite what we may want, wish or even think that we deserve out of life, what we *always* get is exactly what we *believe*. This is the **'Great Law of Life.'** This understanding is no longer just a spiritual proposition, but is widely becoming accepted by mainstream psychology, as well as modern quantum physics. Given the implications of this proposition it behooves us to carefully consider the following five questions:

Five Fateful Questions About the 'Great Law of Life'

- 1 **Is the 'Great Law of Life' really true?** – As with all spiritual Truth, the validity of this proposition can only be ascertained by you, so far as you are concerned. In other words, it must be tested by you in your own experience of life.
- 2 **What is a Belief?** – A belief is much more than an opinion or thought you hold about something. A belief is a deeply suppressed emotional impulse that expresses itself unconsciously through you in order to produce the experiences of your life.
- 3 **What Do I Believe?** – It is very easy to ascertain what you believe. You can simply look at the *felt* reality of what you are receiving in your experience of life. In other words, *'what you are receiving is what you are believing.'*
- 4 **What Do I Want to Believe?** – If there is some aspect of your life that you are dissatisfied with, then you must change your beliefs about it. The quality of your life experiences now becomes a function of what you choose to believe about them.
- 5 **How Do I Change My Beliefs?** – If diligently applied, the principles and practices contained in these materials will provide the means for you to effectively change your beliefs in order to produce a more positive and abundant experience of life.

A Belief is Like an



It takes a **'melt down'**
to make a change.

be • lieve' - To place trust or confidence in.

Based on the deeper root meaning, to believe means *'to be like.'* In other words, we tend to unconsciously behave in a way that is consistent with the nature of our beliefs. This is because the motive forces behind a belief are mostly hidden as suppressed emotions within our souls, as depicted in the graphic metaphor to the left. As the warmth of the Sun melts away the tip of the iceberg, more and more of what was previously hidden comes up to the surface. This is why it often takes time, combined with *'daily dedicated spiritual practice,'* to completely dissolve a major belief in the sea of our soul.

Love is a word worn smooth by having been spoken so many times down through the ages. Consequently, its meaning has become diluted. However, there are a couple of extremely important aspects of Love worth noting.

Love Is the Awareness of _____ 1

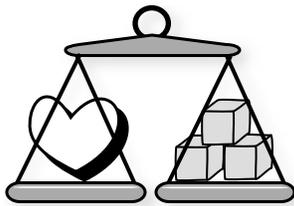


"Perfect love casts out fear."
...1 John 4:18

Whenever our attention becomes totally absorbed by an object of adoration, we 'forget about ourselves' as being separate from what we are beholding. The blissful feeling associated with such a state of being is what we call love. Every human aspiration and obsession is devoted to the desire to be in the exalted experience of love.

Perfect (unconditional) Love is when we are able to abide in an 'awareness of oneness' without a particular object, condition, or individual to serve as the *seeming* cause of the experience. Through real spiritual practice we can develop the capacity to live in the expression of perfect Love as our natural way of being.

Love Fulfills the _____ 2



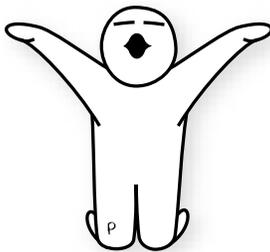
"Love works no ill towards our neighbors; Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."
...Romans 13:10

The spiritual laws and codes of conduct contained in all of the world's great religions are devoted to establishing a way of behaving that is *harmless* to both ourselves and others. Consequently, whenever we act out of an intention to love, we act in a way that will be *harmless*, and thereby fulfill the underlying principle behind all spiritual laws. The 'Great Law of Life' is especially sensitive to the activity of Love as the creative impulse behind our experience of life in this world. Hence, the 'First Corollary' to the Great Law of Life:

Whenever we put Love into the Law something good always happens to ourselves and others.

The Method of Love is _____ 3

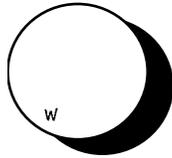
Praise the Lord...
I surrender



There's nothing we can do to Love, except to 'stop not loving;' And that which corrupts our 'awareness of oneness' and keeps us from loving is *fear*. This is why the scriptures say that "perfect Love casts out fear." The spiritual practice that reveals perfect Love is the surrendering and release of the *errors* that we hold about life that cause us to live in fear. It is interesting to note that the bodily posture that denotes *surrender* is also a gesture of joy associated with praising God as the Spirit of Love. Consequently, the practice of *praising* everyone and everything as an expression of God is a very effective way to release our fears and *surrender* to Love.

