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Cosmic Law

Introduction

Cosmic law is that principle of nature that holds the universe in a state of balance and is responsible for the perpetual motion of all evolution.

There are many basic universal or cosmic laws that can be translated into terms acceptable to the human mind. Some of these are obvious, such as the law of gravity and those laws of physics that govern the relative speed, density and interpenetrative qualities of atoms. But there are also cosmic laws manifesting on all levels from pure thought downwards and a lack of co-operation with these principles is the cause of many of the problems facing mankind today, both in man's relationship to his fellow men and to the universe around him.

The following lectures aim to present a mental picture of cosmic laws in action and to show how their principles apply on the varying levels of existence.

The forms of life and evolution you encounter on your planet are by no means the only forms of intelligent or sentient life. In your own type of physical evolution there are infinite variations throughout the universe that obey the cosmic laws of adaption to prevailing physical conditions, just as your genetic forebears adapted their bodies to the rapidly changing face of the planet in the early stage of its evolution; nor does this principle apply only to somatic evolution, from a pure thought state for intelligences existing on other levels downwards — also obey similar patterns.

Each branch of universal existence is a separate form of evolution, yet is a perfect complement to the whole. Most of these are quite beyond the scope of man's imagination while incarnate in a physical body, but they all stem from that Ultimate Thought and are bound by the directional impulses of cosmic law. Any movements against¹ the principle can only result in disharmony, both for the offender and for those it encounters on its backward slide.

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The forward directional impulses of cosmic law are harmonious and therefore they are the generators of the love principle. This love principle is the key to the cosmos, for with love comes harmony and with harmony comes progress and freedom from pain. Evolutionary progress through love broadens the wisdom and understanding and completes the perfect pattern of life on all levels.

Commentary on the Introduction

HA describes cosmic law as a set of principles that 'hold[s] the universe in a state of balance' and governs all life forms, from the level of pure thought down to physical organisms. The three central principles are: balance, purpose and evolution. The rejection of these principles is the cause of many of man's problems today.

The purposive nature of creation is central to HA's teaching. It is therefore worth defining the concept of purpose. Etymologically, 'purpose' means 'putting forth' or 'forward'. It involves forward movement and supposes an intention to achieve a goal. That intention implies a consciousness with free will.

HA invokes the concept of free will when he says '...our genetic forebears adapted their bodies to a changing planetary environment...'. This is reminiscent of a Lamarckian² view, which posits that learned strategies for survival may be transmitted through successive generations. This view was largely discredited once Darwin's theory of natural selection was empirically verified. Darwin saw the organism as essentially determined by prior causes. Selection pressures and random mutation act to increase or reduce levels of gene propagation. In contrast, HA's conception of evolution is essentially active and, of course, invokes the concept of 'purpose' and free will.

Recent studies of epigenetic inheritance³ in plants and small mammals have found that acquired gene expressions may be transmissible across generations.⁴ These findings represent a step towards an explanation of evolution in terms of purpose and accumulated learning which would accord with HA's teaching.

HA says that each life form is a perfect complement to the whole. There is a harmonious natural order. All are bound by directional impulses of cosmic law. Counter movements against cosmic law result in disharmony. The love principle - which he calls 'the key to the cosmos' - represents forward harmonious evolution, leading to wisdom and freedom from pain. In other words, he suggests that pain is the inevitable result of disharmony. He does not elaborate on whether pain is an inevitable aspect of evolution, something one might infer from other spiritual teachings, such as Buddhism.

Lecture 1

What is the cosmos? As you stand on your Earth planet and gaze upwards into the vast expanse of sky how often you must have wondered where it begins and where it ends. The answer is that there is no beginning and no end to this infinite magnitude of thought. As all thought stems from and is part of the Ultimate so you are part of the Ultimate. The clothes

² Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, biologist, 1744-1829 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste_Lamarck

³ Epigenetic inheritance is where a parent's experiences, in the form of 'epigenetic tags' can be passed down to future generations. <https://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/epigenetics/inheritance>

⁴ Experimental studies of inherited epigenetics, cited in University of Newcastle, School of Biomedical Sciences Wiki <https://teaching.ncl.ac.uk/bms/wiki/index.php/Epigenetics>

you are wearing, the ground you walk on, everything on your Earth planet, the solar system, the galaxy of which you are a part, everything in the infinite universe is of the Ultimate. Accordingly, the power of the Ultimate is infinite and in that infinity lies wisdom, understanding and creativeness such as would be incomprehensible to the human mind.

Thought flows out from this infinity of greater wisdom, it flows to every corner of the universe. As it leaves the Ultimate it follows a pattern; in other words, it is orderly. I leave you to decide for yourselves what would happen if those thought-patterns were not orderly. This orderliness stems from the Ultimate and it is not until thought reaches the great infinity of the cosmos that it begins to lose its direction of purpose.

There are spirits or “thoughts” in the universe that might be described as “evil entities”. I would prefer to describe them as “disorderly thoughts”. These are either spirits of lower evolution or thoughts from the higher spheres that have strayed off the right. path and descended to the paths of lower evolution. Although a spirit has freewill and can follow many paths it has an overall pattern or “directional impulse”. If, in its evolution and by virtue of its freewill, it decrees that it should experience outside the breadth of that impulse, then it has lost purpose.

Every step of the evolutionary ladder serves to broaden a spirit's vision because every rung affords a greater view and therefore a greater understanding of the universe. So, in order to reach towards⁵ that infinite wisdom of the Ultimate and get beyond the limits of the rational human mind, it is necessary for a spirit to direct its thought forward with this directional impulse; this may sound as though there is a limitation to one path of expression in order to reach for the Ultimate which is unlimiting; but the limitation is in the overall directional impulse and not in the many varied approaches towards that goal. Here is an example of the law of the cosmos that decrees that a spirit in its evolution has to be both logical and illogical in order to gain the wisdom it wishes to acquire. It is an aspect of cosmic law that tends to confuse the logical mind of the reasoning Earth man.

To sum up this first lecture on the laws of the cosmos: we see that thought in the universe has a directional impulse and to obtain the utmost evolution it has to keep that direction

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orderly and purposeful. It is only when that thought becomes disorderly and without purpose or direction that it actually narrows itself, for the lower a spirit descends the narrower is its comprehension.

There, my friends, you have lesson number one, which is perhaps the greatest lesson of all. I advise you not to read further until you are completely sure that you have understood what you have read so far.

If you have understood this most important law of the cosmos quite fully and simply, then you are helping yourself to help others.

[Commentary on Lecture 1](#)

HA describes the cosmos as infinite, with no beginning or end. Its power is infinite; its wisdom, understanding, orderliness and creativity comes from this infinitude. As a new thought leaves the Godhead, it follows its directional impulse and its understanding of the cosmos grows.

However, as thought reaches infinity it loses direction. ‘...[I]t is not until thought reaches the great infinity of the cosmos that it begins to lose its direction of purpose.’ HA does not expand on why direction weakens with spiritual ascendance but perhaps the concept of direction is no longer meaningful at the level of the Godhead.

This loss of direction is no doubt different in kind from the loss of direction of a ‘fallen’ spirit that opposes cosmic law. HA says that evil entities are disorderly thoughts that have strayed off-course. These may have come from lower or higher spheres. ‘If, in its evolution and by virtue of its freewill, it [a spirit] decrees that it should experience outside the breadth of that impulse, then it has lost purpose.’

A spirit’s directional impulse provides the overall direction of travel but also constitutes a degree of constraint. When a spirit chooses to incarnate, it inevitably limits the scope of its experience due to the physical laws by which the body is bound. Each spirit has to deal with the apparent tension between free will and physical limitation in its own way.

HA says that a spirit in its evolution has to be both ‘logical and illogical’ in order to gain wisdom. Man learns that as he ascends the spiritual ladder, his reason is something he must eventually go beyond. It would therefore appear that Aristotle’s principles of non-contradiction and syllogistic reasoning do not necessarily prevail in the higher realms!

Understanding cosmic law helps oneself and helps others. HA encourages the reader to contemplate the full implications of his first lecture before reading on.

Lecture 2

For my second lecture on the laws of the cosmos I shall take what we have learned already and develop it a little further.

The plan of the universe is *evolution* with the Godhead as the Ultimate. This is one of the most fundamental of all cosmic laws and it presents a simple and straightforward picture of the universe that is logical, rational and indeed helpful, for understanding it enables you to have a balanced perspective of your present stage of experience.

Let us look a little deeper into this law of evolution. When a thought leaves the Ultimate it descends to a plane lower than your Earth plane. I want you to picture an inverted hollow cone; the top of this cone - in appearance like a cup - continues upwards to such a height that the lip is inconceivable to the human mind for it represents a universe that is infinite.

When a new thought leaves the Ultimate it descends to the bottom of that cone. At this point it has no evolution and only a limited realization; when it views its position it can only see where it is in relation to the stage of its advancement within the cone. As realization⁶ comes upon it, it takes the next step forward and begins to rise up the cone; the higher it rises the more its vision of understanding and wisdom increases and broadens for the less it is “narrowed down” by its surroundings.

Do not picture a cone as you know it on Earth, because it is something far more vast than that. The scope of this cone is infinite and, because it reaches into infinity, the possibilities of experience a spirit can choose — the different ways in which it can evolve are infinite. It can start ascending the cone and then move across, or even descend again if it so wishes, for the Ultimate has given every spirit the freewill to choose. Indeed, that is another cosmic law in itself.

You will know what I mean when I refer to the striving of a spirit, that innermost conviction and desire of a spirit to uplift its evolution. In the language of the cosmos it is a desire to think itself on to an orderly path or along its correct directional impulse of movement. If it

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starts to stray down the cone again it will not only be working against its own directional impulse but it will be failing in what it has set out to do, because it is narrowing its evolution and wisdom. That is why I have spoken against narrow-mindedness, as it is one of man's biggest pitfalls. Let us also not forget that narrow-mindedness has two extremes, for is not the fanatic as limited as the sceptic? As a "thought" or spirit ascends the cone on a correct directional Impulse its wisdom increases. It has more to see and more to find out as the cone becomes wider. So you can see that the higher a spirit evolves the broader its evolution becomes; it is an ever-widening and ever-ascending spiral, a spiral that is infinite. With each stage it succeeds in attaining it gains in an infinite number of ways. Should it at any time lose its orderliness and directional impulse the higher it has reached the further will it descend, so that spirits that have reached the fifth plane of thought, or even in certain cases the sixth plane, can drop right down to the bottom.

It is true to say that if a spirit reaches an advanced point in its evolution, retrogresses and then by spiritual endeavour regains its former state, it in fact experiences more fully than fellow spirit whose evolution has followed a fairly even line. But in the process it will have caused itself great suffering and lived "hells" of its own making.

To help you to understand the movement of these directional impulses and what takes place when a spirit moves against them, picture a large crowd of people all moving in one direction. One man⁷ in the crowd is trying to push through them in the opposite way. His movements, varying in violence from a gentle push to a heavy thrust, affect not only his own path of movement but also those people he is obliged to remove in order to achieve his objective. Many may be hurt or misplaced as a result of his actions.

[Commentary on Lecture 2](#)

HA expands on the theme of evolution by describing how a new thought descends from the Ultimate to a low plane, then starts to ascend what could be imagined as an inverted cone which spreads out infinitely towards the top. As the thought ascends, it gains understanding and finds itself released from the external constraints to which lower levels of evolution are subject.

Each spirit strives to uplift itself, to 'think itself on to an orderly path...'. The freewill of every spirit allows it to choose its own path of evolution. It can stray down the cone, working

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against its directional impulse and thereby narrowing its vision. This narrowing can manifest in two forms: fanaticism and scepticism, both feeding further narrow-mindedness and the rejection of one's directional impulse.

'Let us also not forget that narrow-mindedness has two extremes, for is not the fanatic as limited as the sceptic?'

I disagree with HA here, because I do not see these traits as morally, or in any other way, equivalent. Fanaticism, by definition, is closed to any contrary view, whereas scepticism implies an openness to opposing views - hence the term 'healthy scepticism'. Fanaticism stems from emotion and unreason. Scepticism is a questioning attitude and amenable to reason. Scepticism or doubt is the starting point of the scientific method, where truth claims are exposed to falsification by counter-evidence and sound argument. Scepticism which is not backed up by rational argument is, in my opinion, not scepticism at all, but prejudice.

Further, when considering primitive societies, the trait of narrow-mindedness might be regarded as an adaptive in-group preference, an aspect of tribalism that promotes survival and propagation of the gene pool. Broad-mindedness comes with advancing spirituality, where an abstraction (for example, 'universal love') becomes the regulator of more primitive instincts.

HA describes how a spirit's evolution is like an ever-widening and ever-ascending spiral; also how, as it ascends, it faces a deeper descent should it fall. In certain cases, spirits from the sixth plane can drop right down to the bottom. What 'the bottom' actually is, HA does not say. Does he mean that the whole process of evolution restarts as if the spirit is divested of all its experience, reverting to a rudimentary form? Or does it retain its experiences which return to its awareness through spiritual work?

Retrogression can lead to self-made 'hells' and cause great suffering to others. However, HA says that if a spirit can fully recover from a retrogression through endeavour, it will have experienced more fully than one following an even line. I assume that he does not endorse such a path, but my impression is that he does not judge it either.

Lecture 3

Every thought of God has no beginning and no end. Each has come from and eventually returns to the Godhead, which is infinite. Each of you is a part of infinity itself, if indeed it is possible to have such a part. Each one who reads this lecture is God in that he is part of God. Your whole Earth planet and everything therein and thereon is God to a greater or lesser degree. Therefore, all the laws of the cosmos and all the wisdom of evolution are available to each one of you; but you close all this off from yourselves by the depths to which you have descended in order to experience.

As you evolve and ascend the ladder of evolution, learning through the lessons of many lifetimes, you open your understanding and regain your rightful heritage. That is why, when those with an evolved spirit study the universe, they find that it comes to them very easily. Many people begin to lose interest when they have reached a certain stage of understanding, declaring that there is no need for them to go any further. They should never be criticized for this for they are all thoughts of God experiencing in their own individual way, but they have not yet mounted that next rung of the ladder that gives them a further sight into the cosmos.

