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PART I GENERAL BELIEFS

God, the Ultimate

Throughout my teachings I allude frequently to God, the Ultimate, the creative force from which all originates; I would now like to offer you a concept of this state of beingness which can be comprehended by the human mind in its present stage of evolution.

I use the term “Ultimate” because, as you understand these things at present, it stands for a certain stage in your evolution. When one reaches a level of thought which can be regarded as the Ultimate one reaches a completely unlimited understanding of all things, for the Ultimate is a creative, infinite thought force. It is that controlling infinite thought through which all cause and effect take place.

I have on many occasions described it as being a state of thought perfection. This can be misleading if one chooses to accept the last two words in their literal sense, as I mean perfection of evolution in the sense that one's whole thought in itself reaches a stage of perfect infinity; in other words, it can progress unlimited by barriers. As a creative, timeless and limitless thought it has no beginning and no end, so progress at its level goes on and on into infinity. Hence your biblical reference to “eternal life”.

One must realise that in this state of ultimate thought the in- individuality is retained but, in addition to this state of unlimited perfection, there is also complete harmony and at-one-ment with the whole. The Godhead is neither male nor female but a perfect blending of both principles, the positive and the negative, the Father/Mother God if you wish to consider this concept in Earth terms.

It is extremely difficult to translate this concept into Earth terms and explain how the spirit evolves in this state. I would need to employ more terms of reference than your language allows me, for the forms of experience encountered are completely beyond the comprehension of the physical brain. I can only put it to you thus:-

The universe is infinite and so is the Ultimate; therefore, one's thought stretches into the greatness of that infinite universe to understand and encounter every experience that has been, is and will be. It is a state of complete comprehension of all planes and levels of thought.¹

In order to obtain as full an understanding as possible I would advise you to read this several times, then close your eyes and meditate. Try to uplift your mind and broaden your concepts so that the inspiration behind such a profound state of beingness can penetrate to your consciousness and help you to translate its magnitude into terms which your mind can cope with.²

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Religion in General

Why do men seek a teaching such as I am giving when many find solace and help within the bounds of orthodox religion? The world is evolving and more spirits of a higher evolutionary nature are incarnating on your planet. Man has begun to realise that orthodoxy is limited, that it denies him the right to progress and seek for himself and is therefore in that respect contrary to the teachings of the cosmos. It is said that man does not learn from his mistakes; but looking over a greater span of time than the average person can visualise it is obvious that he does.

The natural desire to evolve is in all life-forms and it is only by doing so that man will satisfy the spiritual needs and urges within him. What about the man who is totally unethical and cruel; how can he be evolving? Think of a road from one place to another which in some places doubles back on itself. Man is in the process of evolving; when he is ready to step forward he is faced by evil forces which manifest through the negative aspects of his own nature and often win the first round of the battle. Man, thus afflicted, will remain in the abyss he creates until he sees himself and realises the greater universe; then he will be helped out and will proceed further. It is all part of experience and it is often necessary to go backward before one can proceed forward. Most people have one incarnation in which their evolution is retarded rather than advanced. That retardation is actually part of their advancement.

It is impossible to judge the picture from one or two incarnations. One spirit may appear to be in the abyss of evil for hundreds of years in Earth time, but this does not matter as there is no such thing as time in the world of spirit. Eventually it will progress to the Ultimate. I repeat: God does not limit man, man limits himself. This is the fault of the orthodox religions of today; those in responsible positions have limited themselves and their followers; they are guilty of paying too much attention to their own feelings, not psychic or spiritual feelings but those brought about by conditioning and environment; and this is one of the reasons for their intolerance and limitations. Such people make God in their own image, which is pure ego.

Limited teachings do not suffice for evolved man and sooner or³ later he realises that he was gullible in accepting blindly much of what he was told from the pulpit. The Churches are fine institutions for those who want to seek God by that means, but in doing so the evolution of such people will not be greatly assisted because they are prepared to limit themselves to accepting what they are told without question. God does not teach man to fear and it is wrong that people should fear to search beyond what they have been told. Teachings and philosophies should be open to all who have a mind to learn and understand them, but many religious organisations do not share this view as they fear that new teachings will affect their membership.

The ability to see the future has always been a “fly in the ointment” for various religious sects, despite the fact that their recognised Bible is one long series of prophecies. One must be fair-minded and admit that certain individuals do have the ability to foresee future events; the accuracy of their interpretations is, of course, the debatable point.

I have heard many questions asked about the eastern way of life and the type of meditation they use for spiritual development. Many people in the east study the philosophies of life but tend to tie themselves up in knots over small points. This can hamper their progression; also, they sometimes lack the ability to put their spiritual inspirations into practical use. The westerner, on the other hand, tends to leave philosophising until later in his life and spends most of his time concentrating on material, practical matters at the expense of the spiritual. So both systems have their imbalances. It is not true that the East is more advanced than the West. In their great desire to un-limit themselves the peoples of the East often achieve precisely the opposite and become slaves to yoga or meditation as the case may be. The westerner needs more of the meditation and contemplation of his eastern brother, while the peoples of the East would do well to take a page from the book of the West and apply their respect for all life forms, about which they philosophise, in a more practical way. Neither is better nor worse than the other but both can benefit from an interchange of ideas and life styles as is already beginning to happen.

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I do not wish The Atlanteans to be bound by orthodoxy, for the teaching encourages a broader way of life; it teaches a philosophy, a way to God. The temptation to become “just another religion” must be resisted. Many of you will realise that what I am telling you makes sense, but sometimes the limitations of your Earth bodies draw you back and do not allow your spirits to express themselves in the way they wish.

Since I have stated that these teachings set out to supplement religion and not to replace it, why have I spoken so vehemently about it? I have made observations which I consider to be fully justified and I also consider that I have been extremely conservative in my phraseology. Firstly, many religions limit man, which is not God's way for⁴ God limits no-one; it is only man who imposes limitations. Secondly, in the case of Christianity, a teaching was given nearly two thousand years ago and yet its leaders still take it at its word value, ignoring both its occult significance and the evolutionary and material progress of man. Thirdly, many religions teach man to fear God, which is wrong.

Man must seek and find for he has much to learn in the coming years. I do not wish to attack the Churches for they do a great deal in the help and succour they give people, but I must point out that, in most cases, their outlook is not progressive, nor is it expansive. Nevertheless, I say to those who can find God through the Churches that they should do so; to those who wish to seek beyond I say that we can help them.⁵

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Prayer

This is an answer to the question of all questions: is prayer of any avail? The answer is yes, most definitely; for when a person prays sincerely and with feeling it assists him to establish a form of spiritual contact with other evolutionary spheres and, broadly speaking, provided that the prayer is for the spiritual benefit of the person concerned, inasmuch as it will uplift him, it will be answered.

If, however, a person were to pray for something of a material nature, those who receive the prayer may well consider that in the long term it would not be to the person's benefit to grant him his request and, indeed, he might not be in a position to make the best use of it if he should receive it. Let us take the example of a young child who asks his father to buy him a motorcycle. The father has the experience and wisdom to know that, if he bought his son such a thing and taught him how to use it, it would not be long before trouble started.

Again, a person may pray for something quite sincerely, with entirely unselfish motives, and wonder sadly why his prayer has not been answered. Remember that whoever hears his prayer will have greater wisdom and a broader view of the situation than he has to know whether it would be better for that prayer to be answered or not. Besides, it is up to a person to live his life to the best of his ability and not take the attitude of "Oh, well, if something goes wrong, God is always there to help me". God is there to help you, but not to live your life for you. The distinction is fine, you will say, but, believe me, it is very definite.

The understanding of prayer is very difficult for the human being as his knowledge is so limited and it is not easy to make a decision when one cannot see the whole picture. However, all prayers are answered insofar as the wisest thing is done to improve the situation about which the person has prayed.

Whom do my prayers reach? you may ask. They go as high as you wish them to go. For instance, if a prayer is of a material nature it would be doubtful if it would go higher than the third plane. If your prayer is of an esoteric nature and you are seeking for inner wisdom, an opening and widening of your mind for a nearness and oneness with⁶ God, the ascent of

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your prayer will be unlimited, reaching to the finer planes according to the sincerity with which you express it.

Some of you may wonder whether it is necessary for one to visit a church or some sacred precinct in order to pray effectively. The answer is no, with the reservation that there are some people who would only be able to pray within a sacred building as they would not be able to convey the necessary sincerity and meaning without the psychological influence of those surroundings; it is not where you offer your prayer that matters but how and why you offer it. There is little use in offering any form of ritualistic prayer at regular intervals as a matter of course for, as you will have gathered from the foregoing, a prayer, if spoken mechanically as it is by so many people, is utterly worthless. On the other hand, where many people join together in sincere and united prayer, each concentrating his thought on the meaning of what he is saying, the effect of such a thought force can be great indeed.

I have used the word “prayer” because it is familiar but, of course, I have meant it in the sense of a request for help or an expression of gratitude. It is this acknowledgement of a higher force which helps to establish a form of psychic contact with the inner planes, enabling those on the “other side” to help you if it is right by cosmic law that they should do so.

To sum up: if it is within you to pray and you have faith in prayer, then I say continue to pray. However, if you have no faith in prayer and have only prayed for fear of the consequences of omitting to pray, then cease to do so immediately, for the influences emanating from such a prayer would not only be useless but could be actually detrimental to the person or persons concerned. Remember, prayer is but the power of thought, of concentrated thought.⁷

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The Prophets and Teachers of the Past

At periods during the Earth's history great prophets and teachers have incarnated to give teachings in accordance with the evolution of the human race at the time and place in which they appeared: Buddha, Mohammed, Zoroaster, Confucius, Jesus Christ and others. These were all spirits of high evolution who came to assist the world at various stages of its development and, upon leaving their physical bodies, were able to ascend immediately to the sphere of evolution whence they came. Those I have mentioned were all spirits from the sixth plane of existence except for one alone, Jesus Christ, whose spirit came from the Godhead itself, the seventh plane.

Some of the great ones are planetary devas from the angel or deva kingdom. These "archangels", as they are called, are responsible for the guidance of the planets and many of them from this and other solar systems have come to Earth to try to right the evil caused by the fallen deva Lucifer. Some schools of esoteric thought prefer to know this spirit as Mephistopheles, Beelzebub, Satan, Set etc. I think you will find, however, that these names are used in orthodox occultism to depict certain of the "masters" of the so-called "satanic hordes" or Luciferian rulers in particular ages or periods of time. Others refer to Lucifer as the devil or antichrist. There have been many schools of occult thought down the ages which have bestowed angelic names upon planetary spirit forms; these vary considerably amongst the numerous societies and orders of today. Thus you may encounter a name such as Mikael associated with any of several planetary devas. I can but present the picture as I see it and it is up to each one of you as to which names and explanations you choose to accept or reject. Basically, it is the principles behind the names that are all important, so by all means substitute your own terms of reference if you wish.