The most elusive aspect of our being is our spiritual nature. Consequently, the best we can do is to simply point out a few important aspects about it.

My Spirit is _____ and _____ 1



"God is a Spirit."
...John 4:24

The true nature of Spirit is a paradox. This is because Spirit is 'no thing.' It has no form that can impress our senses. Yet, all things that can touch our senses are made out of the substance of Spirit, which is pure energy. Spirit is also the invisible essence of our very own being that is nowhere in time and space. Yet, It creates and is aware of everything that occurs in time and space. Our Spirit is our 'I-ness,' our omni-present center of self-awareness and intention.

My Spirit has _____ 3



"I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly."
...John 10:10

The primary receptive aspect of our spiritual nature is our capacity for *awareness*. This is what is often referred to as our 'consciousness.' It is our ability to perceive the effects of every aspect of our being upon ourselves. This includes our thoughts, our feelings and the sense impressions we receive from the world around us. Ultimately the highest aspect of our spiritual nature is the 'awareness that we are aware,' which underlies our ability to say "I am..." This is what distinguishes human beings from all other creatures.

My Spirit has _____ 3



"Out of the intentions of a good heart, you will bring forth good things." ...Luke 6:45

The expressive, or creative aspect of our spiritual nature is our capacity for volition, expressed through intention. This is what is often referred to as free will. It is our ability to consciously choose and initiate the intentions that we express through our actions in the world. This ability is what allows us to rise above our 'habitual nature' and make new choices in our lives. Ultimately, it is the very essence of our freedom as spiritual beings.

My Spirit is My _____ 4

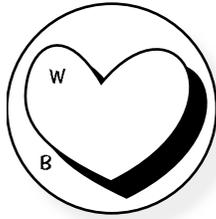


"So long as I am in the world, I am the light (consciousness) of the world." ...John 9:5

Our 'I-ness,' or indwelling spirit, is what is referred to psychologically as our 'ego.' Unfortunately, many people tend to dismiss the ego as an impediment to our spiritual nature. **Nothing could be further from the truth.** It is the ego's attachment to its awareness of error that cause it to express intentions that are both selfish and self-defeating in nature. The key to freedom is to attach our egos to an 'awareness of our oneness' with all of Life. Such is the Consciousness of Christ, the 'divinity within us all.'

Christ is

1



Christ is the
"Universal Heart"
(Omni-Present Center)

Christ is the principle of "God in the soul of the individual." It represents the universal and transcendent presence of God individualized through a human personality. Christ is impersonal because It expresses itself unconditionally through all individuals. Yet, Christ is not lacking in personal qualities that we can experience as human beings, such as Love, Beauty, Joy, Peace, Freedom, etc. These qualities mysteriously weave themselves into a Divine Personality that is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent. Christ is the silent whisper of hope and glory that lives in every human heart. It is the divinity within our diversity. Christ serves humanity as the golden thread of Truth that runs through every culture and is known by many names. This Truth is unconditional Love expressed through perfect Wisdom.

Consciousness is

2



Consciousness
is the 'Mind's Eye'

Consciousness is the ability of an organism to respond to life. This ability contains two aspects, *awareness* and *intention*. Before we can respond to something we must be *aware* of it. This awareness of something other than ourselves is what defines our individualized being. In order to respond to what we are aware of, we must also have *intention*. Behind that intention is always an "*act of will*," or choice, which gets expressed through our attention, or mental concentration. The *greater* the consciousness of an individual, the more choices they will be aware of. The *higher* the consciousness of an individual, the better their choices will be.

Christ Consciousness is

3



Christ Consciousness
is the "Eye of the Heart"

Christ Consciousness is a way of *seeing* from the perspective of Universal Being. Therefore, everything is seen as an aspect of our own being, in wholeness and without separation. Where there is no separation there is no fear, and where there is no fear you will find *freedom!* Furthermore, because Christ represents a universal and transcendent presence, Its consciousness is provided with an *infinite* number of *perfect* responses. Consequently, to live in Christ Consciousness is to live in the freedom of unconditional Love and perfect Wisdom. Ultimately, the Consciousness of Christ is an "*awareness of oneness*," which is the experience of Love.