Each one of you has a subconscious knowledge of what has been and will be. This has probably brought to your mind the following question: "If my spirit knows all these things, then why am I here?" The answer is that you are here because the Godhead, in its infinity, is orderly and is ever expanding its infinite wisdom and thought; it is an infinity without limit. The purpose of your being here is to add to the infinity that is already within the Godhead; and each form of evolution, whatsoever it might be, is adding to that infinity by the experiences it is undergoing.

I must now further explain to you that there is no such thing as time or space in the universe, for the experience you are undergoing has already taken place. Furthermore, everything you have done previously is still to happen in the future and everything that is to happen in the future has already happened in the past and is⁸ happening in the present. The Ultimate can see what it has experienced in the past, the present and the future; it can see all experience as the Eternal Now. Such is the power of thought. Such is the nature of the universe.

If you have followed this, then indeed you are managing to get a glimpse of what is meant by time and space, another fundamental law of the cosmos. I have always said to you "seek and ye shall find". If you try to absorb and truly understand what I have said your experience will be enriched and your understanding and evolution will broaden.

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The nature of the universe is simple. God the Ultimate does not make complicated laws; it is man who introduces the multitudinous details, those small details of time that are so much a part of his limited human reasoning.

So, my friends, beware of these traps. Rise above them. Rise through them and uplift yourselves to the higher thoughts of God's universe.

[Commentary on Lecture 3](#)

HA asks us to consider that all thoughts come from and return to the infinite Godhead; we are all one, a part of this infinity. Each has access, albeit mostly unconscious, to all the laws of the cosmos and the wisdom of evolution. HA refers to the fact that descent into matter inevitably narrows understanding, but that as a spirit evolves over lifetimes, it regains its 'rightful heritage'. As the spirit progresses, understanding is more readily attained.

The purpose of each spirit is to add its experience to the infinitude of the universe. HA notes that some people reach a point in their lives where they feel no need to expand their understanding but that this should not attract any judgement.

Linear time as we know it on Earth is an illusion. Each individual has subconscious knowledge of what has been, is, and will be; all experience takes place in the Eternal Now, although we may not experience it as such.

HA's teaching can be difficult to grasp because it appears sometimes challenging, contradictory or paradoxical. He says that the universe is simple but that limited human reasoning misperceives earthly life as complex. This statement is challenging: how many people would say that their lives are simple? And how do we reconcile physical causation and free will? Or reconcile linear time and an eternal present? HA says that the mere fact that we try to understand his teaching will broaden our understanding and we will progress in our evolution: 'Seek and ye shall find'.

[Lecture 4](#)

Having read and thoroughly understood what I have already said regarding the evolutionary process of the universe, let us together consider the cause and effect of a spirit from the higher realms of thought incarnating into a physical body, a spirit that has reached a fineness whence it is able to see and comprehend many wonders of the universe.

Let us say that this spirit returns to a lower plane of thought, such as an experience upon your Earth planet, bringing with it the conscious realization of the wisdom, breadth of vision and near infinity of comprehension it has gained. This not only can be done but is done, as

may be evidenced by many of the great teachings the world has received. Such a step is not achieved by contravening the laws of the cosmos, but rather by developing the cosmic plan one stage further.

You will remember what I said about thought being orderly and flowing in a directional impulse. Thought that has reached a high degree of existence has done so by being able to control the directional flow of its creative powers. In other words, it has exercised its freewill in a direction that has enabled it to overcome the negative pulls of the lower levels of thought. You will understand from this⁹ how essential it is from the evolutionary point of view to maintain harmony.

Now this thought, having reached a higher plane of existence, a wider degree of comprehension, is able to return to Earth, not by negating what it has achieved — which is what would happen if it slid back down the sides of the cone — but by developing its thought into a progressive direction and reaching a degree of realization where it lifts itself outside the limits of its own sphere of evolution. It can then return down the cone on another dimension, as it were, where it is in no way limited by the effect the cone is having on the form of resident evolution it is visiting.

I could say that these spirits or thoughts that return to your Earth planet from the very high planes are conforming to an entirely different evolutionary pattern; they are what you would term in orthodoxy “masters” or “archangels”. By following this process, when they have finished the task for which they have returned, they are able to ascend directly to that stage of wisdom whence they came.

Contained within these four lectures is the basic understanding of cosmic law. They give you the broad framework for understanding the reason for all existence: why you are here and how best you can progress along your own evolutionary ladder. Think about it so that you understand its fullest implications; by doing so you will be broadening your vision of the universe and ascending that infinite cone of evolution.¹⁰

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Commentary on Lecture 4

In this lecture HA describes the descent of highly evolved spirits or masters into a physical body, bringing wisdom and higher understanding of the universe to the physical realm. These are the master teachers in world history and they play an important part in the cosmic plan.

By maintaining harmony and progressing in a positive direction, such a spirit can return to Earth and continue its evolution without being limited by any negative pull of lower levels of thought. This is achieved through the spirit's development of freewill and ability to control the directional flow of its creative powers. These 'masters' or 'archangels' follow a different evolutionary pattern from that of most spirits. Once they have fulfilled their role in the physical realm, they return to their previous plane of wisdom.

HA concludes these four lectures by encouraging us to seek to understand cosmic law and to understand the reason for existence. In gaining understanding, we broaden our vision of the universe and in doing so, we fulfil our purpose and help others do the same.

Why HA's teaching came to help us when it did - in the latter half of the twentieth century – is, at this point, an unanswered question.

Thought Waves and the Solar System

The universe is composed of various levels of thought or vibrations. Bearing in mind that the universe is infinite, these waves or levels of thought are orderly, for they follow recognizable lines or patterns. If you were to send a thought to someone on the other side of your planet that thought would travel direct to its goal, for thought is infinite and exists interdependently (sic) of time and space.

In my past lectures I have explained how every thought you think travels into the universe. The ether is full of thought-forms of varying type and intensity and there are also innumerable forms of evolution that have existed throughout time, both in this solar system and others. These thoughts form an orderly current and are channelled into what you might term “waves”. A “wave” or current of thought travelling in the same direction can provide a very powerful influence, so you can well imagine the type of thought-force that emanates from your planet at the time of, say, a major world war.

Some millions of years ago your own solar system was caught up in a tremendously powerful thought-wave travelling from a galaxy some billions of light years away. As this thought-wave hit your solar system it brought with it a powerful influence of a baser or lower nature. When such a thought-force is large and powerful its effects can often be far-reaching and it may momentarily engulf one planet or even a whole solar system, especially if there is a weakness there already. The mind of the deva of the planet Lucifer gradually became affected and subsequent actions resulted in the planet of that name leaving its orbit and being drawn in by the planet Earth.

The violent upheavals brought about by these happenings sent Atlantis to the depths of the ocean.

In addition to Lucifer other planets in your solar system were affected although perhaps less intensely. Your own planet Earth was one and also the planet Mars. This, unfortunately, has affected the influence that Mars as a planet bestows upon Earth; it is now more¹¹ often

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received as belligerence than industriousness, the latter being the natural positive vibration of Mars.

One could say that this undesirable thought-wave has become caught up in the backwash force of your solar system, like a piece of paper caught in a whirlpool; but its influence will gradually disappear and, after the forthcoming axis tilt, certain other events will take place whereby it will be rooted out of the solar system once and for all. It will be occult force brought into play by the clearing of this thought-wave that will be instrumental in the many cosmic happenings destined to take place in this solar system in the future.

When the balance of the solar system settles it will be the changed influences rather than the altered physical positions of the planets that will bring about the changes in the minds of men. There will be physical differences, but the major consideration will be the disappearance of this powerful thought-force that has dominated the Earth through Lucifer for so many years.

In my lectures on cosmic law I have explained how thought-waves travel along what I would term "directional impulses". All thought has the freewill to choose whether it goes with such impulses or against them. Physical matter may appear to limit this choice, but decisions of spirit or thought are usually made before entering a physical sphere. All the directional impulses towards the Godhead or Ultimate travel in a clockwise direction. Those that are working against God and against cosmic law move anti-clockwise. If you have studied occultism or magic you will have noticed that the rituals associated with the "darker" side usually entail anti-clockwise procedure.

Man will learn much of the power of thought in his scientific seekings, especially in his endeavours to conquer space. It is possible to travel from galaxy to galaxy, using one of these "thought-waves" as motive power, at speeds quite beyond the imagination of many. Such development is for the future, however.

The whole subject of time, space and cosmic law is very extensive. Much of it will become apparent with the natural unfolding of man's evolution and, meantime, I shall do what I can to fill in the gaps.¹²

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Light

In this lecture I wish to examine the subject of light from both the practical and cosmic point of view and at the same time enable you to keep your own Earth planet in mind, appreciating its position in relation to the rest of the solar system and the entire infinite universe.

What is light? As you awake in the morning and peer out of your window have you ever wondered what light is composed of? Like everything else in the universe light is a vibration. It is a vibration that moves very much faster than your own physical vibration, which is why you are able to travel through it. It is an entirely different form of evolution from your own, but it is, nevertheless, a type of physical evolution. Your eye, which is directly connected to your brain, is able to utilize this form of evolution, for its properties enable you to receive an impression of the world that exists around you.

As you well appreciate, darkness is the absence of light; the reason why part of your planet is dark at night is because that part is turned away from the Sun, so that the rays of light are, therefore, unable to reach and illuminate that particular portion of the Earth's surface. This may well cause you to suppose that if you travelled beyond your solar system everything would be in darkness, but this is not so for there is a form of cosmic light throughout the universe; although perhaps you would not recognise it if you saw it as it does not operate at the same frequency as the light with which you are familiar.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if you were to travel faster than the speed of light? Well, if you were to go outside the overall atmosphere of your Earth, you would find yourself in this cosmic light that gives a much finer glow than the comparatively harsh light received on your planet from the rays of the Sun. Because this cosmic light does not emanate from one particular sphere it is a shadowless light and, consequently, you do not get the same degrees of light and shade experienced on Earth. When man experiences this for the first time, as he will do some day, he will find it extremely strange for it will tend to alter the features of everything he sees. May I illustrate this by reminding you of the strange photographic tricks that can be played by varying the angle and density of light upon a subject. If you were able to negotiate the speed of cosmic light you would be able to travel

the millions of miles between galaxies in a few seconds, but this is something your own scientists will soon discover so let us leave it for them to prove to you.

To return to the Sun: it must be borne in mind that this orb is not where you see it when you look upwards to the sky. The reason for this is that the atmosphere of Earth deflects the Sun's rays and they, therefore, touch Earth at a different angle than that from which they have actually come. This can best be illustrated by immersing half a pencil in a bowl of water and noticing the deflection of light by the water.

I should like to mention here that man's knowledge of cosmic refraction is very inadequate at present. To be even more accurate, one has to realise that the Sun's rays have also been refracted by the atmosphere of other planets and all forms of asteroid bodies before they reach your planet.

In conclusion one may say that cosmic light is something that moves at a vibration far beyond the human concept, at a speed - not that is far quite the right word but I am afraid it will have to suffice - beyond the imagination of *homo sapiens*. It is the same light that is seen by spirits on their journeyings and it covers all planes of existence. It is the light of the Ultimate and emanates from the Godhead.¹³

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Sound

When you speak sound goes out into the universe. This sound travels in an ever-widening arc and the farther it travels from your body the more dispersed it becomes and the more difficult to hear. Under ideal conditions, when there are no other external noises, sound will travel much farther for other sounds tend to break up or disperse the waves.

Science tells you that sound does not belong to the electro-magnetic wave band and cannot, therefore, travel through a vacuum. This relates it more to physical matter than to, say, radio waves or X-rays that are from a different field of frequencies. It is possible for sound to alter the structure of certain material things. I am sure that most of you have heard the famous story of the opera singer who was able to shatter a glass with a top “C”; the reason the glass was shattered was because the singer emitted a pure sound.

What is pure sound? Normally, when you speak your voice covers a number of frequencies and one of the lessons a singer learns is to narrow down the range of frequencies on any one note or sound; this makes the voice sound clear and bell-like. The narrower that note becomes the more effect it will have from a vibrating point of view; if by chance a singer is able to bring the voice down to a very narrow limit of frequency — easier done is (sic) the higher register - the sound itself will become so close to matter that it is capable of penetrating the atomic structure of certain materials, causing them to disintegrate.

The fact that sound can shatter a glass is fascinating when you consider that glass is a liquid and not a solid. Even in the light of scientific knowledge as it is today you accept that glass is a liquid and yet can be shattered by sound! Fine glass is tempered to such a degree that it becomes brittle and a narrow note can penetrate between the molecular structure and cause those little “solar systems” to break up. Taking this to an extreme, if someone who knew how to use the right combination and frequency of sound were able to leave this¹⁴ solar system they could break it up! In fact, if your knowledge of sound were really advanced, it would prove to be a far more dangerous weapon than the nuclear bomb. But

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never let it be said that I have taught man how to make a weapon more lethal than the nuclear bomb!

I want you to consider the nature of sound. It is a frequency or wavelength that can be narrowed or widened; accordingly, the narrower the frequency the purer it becomes and the finer or more diamond-like. Like a rapier, such a sound could cut through walls or material objects and no amount of sound-proofing could stop it. The terrible danger behind a knowledge of sonic manipulation would lie in the possibility of these notes being carried into a full, high ultra-sonic frequency where the sound was not perceptible to the human ear. It could be produced in a sufficiently devastating way to destroy the human race! On the other hand, if man had this knowledge and also the wisdom to use it properly he could employ it to move matter. In altering the frequency of a note by widening or narrowing it in a certain way an expanding or retracting vibration can be effected. With correct application the forces of sound could be harnessed in such a way that they could be used in the building industry to lift heavy blocks of stone or to move large structures. In fact, the uses would be limitless.