The planetary devas are sixth plane spirits and many of them that have incarnated on Earth have achieved great renown as teachers and prophets. The master you know as Buddha is one of the archangelic devas and is responsible for the guidance of the planet Orpheus.* The spirit which was Confucius is associated with the planet Neptune, Zoroaster is connected with the planet Mercury and Mohammed with Mars. Lucifer's vibration was associated with the Moon before his "fall" and the subsequent capture of that orb by Earth.

The great arch⁸angels that Christianity has named Mikael, Gabriel, Uriel and Raphael are known by many other names in the different pantheons; they all work in the service of the spirit that is the representation in this solar system of the Ultimate or Godhead, known to you as Jesus Christ, whose power is symbolized at a physical level by the sun.

Your ancestors were not as naive as you might think when they considered the sun as a manifestation of the divine thought. All the planets in this solar system are “children” of the sun and you are a life form that has evolved from one of those planets; Jesus often referred to himself as a shepherd looking after his flock. The sun 's rulership is one of light and life and love, born of the supreme thought, the Godhead.

Let me make it clear that the Christian Church, because it acknowledges the divinity of Jesus Christ, is not necessarily the right religion; nor does it mean that the other religions are less authentic in their presentation of the truth. No religion can claim to be better merely because it follows Jesus. The interpretation of his teachings as given by the Christian Churches has been distorted down the ages, often by men seeking power and, in some respects, it bears very little resemblance to what was originally said.

In addition to those masters who have initiated some of the great religions of the world there have been many other great spirits, both human and devic, who have taught man wisdom. These adepts or initiates have come from the fourth and fifth planes of spirit existence, incarnating to bring Light and understanding to mankind. Such wisdom should not be overlooked merely on the grounds that it has not come from one of the great masters.

One of the traps that people of Earth fall into when seeking spiritually is that they spend so much time looking for detail that they miss the important aspect of the picture, the essential message of the teaching. To put it simply, they cannot see the wood for the trees. People become intent upon checking some small detail in the lives of the prophets or trying to expound an involved theory based upon a few simple words spoken by a master.

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Remember, it is the essence of a teaching that matters and the application of it that really counts.

*There is now a considerable amount of scientific evidence to support the existence of two additional planets, one outside the orbit of Pluto and the other between Mercury and the sun. The latter was originally named Orpheus by Helio-Arcanophus and, to date, would appear to be officially named Vulcan. The planet near Pluto we call Pan, but as yet it has not been named by the astronomers.⁹

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East and West

The time has come when the peoples of the East and West should learn of each other's religions, for they have much to give each other in their beliefs and in their approach to God.

Broadly speaking, religions fall into two categories, those which are positive and those which are negative in approach. Here I am referring to the two principles of the universe: the outgoing and the receptive, the active and the passive. Buddhism is the perfect example of a negative or passive religion, being mystical in the receptive sense. Christianity, on the other hand, is a positive or active religion; the teaching sets out to tackle the problem in a very positive way. To do this it is necessary to get on top of the problem; you have to move with it; only in a negative religion can you afford to sit back. It is the same with an occult group. The mystic, as opposed to the occultist, can afford, metaphorically speaking, to sit in his hut on the mountain and do nothing but think and meditate, because his is a receptive role. But the occultist has to move and progress with time because his is a positive role. Nevertheless, there comes a moment when the two roles reach the point of imbalance in their respective directions and this is when each needs to learn from the other.

I have emphasised the significance of meditation elsewhere and I cannot stress too strongly the need for this approach to God in the western world. Amidst the noise and clatter of your industrialised society it is essential that you find time to sit quietly and achieve a harmony and balance within yourself, allowing your spirit to come in closer to your conscious mind, listening to that still small voice within and enabling your whole being to grow in the love of God.

There is another leaf that you of the West should take from the book of the eastern religions such as those of Buddhism, Hinduism and Shintoism; for these religions teach something which is sadly lacking in western philosophy, an acknowledgement of all other life forms and their individual spiritual roles as integral parts of the universe.

However, the easterner can also learn from the westerner for he tends to neglect the physical for the spiritual. No man can learn of spirituality when he lives in abject misery and

poverty. Also, in his¹⁰ acknowledgement of the brotherhood of animals, the easterner would be adopting a more balanced approach if he were to give medical aid or healing to those animals that suffer, to care for their bodies as well as recognising their spirits.

To keep a healthy and balanced physical body is just as important as caring for the spirit and its needs, for both spirit and body are part of the universal consciousness. Your bodies and those of the animals are composed of the four elements which are intelligences unto themselves. Those who study yoga have learned to master these elements so that they are controlled by the mind which is part of the body. This is fine, provided that the discipline is applied wisely and the body is not expected to perform feats that are outside the normal flow of cosmic law. The person who subjects his body to extremes is just as wrong as the one who allows his body to dictate its every whim, overfeeding it and indulging its desires to the point of imbalance. It is strange that many people who feel strongly about pollution will quite happily pollute their bodies with drugs and unnatural foods. It is as though they are against pollution in principle but, like so many spirits incarnate in human bodies, they appreciate the wisdom of a principle provided it does not apply to themselves; they are like the preacher who tells his congregation: "Don't do as I do, do as I say!"

A Tibetan will acknowledge that the spirit of a holy lama may be resting in the body of a fish, bird or animal and yet, if that creature is sick or suffering, he will not attend to it for fear of disturbing the lama's spirit. By cosmic law this is illogical for, assuming that such a spirit were using a body of this sort, it would be far more comfortable in a healthy body and more likely to enjoy its period of rest.

On the other hand, the Tibetans acknowledge the spirit hierarchies existing in the universe which many western religions deny and they are spiritually wealthier for the experience. The strict schools of Christianity, which acknowledge only man and God with nothing in between, suffer much spiritual impoverishment as a result; for God works through his intermediaries and to deny the existence of a helper builds a karmic debt between the helper and the helped which must sooner or later be acknowledged in the chain of spiritual

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experience. Also, the great principles of reincarnation and karma have been accepted by the East and rejected by the West.

Eastern ways of belief, however, are slowly infiltrating into the West, especially amongst the younger people, many of whose spirits have incarnated specially to effect this transition from the old state to the new. In the future, all peoples from both East and West will learn to derive the benefits of both the positive, outgoing aspect of religion and the negative, receptive approach; when this occurs, then and only then will a true balance be achieved in man's understanding of the universe around him.¹¹

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The Gods of Olympus What Do They Mean?

I invite you to take a journey with me. Let us travel backward into the past and then perhaps forward into the unseen future. Our first destination will be the realm of Mount Olympus where, for an “age”; the gods reigned supreme.

Some of you may have questioned who exactly were the gods of Mount Olympus! Viewed in the light of 20th century understanding they may appear to many people as characters in fairy stories; but there are others who will realise that there is really no such thing as fairy stories, for all such legends are usually based on some form of truth or message. As each spirit evolves it ascends to the higher planes, toward the heights of Olympus, and during this journey many assume the roles of heroes or helpers of men. Many of these “heroes” are amongst you now, helping the planet through its period of trial.

For aeons of time the teachers of men have found it necessary to speak in parables, fables and stories and man has enacted these in the theatre of life.

At the height of the Greek civilisation the evolution of the planet very much in a transitional stage intellectually; it was a time when there were many spirits in incarnation who were beginning to look deeper into the-reason for life and to seek some form of guidance which embraced the intellect. The wise ones incarnate at the time realised this and they sought a form of symbolic instruction which would convey a meaning on many levels.

If you look at the Olympian pantheon you will observe that there were twelve predominating deities and many lesser entities, as well as the “heroes” who represented homo sapiens; throughout the various teachings given on this planet you will find this number constantly appearing. As many of you are aware there are actually twelve planets in this solar system, with the sun representing the number thirteen, the Master.

You all know and understand the physical dimension in which you live and most of you realise that there are other dimensions beyond the physical material, for nothing in this universe is limited. Man seeks beyond his own dimension and, because he sometimes tries

to measure¹² that seeking with a material yardstick, he comes up against a brick wall. You have been told to “knock and it shall be opened unto you”. Do you dare to knock? and if the door is opened do you dare to go through? Can you face the gift you have, which is the capacity to use your mind?

Although there were those people in the days of ancient Greece who understood this the majority did not, so the teachers formulated stories of gods and goddesses who appeared beyond the reach of man's physical attainment. Gradually, it began to occur to the wiser seekers that gods stood for principles, points of light and cosmic actualities rather than exalted human beings.

There is a connection between the Olympian pantheon and astrology, an art which has become obscured over the ages; man has used it so continuously for his own material gains that he has ceased to understand its esoteric significance. Let us take the signs of the zodiac; again there are twelve, just as Jesus had twelve apostles and Arthur twelve knights. Even in Atlantis the governing body consisted of six administrators and six occultists to govern the land, with one high priest or arcanophus as the thirteenth.

Any of you who understand astrology will know that it is possible for two people to have the same sun-sign, the same ascendant and the same background and yet these two people will not necessarily respond to life in the same way. Why is this? First and foremost, every spirit is individual. Secondly, although their fundamental signs may be similar, their aspects will be different because every sign of the zodiac has several frequencies and many octaves and it will be up to the individual evolution of each spirit as to which of these levels it can attain. This is one of the points upon which people disagree where astrology is concerned; it is one of the things that turns the more rational-minded against it because they cannot visualise the broad sweep of evolutionary distinctions.

You will notice that the characters of the twelve Greek Olympians are identical to the characteristics of the twelve planets in this solar system. This is by no means a coincidence, for the Greek masters used cosmic information already known to them about the planets and their devic influences to portray their deities. As for the minor gods, these were either

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aspects or combinations of aspects encountered on the ascent towards Olympus, the lesser devic spirits who form part of the retinue of the great ones.

In the 20th century at this moment you are in yet another transitional period. Man has dispensed with his gods because he finds them no longer sufficient for his needs as a rational thinker; what have those old stories to do with modern day living, anyway? he asks. Yet hidden within those stories are cosmic laws, laws of the universe, by which man needs to conduct his life if he wishes to progress and live in harmony on this planet.¹³

The spirit that has incarnated from the higher spheres must return down the Olympian mountain with its message, its credentials, its teaching capacity and try to convey to man the cosmic principles he understands. At different periods during man's recent history great spirits have incarnated for this purpose, giving their own version of the cosmic picture. There are many stories in ancient Greek literature which illustrate the descent of the higher spirits into dense matter so that man can be shown the way. What a wonderful vision these people had! I would like you, if you have not already done so, to read a few of the stories and I am sure that you will learn a great deal from them.