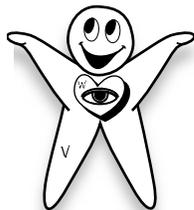
Christ as a 1



The Lord
is Coming

Christ began as an intuition in the hearts of the Old Testament prophets. In fact, the prophets and seers of all ancient cultures had predicted the coming of a God-Man who would save them. These universal prophecies were fulfilled by the coming of Jesus Christ, This is why the Jews were called the 'Chosen People.' Not because God loved them more than others, but simply because they were chosen as the culture through which the Universal Prophecy would be fulfilled.

Christ as a 2



Jesus Christ
is Lord

The New Testament of the Bible records the fulfillment of the universal prophecies of the God-Man in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, who became known as Jesus (man) Christ (God). Because Jesus was a real historical person, all that he did became a possibility for other human beings to do as well. In fact, he even said that "greater works than these shall you do."...John 14:12 Therefore, Jesus Christ was not the great exception TO humanity, but the Great Example FOR every human being.

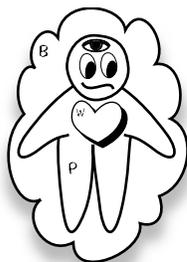
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Christ=mc²

Jesus Christ as an historical person came to demonstrate a Cosmic Principle that is the ultimate destiny of every human being. It is the principle of the 'personification of the presence of God.' In other words, Jesus was the person who became the Presence of God, as Christ. And Christ is the Presence of God that became a person as Jesus. This Principle is the 'Great Coincidence' of man and God. For it is written in the beginning of Holy Bible, that God walked with Adam in the Garden of Eden. Yet, towards the end of the Bible, it is revealed that God the Father walked AS Jesus, who created the Garden (Heaven) wherever he was.

Christ as a 4



I Am in the
Presence
of the Lord

Every principle in life is experienced as a 'presence.' For example, gravity is a natural *principle* that can be mathematically described. Yet, every human being experiences gravity as an invisible presence that is always acting upon them, whether they understand the principle of it, or not. Yet, those who understand the principle of gravity can interact with its *presence* in a way that is beneficial. For example, an airplane can fly only because it was designed in accordance with the principle of gravity, and subsequently operates in harmony with the actual *presence* of this natural force. In the same way, Christ is a Cosmic Principle that exists as a Universal Presence in our lives. To the degree that we understand this great Principle we can interact with It's *Presence* in a way that is beneficial to both ourselves and others.

Christ is the

The Divine



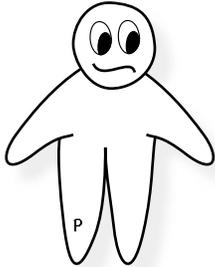
Christ is the Presence of God that became a person.

word - a speech sound (vibration) that communicates meaning (intention or purpose).*

The "Word of God" is the divine purpose of Life that is brought forth into expression. It is the impulse to all creation, and the very heart of reality itself. Paradoxically, it is the mysterious nothingness out of which everything flows. It is the reality of God within all things. It is the reality of the "Divinity Within Us." The Truth of the Word is conveyed by many names within many cultures, among them: the Dharma, the Logos, the Messiah, the Anointed One and the Christ.

Jesus is the

The Person



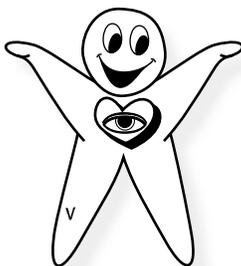
Jesus was a person who became the Presence of God.

flesh - the human body, as distinguished from the soul*

Jesus of Nazareth was the historical person who fully embodied, or made flesh, the "Word of God," or Christ. The word *flesh* implies more than a mental transformation, but a physical transfiguration as well. It is important to recognize that the historical Jesus was a "wayshower," who revealed to us our own divine potential through the demonstration of his life and teaching. Consequently, he is the great *example* for humanity to follow, rather than an *exception* to be idolized. What is to be worshipped is the "Word of God" that indwells each one of us. The great demand of Jesus is to find that Word within ourselves and then to make it *flesh*, which is to embody it.