In the past history of this planet certain races of people broke the sonic code and learned about some of these things of which I have been speaking. But, alas, they did not really understand them, nor did they use wisdom in handling their knowledge, for they quickly found how to use it for devastation and suffered accordingly. For this reason I am glad that man's knowledge of sound is very limited at the present time, because he is not yet ready to handle it.

Those of you who are parents know it is necessary to withhold dangerous toys or machines from your child until he is old enough to understand and use them wisely. You would not give your small son the keys of your car, for the thought of what he could do if he started the engine is quite frightening. Likewise, if we were to release to you an understanding of the science of sound, I am afraid you would abuse that knowledge in the same way as you have abused your knowledge of nuclear physics.

The tension on Earth today is so great and the battle so fierce that we must of necessity do everything we can to bring sanity and Light to mankind. If the science of sound becomes a

reality on Earth at the¹⁵ present time it will be through the powers of darkness and not the powers of Light. We shall block them and try to prevent this happening because we realise the terrible consequences that could result.(Contrast with footnote 35)

I would now like to invite questions on the subject, so that we can expand it in accordance with the thoughts you may each have had.

Question: It has been suggested that every person has a vibrational name or sound. Would that represent the sound nearest to the frequency of the person's spirit? In other words, is it not the sound itself rather than a "name" as such?

Answer: Yes, this is true. You are not able to see a spirit in its entirety for you are not moving at the same rate of vibration as the spirit; therefore, from the psychic point of view, you can only gain an impression of what it is like. But if you were able to view a spirit in its entirety there would be two facets about it that would fascinate you, the first of these being the colour and light; it would be seen as a flash of light that has within it colours and shades of colour far beyond your comprehension. The other fascinating aspect would be the sound. Perhaps it would be like a tinkle of bells, or a single sound of peculiar resonance. If you were able to see a spirit's light and hear its sound it would give you a very much clearer picture of the evolution of that spirit than you could ever gain from viewing the normal Earth body. So, if you could find the "name by vibration" of a person, it would present a much easier clue to his evolution than his physical body, overall type of intelligence and character would suggest.

Question: You mentioned sound being so pure and the frequency so narrow that it could penetrate the structure of matter and destroy it; you also mentioned its constructive or building properties. Does this mean that the sound that builds is of a broad nature with a tremendous number of frequencies?

Answer: I did not make this quite clear. Let me explain. Sound in itself is positive and negative, neither and both. It is like spiritual thought. It¹⁶ has no personality of its own; the personality can only exist in accordance with what you give it as an individual. In other

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words, just as you can use psychic power for good or evil so also can you use sound, for it is a double-edged sword. However, if it is being used for constructive work the best results can be obtained by the interchange of frequency and not by a single sound on a single note. This is achieved by the gradual widening or narrowing of a sound, for it is the variation within a certain frequency that produces the subtlety and the blend of tone that enables physical matter to be moved without being destroyed. I do not intend to go into any more detail for reasons already given.

Question: The vibrational name comes up again, this time in connection with the Godhead. In occult teachings the Tetragrammaton is considered the holy name, but it is never spoken as such because it is considered both impious and dangerous, also probably because nobody really knows what it is for certain. Instead, the four Hebrew consonants YHWH are used, omitting the vowel sounds. Biblical students use Jehovah or Yahveh to indicate the Divinity, but could this be pure supposition based on some ancient tradition, like the idea of the AUM in Tibetan occultism?

Answer: Yes, indeed. You must understand that sound in relation to the Godhead is very pure and very complete. It would be impossible to interpret it with any accuracy, in the same way as it would be impossible for you to interpret the Godhead, for to understand this divine force fully you would need to be a part of it. Man has, in the past, used some rather ugly forms of expression to describe the Godhead. If one is going to consider the Godhead in terms of sound, the sound is so pure that it has no meaning or form of expression at all. It could certainly not be described in any Earth language, or even approached from such a level. The Ultimate you may call God, Christ, Allah or you may give it some mystical Sanskrit name if you wish; but you must realize these are purely symbolic and do not bear any sonic relationship to the Godhead!

Question: It is said that sonics was understood in Atlantis and was practised¹⁷ by a system of gongs. We have read of the supposed existence of a part of one of these gongs in a very well-known museum belonging to a certain Christian religion. But they have never been able

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to find the missing part or “striker”. Is it true and, if so, has it been “your side” that has prevented the finding of this striker?

Answer: A gong can be struck in a way so as either to expand or contract the note. The subtlety of striking such a gong lies in the hands of the person using the instrument, not the means used to strike it. So whether this gong is complete or not is almost irrelevant, because it does not matter what is used to strike it. What matters is the way in which it is struck. This particular gong did not originate in Atlantis but came from a considerably more recent civilization of central American origin.

Question: Earth is the planet of music. Musical sounds must therefore play a very important part in the evolution of this planet. Have you any comment?

Answer: From the point of view of music, as a planet you have come a long way. You have found means of making music that can inspire, stimulate, depress or destroy, music that can fit virtually any mood within earthly expression. This has proved a very useful form of experience for mankind, but it is rather different from the science of sound about which I have been speaking. With music you are not using sound as a physical force but more as a complement to the personality or ego, something that can help you to expand or retract. In this sense you have achieved something positive for you have developed this a great deal. Many people are critical of modern music. What they tend to forget is that modern composers are, after all, only reflecting the chaos of the present age. All right, you do not like the result. Well, the way to influence the result is by doing your best to see that this present age runs more smoothly and harmoniously within itself.

Radiation

The Psychic Ramifications

The question of radio-activity is a very fascinating one from the psychic point of view for in the universe there are many different frequencies of vibration, or energy patterns, that go to make up life on its many levels of existence. Your body, as you know, is made up of various groups of atoms in this enlightened and scientific age most of you are familiar with those little illustrations of atomic structures showing a central nucleus with revolving electrons. You have also, no doubt, observed that they are not unlike the solar system. The entire universe is made up of these strange little structures, the whole point being that they exist on different levels. Some are heavy and materially visible, whilst others are very fine, so fine that they are not as yet discernible by man in his present stage of knowledge it is essential that these little structures continue revolving for if they should fail to do so the universe would not maintain its form of balance. In fact, when at some particular period the orbital path of one of these bodies does go wrong, there is some form of catastrophe somewhere in the infinite universe. You have experimented in a mild way with this type of thing on your own planet by splitting the atom.

Spirit emanates from the Godhead and evolves by experience, eventually to rejoin the Godhead. During this process it undergoes many changes and these changes involve the utilization of various other forms of evolution. Included amongst these is the material world in which you are all taking part here and now, your physical body being a part of this facet of evolution. There are an infinite number of other forms of evolution in the universe in addition to physical evolution. Those of you who are reasonably conversant with a study of the universe from the occult point of view will have heard of some of the other forms of intelligence that exist, such as the spirits of the elements and devic spirits. But¹⁸ what is meant by “another form of evolution”? This simply implies that those spirits have chosen to exist within a different frequency.

Let me try to clarify this a little further. When a spirit first leaves the Godhead it is virtually without experience, knowledge or wisdom. It is like an unopened pod. Then it gradually

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begins to open. One of the earliest experiences it goes through is reaching a state of realization in which it knows what form of evolution it is going to pursue. If it decides on physical evolution it may choose the type that takes it into incarnation as a flower, or perhaps it may choose vegetation, the animal kingdom, or *homo sapiens*. Let us suppose that it has decided to enter the form of evolution we call the spirits of the elements.*¹⁹ It would mean that as that spirit began to progress it would move forward on a very much stronger type of vibration than that of *homo sapiens*. The elemental vibration is very different from your own in that it is considerably “sharper”. The vibration of *homo sapiens* is quite a passive one. This I shall illustrate as my lecture goes on.

Now I am going off at what might appear to be a tangent, for I would like to approach the subject from an entirely different angle. Not so very many years ago you had a major world war on this planet and, as a means of expediting this war, a certain nation chose to drop an atomic bomb. I do not intend to examine this from a moral standpoint here, for that is a subject unto itself. But, right or wrong, they did it. Since that time the so-called East and West have played a cat-and-mouse game, seeing who can conduct the bigger and better nuclear tests; this has caused a lot of consternation amongst many people who are frightened about the resulting amount of radio-active fall-out.

Many years ago I said that this fall-out was a great deal less than people believed it to be and I think events have shown that I was not so far wrong. I intend to stick my neck out in the same way and say that, except for within the immediate vicinity of a nuclear explosion, the amount of fall-out compared with the amount of radio-activity in the universe, or even around your planet, is completely and utterly negligible!

But, on the other hand, if a person is in the vicinity of a nuclear explosion, then they face a grave danger quite unknown to them. Let me explain.

The spirit itself has an atomic structure or rate of vibration just as²⁰ the body has, but it is moving faster and is, therefore, neither visible to the human eye nor measurable by human instruments. The rather more cynical of you would deny its existence, but then man's ego

¹⁹ *This subject is covered in great detail in the booklet entitled *Spirit Evolution*.

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will have its way! If a person were in the vicinity of one of these nuclear explosions and, particularly, within close range of radio-active fall-out the atomic structure of the spirit would be affected in such a way that it would be put right out of balance within itself. This is something quite apart from the balance between the spirit and the body, which would of course also be seriously affected. The spirit would in fact be projected into a different form of evolution, a sort of evolutionary “no-man's land”, which is quite a serious “ramification” I think you will agree. This means that the spirit would be unable to control the physical body and the process of deterioration would become grossly accelerated. Few people realise how much influence the spirit exercises over its shell.

The effect of such radiation on the spirit is similar to the effect of an occult attack on a very high level, such as Lucifer aimed at the spirits working with Mikael during the latter days of Atlantis.*²¹

When a person actively participates in some form of psychic expression the vibration of the spirit is considerably quickened; this is duly conveyed to the physical body because it is being controlled by the spirit. Occult power is considerably radio-active and the higher it is the more radio-active it becomes. Now I do not want to cause panic amongst the psychic workers in The Atlanteans, but they have been dabbling quite a bit with radio-activity! If they were unfortunate enough to be near a nuclear explosion where there were damaging effects they would actually find that they would come off considerably better than most people and, in some cases, there might even be an immunity. But “immunity” is the wrong word. The true state of affairs would be that they were far more tuned to the radio-activity than someone unused to the occult vibration. Medical authorities might describe this state as a “tolerance”, which some believe can also be gained by gradual exposure to limited doses of radiation.

It is also true to say that from the point of view of the evolution of the spirit and its stability active psychic work is a very good thing; it does not necessarily give a spirit wisdom but it gives it strength.

²¹ See chapter entitled “The Semitic Race”

Many moons ago this society stumbled across this particular problem, inasmuch as one of their psychic workers was found to be suffering from what appeared to be the effects of exposure to radiation. In fact the person in question had misused his psychism. Many of our psychic workers may feel that we are unnecessarily strict in the use of psychic power in the society but, believe me, if we are it is for a very good reason; we are trying to teach them to use that power themselves and, if this is done properly and people work within our instructions, they cannot possibly come to any harm.

Certain of the more advanced mental healers in the society have been able to work with the spirits of the elements. These spirits are considerably more radio-active, if you like to put it that way, than a *homo sapiens* spirit, which means that they are vibrating at a very much faster frequency. I am casting a distinction here between *faster* and *finer*! The more evolved a spirit the finer it becomes; but the stronger that spirit is within itself the faster it will vibrate. You must draw that very definite distinction.

So these spirits of the elemental kingdom, which also includes devic spirits, are vibrating faster than *homo sapiens*. Let me give a very simple simile. If you spin a top very fast you will notice that it has a great deal of stability; if its spinning begins to slow down it will start to wobble. In the same way, in your solar system, when a planet gets very old it tends to slow down, its metabolism begins to break up and it starts to wobble. As a matter of interest, your own planet has a wobble; but I am not trying to worry you; it is not a very serious one!

I have given very broad outlines in this lecture and carefully avoided details, as I wanted you to see the subject as a whole. These are the basic psychic ramifications of radio-activity, I want you to think about it carefully and those of you who are interested in science can align these thoughts with what you already know. It is something that man has, comparatively speaking, only recently begun to appreciate and he does not yet really understand it; if he did he would realize that he is far nearer to finding the secret of the universe than he has ever been, but he needs to view his practical findings in a philosophic way.

If mankind uses this knowledge correctly he has nothing whatsoever to fear and, in my opinion, it is one of the most important and significant advances he has yet made in his

seeking. It is a very sorry thing for me to see people today completely unable to align the spiritual and the scientific. To many the gulf seems so wide and yet, in truth, it is a gulf that is so very, very narrow. It is only as wide as you, personally, wish to make it. As all thoughts in the universe have originated from the Godhead it is not really so strange, is it?²²

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The Ever-expanding Universe

The universe is ever-changing; it always was and always will be. The supreme intelligence behind the universe keeps a constant flow to and from itself. The stars, galaxies and solar systems you see will have an ending insofar as the physical matter of which they are composed will cease to exist in that state. But they will not truly end, for the atoms they are composed of will increase in speed or vibration and commence a new chain of existence in another dimension. The universe you see will cease to exist as *you* see it but it will nevertheless be there, functioning in a different dimension.

From the interchange of atoms from one dimension to another a friction is set up, in turn bringing into being a new set of atoms of a denser nature. I am putting this into very basic language in order to create a picture that can be comprehended by all, but those of you who are more scientifically minded will doubtless translate it into your own particular phraseology. These newly formed atomic structures are of a similar but not identical pattern and weight to those composing the parts of the universe that had broken up. Thus another galaxy is born, another set of suns and stars comes into being for future generations of intelligences to survey with what instruments they may possess. Although the vibration of this new set of physical expressions is of a material nature in its atomic structure it differs by the slightest fraction from the old one. Thus the experiences to be gained within its confines differ by that much from those of its predecessors, for no evolutionary progression is identically repetitive.