Take the story of Perseus in his cloak of darkness fighting the gorgon. A wonderful story, but what does it mean? The hero here was able to see beyond the physical and, so seeing, recognise the evil. He could have been turned to stone (a state of mindlessness) or taken under the gorgon's power, but he learned to rise above these dangers with the aid of the gods who lent him the necessary equipment. When evil spreads many heads must fall, but to know the strength of the enemy is half the battle; being thus forewarned you can equip yourself with the necessary aids to repel it, otherwise you will become part of it.

The island of the Odyssey is just as much here with you now as it was with Ulysses, especially in the great cities of the world where Circe reigns supreme; the lights are shining and the liquor and drugs are flowing; everything is there. When you are tempted on these levels pause for a moment and think "What do I get from it?" Apart from a deteriorating physical body, dreadful headaches, confusion and disillusionment . . . nothing!

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In this lecture I have tried to give you a tiny glimpse of the Olympian story. The twelve characters represent the twelve archetypes as portrayed in the zodiac, each one having a part to play, a message to give which is important to the whole. Learn to interpret the principles for which these gods stand and to see how they can apply to life today and to your own individual progress on the path of evolution; for at some time in your cycle of experience you will learn to negotiate each of these truths. It may take many incarnations and no two people will experience them in the same manner, but each one gained will enrich your soul and help you forward on your path toward the Ultimate.¹⁴

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Of the twelve gods of Olympus six are on a positive vibration and six on a negative vibration, thus observing the cosmic law of polarity and balance, a law which operates on all dimensions.

Positive Vibrations	Negative Vibrations
God/Goddess	God/Goddess
Zeus	Aphrodite
Athene	Hera
Artemis	Hestia
Hephaestus	Hermes
Ares	Demeter
Apollo	Dionysus

NOTE:

Poseidon, Hades and earlier deities such as Uranus and Chronos were symbols of a solar age rather than a planet. In the age of the rulership of Zeus, Poseidon and Hades (i.e. the present Piscean age) the vibrations are as above. The next or Aquarian age will come under the rulership of Athene who “sprang fully armed from Zeus's head”.

The rulership of the twelve signs of the zodiac ascribed by the Greeks is not in line with those used in modern astrology as can be evidenced in the following verse by Manilius:

“Pallas¹⁵ rules the Woolly Ram and Venus guards the Bull,
 Apollo has the handsome Twins and Mercury the Crab.
 Jove¹⁶, with the Mother of the Gods, himself is Leo's lord.
 The Virgin with her ear of corn to Ceres¹⁷ falls, the Scales
 To Vulcan's¹⁸ smithy, while to Mars the warlike Scorpion cleaves.
 The Hunter's human part Diana¹⁹ rules, but what's of horse
 Is ruled by Vesta²⁰ with the straightened stars of Capricorn.

¹⁵ Athene

¹⁶ Zeus

¹⁷ Demeter

¹⁸ Hephaestus

¹⁹ Artemis

²⁰ Hestia

Aquarius is Juno's²¹ sign as opposite to Jove,
And Neptune owns the pair of Fish that in the heavens move."²²

²¹ Hera
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Pan

A broad understanding of general beliefs would surely fall short if I did not include a lecture about the natural forces which guide the everyday running of Earth, those very powers of nature itself without which nothing else could manifest. For these, after all, have been the inspiration for many beliefs, past and present.

As you know, Earth is the planet of healing and music; I would prefer to substitute “balance” for “healing” for it describes the action more precisely. In the very early days of this planet and to greater and lesser degrees ever since a spirit has been working through nature on the planet, a spirit of great beauty, great wisdom and great simplicity; it has been referred to as the “great god Pan” and it did not come from another star or solar system for it is native to Earth itself. This is the force of growth, physical, mental and spiritual. Pan is not the natural deva of this planet but represents a form of devic life as manifested through nature.

It is the planetary deva who guides the planet and this means that, being of great evolution, being a spirit of what you would call the sixth plane, such a deva can by its closeness to the Godhead transmit the love, wisdom and understanding of the Godhead down on to the planet as a whole; you could say that it uses its will power to guide the planet on its course and to inspire those forms of evolution which are experiencing thereon. It is like a great beam of light shining upon the planet to which those spirits incarnate upon the planet can look up; but it is rarely anything other than passive.

Then there is this great force which moves in everyday things upon your planet: the growth of plants, the movement of the seas, the clouds in the air, the wind etc. This force draws the attention of men's minds to the signposts which point upward through the beauty of nature; and it has a personality, it is what we call Pan.

Now Pan, as you know, always carries pipes, for this is the planet of healing and music. This spirit heals through nature because Earth is one of the most beautiful planets in this solar system and beauty heals. It is Pan that utilises the gentle, soothing, balancing force of the tree; Pan that causes grass to rustle and make its gentle, restful sounds and,²³ although Pan

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encompasses the whole planet, at the same time it will come to any individual upon request and immediately, for it is always ready to sit beside you and talk to you; and when I say "sit beside" I have chosen that expression with care because it never sits in front of you. Its eyes are so beautiful you would not be able to remain incarnate if you looked into them. I would like you all to get to know this spirit. It is one of the great moving forces upon this planet. Just by sending out the thought it will appear beside you. It is a spirit whose talk ranges from the most mundane matters to the highest philosophies and it is a spirit that every man, woman and child should call upon whenever they feel the need. It is not a spirit that is carefully guarded in occult or mystical places to address but a few, it is the spirit for every man, indeed every animal and every tree, although these perhaps, have not forgotten it in the way that man has. So when you think of song and dance and sounds of nature you will know that Pan is nearby. In the old religions there was always a horned god and a mother goddess and one day I will tell you about the old earth mother who accompanied Pan.

You may wonder why it is taught to students of the occult that to call upon Pan before you are ready is extremely dangerous. This is true, but only if the caller has not mastered those aspects in himself which are of the Pan kingdoms. If such a person should summon this great being to his presence the power invoked would rebound upon him affecting his health and often his reason; not because of the Pan spirit itself but because of the imbalance in the summoner which becomes quickened or accentuated by the presence of Pan. The Pan ray is a mirror ray, reflecting back to you what you are and, if your character is one of cruelty, evil and lack of understanding, then to call the Pan ray will invoke those very aspects of your inner self back upon you to the force of its power.

The Christian Church feared Pan, therefore they used its horned guise to depict the devil, the epitome of evil; but this is pure slander; it was because the Pan spirit was so strong in the minds of men that they needed to debase it in order to frighten people away from it.

The Pan ray harms no-one who approaches it with the respect it deserves and by respecting it I mean not misusing it.

One magical practitioner on this planet in recent years tried to master Pan but he made the mistake of trying to master the god and not the ray behind it, which is bad occultism

whichever way you look at it; he might as well have tried to catch a hydrogen bomb falling from a plane. And yet a small child could sit in safety with Pan, as can an animal, for they are without guile and receive from this spirit only what they send to it and that is love tinged, perhaps, with a little youthful curiosity.

PART II CHRISTIANITY

The Bible

I should like to make some comments upon this renowned historical document. The most important question regarding the Bible is: how important is this book, in what perspective should it be regarded and is it the book of all books? I am going to answer this question in a way which I can assure you is not biased or prejudiced but is an attempt to help you to see this book as it is, no more and no less.

Let us first of all look at the practical side of the Bible.

The Old Testament was written many thousands of years ago and information in it was written by many different people. Some of it is in poetical form and many of the accounts are in example form so as to make it simple for the uneducated people of those days to understand. The theme of the Old Testament is, of course, the history of the Jewish race; while some of its prophecies must obviously be regarded with respect no one part can be taken as accurate as, in addition to the reasons I have already enumerated, the original contents have suffered severely in being handed down from generation to generation. Even so, there is much in it for people to learn if they have discerning and practical minds and do not allow themselves to be influenced and carried away by many of the fanciful fables and the hyperbolic phraseology employed.

Now let us take a look at the New Testament. Most of this was written many years after the death of Jesus Christ, earlier gospels and writings having been discarded by the Church. Many of its contributors, whilst fervent followers of Jesus, were not great literary men and the minds of those who were gifted in that direction tended to be clouded by the lapse of time. I am not setting out to devalue this book but merely to put it into perspective; for let us be sensible and admit that it is in many places grossly exaggerated and incorrect. However, the authors did manage to create a story of the life of Jesus which, although inaccurate in much of the detail due to the fact that many of their accounts of Jesus were as they would have liked them to be rather than as they were, did give a record of his works. Unfortunately, as the years rolled by, many of these teachings were corrupted and large

important portions omitted by power-seeking men who wanted the teachings to be as they would have them instead of as Jesus wished.²⁴

Now I will admit to you that I have not spared my remarks here, for I feel that it is most essential that people should see the Bible for what it is. As well as being of historical value in the Old Testament it gives a broad outline of the life and works of Jesus Christ in the New Testament which, providing it is read sensibly, will benefit every person. What people must remember, though, is that one cannot take any one particular sentence from its context and use it to prove anything, for the Bible is a document which is right in theme but not in detail. I should like to say in conclusion that it would do no-one harm to read some of the equally inspired ancient historical documents which have been preserved in other religions, for it will help them not only to broaden their minds but to widen their horizons.

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The Ten Commandments

There will be some of you who may wish to know my attitude toward the ten commandments. I ask you to remember that, like so many other things, these commandments can be interpreted in many ways. "So you suggest another interpretation of them," you may say. No, my friends, my teachings are a way of life, a philosophy of cosmic religion which is being put forth into the world to help people to see themselves as they are, to see others as they are and to see the universe as it is.

The ten commandments are but a set of rather incomplete rules. They are not wrong, but they are not expansive enough to set a man a really clear way of life in his rather complex mode of living today; when they were compiled many thousands of years ago they were intended to help people as they were in those days; but the world has evolved and they are now in need of some broadening and widening, for now that man has grown old enough to understand that God and the Ultimate are infinite he has also grown old enough to learn that the teachings of the cosmos are also infinite.

Why is man so blind as to assume that a divine teaching is as petty and as small as he is? Why cannot he comprehend that God's teachings at any one point in the history of the world have been in accordance with the general stage of evolution at that time? That is why, my friends, I am telling you that the ten commandments, although they give a certain guide to moral behaviour, do not apply to the problems of the present age.