JesusChrist is the

The Divine Person



JesusChrist is the personification of the Presence of God.

principle - a fundamental truth, law or doctrine*

JesusChrist is the *principle* of "the Word made flesh." It is the eternal idea of heaven on earth. To experience this principle as our own reality requires a total transformation of our entire personal being in both mind *and* body. Consequently, we often find ourselves in a love/hate relationship with the *principle* of **JesusChrist**. We are drawn to it by our longing for a greater experience of life. Simultaneously, we are repulsed by its demand for total surrender to transformation, as best expressed through the scriptural passage: "...whosoever will lose their life for my sake shall find it." In other words, "whoever will die to their former way of being, in order to embody the Word of God, will find that their life is heaven on earth." This is the promise that is made by the name of **JesusChrist**, which is the eternal living Principle of "manifest God I Am."

* Definitions from "Websters Dictionary"

Introduction

One of the great transformations that is currently taking place in human consciousness is the shifting apprehension of Jesus Christ as an historical person to the deeper realization of "JesusChrist" as a living Principle, or mystical Presence. This change does not deny the reality and importance of the historical person. Moreover, it expands upon that recognition to embrace a greater Truth that can serve an ever-expanding number of individuals who have developed the capacity to realize higher spiritual realities. The key to this transformation lies in the thoroughly modern principle of *science*.

The Purpose of Science

One of the great values of modern science is that it has developed our ability to understand the realities of life on the basis of principles, or laws. Previously, humanity was only able to understand the nature of reality in the form of myths that illustrated the deeper principles operating within our experience of life. The current limitation of science is that it operates only within the physical, or sensual aspect, of our lives. Yet, the ability to understand life on the basis of principles is a "master skill" provided by science that can be applied to the spiritual aspects of our personal being.

The Naming of Principles

It is a common practice in the realm of science to name newly discovered principles after the historical person who first revealed them. For example, we have Faraday's Law, Bernoulli's Equation, Newton's Laws of Motion and Einstein's Theory of Relativity. What is not generally understood is that this same convention exists within the realm of spiritual science, or metaphysics. Consequently, the name of every great World Teacher represents both an historical person and, more importantly, the Principle of Truth that they revealed to humanity. Consequently, the familiar name of JesusChrist represents a great Spiritual Principle that the historical person revealed. It is the Principle of our Oneness with God through the expression of unconditional Love.

An Analogy of Understanding

Imagine you are standing with a group of people in a large open field. Suddenly the sky grows dark with stormy clouds. As it begins to rain you realize that you have an umbrella in your hand. Naturally, you would open your umbrella to protect yourself from the rain. However, as you look around, you begin to notice that everyone else also has an umbrella in their hand. Yet, no one else has opened their umbrella. Instead they stand there wet, cold and suffering in the rain. It is as if they are unaware that they have a way to end their suffering within their own hands.

Following are number of important principles pertaining to this analogy:

Suffering in the Rain.

Even though rain can be a blessing, in this particular analogy it represents the *source* of human suffering. Although the rain is inherently good, it can produce an undesirable "side effect" which is the human experience of suffering.

Christ is Our Umbrella.

Christ is like an unopened umbrella which represents the *potential* to shelter us from human suffering. It is a potential that every human being has within themselves. Through the Principle of Christ, we hold our personal destiny in our own hands.

JesusChrist is Our "Open Umbrella"

The *potential* to shelter us from suffering will not shelter us from suffering. The potential must be utilized, opened or unfurled. JesusChrist is the name we give to our "open umbrella." It is the *revelation* of the potential to end our suffering.

Sacred Days

Being "Born Again"

Being "Born Again" is the experience of discovering that we have an umbrella in our hand. When we discover that we have the potential to end our suffering in our own hands, it fills us with hope.

JesusChrist "Come Again"

The term "JesusChrist Come Again" refers to the *experience* of being under an open umbrella. It is the joyous experience of being free from the yoke of limitation and the burden of human suffering. "JesusChrist Come Again" is the revelation of "Heaven on Earth" expressed as an experience of a Life that is healthy, happy, prosperous and free.

Walking By Faith

To "walk by Faith" is to know how to open our umbrella, and to have complete trust that it will always shelter us from harm. To walk by Faith is to live in Grace.

Preaching the Gospel

To "Preach the Gospel" is to awaken others to the realization that they have an umbrella in their hands. To inform them that they have the means to solve all of their problems within their own hands. Preaching the Gospel gives *hope*.