To put it as concisely as possible: each time a segment of the material universe disintegrates - changes its vibration by evolving on to a higher, faster and less perceptible atomic scale - its act of disintegration sets up this recreative cosmic friction. I will endeavour to elaborate on this by taking the example of your own solar system and considering its beginning.²³

Firstly, let me say that the universe did not start with a colossal "bang"; nor is it constantly spreading out to leave a hole in the centre. There is - to put it into the nearest terms that Earth language will allow - one central atom constantly expanding from the central core. As it expands it fuses with other elements in the cosmos and, from this continual central

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fusion, universes - collections of galaxies - are born. As the universes break up in the manner I have described to you above and the atoms raise their vibrations they inevitably reach a speed where they are re-absorbed into the central core once again and continue to contribute, in yet another method of evolution, to the constant flow of creation. Thus nothing is ever lost and the universe is for ever expanding in a dimension beyond that of time, space and breadth. Gradually, man as he evolves will comprehend more of this picture, for his mind will be able to grasp it without rejection through fear.

Another point I would like to make is that all levels of evolution exist within each other, so that within the room in which you are sitting there are levels of intelligence present from the lowest to the highest. This applies both scientifically and ethically and therefore shows that orthodox teachings are not wrong when they tell you that God is everywhere. Which levels of consciousness you are able to tune in to will depend solely upon your own spiritual development.

Now let us look at the creation and subsequent evolution of the galaxy of which your own solar system is a part. This galaxy was formed from the fusion of certain unstable elements in the cosmos, which - strange as it may seem - is quite a natural and usual stage of evolutionary development. In fact, new galaxies are in the process of being formed in the universe all the time. It would be difficult to give you the actual length of time it takes for the formation of such a body, but in your measurements it would run into millions of years.

Each galaxy is moving within itself and these movements are orderly and conform to a definite orbital pattern. Life never stands still, although it may appear to do so when looking at it from the viewpoint of a few Earth years. At its commencement a galaxy is composed of millions of astral bodies. It then passes through a period of fusion during which these bodies split themselves into certain orthodox patterns that, to put it into simple language, are similar figuratively to the structure and field of the universal atom. These bodies eventually form what you might term "asteroid belts" and these in turn are gradually broken down by their own natural process of evolution into a formation such as your own solar system. I find²⁴ this interesting because, contrary to what many people believe, a solar

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system is something that is *post* and not *pre*-asteroid, the one being the product of the other.

Most astronomers know about the asteroid belts within your own galaxy and that one is considerably nearer than the rest. Your solar system is part of this asteroid belt, atomically speaking. The Earth planet, like the other eleven planets, was once part of the central core, the Sun, formed by these evolutionary progressions within the structure of the asteroid belt.

As the body you know as the Sun proceeded upon its evolution it began to cool and certain portions of its outer crust were discharged into space, where they were held and pulled into an orbit around their parent body by its magnetic force. The Sun itself is also rotating and the speed of these rotations creates the gravitational pull that holds the planets within the solar system. You are not aware of this movement on Earth, because your planet is part of this spinning.

For those of you who have visions of this whole process happening overnight I would mention that it took a considerable length of time for each of the planets ejected by the Sun to find its natural orbital balance within the solar system. Your Earth also had to find its balance and assume its present size, workable both from the point of view of the magnetic balance and also in respect of its role as an experiencing ground for *homo sapiens*.

The physical body of man has developed from the material constituents of the planet. It has continually adapted itself to the physical conditions prevalent during each stage of the planet's development. Therefore, contrary to what many people would have you believe, *homo sapiens* is a natural denizen of this sphere and his growth as much a natural part of the process of Earth's evolution as Earth is part of the evolution of the solar system and the solar system of the asteroid belt; and so on. All these events are very directly concerned with the many forms of spirit life that rely upon the numerous densities of physical matter as vehicles for their evolutionary paths.

I would like to end this lecture by emphasizing the naturalness of this whole process of creation, re-creation and evolution. I hope that the picture I have given will enable you to visualize more clearly the constant flow of this ever-changing infinite universe.²⁵

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The Population Explosion

Is There an Occult Answer?

Although the population of your planet has been steadily growing throughout history it did not really present a problem until a few years ago. However, it is now rapidly approaching the point where there will be insufficient food available, from natural sources, to feed everyone.

In the past man managed to cope with any rise in the birth rate by primitive means. As they did not have today's medical services many more people died at a very much younger age. With his usual inspiration man found the other remedy, which was to set about killing his neighbour. This proved to be an effective way of controlling the population for a while. But, despite this complete inability to live side by side with his fellow men without attacking them, man was still unable to cope fully with this problem. So the population of the planet grew and grew and grew.

The perfect way for a planet to run is in balance and man has denied himself this for too long. Religion has offered him many admirable opportunities to find some way of leading people and showing them how to live within their limitations. Let us accept that man has limitations and that these limitations should provide the framework for his experience; but, far from controlling and accepting them and trying to understand the universe as a whole, the religious orders have tended to think in rather narrower terms. They concern themselves with how many followers they have and will have in the future, as compared with other spiritual bodies; they have tended to encourage birth rather than control it. To say "man should not reproduce" would, of course, be nonsense, for this is a natural fulfilment for man and woman. Where you have failed to cope with this problem on your planet is in letting man procreate at will. This, plus the fact that medical advances have greatly reduced the mortality rate and increased the average length of life, has thrown the planet into a very unbalanced state from both the ecological and spiritual points of view.²⁶

In the future you are going to face tremendous problems with many of the younger nations of the world, some of which have far more knowledge than wisdom, far more greed than

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evolution. What is going to happen when the mortality rate decreases in these nations? Consider the resources you have before you start thinking in terms of “going to the moon” or to another planet! In the immediate future the population of this planet will increase much faster than the rate at which you would be able to transport people to another planet. This is rather terrifying, isn't it? But it is true.

The problem is an internal one, not an external one. You cannot solve it by saying “we shall send Johnny to Venus” or “we shall send him to the outer galaxy”. This is not the answer. The answer is brutal but frank; you must learn to live within your limitations on the Earth planet. If you do this there is plenty for everyone for many years to come; certainly for as long as you will need it.

So far as the future story of this planet is concerned it is surely not difficult to visualize that, with the way you are heading, you are encouraging certain natural catastrophes to take place. When I talk of a cosmic upheaval upsetting your planet people either do not believe me or, if they do, they view it with the attitude of “oh, well, it may happen one day but it will not affect me”. Let me make it quite clear: it will affect you, it will affect every person on this planet. I could point out how, for endless ages, man himself has brought about whatever calamities have happened on this planet but he is so blind and selfish that he cannot see it! It is easy to sit back and say “I am all right!” and even the most selfless of persons is inclined to do this. Society on your Earth is such that it encourages this type of attitude.

The balance between the deva spirit of a planet and individual spirits incarnating on that planet is very sensitive and subtle and can be easily disturbed. It does not matter which devic spirit is helping you, it is the *people* who create the destiny of a planet. If the form of existence on the planet will not co-operate and blend, then the deva cannot shed its influence. One is inclined to say “oh, well, we are being influenced by Lucifer, what can we do about it?” All right, supposing we take Lucifer away. What would happen? Would Mikael just step in? Frankly, I think not. Man's own greed and selfishness has become so strong, so relentless, that it has gained a sort of impetus that would be difficult to halt. It has become so prevalent and all-embracing that it would need a great deal of Light to block the path of this all-embracing evil. Yet the little Light that a society like The Atlanteans can spread is

welcome, for it is a tiny pinprick of Light in a²⁷ vast cavern of ever-engulfing darkness. Today the pinpricks of Light are increasing in number as more people become aware of the situation.

The workings of a planet are indeed fascinating. Think about it for a moment and you will realize that they reflect the individual thought and actions of everyone. What happens next week will be influenced by each one of you, by your thoughts, your actions, your ideas, your ideals, your creative impulses; all are going out into the ether; they are everlasting. Every thought you have made in your life is there for all time. No action can be erased. I am not asking you to repent nor to bury your head in the sand; I am trying to help you to realize how important your life is not only to yourself but to your fellow men, to make you see what a responsibility you have as an individual of this planet. You are a part of the universe; you are a thought of the Godhead; you are experiencing and adding to what already exists, for no two people's experiences are the same. Unfortunately, some are so sure of their importance that they cease to take any notice of their responsibility!

It is a strange thing on this Earth planet that responsibility is something that man shirks. This lack of moral fibre is something the Luciferian forces encourage, for it enables them to tighten their grip. Your own country is tottering badly; there is a lack of responsibility amongst millions of your workers. How many of them really consider the country as a whole in relation to the world? Equally to blame are the managements. Do they consider the people who work for them? Or is their interest centred solely on their shareholders? Perhaps it is a lust for power, the power to affect politics so that business itself becomes the politics and the politicians but tools of those who control the purse strings!

This is the world in which you live and must do something about. These are the factors that contribute to the rise in population. Politicians ask themselves if the population is sufficient to meet the rising industrial market; in other words, do they need additional fodder to feed this industrial machine?

Ladies and gentlemen, are you losing your senses? Are you allowing yourselves to be ruled by machines and computers? Have you no longer the individual moral courage to take your

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own stand and to say “we have had enough; more would be superfluous to our needs, more would make us greedy”. Have you allowed these machines to take such a strong hold that they have blinded you to the fact that man has an individual spirit whose subtleties should be²⁸ encouraged?

I blame, too, the artistic side of the community for, if a man is an artist, whether he is a composer, a writer or a painter, he has a responsibility because he can shape and affect the future of the country in which he lives. So many of these people today cannot see good anywhere, they are only concerned with reflecting evil. You have it in your music, your art, your books, your plays, your films. What is wrong? Have these people no longer the ability to write of things that are good, spiritual, wholesome? That side of the world does still exist, although few of these influential people have the sense or wisdom to realise it. If you keep pointing out to people *this is wrong, this must be unearthed, you must hear the gory details about the wicked things*, and so on, then people will begin to believe there is nothing good left in the world. For the very thing that people are being warned against they are actually being led into, but they are so blind they cannot see it.

I look on this age of yours as the age of stupidity, for people have become enmeshed in verbosity. Look at your Sunday papers: do they contain wisdom? Do they try to bring Light into darkness? No, because that would not increase their circulation! Those publications once considered to have integrity have stooped to even greater depths; unfortunately, there are some people who are foolish enough to believe that their integrity still exists.

It can only rest with you as individuals to awaken to these facts and to learn to appreciate simplicity. The world is not finished, it is only just beginning. Whatever happens in the future, whatever cosmic events take place, the world has still to go on. Therefore, whatever Light you as an individual can bring will help. So do not let this lecture be one of gloom but rather of upliftment and encouragement. Sweep aside this age of stupidity, this age where machines control the lives of people! Consider all these things, but rise above them.

Let us now turn to the title of this lecture. Is there an occult answer to the population explosion? You must remember that Lucifer can only make plain his position by gaining

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more power and to gain more power he must have more souls. His demands are insatiable. So Lucifer wants a rising population, for the quicker the population rises the more control he has. Simple and basic, is it not?

I am not suggesting that those of you who read this lecture should become sterilized tomorrow, for that is not the answer! The answer is for man to have sufficient sense to realize that if he is going to plan his world he must also plan his birth rate. This applies very much to the²⁹ under-developed nations, where some form of birth control is vital if the future of this planet is to become brighter and Light is to shine once again.

Think about this carefully. Maybe there is something you can do. People should be made to realize they can no longer remain sitting on the fence saying "it is not my fault", for if they do they will suddenly find that it is too late. Action is required, not words, to see that a balanced view of birth control is adopted throughout the world. This is something about which I can say, quite honestly, *the future is in your hands.*³⁰

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Race

There is a great deal of controversy about the subject of race and it is unfortunately the cause of strong emotive reaction; so I ask you, at the beginning of this lecture, why there should be this emotive reaction.

You will find much written over the years on the subject of the various races; it is true that in tracing them back to their origins certain characteristics have emerged with each race. In this lecture, however, I do not wish to embark on any detail or history regarding the subject of race but rather to help you to see the picture from a broader viewpoint.

The most fundamental aspect of human life on Earth, one that I am going to emphasize, is that every being on this planet is a thought of God, a thought created by that Ultimate Thought. All are spiritual brothers. Yet, as travel and communication have improved upon your planet and people of different countries have come to mix as a matter of course, racial intolerance has reared its ugly head.

The important thing to remember is that each individual spirit is expressing itself through a physical body and that, when it is without that physical body, it is without the influence of the particular attributes of the race with which it has been involved during that incarnation. You will appreciate, therefore, that it is important to learn to rise above the erstwhile protective custody of your own particular race. Many people have a sense of security in being associated with a particular race, country or continent and, because of the way in which mankind has evolved, there are still, in some people's eyes, certain stigmas attached to being born into a body of a certain colour.

One cannot easily arrive at a conclusion about this subject because the simple answer would be, from what I have said, that one must always be conscious of one's neighbour as a thought of God like oneself and accept him as he is, no more and no less. The difficulty is³¹ to convince your neighbour of the same philosophy because if he is of a different colour, race or creed from you he may find this philosophy difficult to accept, particularly if he is in a physical body of a race that until recently has been regarded by some as being inferior. Let

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me assure you that, in the present state of evolution of this planet, the forces of Light being brought to bear are bringing with them spirits of enlightened evolution that are struggling to lift the planet above the chaotic state in which it is at present. They are striving to help divert it from a path that is carrying it at an accelerating speed into some kind of world catastrophe. Such is the strength of these forces of Light, such is the strength of these enlightened spirits that they are coming into bodies of all races, colours and creeds; for if man is going to overcome the weaknesses that have forced him into the corner in which he now cowers this renaissance of spiritual understanding must arise in every corner of the planet.

I urge most strongly that you who read this lecture fully appreciate that all people on Earth are spirits or thoughts created by the same Godhead; that you must, for the sake of the evolution of this planet and the balance of the solar system and this particular galaxy, strive to lift it right away from the emotions of greed and power that threaten its very existence. Do not leave it to those in influential positions for there is much that each of you can do in your thoughts and daily lives.