The laws by which man should live are the laws of God's universe - cosmic law - and for those of you who are interested I have covered this subject in some detail elsewhere. (See booklets *Cosmic Law and the World Today* and *Life Outside the Physical Body and Reincarnation*.)²⁵

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Revelation of St. John the Divine

I have decided to devote a separate lecture to this particular chapter of the Bible, as I feel that it is one aspect of Christian prophecy which is sadly misunderstood. The prophetic significance of Revelation has been debated upon by students of both theology and mysticism since the early days of Christianity.

What I do not wish to do is to make this just another interpretation, but to try to present a few suggestions and ideas in an effort to shed a new light on St. John's message. Due to recent world happenings many people feel that the prophecies contained in Revelation are about to be revealed or are actually unfolding. How does this tie in with my teachings?

Before looking into this great work I feel it is necessary to understand a little of the character and personality of the writer, St. John the Divine, known in the Bible as "the beloved disciple". John was a disciple of John the Baptist; he was a member of the Essenic brotherhood from a very early age and it was under their guidance that he received his occult training. Many people do not realise that John was the occultist of the apostolic group, although there is ample evidence of his use of occult powers in both the Bible itself and subsequent early Church history. There is a story in the records of Roman Catholicism which tells that St. John was cast into boiling oil outside the Latin Gate; but, as he emerged alive, the Emperor Domitian became afraid to pursue any further attempts on his life and caused him to be banished to the island of Patmos. I regret I cannot in conscience confirm this "event" as it did not happen quite in the way described.

John was among the first of Jesus's closest associates to join him and he figured prominently in many of the major incidents in Jesus's life. He is the apostle who represents the "love" principle - the universal power to be obtained through love - and many believe that he represents the Venusian vibration. John lived to a very old age and was the only apostle who was not martyred. The statement made by Jesus concerning John's future as described in the 21st Chapter of his Gospel (verses 21-23) caused even the apostles to misunderstand his place in the scheme of things, so from the earliest times a mystery surrounded him. Many people in the world today choose to interpret these words as signifying the part to be

played by the planet Venus in²⁶ Christ's next coming to Earth. John spent the latter years of his life on the island of Patmos where he wrote his Gospel, three Epistles and Revelation.

Contrary to what many schools of thought feel, in Revelation John is not referring to one specific period of time but is endeavouring to give a history of the Earth planet from the beginning of its evolutionary cycle until it finally completes its span of existence. The descriptions are mainly symbolical for, remember, John was brought up in an occult school which practised extensive ritual and symbology. Many of these symbols are of Qabalistic origin and many of them date back to Atlantean times. At this point I feel it is essential for me to draw your attention to the fact that John was a man and therefore subject to the limitations of a physical body. Also, Revelation has suffered considerably in translation and it will therefore be impossible for me to give anything resembling a correct interpretation where there are obvious inaccuracies.

Let us start with the number seven which makes frequent appearances throughout the work: seven candlesticks, seven stars etc. This number represents the seven planes of spirit existence and the seven archetypes who fight to free the planet Earth from the clutches of Lucifer. The man who makes an appearance in Chapter 1 with "hair white like wool" and the double-edged sword in his mouth is the archangel Mikael whose symbol is the double-edged sword, one side of which wields the healing ray and the other side destruction. The twenty-four elders represent the polarity or dual aspects (positive and negative) of the twelve planets in your solar system.

Now let us look at the four beasts: the Lion, the Calf, the Man and the Eagle. These correspond to the four elements: fire, water, earth and air respectively. Each of these has six wings representing the six senses (one of which man has neglected) and the number six which features in the construction of the carbon atom of which man's body is composed.

The Lamb aspect is an interesting one, for few people realise its duality unless they are students of the occult. In addition to the usual concept of the Lamb as a divine symbol it is also representative of the "wolf in sheep's clothing", or false prophet. Melchisadek of the Old Testament realised the significance of the sacrificial lamb and St. Paul in his Epistle to

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the Hebrews (chapters 5-7) later confirmed his judgment by referring to Christ as “a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisadek”; in other words, one of a priesthood which did not condone blood sacrifices in any form.

Melchisadek is referred to in the Old Testament as being king of Salem, but the priestly order which he served was of Atlantean origin, the true occult priesthood such as was observed before the fall.

The book sealed with seven seals covers, of course, many ages in man's evolution. That we are approaching the age of the sixth seal is obvious to many people already, but let us look into this question a little further. The number six represents the vibration of the planet²⁷ Venus. The sixth seal, John tells us, is one where there are earthquakes and “the sun became black” etc. Verses 12 to 17 of Chapter 6 render a perfect description of the events leading up to the forthcoming axis tilt and the number of the seal itself gives a clue to the part the planet Venus will play in this affair.

What happens when the angel seals the elect? many of you will ask. What is the significance behind such a statement? At the time of these happenings, when the occult battle for the rulership of the planet Earth is in full swing, the evil influences predominating will be too excessive for many people to withstand without aid from divine sources. Our angel therefore represents those spirits who have chosen the task of protecting the auras and psychic senses of the elect and sealing them against the prevailing odds. You elect yourself. God does not stand forth, pointing with a little stick and saying, “You, you, but not you!” It is within your own freewill as to whether you accept or reject. If you choose the path of light you automatically avail yourself of divine protection; if you reject it, then you cannot be helped because of your own choice.

The “star called Wormwood” we can identify with the planet Uranus. Your own scientists are now beginning to notice the connection between the position of this sphere in relation to seismic disturbances upon the crust of Earth.

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The afflictors, John tells us, were commanded not to touch or hurt the “grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree . . .”; in other words, nature in its elemental form. It is strange to observe that after intensive radio-activity plant life is not affected; a striking example of this was the profusion of blue flowers which appeared after the atomic explosion at Hiroshima. The four angels of the apocalypse represent the four elements in their destructive aspect, i.e. as fires, volcanoes, typhoons, floods etc.

The number six hundred and sixty six, the “mark of the beast”, has proved of great use to certain religious sects in classifying those who do not accept their doctrines. The error of this belief must be apparent to the logical-minded, so I do not feel any need to comment further on that aspect. Let us, however, endeavour to dissect this number and see what message it conveys to the student of numerology. We have three sixes, standing for the three planets which will be the leading players in the forthcoming cosmic drama: Earth, Uranus and Moon. Six itself, as I mentioned earlier, represents the love vibration, which will be instrumental in the salvation of the elect. The number nine, which results from the addition of the three sixes (1 8, i.e. $1 + 8 = 9$), stands for materialism and its eventual destruction. John's reference to those who carry this mark does not imply that they will be visited one dark night by an avenging angel who will neatly stamp the number 666 on their foreheads. We are dealing here with the vibration of materialism which will serve to differentiate between those who have chosen to be elect and those who have not. The beast is a materialistic symbol.²⁸

Babylon appears on several occasions throughout these scripts and, as John himself tells you later, it does not stand for just one city but rather for epochs of intense iniquity. Earlier on in the work the destruction of Babylon “beneath the waves” refers to the sinking of Atlantis; and in its later representation as a woman mounted on a scarlet horse you have the materialism of your present world.

One point I feel worthy of mention at this stage is the connection between John's prophecies and those encountered in other parts of the Bible. Ezekiel in the Old Testament covered a similar period of world history in his predictions concerning Gog and Magog,

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while later on in the New Testament, in Chapter 24 of Matthew, Jesus's own words which tell of a major world catastrophe are recounted. In that same chapter, verses 37-43, the words "But as the days of Noah were, so also shall the coming of the Son of Man be" give an excellent clue as to the nature of the forthcoming disasters and floods and subsequent rising of Atlantis.

The other woman to receive mention in Revelation is she who is crowned with a diadem of stars and who crushes the serpent beneath her feet. She is spoken of by John as being with child, but the dragon stands by in wait to devour her son at birth. The dragon is a well known occult representation of evil, as illustrated in the story of St. George and his famous adversary; while the woman is Isis, mother of Horus, who will usher in the new golden age. The forces of God are ever ready to assist those who would seek their aid and both Isis and Horus eventually triumph although not without encountering earlier suffering. John tells of the many efforts made by Lucifer and his confederates to stamp out the seed of the woman, but she finally assumes wings and is transported to a safe place out of reach of her adversary. Flight and wings have always stood for spiritual ascent and the occultist knows that the best way to defeat his attacker is to rise above him as soon as he can. Both Isis and Horus are finally restored to their rightful heritage as the family of Osiris who was deposed by Set/Lucifer.

The battle between Mikael and Lucifer is beautifully described by John. It is a long battle lasting for many aeons and its predicted outcome is one which we can but anticipate with eagerness. The changes which have occurred on the Earth's surface since it accommodated *homo sapiens* are also covered in Revelation. John describes the first two axis tilts and the major one which is yet to come, but the Armageddon is not the end of the world, as he hastens to assure you in the later chapters. Many people do not see this as they find the concept of a "heaven on Earth" impossible to visualise. Of course, man cannot be perfect while he is in an Earth body, but he can be on the correct evolutionary lines, progressing toward the Ultimate *with* the directional impulses of cosmic law rather than *against* them as he is now. Such a state will present a much more pleasant picture of the Earth planet than can at present be envisaged.

Toward the end of this work the Lamb emerges in its purer aspect, purged of its evil associations during the final battle between²⁹ Mikaal and Lucifer. I appreciate that many of you may find difficulty in understanding the duality of this symbol of the Lamb; the explanation lies in the translation, the original occult symbols not being understood by the translators. John did originally distinguish between the true Lamb of God and the wolf, but these two figures seem to have become merged into one during the passage of time.

During the final affray between Mikaal and Lucifer the threefold nature of the latter emerges. We see Lucifer represented as the beast (the lower aspect of man's nature), the dragon (the evil, grasping, power-minded materialist) and the false prophet (the brilliant mind, full of eloquence, which misleads at a high level). These are finally banished and the new Jerusalem is born. Satan, John tells us, was bound for one thousand years, a number which many find perplexing. It will, of course, be many years after the axis tilt before the influence of Lucifer finally sinks into oblivion. The final protest from him and his hordes will be thrown at the risen Atlantis, which will repulse such an attack with ease. From then on the reign of Jesus Christ and his kingdom will be supreme.