Teaching the Gospel

Teaching the Gospel is the way we show others how to open their own umbrella. Until now, the Gospel has primarily been preached. It is only in our modern era, grounded in the methods of science, that we can begin to truly teach the personal application of the principles contained in the Gospels. Teaching the Gospel develops *Wisdom*.

Spiritual Practice

Spiritual Practice is the tool that we use to open our umbrella. This is the part that we must play in our own salvation. The purpose of our practice is to reveal the inherent perfection, or Christ, that is already within us. Spiritual Practice deepens our Faith.

In the Name of JesusChrist

The term "in the Name of Jesus Christ" means with the *consciousness* of JesusChrist, which is an "awareness of oneness" with God, or Good. Consequently, whenever we are instructed to do anything "in the name of Jesus Christ," it simply means to do it in a consciousness of Love, Peace, Joy, Beauty, Freedom, etc.

JesusChrist is Our Personal Savior

The most significant aspect of the analogy presented above is the realization that through right spiritual practice the "Christ In Us" can provide *personal* shelter from the experience of human suffering. Yet, it must be understood that suffering will still continue to exist in the lives of those around us, and all that we can do for them is to be willing to "teach the Gospel" to those who have the "ears to hear." In other words, salvation in Christ is *always* personal. Consequently, it is not necessary for us to "save the world" in order to be healthy, happy, prosperous and free.

"Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to me, and not to the world? Jesus answered and said to him, If you love me, you will keep my words: and my Father will love you, and we will come to you, and make our abode with you." ... John 14:22,23

A house is often considered to be an esoteric symbol for consciousness. Just as a single photograph could not show you every possible view of a house, likewise a single description could hardly capture the whole essence of a universal consciousness such as Christ. Therefore, we can only come to understand the Christ by looking at its presence from as many different views as possible. Following is a short collection of quotes about the Christ. By considering how each one of these individuals “sees” the Christ, you will begin to develop a more holistic view, and a “felt sense,” of the nature of Christ.



David Spangler

“Potentially, we have everything that Jesus or any other great person has ever had. This greatness is called the Christ. The Christ is the urge within each of us to fulfill our potential.”

Ernest Holmes

“Christ is the presence of God within the individual human soul.”

“Christ is the truth about ourselves.”

Charles Fillmore

“Let us remember that in declaring Jesus to be present with us, we are placing ourselves in a thought atmosphere that will help us to quicken our own Christ Mind. ...Christ existed long before Jesus... Christ abides in each person as his potential perfection.”

Paul Barrett

“Yes, Jesus was our way-shower; now Christ within Jesus is our way...We all can speak the word Christ and yet everybody focuses on the man, Jesus. We are speaking of the Spirit of God that dwelled in the man Jesus. We are speaking of the Divine Spirit that is within all men. There is Christ in you, as there is Christ in me, as there was Christ in Jesus. The difference between ourselves and Jesus is that He reached a point in his unfoldment where he relied wholly upon Christ.”

Emma Curtis Hopkins

“Perfect conditions are Jesus Christ come again. So I bring forth Jesus Christ to this age. My Jesus Christ is a whole world in the same estate of power and life and understanding as Jesus Christ had and does have and forevermore shall have.”

Jesus Christ (John 14:6)

“I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.”

Joel Goldsmith

“You can see that there never was a time when the Christ was not present awaiting your recognition, and there will never be a time when that Christ will not be present as individual consciousness.”

Ravi Ravindra

“The teaching of Jesus Christ exists for exactly the same purpose as do all other authentic teachings: to show mankind a way of transformation of being so that one may live not self centered, as one normally does, but God centered.”

Jacob Boehme

“The seed of Christ has been planted in every human heart.”

Reshad Feild

“The eternal messenger is always within, waiting to unfold the moment through the Word, and one day when Mary is recognized again, there will be a reappearance of the Christ, manifested in the outer world.”

Sri Da Avabhasa

“The love of Christ is the support and source of bliss, the conscious energy of spiritual existence, under all conditions. It makes life madly joyful, even on the cross. Under the worst trials, it does not guarantee a mood of playful happiness, but it supports the deep joy of faith and mystical communion. This love is the internal condition of our souls, whereby the eternally present Christ draws us to himself.”