With the coming of the new age there are tremendous moves between various spiritual groups to come together, to accept the fact that each of their philosophies presents a different facet, to come to terms with the overall principle of Light that shines or attempts to shine into each corner of their particular philosophy ; and to understand that all are part of the whole and much can be achieved by this “unilateral” thinking.

Man must realise that the planet Earth has become a small island but that there is room for everyone. He must acknowledge that nobody's ideology is right for everyone and that every spirit has the right to individual expression through the physical body in which it is incarnate. Love and tolerance and working towards mutual respect and understanding should be the prime goals of all people and all governments. Let the governments of the world start thinking not about race but about world resources and the ecological problems facing mankind in the very near future. These are problems to be shared, problems that all can help to solve, problems that are becoming increasingly urgent!³²

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The Semitic Race

Many people consider that the ideal way to find a higher teaching is by means of studying ancient texts, gaining a great knowledge of the works of the ancients, studying their ways, their ideas, their actions and their lives as a whole. Whilst I am not here to refute long-standing conceptions I would like to point out that man, in his search for these mysteries, is going quite the wrong way about it.

The spirits that inhabit men's bodies are capable of expanding. But it is not knowledge that expands them, it is wisdom. In some ways wisdom is a quality that is rather intangible to man. It does not merely consist of having the ability to make the right decision at the right time; it is an awareness of beingness, an acknowledgement of the universe around you. It is an understanding rather than a knowledge.

As you live your life and evolve, so you present your spirit with a chance to express itself. In the extent of that expression lie partly the limits of the expansion of the spirit; and in that expansion lie the understanding and awareness that has nothing at all to do with knowledge. You see, it is not a case of God knowing all, it is a case of God understanding and being aware of all.

I have said this as a preface to the lecture I am about to give.

On your planet there are many forms of evolution, the type that inhabits the body of man being but one. Many people do not realize that not only does the spirit affect the body but the body affects the spirit; if the same spirit could incarnate at the same time into the body of a white man, a black man and a yellow man it would find that its experiences would be quite different, even if the karma offered by those three different bodies were basically similar. In other words, different physical bodies can offer the spirit different forms of interpretation of the experience it wishes to undergo. However, the more powerful the spirit the more influence it can have and the more it can convey its will to the body.³³

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There is one race in particular about which I would like to speak and that race - the Semitic race - has been hounded from pillar to post for generation after generation.

Thousands of years ago this race of people was used to discharge a cosmic karma. Many of the spirits that had worked with the deva Mikaal received a severe occult shock as a result of the unleashing of occult forces against them during the Mikaal/Lucifer battle. They were bolted from their own sphere of evolution - mainly of the earth elemental*³⁴ form - and caught up in physical incarnation within the bodies of a certain race of people, namely the Jews. They became enmeshed in an evolutionary whirlpool, which caused them to incarnate repeatedly within the same race. This is why the Jewish character is somewhat of an extreme one and why it exhibits many gnome-like tendencies, especially overpossessions for example. This does not mean, of course, that every Jewish person is of an elemental nature, for I am referring to the race as a whole and the role it plays as a vehicle for these "lost" spirits from a form of evolution alien to the normal Earth pattern.

This retardation of evolution has been the "cross" these spirits have had to bear and many of them have been used as tools for Lucifer down the ages, as at the death of Jesus. When devic spirits - or any spirits - do battle occultly the losing side suffers a retrogression of spiritual evolution that may take the form of a temporary spiritual blindness; because they fight on the "right" side does not exempt the losers from this suffering. This was one of the reasons why Jesus did not save himself from his assaulters by the use of occult power and why his true followers have pursued a similar path of occult pacifism ever since, always defending but never attacking. The power he could have called, even to defend himself, would have caused great spiritual suffering afterwards³⁵

Many people throughout the ages must have wondered why a spirit from the Ultimate chose to incarnate into a Jewish body. "How odd of God to choose the Jews!" wrote a certain Englishman. I would like to say that it was not odd of God to choose the Jews for within this race lay the elemental wisdom, accumulated over many centuries, necessary for this particular incarnation. The Jewish race was chosen because it was the most suitable

³⁴ * The deva kingdom encompasses those spirits that are of an elemental nature and inhabit the elements of fire, earth, air and water. Having gained experience in all four elements they then assist in the guidance of planets. For further information on this subject please see booklet entitled *Spirit Evolution*.

³⁵ Contrast with cross-reference.

race at that time, but this³⁶ does not necessarily mean that it would be the most suitable race to choose today or tomorrow.

As I have already said, the spirits that inhabit the bodies of the Semitic race are by no means all of devic origin. My lecture refers to those few who incarnate into the Jewish race only, in an endeavour to keep it as a race apart from other men.

Elemental spirits are inclined to feel out of place amongst *homo sapiens* spirits and they therefore tend to congregate and find solace in being together. Unfortunately, in the case of the Jewish race, this is an instance when they should not be together as they only become more and more interbred. The Jewish people need to break out of this whirlpool, to expand themselves beyond the confines of their immediate understanding and beliefs . They need to cohabit with the other people of this planet so that their present identity could gradually be intermingled with other races; thus the spirits within them would be able to move on and escape from the trap in which they are caught. But for the elemental spirits trapped within this whirlpool it would indeed be a very difficult thing to do.

For their future salvation these spirits are, in fact, looking to the day when their original leader, Mikaal, will defeat Lucifer. They will then be released from their karma and able to return to their own sphere of evolution. When this happens the extreme tendencies in the Jewish race will gradually disappear, normal *homo sapiens* spirits will take on the physical bodies and as a people they will once again take their natural place among the nations of Earth.

In view of what has been said I would like to stress very strongly that this is in no way meant to be derogatory to the Semitic people, but rather an attempt to explain why, as a whole, they find it difficult to blend with other races. I have very great love and sympathy for them and would indeed like to see them rise above their present form of evolution and return to their rightful heritage. When working with a Qabalist- the Qabalah being the Jewish school of occultism - the occultist will notice that this vibration has a distinct flavour of its own. This lecture will explain why this is so.

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Because of the elemental nature of this race they have in fact been responsible for much of the great inspiration that has come to this planet. They have contributed greatly to creative expression in cultural fields and also to the field of science. Spirits of this nature can often bring with them a brilliance and a dimension that would not normally come with spirits undergoing the *homo sapiens* form of evolution. Indeed, it would be fair to say that this planet is richer in³⁷ many ways for the contribution of the Jewish race.

There are a great many things to happen in your world in the future, one of which will be the evolutionary upliftment necessary for the release of the Jewish people. This will follow certain catastrophic events on Earth that will be the forerunner of world peace and harmony.³⁸

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The Esoteric Significance of England

In the title of this lecture I have used the word England. You may have wondered why I have not included the rest of the British Isles- Ireland, Wales, Scotland and the smaller islands. I hope that as you read on the reasons for this will become apparent.

In area England occupies a very small portion of this planet Earth, yet its impact in world affairs belies its size. England started its evolution in a very mundane way until a period in pre-history, many thousands of years ago, when a certain race of people landed on its shores. They came from a continent whose very existence is not accepted by many people . . . Atlantis. These settlers brought a new teaching and a new way of life that, unfortunately, did not last very long owing to the constant influx of lesser developed immigrants. During the ensuing centuries there were many invasions, wars and squabbles and a glance at recent mediaeval history leaves little to be proud of. However, from these numerous ups and downs and ins and outs, a personality has emerged - a character that can only be described as English. I keep English quite distinct from Scottish, because Scotland has a different form of esoteric significance from England. Indeed, so has Wales and especially so has that other island to the west of England - Ireland.

Looking at it purely from a practical viewpoint, the English people have many faults. They are rather slow in some ways and quite definitely pigheaded. They are also inclined to find it difficult to accept anything other than that which is their own. Perhaps I appear to be a little unjust here, but it is deliberate, as it is partly through these characteristics that the English have found a certain balance that has served them in very good stead. The Scottish influence has been good for the English people and so indeed has the Welsh, for they have both contributed in different ways. Both the Scots and the Welsh are far more extremist than the English and consequently they have brought a double influence into England, which has again helped to create a form of stability.³⁹

I should like to touch briefly here on the subject of astrological influences and their effect on countries. Each country comes under the rulership of an astrological sign, which stems from the time when it came into being as a nation. These rulerships are not easy to determine

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and many astrologers are divided in their opinion as to the signs associated with the different countries. As far as England is concerned I would definitely consider the predominant influence to be a Taurean rather than an Arien one, as is thought by some astrologers. There are other influences, for it would be wrong to say that only the Sun-sign exerts an effect, whether it be on a country or an individual. But the stubborn characteristic of Taurus is very evident in the English character, as is also the external reserve that reflects the sub-rulership of Uranus; at the same time it conceals a true Venusian warmth at heart. (Venus and Uranus are the two ruling planets of Taurus.)

From an esoteric point of view the Atlantean group that landed in England was not just an ordinary one, for they had chosen this island as a centre for a great deal of power. It was known even at that time, many thousands of years ago, that this country would be the root from which Mikael would re-appear to renew his endeavour to guide this planet onto an even keel. I deliberately do not intend to predict in any way here, because I want you to understand that whether or not Mikael does eventually regain his rightful position is not a pre-destined issue from your point of view and it does not depend only upon England. It is an issue that depends upon all those incarnate throughout the entire planet.

Many people may worry because they feel that the Luciferian influence is increasing in England. It is certainly on the increase all over the world, but I think it would be true to say that its increase in England calls for more concern than it does in many other countries. When speaking of the Luciferian influence I am not referring to small groups of people who indulge in pornographic ritual, perverted practices or distasteful and cruel sacrifices. To say that they do not matter would be very wrong, but these are not the leaders of the Satanic regime! Groups of this sort are often composed of a few young people in search of excitement or physical stimulation who do not really understand what they are doing. Unfortunately, however, in this ignorance lies harm, because the power generated at this physical level is often utilized by spirits from a much higher level of evil and by unscrupulous occultists who do understand what they are doing!

Such people are concerned at the moment because they know that a⁴⁰ tremendous amount of Light is being brought to bear upon the planet Earth. In fact, all over your planet there are groups of Light starting up; perhaps the teachings differ slightly in detail, but that does not matter. The point is that there is the same basic thought behind each group - the desire to clean this planet; the desire to start people thinking and to open their minds to the infinity of the universe, to the love, understanding and tolerance that is eternally issuing from the Ultimate.

Events are mounting in tension and, from the esoteric point of view, the danger-spot is not a certain western power, nor even a certain eastern power. A great many people worry about these two giants at the moment, because one exudes a policy of vegetation through fear and the other a trigger-happy policy also based on fear. I will leave you to sort out which is which! Strangely enough, these two do not concern me as the focal points, for they are too obvious.

From the point of view of those higher spirits which desire that people should be given true freedom and a true love and understanding of God, there is a country about which they are worried - a point of focus that is going to be the vortex of this rising tension. Extremes will become increasingly obvious . . . more Light, more Dark, more Light, more Dark; and the place where all this will happen will be your own country - England.

It is for this reason I have chosen to speak about this particular country first and also why I entitled it "England" and not the "British Isles". As a matter of interest the only part of the British Isles where there is still a strong Atlantean influence is northern Scotland, but there again other influences have been set up to counteract it to a certain extent. I shall have to be very careful what I say here, for I see that I am going to be severely reprimanded by the Scots, Irish, Welsh and English and I do not wish to start a conflict between these four very noble races!

In some ways it is an encouraging thought from my point of view that the vortex of all this increasing trouble will be centred on England, because I feel that the people in this particular country are better equipped to take it than those in many other countries. I shall

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not give you any further details of the part you will play and are playing in this battle, because I think it will be quite self-evident; but I do wish to emphasize the points I have just made, in the hope that it will instil into all of you the urgency and necessity of what we are doing in this society. We are trying to open people's minds, hearts and souls not necessarily to accept our teachings or our way of life⁴¹ but to receive the all-wisdom of the Ultimate.

There are those who worry about the many different movements, societies and religions that exist even in this small country of England; but, after all, it would be rather boring if everyone thought in exactly the same way, would it not? Bearing in mind that each of you is in your own stage of evolution, treading your own path of spiritual progress, surely you will see that there must be all types of approach to cater for people on all evolutionary levels. The essential thing is that they each have the same basis of love and understanding and, most important of all, genuine tolerance and acceptance of each other.

However, there is another side to this issue that I am very concerned about: those groups in England who are using a teaching of God at the moment as a mask to disguise their true intentions. It is up to your own powers of discernment to decide which these are, but if you bear in mind the principles of God they should not be too difficult to find. One of the dangers to look for is egotism . . . the society, church or religion that “knows all”, the one that gradually infiltrates a little intolerance and a good deal of fear into what on the surface appears to be good and spiritual; the one that claims to be the only one that can save the world. Now I must qualify a little here, because a. great many groups make this claim quite innocently, but they are not necessarily inspired by Lucifer in any way. It is just a misunderstanding. So it is up to you to examine all aspects before you arrive at your own conclusions.

The next period of the evolution of this planet, up to the year 2000 AD, will be a period of great change, a period in which all of you who desire to bring about peace and goodwill and an under- standing of God must do everything in your power to help. Do what you are able to do and then a little more, for such is the severity of the situation.⁴²

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The Esoteric Significance of the USA

Here is a nation that has risen from nothing to a state in which, materially, it holds a major position in the world today. This it has achieved in a very short space of time. Its peoples have gathered together from many nations of the world and, from the point of view of material living, it could be said that the land of their adoption has taught them a great deal. They have worked very hard to create what they feel is a high standard of living and many of them have accumulated much material wealth.

America has benefited greatly from the knowledge acquired by other countries over countless generations. Past lessons learned have enabled its peoples to reap the utmost material benefit from the rich oil and mineral deposits at their disposal; this, plus economic strategy, has helped the process of elevation to world importance. We must ask ourselves if she has acquired the wisdom to use this knowledge.