So, despite the numerous adversities which will beset your paths in the time to come, there is a ray of hope for the future, a state of existence in which man can live and achieve his true heritage. Whether you care to think of the new Jerusalem as the risen Atlantis or not is up to you individually. But I can assure you that it is more than just a place, it represents a state of mind. Your own thoughts will create the kingdom for Christ to return to, but I ask you not to think to yourselves: "Oh, well, if it all comes out right in the end what does it matter!" John is telling you what "could" happen if you accept your individual responsibilities toward the universe of which you are a part. Every thought which you think now can serve to help or hinder Mikaal in his great battle to bring about this state of purity. Elect therefore to make his task an easier one by making your thoughts and actions selfless, thereby invoking the aid of the protecting angel and, in turn, passing your protection to your fellow men.³⁰

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The Holy Trinity

The idea of a sacred trinity was a pre-Christian one and originated in occult teachings of a profound nature; later it was re-echoed in fertility cults. Some early communities were matriarchal while their later conquerors slowly imposed a patriarchal system and infused their beliefs into those already existing among the conquered which resulted in the Father/Mother God theory. The “Son” aspect, or “proven fertility of the ruling union”, was then added and examples of this may be observed in most of the earlier writings and myths of the world. But the concept of a trinity dates back to before early man for it is basically a cosmic principle which states that when two forces unite a third is created. This may be evidenced in science, biology and all aspects of life within the universe.

When Christianity spread itself across the world it embraced many of the beliefs already prevalent in those times, pausing only to reconcile them with its own dogmas. The idea of the Father, Mother and Son was adopted early in the Christian era but, due to views regarding an immaculate conception held by the main orthodox Christian body of the time, the “Holy Spirit” or “Holy Ghost” gradually replaced the “Mother” aspect which was, as you know, transferred to the virgin Mary. The sign of the triangle has occult significance in itself, representing the number three, and is often employed as a protective symbol.

Another symbol which dates back to ancient times is, of course, the cross. In Mu-an times the four arms of the equidistant cross were used to denote the four elements of earth, air, fire and water and the power of the symbol was said to lie in its dominance over these elements; in other words, over the Earth planet itself. The cross was to be seen at the summit of the great temple in the capital city of Atlantis and its significance was known at that time; prophecies concerning it were passed down for many thousands of years.

Other pagan festivals which were adopted by the early Christian Church were Christmas and Easter, both of which can be traced to the occult rites of ancient Egypt. Let us take Christmas, for example: in many of the old religions solar festivals were celebrated around December 25th to denote the return of the sun after the shortest day. As most students of the occult are aware Jesus Christ was not born on³¹ 25th December, but on 19th September,

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when the sun was in the constellation of Virgo, the virgin; this is an ancient occult teaching which subsequently gave rise to many of the dogmas accepted by Christian schools of thought today. The sign “ascending” at the time of Jesus's birth was Aquarius, the water bearer, which is also significant. However, the fact that his birth is commemorated on a different day is of no importance; in England today the sovereign's official birthday is celebrated on a day appointed for that purpose.³²

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Christianity, an Examination

First of all I should like to ask each one of you to consider what is Christianity; would you say that it is a philosophy of life, or a teaching based on the ideas given by a man called Jesus Christ? Is there a dividing line between the ideal of Christianity and the concept of Christianity which acknowledges the existence of the person Jesus Christ in the pages of the world 's past history? Does being a Christian embrace both these concepts, or does it merely constitute the acknowledgement of a person who existed nearly two thousand years ago?

There are many people who claim to be Christians but the doctrine they follow differs considerably from that which was taught by Jesus. These people are neither tolerant nor humble, nor full of understanding for their fellow men. On the other hand, many so-called non-Christians do in fact employ the principles which Jesus taught in their everyday lives although they are hardly aware that such a person existed.

Christianity has not developed into what was intended at all, due mainly to an infusion of patristic through the Pauline teachings which inhibited the true nature of the teachings of Jesus. What then was originally intended? A devotional side which enveloped a family atmosphere for the general public and an inner or mystical side for those who were destined to study the universe so that they could act as elders of the family. There should have been a strong matriarchal side to balance the ultra positive characteristic of man who tends to become too dominating and aggressive, causing an imbalance. The whole approach should have been gentle and in no way belligerent or warlike, for religion cannot be thrust upon people by the sword. Christianity should have grown from the old Sun religion of Atlantis - which was re-echoed by the Pharaoh Akhnaton in Egypt – and combined with the kinder nature religions to embrace the family of man and its relationship and love to all living things.

Jesus Christ was born of natural parents. When a very powerful, highly evolved spirit comes into incarnation it can be likened to a tank of water entering a tiny vase; only a fraction of the contents of the tank can be taken into the jar, while the remainder is left “outside”. The amount of his spirit which could manifest through the limitations of his³³ physical body was

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very small so, therefore, the majority of the ego, including the negative half of the polarity, was outside, overshadowing the body and in a sense guiding the man Jesus. When you plunge your hand into water the disturbance causes ripples which gradually subside unless further movement is created. This is very much what happens when the vibration is increased in the physical body; it was inevitable that, with an occultist such as Jesus, his body suffered each time he was able to draw a little more of the wisdom from his great spirit.

There are many things about the life of Jesus, his works and teachings, that are unknown. Most of the information about him has come to you from the Bible or Christian tradition, or from the earlier Christian Churches. Many of you must have realised that much has been kept from you and that many valuable documents concerning Jesus have been considered questionable and consequently withheld from the public, as they would appear to step on the dogmatic toes of certain powerful religious institutions. But let us not argue about the minor details in the life of Jesus; surely what is most important is the message he had to give. This message, this teaching, was in accordance with the age in which he came and the stage of evolution of the world at that particular time. In terms of "solar ages" he represented the Piscean age. As well as having male followers Jesus also had female disciples, although this information only appears in those books and writings which were once part of the Bible but which have been discarded for totally unethical reasons. The attitude which discouraged women from priestly office was said to have come from Paul; it was certainly not part of the teaching given by Jesus himself. In fact, theologians often argue amongst themselves : Paul or Christ? Paul, like all spirits who have not yet reached the Godhead, had his faults. He was not Jesus Christ and his prejudices are quite obvious to the unbiased viewer.

I should like now to consider briefly the history of Christianity as a teaching, the growth of that teaching which Jesus instituted. A detailed examination uncovers a story stained with blood and darkened with vice, yet a story whose sordidness is brightened by the glory of the stalwarts who have kept its true meaning alive.

Christianity first became a state religion at the time of Constantine the Great. Its early days were riddled with so-called schisms and heresies and anyone who disagreed with the

established body was pronounced a heretic or schismatic. One example of this is the teaching of metempsychosis (reincarnation) which was declared heretical by the Second Council of Constantinople in A.D. 553. This Council marked, in fact, the end of a bitter struggle between two contingents in the Church, one side being backed by the Emperor Justinian and the other represented by a very famous person of the time, Father Origen. The Council was called by the Emperor Justinian and only a few bishops made their appearance. The reigning Pontiff, Pope Vigilius (sic³⁴), was remarkable for his absence, even though the teachings of the Church stated that the Pope's presence was essential because of his infallibility when speaking "ex cathedra". Nevertheless, in this³⁵ instance, he refused to attend; despite his absence, and through pressure exerted by the Emperor, the Council declared the teaching regarding reincarnation heretical. And so, just as easily as that, one of the great and major truths of the cosmos was dismissed through a personal whim and the absence of the reigning Pontiff.

In the first half of the 3rd Century A.D. Christianity started many schools of thought within its own realm. For example, there was the doctrine of Neo-Platonism which emanated from the teachings of Plotinus of Alexandria who was himself a pupil of another great occultist, Apollonius of Tyana. Neo-Platonism was a step to combine Greek philosophy with Christian beliefs, which was admirable, as a close study of the earlier philosophies shows quite clearly that they are basically all very similar and only differ in detail of application. The teachings of Jesus are, after all, of a universal nature and any attempt to establish a link between them and the teachings of earlier masters was surely a step in the right direction. The Neo-Platonists inevitably became sectionalised, with individuals pulling to extremes and spoiling the plan.

However, Neo-Platonism was the foundation of Christian mysticism and the work once begun was later forwarded by Dionysius, known as the Areopagite, to whom is owed the nomenclature ascribed to the nine angelic choirs: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones etc. In other words, he was saying that there are other forms of evolution which have specific duties to perform and a role to play in the universe and its work. He lived at the end of the 5th

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Century and brought Christianity into line with the Hermetic “doctrines of successive emanations”, which was why he was known as the Areopagite.

Later developments in Christian beliefs were marked by the divergence of the patriarchal See of Constantinople from the pontifical See of Rome. The point of separation occurred in A.D. 1054 when Pope Leo XI excommunicated the Patriarch of the Greek, Greco-Roman and Russian churches and certain oriental groups which remained faithful to the patriarchal cause.

Time progressed and Christianity spread, splitting into many different paths according to the personal beliefs of certain strong-minded characters amongst its ranks. As different countries and states adopted different branches of Christian beliefs, these were used as an excuse for persecution and many men gave up their physical bodies in great pain and torture to a state which used religious backing for its own exterminatory purposes. I put it to you, should any man have to die for a belief?

Now let us glance at the principles of Christianity. Let us see how they have worn with the passage of time. Perhaps, like the story passed round at the party, they have come out a little distorted! Let us look at the ministry. Is it as it was at the time of the apostles? Do the vicars and priests heal the sick? Do they cast out devils? Do they go into trance like the apostle Peter? There are many instances of the disciples speaking in “divers tongues” and taking on guiding intelligences to help³⁶ them with their work. In his first Epistle John, speaking in his capacity as an occultist, warned the Church not to allow their psychic workers to become involved with spirit entities without first challenging their intentions.

If any of you had lived in Palestine during this time and were troubled by bad dreams or strange voices you could have gone to Peter or John or to one of the other disciples of Jesus. You would have been comforted or had your karma explained to you. Obsessing entities would have been cast out, in the way that the Master had exorcised evil spirits so many times. “Go ye forth and do likewise,” he said. Where in the world today can you obtain these Christian services? Within the fields of Christianity? A man training for the priesthood

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may learn about exorcism but how much of what he learns does he understand? and has he the occult power to apply his knowledge?

Let us for a moment glance at the question of canonization. What are the qualifications for sainthood? The first step is beatification, during which time the person in question is known as "the blessed"; and it is during this period of beatification that proof of a spectacular nature is sought to support the belief that they are truly worthy of the title. This proof is usually found in some form of miracle or abnormal occurrence connected with articles or relics that have belonged to the person concerned. In the early days of Christianity Roman Catholicism reigned supreme and, consequently, most accepted Christian saints were members or supporters of this body.