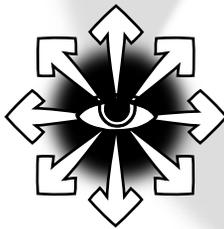
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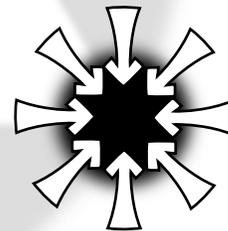
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Inspired by Chapter 14 of the Bagavad Gita - See 'The Song of God' essay in this Section.

The Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 14 : The Forces of Evolution

This is the original text of Chapter 14 of the Bhagavad Gita

Sri Krishna:

Let me tell you more about the wisdom that transcends all knowledge, through which the saints and sages attained perfection. Those who rely on this wisdom will be united with me. For them there is neither rebirth nor fear of death.

My womb is prakriti; in that I place the seed. Thus all created things are born. Everything born, Arjuna, comes from the womb of prakriti, and I am the seed-giving father.

It is the three gunas born of prakriti—sattva, rajas, and tamas—that bind the immortal Self to the body. Sattva—pure, luminous, and free from sorrow—binds us with attachment to happiness and wisdom. Rajas is passion, arising from selfish desire and attachment. These bind the Self with compulsive action. Tamas, born of ignorance deludes all creatures through heedlessness, indolence, and sleep.

Sattva binds us to happiness; rajas binds us to action. Tamas, distorting our understanding, binds us to delusion.

Sattva predominates when rajas and tamas are transformed. Rajas prevails when sattva is weak and tamas overcome. Tamas prevails when rajas and sattva are dormant.

When sattva predominates, the light of wisdom shines through every gate of the body. When rajas predominates, a person runs about pursuing selfish and greedy ends, driven by restlessness and desire. When tamas is dominant a person lives in darkness . . . slothful, confused, and easily infatuated.

Those dying in the state of sattva attain the pure worlds of the wise. Those dying in rajas are reborn among people driven by work. But those who die in tamas are conceived in the wombs of the ignorant.

The fruit of good deeds is pure and sattvic. The fruit of rajas is suffering. The fruit of tamas is ignorance and insensitivity.

From sattva comes understanding; from rajas, greed. But the outcome of tamas is confusion, infatuation, and ignorance.

Those who live in sattva go upwards; those in rajas remain where they are. But those immersed in tamas sink downwards.

The wise see clearly that all action is the work of the gunas. Knowing that which is above the gunas, they enter into union with me.

Going beyond the three gunas which form the body, they leave behind the cycle of birth and death, decrepitude and sorrow, and attain to immortality.

Arjuna:

What are the characteristics of those who have gone beyond the gunas, O Lord? How do they act? How have they passed beyond the gunas' hold?

Sri Krishna:

They are unmoved by the harmony of sattva, the activity of rajas, or the delusion of tamas. They feel no aversion when these forces are active, nor do they crave for them when these forces subside.

They remain impartial, undisturbed by the actions of the gunas knowing that it is the gunas which act, they abide within themselves and do not vacillate.

Established within themselves, they are equal in pleasure and pain, praise and blame, kindness and unkindness. Clay, a rock, and gold are the same to them. Alike in honor and dishonor, alike to friend and foe, they have given up every selfish pursuit such as those who have gone beyond the gunas.

By serving me with steadfast love, a man or woman goes beyond the gunas. Such a one is fit for union with Brahman. For I am the support of Brahman, the eternal, the unchanging, the deathless, the everlasting dharma, the source of all joy. ❁

The Song of God - Chapter 14 : The Forces of Evolution

This is a westernized version of the Bhagavad Gita which has had the following substitutions made: God > Brahman; Christ > Krishna; Disciple > Arjuna; Nature > Prakriti; Truth > Dharma; Sense > Gate; Personality > Guna; Jesus > Sattva; Lucifer > Rajas; Satan > Tamas

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Disciple:

What are the characteristics of those who have gone beyond the Personality, O Lord? How do they act? How have they passed beyond the Personality’s hold?

Christ:

They are unmoved by the harmony of Jesus, the activity of Lucifer, or the delusion of Satan. They feel no aversion when these forces are active, nor do they crave for them when these forces subside.

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By serving me with steadfast love, a man or woman goes beyond their Personality. Such a one is fit for union with God. For I am the support of God, the eternal, the unchanging, the deathless, the everlasting Truth, the very source of all joy. ❧