Most of you probably think that the future of the world lies in the hands of America and Russia but, in my opinion, this is quite untrue. I have already touched on this in my lecture on England; if I illustrate a few rather interesting aspects further I think you will see for yourselves where the error of this supposition lies. These two great nations have more or less reached a state of stalemate and, when such a state is reached in the world of politics, it must inevitably be a smaller country that holds the balance.

The people of the United States of America are generous and kind-hearted; yet in many ways - I trust that my American readers will bear with me in this examination - they are, as a whole, naive. I do not mean this as a criticism, for indeed it could be regarded as a compliment! Had I used a different term it could have implied that there was an element of calculation in the American character, which in fact there is not. This would have given them very little hope as a nation of the future. But by using the term "naive", which I have⁴³ selected with care, I wish to impress that there is a great deal of hope.

From the point of view of the world today the USA has a great deal to worry about, for her position is far from being secure. As I look at her I am impressed with the feeling of a ton-

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weight balanced on top of a pin, for very little is needed to make it topple; very little indeed. The President of this country has a great challenge to face. He controls the destiny of a nation and in a way the destiny of the world, for he is in the unenviable position that if he were to press the wrong button at the wrong moment there would be a very terrible war. I consider this most unlikely to happen, as is the possibility of a major war between Russia and America, either now or in the future; but, nevertheless, this does not minimize the tremendous responsibility of the man who is at the helm of this great nation.

Let us now look at America from a different aspect. Every nation on this Earth planet is guided individually, as indeed the planet itself is guided. I have many times discussed how each planet in the solar system is assisted by a devic spirit working in conjunction with a number of helpers. In the same way each nation receives similar assistance. We have considered the influence of England as a Taurean one, its guiding light being of a Venusian and in some respects Uranian nature in addition to the overall Mikaaalian vibration. France partakes of the rays of Leo, with its existing imbalance of rulership; Soviet Russia is Aquarian by nature; but what about America?

The USA is a nation of dualities like the astrological influence of Gemini that is exerted so strongly upon her. She is a country of extremes, especially where religion and philosophy are concerned. The American loves anything new; new gadgets, new inventions; the old must always be dispensed with to make way for the new. This does not mean that things of antiquity in other lands are despised, for the American often displays great respect for the traditions and preservations of other nations.

It is this child-like quality that is so typical of the influence of Pan*⁴⁴ co-ruler with Pluto of the sign of Gemini. Pan, the “baby” of the solar system, loves change and newness. He likes to play with his new toys with the same verve with which he blows his pipes and dances spectacularly through the Arcadian woods! On the other hand, Pluto, his assistant ruler in Gemini, represents the sober industrial side of the American character: the builder of skyscrapers overnight, the eliminatory factor that goes hand-in-hand with the⁴⁵ desire for

⁴⁴ See booklet entitled *The Earth, Past, Present and to Come*.

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the new. These two facets of the American character exist side by side, to the consternation of many outsiders. Your big-hearted, generous and warm American friend will think nothing of the not-so-generous considerations of modern business. But no nation is without its enigmas of character and the Geminian influence does produce some very fine aspects of American character and life.

One of the great lessons man has to learn - and this applies to America in particular - is that what he thinks as an individual must stand when he is in a crowd. Much of the world's trouble has been caused by people allowing themselves to be influenced by crowd hysteria: the appeal of the mob, that hypnotic effect produced by a powerful personality or the urging of fanatics. So many people believe in one thing, yet are drawn into action of another kind because they have been carried away by a few thousand people standing around them. "If only the nation as a whole could be like the individual!" one hears applied to so many countries.

Owing to the present material evolution of the world the spirit of man has become subjugated; one of the purposes of a society such as The Atlanteans is to try to bring forward that individual spirit and give to man a sense of his individual responsibility towards the ultimate evolution of the planet. The individuality of man must be brought forward so that it can play a proper part in what is happening and what is to happen. How many of you are able to do this successfully? It requires tact, diplomacy and an ability to stand by what you believe. Materialism inevitably subjugates the spirit and makes this process extremely difficult.

Some people feel that America is, as a whole, an irreligious nation but I would not subscribe to this idea. There is a deep feeling towards God amongst Americans, but because the country is a comparatively new one the views of many religions and sects incline towards extremism; they have not yet had time to settle down to a more balanced view. Another reason for this is a considerable fear element present in America today.

Fear is a very negative and undesirable human emotion, especially when it is associated with religion. In my opinion no teaching, least of all a teaching of God, should convey fear and no one should be taught to look upon God with fear. Many of you who read this will

already be familiar with my views on the “hellfire and brimstone” dogmas. I cannot subscribe to the idea that in order to make people behave and worship God it is necessary to instil fear into them.⁴⁶ Admittedly, if you are taking a teaching to an undeveloped country, it should be given in a way that is suitable to the type of life and understanding that exists there. Religions in the past have been presented in different ways by the great masters according to the stage of the world's evolution. Firmness has often been necessary and even the defence of the principle; but for fear as a lever there is no excuse. I have always stressed that it is an element that has been introduced into religious teachings by man and not by God; the thought behind man that has inspired him to instil fear has been the very work of Lucifer himself.

This fear element in America exists not only where creed or faith is concerned but also on the material level, for deep down within them the American people realize how quickly they have grown as a nation and they are anxious not to lose what they have gained.

What of America in the future? There is a great deal to unfold for her that will surprise many of you. For one thing, she will undergo some drastic changes in her way of thinking. Already in many parts of the country a much greater interest is being shown in the cultural side of life and the future will bring a desire to investigate occult and esoteric teachings, although I am less optimistic about the results of the latter. My concern is for the extremes that some will go to in their researches for these understandings; it is quite a perturbing thought. It is going to be the task of older nations in the world who are friendly with America to help her gently by example and demonstration to the wiser, more moderate paths of seeking.

There is a great deal to be admired in the progress of America, for she has sought as quickly as she has been able; but in many ways she has sought too quickly. When one seeks and grows it is necessary to consolidate each step as one goes; the trouble arises when one goes ahead faster than one is able to consolidate and if America is not careful she will soon sense a toppling of the ton weight I spoke about earlier.

As a nation America has been essential to the evolution of this planet. She has played a significant part in world affairs and still has a role to unfold. She came into being destined to

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play a role that would shake the world, because at that time the world needed a bit of a shake up. It had been pursuing a negative line and people were living in an artificial way. Values were false and incorrect and life itself generally unbalanced. From the point of view of change America has succeeded; but, of course, where an extremist element is introduced to try to right a situation the great concern is to see that it does not go⁴⁷ too far in the other direction. That is where America's greatest danger lies. Now that she has reached her present state of evolution can she maintain it in balance? Can she exchange ideas and help with other peoples of the world? It is wrong for her to think that because she has material wealth she must be the giver all the time; there is still a great deal for her to learn and receive. How willing she is to learn and receive I will leave you to judge for yourselves.

To sum up: America is a country that has revolutionized the planet in her short space of life. She has awakened many countries from a state of lethargy and she has been responsible for helping the world a great deal. But the time is coming when it will fall to other nations to take on that task in rather a different way. How will she face the possibility of other nations sharing the platform with her? I leave you to conjecture that for yourselves.⁴⁸

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The Esoteric Significance of the USSR

The last country we spoke of in this series was the United States of America, a comparatively new country.

Russia, notwithstanding the changes that have taken place, is a comparatively old country. I do not intend to make this a history lesson, for I have no doubt that you will all know something of its background, the most significant episode of which was the recent end of the reign of the Czars and the commencement of Communism. Now, I do not wish to be in any way political, but in order to make an accurate assessment of Russia it will be necessary to take a brief glance at the political ideal.

Communism is an ideology that features a great deal in the world today and occupies the thoughts of many, many people. Observers in the West are apt to remark that the Communism practised in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics today differs considerably from the original concept. I do not think that these observations carry a great deal of weight, because what we are concerned with is not what it might be but what it is; we must face the fact that this is a state that is exerting a tremendous amount of influence on world opinion and behaviour.

To people in the West conditions in a communist state such as Russia are very difficult to understand or imagine. The only reports available are those that can be read in the popular press or heard on the national radio networks; naturally, as there is a certain amount of antagonism at present between the West and the East, these have acquired a colouring. So, of course, have reports of the West to Russia and her satellites. We can safely reach the conclusion that whilst Capitalism may leave a lot to be desired so also does Communism in its present state.

As a concept Communism has many commendable facets, but it is necessary to face the fact that any type of rulership organized by man in the world today must have its imperfections. Much⁴⁹ of Russia's internal misuse of the communistic principles is based on an insecurity in relation to the western power bloc. Both East and West have a great deal to learn if they are

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going to exist side by side in peace in the world of tomorrow. The future will reveal that Russia has a great deal more to face than the majority of her people at present realize; she has taken a path that has been forced upon her by the conduct of those who have ruled her and, when a country is forced to take an extreme view, the tendency is for the pendulum to swing to the other extreme. If she is going to succeed in the world she must learn to moderate her views and to accept other ways of life.

One of the greatest battles Russia will have to face is the influence of one of her own satellite countries. China is a country that today is no longer a satellite but has a form of Communism entirely unto itself; for here a force is rising that will greatly challenge the supremacy of Russia in the propagation of Communism.

As with many ideals there is often a discrepancy between the original motive and what is carried out at lower levels of the order. Where extremes of ideals have penetrated governments there is seldom as much freedom of thought and action as one would like to see. All governments need to mature a great deal more before a peaceful world can be achieved. One of the objects of an organization like the United Nations should be for countries such as Russia and the USA, that have reached a state of economic overflow, to help other people. Unfortunately, the aid offered by any powerful nation today is seldom, if ever, without strings attached.

In the name of "freedom" a great many atrocities are committed. This is something that must stop. It is a form of barbaric action and re-action that the world must, of necessity, rise above; it calls for more enlightened thought and direction from the leaders of the world.

The friction at present existing between Russia and the western powers is, in my opinion, going to decrease overall in the period ahead. I say "overall" because, as you realize, there will still be plenty of ups and downs, but the cold war and tensions will quite definitely gradually subside.

As I said earlier, Russia has to face Chinese Communism and I would consider this to be a much more visible threat to all she has built up than the complete battery of thoughts and influences from the West.

Many religious people are concerned by the attitude of the⁵⁰ Communists and their leaders towards spiritual matters. Certainly there is no excuse for interfering with people's spiritual beliefs and this policy will eventually rebound on them; but, at the same time, their spiritual progress has, in my opinion, more to do with the kind of life they lead than with the number of times they attend church; Communism, as an ideal, could be far more spiritual than many other paths if it were ethically adhered to. Personally, I would not be prepared to back any present form of policy as being the better one to encourage a spiritual outlook, because I feel they all need a considerable amount of adjustment before they could really bring about a balanced and compassionate form of government. The greatest hope for engendering this understanding lies with societies and bodies outside the political field. This is something you must all work for in accordance with whichever particular belief you adhere to. If you do not acknowledge God in your own heart, or even any particular approach to a belief in God, that still should not prevent you from trying to help humanity.

Man must realise he is not a god himself and, although there is a spirit within him trying to express itself, his body is liable to the weaknesses and failings of any other form of limited physical expression. Many people feel that discipline and control of the body is a good thing. I agree to a certain extent, but I would much rather see people seeking spiritually and steering their lives in such a way as to make full use of creative expression and, through that, learning to help and give to other people. By doing this they would decrease the yearning for any unbalanced physical emphasis. No successful form of progress can ever be obtained by trampling down or avoiding what might be thought to constitute weakness; one must acknowledge it but leave it there and concentrate on a more positive form of life. By allowing this to fill your heart and soul you can alleviate the need for physical over-expression that so often leads to floundering in deep water.

In Russia, just as in any other country, there are all types of human beings, some unevolved and others more advanced, although in certain parts of the country the people are much more retarded in the light of the evolution of your world generally than, say, in your own country; therefore, the standards of ethics among those people would not be quite

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comparable with your own. But you cannot deny the fact that the country, as a whole, is progressively trying to improve this state of affairs.

One of the things that is going to break the iron rule existing in⁵¹ Russia is the gradual education of the populace. People can be educated into any form of ideology and inflicted with a series of indoctrinations; but once they are taught not only knowledge but how to think for themselves they begin to investigate the universe! Do not run away with the idea that there is no one in Russia thinking about the things you are thinking about here and now, because there are many; sooner or later they are going to have an effect upon the overall policy of the nation.

Because of certain events that will take place Russia's present pre-dominance in world affairs is going to diminish; I would like you to compare this with my statement concerning the United States of America where I made the same forecast. May I reiterate with added emphasis that, in the future, the influence of both these countries will decline. There will be one or two other countries coming to the fore as time progresses that will prove very interesting to observe. World opinions will gradually change and modify.

In view of the path Russia has pursued in its evolution it is not surprising that its astrological rulership comes under the sign of Aquarius, for this is a sign that tends to jump ahead of its time and its humanitarian type of thinking would easily produce an ideology such as Communism.

Esoterically, Russia had in the past and has in the present and the future a great karma to perform in the development of the world. Looking far into the future I see a very different Russia from the state you know today. Many blows will be rained on her that will cause her to change her ways entirely. To the observing occultist this will prove very interesting and will explain the debt that this country owes to the world. The type of role she will play in many years' time - long after the incarnations of many of you - will be a modifying one, a very placid one, almost the role that India might be playing today; although its influence will be a much more powerful one than that of the country to which I have just referred.

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The path of evolution that Russia has taken has been of a violent nature over the past century, but from this must emerge a path that is going to lie somewhere between its policies of the fifties and its policy at the turn of the century; I think most of you would approve of this state of affairs. I feel that Russia is going to make the greatest advance of all nations I have discussed so far. The tremendous repercussions and upheavals she has suffered will, in the long run, prove extremely beneficial; it is something that was urgently needed and it came perhaps not at the right time, perhaps a little late, but it will ultimately bring great benefits.⁵²

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The Esoteric Significance of France

In considering the esoteric significance of France I would like to begin by looking at it from the astrological point of view. The ruling sign of France is Leo, so let us consider the character produced by this sign, whether it be in an individual or a nation.