There must be many truly holy men and women who have passed unnoticed through the world because they have not belonged to a specific Church or religious body. The term "saint" should be considered in its truest sense and applied not merely to those whose occult and mystical feats have been performed within the precincts of a monastery or under the auspices of an orthodox creed; there have been some unfortunates who have been banned as agents of the devil because their good works have not been performed under the wing of the Church. Unfortunately, the teaching of the divine Master Jesus has developed a sanctimonious exterior and is inclined to condemn anything which displeases social standards. It is this illogical narrowness that has driven many clear-thinking people to atheism or to other religions. It could be said that many an atheist has, in fact, more humane principles than many so-called Christians. Being a Christian, putting the name of Jesus Christ behind your religion, does not imply you are a follower of his principles.

Condemnation has raised its ugly head in the name of Jesus; he who asked if any of us has the right to condemn our fellow-men. You all know the story in the Bible about the woman who was caught in adultery and brought to Jesus for judgment. The Master's remark was: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone!" and they all left.

How many of you today if faced with the same situation would do likewise? Has any man who claims to follow the teachings of Jesus the right to consider himself better than others?

Has any Christian³⁷ organization the right to teach fear or withhold from you the truth about yourselves and your purpose? Did Jesus? Even if you do not believe in him as a man, apply your logic to the question from a humane standpoint and see what answer you get.³⁸

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Is Christianity Supreme?

The majority of people in the western world have been accustomed to a western way of thinking about God. When you think of God you think of Christ, the Christian Church and its regime. You may acknowledge other beliefs, other roads to the centre of the town, but for the most part people in the West tend to discount these other means of spiritual learning. In this lecture I should like to put this approach to God into some form of perspective.

The religions most likely to come to your mind after Christianity would probably be the Buddhist, Hindu and Moslem religions and the Hebrew religion which is still a strong force right across the planet. But let us consider Christianity. Why do its followers seem to think there is something special about it and are they right in their thinking? Do they really have the privilege of thinking in a way which, from other people's point of view, could well be regarded as arrogant and pompous? As usual, the whole problem is not quite as simple as it would seem.

Let us examine the Christian religion as it stands today. First we have the established Church. This is very approximately divided between Roman Catholicism, the Protestant beliefs and what are termed the Free Churches. The Catholic Church has very cleverly adapted pre-Christian rituals for its services, notably the Mass, and it uses these various methods of spiritual expression to convey to its followers its own interpretation of the life and purpose of the person in which its teachings are founded. Strict dogmas are used to convey to its members a picture of the Trinity to give them a philosophy of living. We well know that the philosophy contains many basic principles similar to those of other religions, truths which I am sure would be common sense to each one of you . . . “ Love thy neighbour”, “Thou shalt not kill” etc.

It is sometimes difficult to see why religions all over the world are incapable of preventing man from hurtling himself forward at an ever accelerating rate in pursuit of his own doom. It is fascinating because, although all religions have within them the same fundamental message, they are all incapable of stopping this momentum. So where have they gone wrong? Does it mean to say that a philosophy of goodness, a teaching which tells you to do the right thing, is not strong enough? Is it insufficient that God has given each one of you

freewill, the freewill . to accept or reject the Godhead? Is the challenge too great for the human species or are the forces of evil so strong that they override all³⁹ other considerations, man being too negative to grasp the obvious? These are questions which man has asked himself from time immemorial and which are especially pertinent in this day and age. Let us look a little deeper to see if we can find an answer.

Your planet is a part of something much greater, as you will appreciate, and as each one of you is only a small part of this planet it is interesting to consider what force it is that brings you into groups; also what force it is that can lead you so easily against the running of the tide, the flow of cosmic law. Is it the evolution of the individual or is it the overall evolution of the people on this planet?

Easter is the time when followers of the Christian religions celebrate, or shall we say remember, an event which happened nearly two-thousand years ago, Whether the date is right or the time is right does not really matter. It is what actually occurred that we are concerned with. We know that a man called Jesus was crucified, although some people have chosen to doubt even that. But let us assume that it happened. What we must ask ourselves is why?

When this crucifixion took place many things happened. It is very easy to blame the circumstances of the time. It is also easy to say that it was part of a much larger plan, that it had to happen. Assuming that it had to happen, how many things in this world do have to happen? Do all things have to happen? The answer is no, they do not. Let me digress a little.

Each one of you has a karma, a plan of your life which sets out certain milestones for you to achieve. Your spirit has, of its own freewill, chosen its particular karma in this incarnation; the basic plan of your life. But although a spirit sets out to achieve its karma it does not always manage to do so in a particular incarnation for, remember, your spirit has freewill but, while inhabiting a physical body, it is not always able to impress itself clearly on the physical mind; to a certain extent it is limited by environment, circumstances and so forth. Also, each one of you has a spirit guide or protector who is trying to help you to discharge your karma ; it may be that you allow it to help you or you may resist it and close yourself

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down. Whatever the reason the ultimate responsibility lies in your own hands as to whether or not you achieve those karmic milestones and the lesson your spirit originally set itself to learn; and whether you achieve or not is not pre-ordained, it is subject to your freewill.

The picture I am trying to convey to you is that of the evolution of the planet as a whole being shaped because of the way in which man is evolving, because of the freewill which he has to express himself either for or against God. We come up against the question of belligerence, fear and greed and all those things which have brought the planet to the state in which it is today. These are evils that have been brought about by man himself because, by virtue of his freewill, he has chosen to work against the impulses of cosmic law, reject God and go his own way.

It is the spread of these evils that we, who work for Light, are⁴⁰ trying to prevent; this is the darkness we are trying to lighten. I do not wish to criticise any particular belief, but it does not need me to tell you whether or not organised religion has succeeded. If it had succeeded, and I speak not only of the Christian religion but of every other major religion, then there would be no need for spirits like myself to be giving you a teaching now. The Godhead will never interfere with man's spirit; it will only offer love and understanding and this is the basis upon which we must work. We are coming up against forces of evil which are so strong around this planet that they will not stop at the niceties, nor will they observe the rules; they are quite happily prepared to interfere with your freewill. It is up to you to resist such influences; you have the choice.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross nearly two thousand years ago, he did so in order to save the world, yet not quite in the way in which it is generally understood. He knew the forces of evil had been set up to prevent him from carrying out his teaching but because his spirit was from the Godhead he offered no resistance. He knew that if he summoned the legions of Light in order to save himself he would shatter the planet and set back the evolution of every individual upon it. He wanted to give *homo sapiens* an opportunity to redeem itself of its own freewill.

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I have explained in an earlier lecture that religions fall into two categories, those which are positive or active and those which are negative or passive in approach; broadly speaking, the westerner has adopted the positive approach and the easterner the negative approach. Christianity is a positive religion. The spirit of Jesus was from the Godhead; in fact, this was a moment in the evolution of this planet when a spirit from the Godhead manifested through a physical body more strongly than it had ever done before. This was what was significant about it. I must stress again, however, that this does not mean that the other religions are less authentic in inspiration or in their handling of the truth.

Has Christianity maintained its positive role? I would suggest that the Christian religion - here I am referring to the religion as opposed to the teaching - has made the mistake of not moving with the times. By this I do not mean that you should conduct Mass to the latest pop record. This is not moving with the times, it is merely desecrating an atmosphere. It is all a question of approach and of how you present those teachings. Re-writing the Old Testament is not the solution. Re-writing the New Testament in modern prose is not the solution. What have you achieved by doing this? You have altered the meaning yet again and destroyed the beauty of the ancient verse. It is much more a question of attitude, of taking a lead, of showing that you are a prominent force.

The Christian teaching is an important one; can it be brought to life again? Yes, it can. I could not do it; you could not do it. It would need a body of men working under pure inspiration over many years to bring the right sort of life back into the Church. Unfortunately, religion⁴¹ is going to lose more ground in the future. It is going to lose ground where it matters most, that is amongst that solid block of uncommitted people who present the real challenge.

So what can individuals and small groups of people do? One tends to think that the individual is helpless in the face of big problems, but is this really true? One of the most fundamental tests of any teaching is whether people can put that teaching into practice, absorbing it into their very lives. Tolerance, humility, love and kindness are four simple words not to be taken lightly. They have been taught since time immemorial. Tolerance towards other beliefs, humility to face yourself and the world honestly, love of your fellow

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men and kindness to all God's creatures. These are the things that matter; this is how you can each individually bring Light to this planet for the influence of one person can spread far and wide. We must, by example, convince other people that these values matter. It is no good going away and thinking to yourself: I know I am right, I know they are wrong. No man in a physical body can ever be sure he is right, he can only have faith and approach the truth from his own angle; because, however great your understanding, there is still an unknown factor around the bend in the road; and this is where faith is needed.

From many platforms there have been various prophecies concerning the future of the world which have been tainted with doom. I would like to say this: I accept that the world is going through a very difficult period and that it is accelerating so quickly that science and technology have outstripped rational and spiritual thinking. The urge to press forward and prove how clever man is has outstripped his wisdom and his ability to know whether a thing is right or wrong, beneficial or harmful. It is easy to disprove scientifically an idea of right or wrong but on the occasions when science does break down a moral value it has the very much more difficult task of trying to bring it back. This is where the religions of the world should take a lead and science go hand in hand with spiritual and moral wisdom.

I believe that every effort must be made to bring Light. A teaching should not bludgeon you with a set of dogmas which you are forced to accept, but encourage you to think honestly and without prejudice. I and my colleagues have always tried to give you a basic understanding upon which to build your life: a set of values, ideas and understanding. You are a collection of individuals applying these ideas, each in your own individual way, and I respect each one of you for it. It is only in this way, by people respecting one another, that there is any hope for the future.

Some two thousand years ago a man gave up his life in a most cruel and defiling way in order that mankind should have another opportunity to try to build the world in peace and harmony. Did man take this opportunity? No; he went on in his greedy, intolerant, unthinking way, until the world accelerated into its present state. Was the crucifixion in

vain? No, it was not, because it provided a symbol of selflessness, love and compassion to which mankind can still rise.⁴²

No man is perfect. If he were he would not be here. So try to accept yourself for what you are; reach out and see where your niche is and make your own personal effort to bring Light to a very dark world.⁴³

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The Life of Jesus Christ

Who was Jesus and what sort of spirit inhabited that body?

I would like to approach this subject from a broad viewpoint in order that you should understand the life of Jesus in perspective.

Each one of you is a thought, a spirit, which has been created by the Godhead and each one of you has started at the beginning of evolution from the point of view of your own ego or spirit. In other words, you have started with nothing and gradually your spirit has begun to expand. As this expansion has taken place you have gathered in knowledge and wisdom; you have begun to react, to understand certain things; you have embarked upon a cycle of evolution which entails many incarnations in a physical body.