The influence of Leo is an unbalanced one because the two planets involved in its rulership, Earth and Moon, have been affected by the Luciferian fall.

People with Leo predominating are inclined to be idealistic, pleasure-loving and dominating and they often show a lack of balance. These are influences that can prove beneficial if handled properly; in fact, with proper adjustment and control of surrounding influences, the Leo person or institution can achieve greatness.

France in the early sixties presented a rather sorry picture because it was a mixture of a nation that had the potentialities of greatness; but when it came to its own policy it was its own worst enemy.

It is a nation full of ideals, many of them exceedingly good, but unfortunately it has not yet brought itself into a state of balance where it can manipulate these ideals successfully. If France wants to become a great power - I do not like the use of this word "power"; shall we say "contribute regally to the world in the future" - she must find a form of stability, she must learn that people need to work together, for the French are not very good at co-operating with one another. As individuals they are fine; *en masse* is where the trouble starts; so co-operation is one lesson the French must learn. No one believes more than I do in the necessity for individuals to have individual forms of expression and individual approaches to humanity; indeed, I have always taught the individuality of the spirit. But if that spirit is going to lead a balanced existence it must be able to accept individuality in other spirits around it and co-exist with them.

This tendency not to look beyond himself also adds to the Frenchman's difficulty in understanding other forms of evolution⁵³ such as the animal kingdom, in which respect he has rather dragged behind in his evolution. This fault has unfortunately been encouraged by

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certain forms of religious belief predominant in his country tending to encourage a human being to regard himself as a superior form of evolution. Religious teaching should incorporate an understanding of all God's creatures and not be confined to *homo sapiens* alone. When one reaches a position where one has power over other forms of existence it should mean that one has a greater understanding and love for them and a desire to help, not harm them. But, because of the world's imbalances, this is unfortunately not so and *homo sapiens* has an inflated idea of his own position in the scheme of things!

France is going to make a tough bid to raise herself in world status. In doing this she will place her whole economy, her whole people - their moral and spiritual outlook - in a most precarious position. I cannot lecture to France as a whole, I cannot force them to do anything, nor would I wish to; but my advice to them would be most fervently to try to work together and, in working together, to remember their loyalty to God and, through that loyalty to God, their loyalty to their fellow men.

At this moment many of you may be thinking "my goodness, he's got his knife into the French!" but you are quite wrong. I have a great regard for the French, as indeed I have a great regard for all mankind; but when it is my duty to face facts then I must face them. If, as a nation, France could be helped to stabilize herself she would have a great deal to offer mankind in the future. The French are essentially a people of extremes. One side of them can be very easily influenced by Luciferian tendencies; in other words, it is not difficult to bring the worst out in them. But it is equally easy to bring out the best in them and that can include a very great understanding of humanity, of suffering, of the delicacy of the human being and a sensitivity towards that gentle balance between the spirit and the body. This is the side of the French that needs to be fostered and developed.

Another aspect of the Leo influence on a person or a country is a great potential for receiving and using inspiration, especially in the artistic field; whilst France is a country that has great artistic expression you will notice that this is mainly evident in certain channels such as art and literature. But I would consider that very little music of any great spiritual

value has emanated from this country. In my opinion most of the music it has produced is of a more superficial nature.⁵⁴

I do not mean these remarks to be derogatory, for you must remember that on a planet such as your own all forms of experience are necessary; therefore, it is equally necessary to have superficial expression as it is to have spiritual expression. That is why, ultimately, when all the nations of the world join together to form one country throughout the entire planet, then and then only will an ideal state of equilibrium be realized. May I hasten to add that I appreciate that this will take time, but the world will gradually work towards it. The wise ruler will see how to take the best forms of experience from all nations, for all have something to offer.

In the future France will be faced with many problems and, in my opinion, the whole of her future will depend on how she tackles these problems. Quite a few will stem not from any particular country but from what one could describe as the weight of world opinion. Broadly speaking, she will be faced with a choice: either to swallow her pride and co-operate more with other nations or to remain independent and "individualistic". If she swallows her pride she will have taken a big step towards greatness, but if her course should be the alternative one she will go rapidly downhill.

At this moment France is lucky to have a man such as de Gaulle as her leader, because if he were not there she would indeed be in a very sorry state. However, these difficulties I have mentioned concern the period when de Gaulle will no longer be in power. There are two forms of government that could take control of France; one of these will have a broad, expressive, healthy influence, while the other will be precisely the opposite. It will be France's choice as a nation and you will not have to wait very long to see what is to happen. If she makes a right choice she will be able to contribute to the most interesting future gradually unfolding for every man, woman and child on this planet.⁵⁵

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The Esoteric Significance of India

In discussing the esoteric significance of certain countries we have usually considered the necessity for the nation as a whole, as well as its individual members, to find some form of balance.

I preface this lecture with this remark because I think it is an essential consideration when reviewing India. You may feel that India is a country that has the capability for a much greater balance than many other countries, because it presents both the extremes of mysticism and a certain adaptability to western forms of materialism. Let us test the compatibility (sic) of both mystic and materialist and see whether that balance is really there or whether it just fails.

Religion plays a very important part in the life of the average person in India. The people follow a belief that leads them, they hope, to a better form of life. You may argue that this could be said about all religious beliefs, but in this instance I do mean something a little more specific. When man seeks spiritually he is entering a realm of comprehension that is indeed beyond the confines of material expression. He receives understanding on a level that cannot be measured in a test tube, nor worked out by means of an equation. He is trying to find something that is apparently intangible, yet he is assured that if he is lucky enough to find it he will be greatly uplifted. Let us look into this a little deeper, because in these remarks lies the answer to the question of India.

All matter on your planet exists on a certain level. You can consider it on an atomic basis or a chemical basis; it does not really matter for, basically, they are the same. As you know, if you take chemicals and alter the conditions around them a set of reactions will take place. You can break them down to produce by-products, or utilize them for power etc. If you were to take the essence of the universe, the Godhead, isolate one fraction of that experience and alter its surroundings - its rate of vibration, its metabolism - then changes would also take place; a part of one of those changes is the⁵⁶ experience gained by a spirit, a thought of God, through the medium of a physical body.

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Physical existence is something you all know about because you are experiencing it all the time. Or do you know about it? Do you not sometimes wonder and meditate on it? You are born, you go through a number of experiences you do or do not like; you grow up, you go through further experiences you do or do not like; then your life comes to an end! How much you appreciate and enjoy your life will depend upon your attitude of mind, upon whether your thought is channelled in an introvert or an extrovert way. In other words, your thought can either spiral downwards and inwards and become tighter and tighter, until you cannot see anything at all and you feel you have no will to do anything about it; or your thought can spiral upwards and outwards, accepting life, seeking to improve it and reaching out to your fellow men.

Mind, therefore, can be used in two different ways.

In seeking spiritually we come up against the same problem. You can either seek in such a way that your whole concept becomes tighter and tighter, thus becoming dogmatic and ceasing to advance; or you can seek in an extrovert way by continually opening yourself to take in more, to understand more, to raise your comprehension and your very beingness.

It is the seeker in the first category, the one who devotes every spare minute of his life to spiritual seeking, who will lose balance. This is a criticism I would level at many of the great religions, particularly certain eastern religions, whose leaders spend much of their lives so fully concerned with the mystical approach that they have become channelled and conditioned into one way of thinking and find it quite impossible to take themselves out of it.

No religion or method of seeking is wrong for there is truth in all things, but there are also limitations and it is these limitations I am commenting upon. Only in the Godhead is there a state of perfection, yet there are some people who like to feel they are in such an advanced state of existence that they are quite beyond any limitations. Those are the people I feel truly sorry for, because they are in for the biggest downward spiral of all!

In order to help mankind religion must be able to observe the laws of the universe. Some religions fail to do this through intolerance and certain forms of spiritual snobbery. This

does not always stem from the ideals or philosophy of the religion, but rather from the individuals within it. Much of this has existed in India.⁵⁷

I do not mind what name people give to God. Whatever their terminology they are all professing their acknowledgement of a higher form of beingness than their own. If they want to help humanity with the greater knowledge they feel they are acquiring let it be through kindness, tolerance and an effort to uplift those around them. If their understanding is a true one they will have no reason to feel superior; yet it is amazing the amount of trouble that has been caused in the world through feelings of so-called “religious superiority”.

I have outlined these points because to understand any country one needs to understand mankind. It is the people who make a country, plus the climatic conditions, the type of countryside etc; but it still comes back to people, because it depends on how they treat their land, how they build their towns, how they bring up their families.

It is strange when you reflect that, not so very long ago, a large number of people in India were quite convinced that the end of the world was nigh. Most readers will agree that, in religious matters, India could be considered a mature country. Does it not seem strange then that their astrologers, who could be regarded as mystics, should make such a statement? It is interesting because it shows a certain characteristic that lies behind the mental exterior of those people.

Despite all I have said so far concerning India I have great hope for her as a country. She has had her ups and downs and her people have perpetrated some terrible acts, as people have in every other country. Yet the karmic realization of all these things is, to a certain extent, in the subconscious mind of the people of India. Deep-rooted within them is a fear of what is going to happen to them, a fear that goes much deeper than, say, your fear of nuclear warfare, which I am sure most of you do not take seriously anyway. You may wince at this statement, but how many people do take these problems seriously? I am sure that the majority of people are far more interested in their own personal stocks and shares, their own personal life and possessions. Very often on Earth, when a problem seems remote,

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people find some form of sanctuary from it. The question of apathy arises in spiritual, political and all matters; in every country you will find it manifests in one aspect of life or another.

The mystical side of India is, I consider, one of the things that leads her astray, because the type of religious fervour in this country is not always a healthy one. It encourages many people into states of meditation and thought for which they are not really ready and it also carries a certain compulsion, in the sense that there is a tendency to⁵⁸ copy what the next person is doing spiritually. Spiritual seeking is something you cannot copy from other people. You cannot advance by doing something because you are told it is the done thing, like going to church because your neighbour goes to church. It may give you a certain social standing and prestige, but it by no means guarantees a ticket to heaven!

In some ways western religion is less dangerous than the eastern approach because it is much more of a surface matter, particularly in its modern-day application. Within it man tends to exist on a very surface understanding without any desire to seek further. On the other hand it also has its failings, so both approaches have their advantages and disadvantages.

In the past India has never really achieved greatness in the true sense of the word, although the future will do much to change this. She is one of the countries that I feel has far to go, although in her present state she is behind in many respects. This is, in my opinion, because many of her leaders have been immature. There have been isolated individuals who have been far ahead of other people and they have tried to pull India forward in an unbalanced way. Very often they have met untimely ends, because their teaching was too advanced for the people around them.

When one tries to make sweeping changes in a community one invariably runs into trouble because, generally speaking, people are static creatures. They do not like change, especially when it is thrust upon them suddenly. They like to feel they have made up their minds for themselves about things. One of the greatest lessons man has to learn is that it is no good wanting to make his own mind up unless he actually does so! Consider the number of

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problems you know you want to sort out in your mind, yet you delay in your considerations and never really get round to them at all. It may be easier to rest on a majority decision!

You may feel that this talk about India is much less direct in its approach than in the case of other countries we have discussed. We have mentioned less of the actual material aspects of the country and the people in it, but I feel this has been necessary for a number of reasons, the most important being that these people must be considered in a meditative way. Very few Europeans really understand the mind of an Indian, or the reason why he thinks as he does; although, to be fair, not many Indians understand the way a European thinks! This is because for so long the underlying spiritual impulse behind the Indian nation has been directed in such a different way.⁵⁹

Few people are really aware of the tremendous influence that religion carries in a country; it is far greater than most of you would imagine. Many of the failings that Britain has today I would consider to be the result of religion being unable to cope with the situation. You may well argue that governments in most countries today do not necessarily follow the Church's recommendations. In fact, some of the world's greatest troubles have stemmed from religion becoming intermingled with politics. Sooner or later, when this happens, the religious leaders find that their beliefs have become changed to suit the particular tempo of the period, after which the religion soon loses its true spirit and starts to fail as a spiritual institution.

Although the Church may not influence governments to the same extent today, the people do listen to the voice of their religion. It sinks in because every man - I do not care who he is or what he is - deep down within him has a certain fear of the unknown. I do not think it should be a fear, but in most people it is and somewhere in the subconscious mind it is ready at any moment to come to the fore.

The westerner would do well to spend a little more time trying to understand the eastern mind and *vice-versa*. This is being done to an extent and should be encouraged as much as possible, because in so many ways the eastern and western minds complement each other. If only they could learn a lesson from each other - a lesson that involves humanity - and not

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be too proud to adopt each other's ideas; from this the world would gain a great deal of stability.

In conclusion I would say to you: watch India very closely for if she were to pull herself together she would take a lead by bringing her spiritual heritage to the fore. This could bring her respect and admiration in the world; but she will not achieve this with her head in the clouds; she must needs bring herself firmly down to earth!

Materially she is a country that will always have difficulties and will never quite solve them; at least, not for a very long time. But the world sadly needs a form of spiritual example and India is in a better position to give it than many others. So I consider her to be a country with a great future and as time goes on you will see why.⁶⁰

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The Esoteric Significance of China

China is a country with a great heritage. As we look at her today we must surely wonder what the future holds. It is strange to consider that in a land as large as the present gigantic republic, formed as it is by many peoples, there has been throughout the ages a great culture, moulded at various times in its existence by some profound philosophies. Here is a nation with a heritage and wisdom that could make its contemporaries look like new-born babes. Yet, despite all these philosophies, the web of materialism has stretched slowly but surely across its lands and the old order has been replaced by a new, powerful and extremist regime.

The philosophies of China have been its strength and its weakness, for in their outlook they provided the answer to all things except, perhaps, that man should be an individual within himself. Thus they failed to make contact with the average man. They gave him an excuse that surely must have undermined his spiritual progress. The ages have passed; revolutions have occurred from time immemorial in this land and still they are in evidence; still there is bitterness amongst the people themselves and between the nation as a whole and many other countries of the world.

When one reviews the savagery of the present internal conflicts one must surely wonder what little effect these past great philosophies have had. Unfortunately, the privileged few who were capable of understanding the philosophies very rarely carried them out and the present conditions are caused by the omissions of the past, by the selfish living of those who could have made China the greatest country in the world. Strangely enough she still has this capability although, as she goes forward now, there could well be the tendency for her to sub-divide into smaller units. At the present time there is grave danger of China entering into world war with certain other great nations. This is the type of conflict we are all desperately trying to work to avoid; tensions in the world are high enough without the risk⁶¹ of war that could so easily, at this tender stage in the world's evolution, bring about the very end of all civilization as it is known at the present time.

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In my talks I often refer to the approaching climax between the forces of good and evil. Strength is gathering on both sides of the fence and the state of affairs in China forms one of the most tender spots in this anatomy of tension. It is a spot that must be nursed with great care, otherwise it will burst into a spreading conflict where the savagery and barbaric intent behind the present motivation will surely tear asunder the very foundations of all known sympathy and civilization. The seriousness of this situation cannot be too strongly stressed.

From the purely material point of view the average Chinaman benefits considerably from the new order. Those of you who have had any contact with China at all will know that it would be difficult for the average Chinaman to suffer worse than he did under the conditions of the past. So let us put it this way: it would not be a very difficult task for any form of government to improve conditions in China. Politically speaking, the nation has remained fairly quiet in the world until recently. It has always been feared because of its numbers and it would be true to say that the westerner has always held the Chinaman in awe, maybe because he has not understood the difference in outlook of the oriental mind.

China came into being at quite a different time in the evolution of your planet from any other nation. I have explained to you in my earlier teachings how, thousands of years ago, at different periods of Earth's history, spirits have come from other planets to assist in Earth's evolution. As the genetic or physical evolution of the body of man has progressed, so has the type of spirit that has incarnated and experienced through the medium of that physical shell. From this you can see that the development of *homo sapiens* depends upon the type of vibration of the spirit incarnate in the physical body; in turn, the vibration of the spirit depends upon the sphere of evolution whence it came before it entered the physical shell.

One example of spirits from other spheres incarnating on this planet to give it a little help forward was when the spirits from the planet Venus incarnated on Earth and slowly created in *homo sapiens* an independent will to develop, thus causing the Atlanteans to grow from the Lemurians. Much later on another branch of Lemurians formed the beginning of the Chinese civilization. It was into these physical bodies that certain spirits from yet another planet incarnated⁶², causing the evolutionary variation that has built up into the Chinese

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race. These spirits came from a planet with a much heavier vibration than Venus - the planet Jupiter. Now the Jupiterian vibration is one that finds the planet Earth difficult to negotiate and, when a spirit from that particular planet tries to experience through the medium of a physical Earth body, it has to adjust considerably to find a balance.

I would like to digress for a moment here, for this question of balance, as you can see, is all-important in every aspect of life. When you hear people speak of being frustrated and unable to express themselves it means far more than a lack of ability to paint, play the piano, write books, drive a car or be an engineer. It usually means that the spirit is not quite in harmony with the body and this can sometimes be caused by the spirit having come from a different sphere of evolution. If an avenue of expression in life is found that brings harmony and satisfaction, then that spirit is truly discharging its karma and doing in life what it has set out to do. (The length of a person's life is not the deciding factor in karmic discharge, although I agree that a very frustrated person can set up tensions, causing illness that will often interfere with plans.) So you see how important it is that people should find harmony, balance and fulfilment in life. Of course this does not imply licence in all things, for true expression should be selfless and tempered by discipline. If you have an evolved spirit you will discipline yourself in any case but, if your spirit is young, you may find it more difficult to restrict your impulses and it may only be a fear of having three months in gaol or a hundred pounds' fine that will provide the alternative deterrent.

The Chinese, as a race today, are predominantly Jupiterian by vibration; in other words, many of the spirits incarnate amongst them have a vibratory affinity with the planet Jupiter. Now let me be quite clear here; this does not mean that every Chinaman has come from Jupiter, nor does it mean that the Chinese have any particular connection with unidentified flying objects! I am talking about something on an occult, not a science fiction, level. Such remarks have been misinterpreted in the past and, if I say that spirits have come from Venus, it is sometimes assumed to imply that they travelled over last week! This is an erroneous interpretation and one that would not conform to cosmic law. When I mention a spirit from another planet incarnating in an Earth physical body I am referring to a spirit that

normally incarnates on another sphere but which has chosen, for a particular incarnation, to experience through the⁶³ medium of an Earth body.

In the universe there are an infinite number of spirits, each in its own individual stage of evolution, seeking, finding, growing and learning wisdom. Spirits tend to group together just as human beings do and in that grouping they find strength. Within their own group - they may be in varying stages of evolution within the group - they have a characteristic common denominator and thus they develop a group personality, ego or spirit. That group becomes, in my terms, a form of vibration, which is what I mean by the Jupiterian vibration in the Chinese race; it symbolizes a heavy, slow-moving vibration. Very often Jupiterian spirits in Earth physical bodies experience great difficulty in accepting life; they fight or rebel against it and often appear introverted, for they are people who meditate and think a lot.

The Chinese race has produced some very great wisdom in its time. It has also perpetrated some very foul thoughts and deeds. China today, in my opinion, is overall a much better country than it has ever been before because, whilst the wisdom, philosophy and esoteric side have been subdued, freewill is being re-awakened; maybe it is collective freewill but, nevertheless, people are beginning to realize that a physical life can be enjoyed; a fact that most spirits on the Jupiterian vibration find difficult to accept. The sooner the Chinese emerge from this collective state of thinking the better, for it could form a trap for them, especially if they come too much under the influence of unscrupulous leaders. They are a very dogged race and they must watch that this doggedness does not become misdirected into narrow, nationalistic channels. It is within their karma as a nation to rise a great deal in the course of this planet's future, but to attempt to rise under their present administration could present many dangers.

Whilst there is no great hope, at the present time, of a true spiritual understanding spreading into the truly eastern mind great efforts can be made by other countries in the world to try to re-introduce the concepts of tolerance, understanding and love. With perseverance this type of philosophy could slowly begin to permeate throughout the

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peoples of China. There are many in that country today who would be only too ready to seize upon such concepts.

Sometime in the future, after certain of the present political factions have disappeared from the scene, there will be opportunities for more moderate leaders who will bring about a more tolerant and less severe attitude, if not necessarily a spiritual one. We can only do⁶⁴ our best to send out thoughts that this type of policy may come before it is too late.

It would be a very good thing for the Chinese to become more westernized eventually, because if they could only learn a balanced practical approach they could truly become a great nation. They have the tradition, they have the potentiality, but what they lack is the experience to put their finer thoughts into practice. This naturally leaves the road wide and clear for the lesser evolved influences to come into play instead.

This is the picture I would like to paint for you of China today and China tomorrow; for here is a country that will assume a complementary role in the world's evolution, serving as a balance with other forms of national thought and expression. China has been subjugated for too long, although this subjugation has been of a self-inflicted nature. I am all for a balance between East and West, both sides existing harmoniously together. This is something that will eventually come about; as and when it does there are many who will be greatly surprised at what emerges.⁶⁵

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The Esoteric Significance of South Africa

As one deliberates on the many problems that face this young country the inescapable complexity of the various issues at stake becomes increasingly obvious; this applies equally to the difficulties to be encountered in dealing with the subject. We are not merely concerned with a government policy, we are concerned with people, with individuals experiencing and wondering why these things are happening. In discussing the esoteric significance of South Africa we must take a quick look first at the country as it is at present and then perhaps glance a little into the future.

What really has happened? When the white man first came to South Africa he brought with him the results of a considerable amount of “civilization” or material evolution; sufficient to enable him to gain and maintain the upper hand over the original inhabitants and to be able to take a good deal of material wealth from this, as yet, unexploited country rich in mineral and natural resources. Unfortunately, the actions of the early settlers were selfish, greedy and narrow, as is usually the case with so-called pioneers.

It is strange in your world that you generally surround your pioneering days with a great deal of romance, an atmosphere that you manage to maintain in your history books; yet when you begin to study the true historical facts you will find that these were times of suffering and bloodshed! This was usually because the type of person connected with pioneering was often hard, with little time for sentiment or the consideration of anything other than his own well-being. A tremendous amount of exploitation took place in South Africa. Then came the question of education.

You cannot take a race of people who are many hundreds of years behind you in ordinary living and so-called “civilization” and suddenly bring them to a standard equivalent to your own in the matter of a few moons. At the same time you cannot herd them about like cattle. What is the answer? Who is wrong and why?⁶⁶

The economic aspect is important, the mining and the money that has been made from it. Unfortunately, it is an occupation that does not bring out the best qualities in *homo sapiens*;

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nor does it always attract the more evolved type of person, for it seems to encourage a great deal of avarice and selfishness. So in South Africa today the white man lives in great fear of his coloured counterpart whom he attempts to subjugate; but the world has reached a state of evolution where he is not going to find this so easy to achieve with guns and sticks, because those guns and sticks will rebound on him and result in South Africa becoming the centre of a very bloody revolution.

On the other hand we must accept that there is a problem inasmuch as it is quite obvious that the coloured man in South Africa is not ready to stand side by side with the white man when it comes to the question of modern civilization. I am leaving out the issue as to whether modern civilization is of benefit or not, nor do I mean to imply that the coloured man is any less than his white brother. I am merely stating that the coloured South African, generally speaking, has not had the experience or the background to stand equal with the white man on certain levels because of the suppression that has taken place.

I do not agree with the enforced segregation that takes place, but at the same time I think that communities for coloured people should be set up to help them in a very positive way. They should be given good living conditions so that the question of mixing does not really come into it. In this way they would tend naturally to keep to themselves and so would the white people. It is necessary to face the fact that the evolution of the two races will need a lot of levelling up before any complete joining together of the different colours could be effected. That is a stage further on in the evolution of this planet, for there will, at a time in the future, be but one race. However, that is a long way ahead and unfortunately, in the case of South Africa, there is a lot of blood to flow before this comes about.

The tempo of life moves at an ever-increasing pace. If you are to maintain a balance within this constant acceleration of evolution, then you have to accept it and learn to live with it. You cannot escape by exiling yourself from your surroundings. The people who rule South Africa are trying to escape, they are running away from the facts before them. Yet the fascinating thing is that it is very much easier to face up to these problems than people

realize. A problem will exist whether you accept it or not and, if you do accept it, you are half-way towards getting rid of it!⁶⁷

The problem facing the white man in South Africa today is that he is grossly outnumbered by his coloured counterpart, whom he cannot push out of the way because such an action would be creating a grave for himself. On the other hand, suppression through fear does not constitute acceptance and is certainly not the answer.

From an esoteric point of view there could be a great deal of awakening in South Africa if the whirlpool that is being set up could be stopped. In the karma of this country there exists in the future a tremendous dual effect. Influences of a completely opposite nature will manifest; one of these influences will stir up trouble and encourage hatred in men's hearts until their blood is heated to kill; the other influence will endeavour to uplift them and make them see the fallacy of their own reasoning. It will try to make them see that man cannot rule God, for whenever man tries to set himself up as a god he is building an effective block against the love and understanding that is continually flowing from this Ultimate Thought. With South Africa it is rather like so many people you meet in the world today; you wish you could shake them and wake them up before it is too late.

There is a great need for a spiritual understanding and awakening in this country. The answer does not lie in going to the other extreme, it lies in bringing about a balance by help and guidance. I would not want South Africa to be taken over by any one particular religion or spiritual thought; but the people need to be able to think for themselves, to understand the wisdom emanating from the ever-open door of the Godhead, which will enable them to breathe freely and freshly and wipe away the tongue of fear. I can see light amongst the darkness of the future, but it will need a lot of encouragement if it is going to have any effect at all.

From the point of view of the rest of the world, I feel that other countries would be wrong to try to interfere with South Africa, which has to learn its own lesson. Boycotting South African trade or cutting off their economy is not going to help the problem. Their awakening has got to come from inside. So often external pressure has been tried but has only brought

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about a return of force; this can go on ad infinitum. Many wars have been caused in this way.

The type of policy at present adopted by the South African government will not, in my opinion, spread a great deal; although the present situation can do little else but deteriorate I do not think the problem is completely without hope. But the time will come when the people of this country will need a great deal of understanding,⁶⁸ sympathy, help and love on both sides. When the crisis occurs other countries must be ready to move in like lightning to try to prevent the bloodshed and suffering of an appalling nature that could spread throughout this sunlit land.

Until the apartheid problem resolves itself I can see little hope of any spiritual upliftment, except for the odd pockets here and there; for this country has been retarded spiritually and, until a level is reached, there will be little opportunity for any great enlightenment. Those of you who are kind enough to put out a thought to help people in trouble could well include South Africa on your list.

It grieves me greatly to have to speak about a nation in this way, for those of you who know me will appreciate that I always like to encourage and see the best side of any situation; there are many sides to all situations, as you well know. In the levelling out processes of this planet South Africa will eventually find its feet; but the answer will be found within the core of hard experience and suffering and only after a long and arduous journey into the future.

Since I first gave this lecture I am delighted to see that the forces of Light have prevailed in this country and that movement has been made towards a better relationship between the various peoples who live there. However, it is only fair for me to point out that the state of equilibrium in this continent is far from satisfactory and I am afraid there is still much blood to be spilled before man comes to a right state of thinking in this magnificent country. Africa is a continent where there is so much to fill mankind with awe and yet he still places his petty greed above the wonderment of the universe. Many spiritual teachers are saddened when they look at planet Earth, for man, in spite of the visions he has received, still finds it difficult to understand the whole; he prefers the artificial and false security gained through

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petty squabbling and the false standards he has unfortunately created. World events will eventually overtake what is happening in South Africa and I feel that many of the problems there will be resolved in spite of what is going on rather than because of it.

Readers will be interested to note that the seven lectures on the esoteric significance of various countries were all given in 1962. Subsequent events have certainly confirmed their validity. Editor.⁶⁹

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