Eventually you will reach a stage of evolution or understanding where it is no longer necessary for you to return to Earth life, to physical incarnation; and thereafter your spirit or your mental processes will carry on evolving on a plane of existence which is not of the frequency of matter, until you reach a stage of understanding where you are ready to rejoin the Godhead. This process of evolution is continuous, like the infinite universe itself which has no beginning and no end.

I want you now to expand your thoughts and picture this Godhead, a state of beingness that has become all-wise. Those spirits within it have reached a stage of evolution in which they have found complete harmony with all other thought, all other beings. Yet this Ultimate Thought is not static, for a spirit, once having reached this state of perfection, does not stagnate or remain still. On the contrary, the Godhead is continually expanding within itself as, indeed, is the universe: this infinite universe which has been created by an infinite Godhead; as it expands fresh thought is being created which evolves, eventually rejoins the Godhead and goes on evolving in complete harmony in this state of beingness.

Now there is a part of this Infinite Thought which is responsible for each of the solar systems in the universe. Each of these great spirits is a duality in itself, having a positive and negative

aspect. The Thought⁴⁴ which is looking after a particular solar system will not interfere when an imbalance occurs, for each planet is evolving and experiencing according to its own freewill and, in its wisdom. this Father/Mother God will stand back and watch with love and care. At certain periods in the evolution of some planets, however, additional guidance is needed, in which case this Ultimate Thought will choose to incarnate on the sphere in question and give the guidance which is necessary.

Let us now turn to the Earth planet where over many, many thousands of years *homo sapiens* has evolved. At various times during this evolution *homo sapiens*, as a whole, has slipped into a state of stagnation, into a state where it has been fully set on a form of self-destruction. And when I use the term “self destruction” I am not talking about atom bombs or any such crude form of comparison; I am talking of the destruction of the soul. In other words, a community has within itself a form of group evolution and as it undergoes this group evolution it must move outward, it must grow. Sometimes it evolves in such a way that it turns in on itself and ceases to expand, assuming a state of suspension; and it is when this danger looms that it becomes necessary for some form of strong external guidance to be given. If you look back over the history of this planet you will find that, at certain points, various forms of guidance have indeed been given and one of these times was the period, two thousand years ago, when Jesus was born in Palestine.

The spirit of Jesus was the positive half of the Christos or solar Christ spirit which looks after this solar system; it descended from the seventh plane or Ultimate to help this planet in its time of need. Such was the spirit within that frail physical body; for the man Jesus was not strong; in fact, he was very fragile.

When this Ultimate Thought, with all its supreme wisdom, beauty and evolution, realised that it was necessary to enter a physical body and to incarnate on the Earth planet, it knew that it had to choose a vehicle which would not only be suitable to give the teaching which had to be given but would also be in keeping with the over-all evolution of the Earth at that particular time. It would be necessary for this great spirit to “descend”, to tune itself down as it were, to a frequency which was compatible with the vibration of physical life. It did not

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choose the body of a priest or a king; it chose an inconspicuous body, the body of a child that was born in the normal circumstances of that time.

Also, Jesus would not have wished to transgress those very laws which he, as a part of the Ultimate Thought, had created, by entering into incarnation under abnormal circumstances. He chose to be born of two human parents in the same way as any other spirit. (It is interesting to note that Matthew gave the lineage of Jesus on Joseph's side.) He would certainly not have chosen circumstances as conspicuous and highly suspect as a virgin birth.

As I mentioned earlier Jesus was born when the sun was in the⁴⁵ constellation of Virgo, the virgin, which gave rise to many of the early Christian myths. Christianity became entwined with both paganism and occultism in its early days and many strange beliefs emanated from this mixture.

Jeshua-ben-Josephus was the son of Joseph and Mary. Many people have asked me why Joseph is always depicted as being an older man much older in fact than Mary, who is usually shown as a rather young woman. Joseph was forty seven years of age at the time of the conception of Christ and Mary was considerably younger. Joseph had been married previously and had children who were older; this has given rise to many questions about the Bible quotations concerning "Jesus's brothers and sisters". There was only one child born to Joseph and Mary and that was Jesus.

Both Joseph and Mary were students of the occult and members of the Essenic brotherhood. John the Baptist was also concerned with this order as were several of the men who later became Jesus's apostles. You will remember the story of the wise men - the three magi. I would point out to you that these wise men did come from afar but were not in actual fact present at the birth of the child Jesus. These three magi had studied occultism, astrology and similar arts. They had seen in the heavens astrological signs which they knew pointed to the coming of a master; from other inner knowledge which they possessed they were able to pin down where this child was to be born and it was to this place that they wended their way. Put yourself in their place and consider how much caution was necessary. These men were students of the universe or occultists; they therefore knew of

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many things which were to happen and that their entry into the small town where Jesus was to be born had to be conducted very carefully; for if it had reached the ears of such a person as Herod he could have put a very great spoke in the wheel of the divine plan.

But, you will say, can one put a spoke in the wheel of a divine plan? I should like to answer this, as it is a question that is constantly cropping up; it comes to the minds of those who are helping to give my teaching to the world and it is bound to be asked in many other places. To the spirit of man God gave the gift of freewill and that freewill implies that such a spirit can do as it chooses. It can go forward in its evolution or it can go backward; it is entirely up to its freewill; that is why evolution does not follow a straight line. But whichever way a spirit chooses to go it will eventually reach a point of understanding where it will be able to ascend and return to the Ultimate.

To give you further understanding of this I will have to touch very briefly on karma, the cosmic law of cause and effect, in which the effect manifests as a predetermined plan. In other words, your life is a series of events which you are fulfilling. Those of you who strongly support such a belief may find what I am going to say difficult to accept; but my work is to give you an understanding of the universe and it is up to you as individuals as to whether you accept or reject it. Karma is not a fixed plan. The karma of a life represents what that⁴⁶ spirit in that incarnate body should do in accordance with its own choice prior to incarnating. Karma does not take into account freewill once the spirit is incarnate; in fact, a spirit can enter into a physical body and go right through its life without fulfilling its karma in any way. Thus, to come back to Jesus, you can see for yourself how the three magi, had they not been cautious and discreet, could have upset the divine plan at the moment of Jesus's birth. In man's continual rejection of God by his own freewill he has sought the power of materialism and selfishness.

To open oneself out to the wisdom of the universe is always a hard path, it always has been and always will be. The physical body has its own temptations and everyone is subject to them in varying degrees. It is up to your freewill as to whether you allow yourself to follow them or try to uplift yourself. And just as it is up to each and every one of you now, so it was

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with that physical body which housed the spirit of the Ultimate; for that spirit, great as it was, was limited by the physical body into which it had incarnated. Had it changed these conditions it would have been going against the very cosmic laws which it created and the Godhead with all its great wisdom does not do such things.

I would like to stress how the spirit of God was limited by the physical body of the man Jesus. It may seem irrelevant to many of you, but I wish to give you a broader picture of Jesus Christ, one which is not included in the scriptures.

When Jesus was born the negative or feminine half of the Christ spirit should have taken a body in a different part of the world; but due to the forces of evil this plan was thwarted and Jesus was denied a living polarity. Here, indeed, was a spoke in the wheel of the divine plan. However, the feminine side, which was known as the Sophia to the early Christians, overshadowed him at the time of his baptism by John, after which he was able to proceed with his occult work and pursue the purpose of his incarnation.

In his early childhood Jesus had many unusual experiences as the spirit within him started to express itself. He was very psychic and able to sense things which others could not and because of these things he was laughed at. Think how easily this could happen today! Man has not changed very much, you know. That spirit strove to control that body, to help it through its youth; it was a frail body whose health was not always as it should be; all the time the spirit was trying to effect a complete harmony with its shell, for harmony is essential for the well-being of any physical body. Harmony is one of the most important things in the lives of all creatures but, unfortunately, on Earth today it has become practically non-existent. Everywhere in your world there is noise; even in fields you have mechanical tractors. Do you realise how jarring this is? Your evolution depends upon the balance between your spirit and its physical shell and such noise can jar that harmony and balance.⁴⁷ As the boy Jesus grew up, so gradually the spirit began to communicate through the body. This communication started by the boy merely realising that he had some form of duty to perform in the evolution of the planet. He felt a responsibility, a sense of urgency,

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and knew that there was some special task to be completed. So, at an early age, he left home.

Now what I want to explain to you is this: in visiting this planet the Godhead, if it were going to conform to the very laws which it had created, had to be prepared to abide by those laws; it had to be prepared to meet the contingencies of life on a physical plane. So, whilst that spirit at any one moment could have forced its wisdom upon the physical body, it chose alternatively the path whereby it only gently induced within the boy this longing, this urge for responsibility toward mankind. This is why it was necessary for other people such as teachers and advisers to be concerned and his own parents, in fact, played an important part in bringing to his conscious mind the part he had to play.

Joseph and Mary had especially incarnated for the purpose of bringing this child into the world and, being wise and evolved spirits, they knew that he had to travel in order to learn. In allowing Jesus to go they incurred the criticism of their friends and many people condemned them. "Fancy letting a weak child like that travel," they said. You can imagine it happening today. But Jesus went with the blessing of his mother and father, because they knew that it had to be.

All those of you who are honest seekers will well know that the path of seeking is a hard one, beset with pain and doubt. It was not a case of Jesus leaving his parents and going to a school of learning where everything was unfolded to him simply and he could accept it all without question. With every step that this boy took he had to know the reality of what he was doing. He had to be able to understand and when I use the word "understand" I use it with the full weight of its meaning in the widest possible sense. Knowledge is insignificant without understanding and Jesus the boy had to learn to understand.

During the so-called "missing years" this boy, as he grew to manhood, travelled a tremendous distance on journeys that were necessary in order that he could believe in himself. The path he followed on one journey took him through Turkey and north-westward to the coast of France from where he took sail to the south-west shores of England.

Now you will readily appreciate that in those days it took many, many years to do this. It was rather like a form of treasure hunt because he had to find each key in turn. He visited

many monastic orders and houses of learning and a great deal of his teaching came from the Essenic order which did indeed awaken much within him. But the Essenic order and its doctrine had considerable limitations and the teaching which this man had to give was to be anything but limited.

So he travelled to other fields of learning including Greece, Egypt⁴⁸ and the land you know as India. He had to realise the many paths to the Ultimate and as he journeyed his own psyche was gradually brought closer to the body. In certain of the places he visited power centres were energised, one of these being in the south-west of England. He did not journey there purely to energise a power centre but rather to find a key to one of the doors which he had to open. The people Jesus saw when he came to England might appear primitive from the point of view of your modern civilization but their priests had an occult tradition dating back many thousands of years which was taught by word of mouth. They had part of the story and from them he gradually learned to activate his own telepathic senses and to harness and use psychic power.

Each order with which Jesus came into contact became involved in that it tried to create a link that would protect him when he returned to Palestine to commence his teaching; unfortunately, to a certain extent, this linking failed, which is partly why his life had to end in the way it did. Whilst he did not wish to call on his own powers he could have accepted help sent to him from these various centres which he had set up.

Today certain orders are still searching for some of these centres, because they know that with the right key they can tap power which was concealed at these points and which was never used as intended. This is a very important factor to remember. What happened nearly two thousand years ago has a great bearing on the state in which your planet is today and on what is to happen in the future.

You will notice that I have not placed emphasis upon his Egyptian studies. There is a reason for this. Although the teachings of early Egypt are the closest in existence to those of Atlantis at its height, in later times the occultism of that country became polluted and the strains of the true priesthood were lost and swallowed up in the manoeuvrings of men

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greedy for power. When studying Egyptian occultism the student should be wary, for there are many traps. The earliest system was the purest and this was associated with the old Atlantean solar cults.

The body of Jesus did not have a brilliant technical or mathematical brain. He was no genius; he was not in those days even a particularly good speaker, for he suffered from a speech impediment which had been caused by an injury he had received during childhood when a missile thrown at him damaged his jaw.

However, that great spirit still continued to push through and manifest itself and by attending these many halls of learning, Jesus was able to find that peace, harmony and balance which aided his spirit in the control of its body.

When he had reached the stage where he had a complete awareness of why he was here and of the task which he had to undertake he knew that he was ready to return whence he had set out, not simply to give a teaching but to take part in what was going to be a⁴⁹ tremendous occult battle. This was not just the case of the “goodies” versus the “baddies”. It involved the uplifting of the evolution of the whole planet against tremendous odds, against forces which wanted to subjugate Earth and use it for their own purposes to add to their already borrowed power. This is one of the reasons why his ministry was so short and yet it is interesting to note the number of years it lasted. You may well consider that there must be something significant about this number and, indeed, you would be quite right, for the number three is tied up in the fulfilment of what he had to do.

During his ministry Jesus went about healing the sick, teaching tolerance and understanding and explaining the laws of the cosmos in parable form .so that they could be understood by all. He did not perform any feats that were humanly impossible for he came to show man that all such “miracles” were within the bounds of cosmic law and possible for human beings to achieve. “Go ye and do likewise”, he said to his disciples.

One of the many interesting episodes related in the Bible is where Jesus is said to have gone into the wilderness. As you must realise this was a metaphorical story describing what you

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would term today an occult initiation; for in his own land - his own body - he had to face fully those evil spirits who were determined that his teaching should not succeed. They tried everything in their power to stop him.

Some of the greatest things which happened to the man Jesus did not take place in Palestine but on his journeys away when these lower forces made many attempts to stop the spirit of God manifesting. On one occasion, when he had come through the northern parts of a land you now know as Italy, he was set upon by bandits and robbers. By the sheer magnificence of his wisdom he was able to stop these men attacking him; and yet he used no belligerence or force! In fact, two of these men came back with him and were present throughout his ministry.

Most of you have read of the many incidents which occurred in Palestine and around the Sea of Galilee. Many of these happenings were of an occult nature and, in some ways, it is lamentable that they have been used to illustrate the life of Jesus. A great teacher does not want to be followed simply because he can provide extra food and perform so-called miracles; what he really wants is for you to open your mind and allow your spirit to grasp wisdom and gain for itself spiritual understanding; such was the idea behind his teachings, but of course the men who reported them found it natural to pick out, and indeed exaggerate, some of the things that happened. His teaching did not go at all smoothly. Most people rejected him and he was treated as a crank, just as he would be today. But slowly and surely, after facing the most terrible odds, he began to make his presence felt.

There were other things against him besides the people who would not listen to his words; there were those twelve apostles who gave him many headaches! I know that most people have the idea that he met each one of them in turn and so impressed them with his ⁵⁰ wisdom that they immediately trotted along behind him. Those twelve disciples were twelve human beings and they, too, faced the limitations of their bodies. There were many times when they found it very difficult to follow Jesus, they wanted proof just as many of you do today; things have not changed much. And yet, how very naive it is to imagine that such a spirit would come down to Earth and say: "Here is my pass, signed by God." When a

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teaching of God is given to the people it is left to the wisdom and understanding which that teaching shows to make its mark. Such is the way of God, who has given man freewill with which he may accept or reject wisdom.

The spirits that were incarnate in the bodies of the twelve apostles had all been in Earth bodies before. Whenever a manifestation of the Ultimate comes to this planet it is always attended by devic representatives of the twelve planets in the solar system; hence the twelve apostles. These "archangels" had devoted a great deal of their spirit evolution to preparation for this tremendous task. They knew when they incarnated that they would have to stand by Jesus and assist him with selfless sacrifice; and yet the temptation upon one of them was too great so that in a moment of weakness he was forced to desert his Master and sell him for gain.

Many people feel a bitter resentment against Judas, but I feel very sorry for him; as the one who failed he needed help and guidance, a little extra tolerance and kind thought. While you are in a human body you will make mistakes as you have not achieved perfection. Judas did love Jesus and his spirit has greatly suffered since in repentance.

Jesus continued against all odds. He had several very difficult moments with Peter. Peter was a very lovable soul, but he was one of those people who worry over small things that are not important; Peter also worried about himself, for he was never quite sure as to whether he had done the right thing. It was a difficult decision for him to make but, as time showed, he did stay with Jesus. Then there was John, who was quite different. He was stronger in character, but a little headstrong. John had a good physical brain and wisdom, but he loved Jesus so much that he was inclined to accept him blindly in some ways and not really look into the consequences of his teaching. Then there was Matthew who had a great sense of humour and a keen sense of perspective which often helped to keep the others down to earth. Andrew tended to be too serious about it all and needed a lot of convincing, but he was a faithful member once he had accepted.

Lucifer himself did not incarnate, but chose to fight Christ from the world of spirit where he felt he had a greater advantage. One of the major things he achieved was to interfere with the birth of the negative polarity of the Christ spirit which should have incarnated in India at

the same period. The planet Lucifer, or Moon as it is now called, was the planet of the mind and it is through the minds of men that its fallen deva perpetrates its evils against the Godhead.

Let us return to Jesus for I still have much to say about him. I have spoken of the weaknesses which beset the group of people who⁵¹ followed him, for they were all human beings with human failings. Jesus, too, had the physical failings of his body with which to contend. For instance, the love of God could never teach a man to go in amongst money lenders with a whip and overturn their tables; but the mind of a man would consider it a logical protest. God teaches humility, understanding and no belligerence; but Jesus could make mistakes because he was in a physical body.

At one period Jesus suffered from a disease which today you would call tuberculosis, but by self-healing he was able to rid himself of this condition. It came upon him at a time of stress, when he needed to rest but had to travel on much against his better judgment; this caused his health to suffer badly.

When Jesus came to the end of his physical existence he did so knowing that he had not completed his teaching. He knew that there was one who would betray him and who would betray him yet again, but he did not condemn him because he knew that it was a human weakness inherent in many people, if not in one way then in another. Is there anybody who can honestly say that he has never been tempted to do or say something against his better judgment?

I have been asked on several occasions whether at any time Jesus was involved in any emotional relationship with another human being. My answer to this is "no". Let me put it to you this way: within him he knew that he had very little time in which to give forth his teaching and build something which was to last for a very long time. He knew that this influence he was bringing to the planet was not only going to continue after his incarnation but had to grow a hundredfold; so the emotional expression in his life was restricted to a tremendous compassion for humanity. He was a person of strong emotions and had great love and feeling for many people but, by the time he returned to Palestine to carry out his

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ministry, the communication between the spirit and the physical body had reached a high level and therefore his strength of purpose had become predominant in his personality; thus he never really had time to indulge in the kind of emotions to which the questioner referred; also his female affinity was not incarnate so he would have found it difficult to find a suitable partner.

Of the many occult tests or initiations which Jesus underwent the greatest was probably his suffering and death on the cross. You must understand that he had the choice between acquiescing in this act or trying to stop it. When you think about it deeply you will see that there are many arguments for and against without even considering the aspect of physical suffering. He knew that he could achieve a great deal by becoming a martyr, but this was not necessarily the type of publicity he desired. He also knew that in order to stop the crucifixion he would need to inflict such a heavy blow upon the evil forces around this planet that it would seriously affect its whole evolution. With the powers he possessed he could have released himself at will; but he chose to suffer as an ordinary man and refrain from using his occult knowledge to gain an advantage over others. Had he called these forces in order to save⁵² himself many people would have suffered severe retrogression in their evolution, for an occult attack damages not only the physical but also the etheric body; it would have caused a tremendous catastrophe on many levels. So, regardless of what was the best thing for himself at the time, he had to stand down in order to save the world from the terrible results of such an interplay of occult forces. This he did and you all know the events that followed.

I ask you to remember that, although great play has been made of the people around Jesus and much said about characters like Judas and Pilate, these people were pawns in a much larger game and the battle which began then has been going on ever since. It is not just a case of converting people to Christianity; it is a case of people on this planet reaching a stage of understanding where they are prepared to tolerate one another whatever their beliefs, rise above the irritations which cause so much disharmony and subjugate that personal ego and pride which has contributed so much to troubles, wars and suffering.

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It grieves me a great deal when I look and see fear and intolerance being introduced in the name of Christ. Such a teaching cannot ever stem from God the Ultimate. Remember, the Godhead is a passive force; in other words, it exists, it offers love, tolerance, understanding and any form of assistance required to bring forth these qualities. But in no way does it compel you or your fellow men to accept any of them; that lies within the grasp of your own freewill. Fear cannot be reconciled with a state of beingness which is all love, compassion, mercy and understanding.

And what of the resurrection? you will ask. I would like to make the following statement: the physical body of Christ never came into action again after he died upon the cross. Such a thing would be against cosmic law and, as I have already said, God does not break the laws which he himself has created. Friends took the body away and buried it in a cellar; it was never found and has long since decayed. Christ did, however, materialise to his apostles and disciples and the form of materialisation he used was the highest possible as no physical medium was employed. Although it appeared with such reality to those who saw it after the crucifixion it was nevertheless an etheric impression and not the risen physical body.

The most significant thing about the crucifixion was that it came at a time when Christ's teaching had only just begun; that is why he has to come again. I can assure you of one thing: when such a spirit comes again to Earth to give its teaching it will not manifest through the head of a government, a Church dignitary or a prince but through an ordinary person; nor would such a teaching-come from, say, a beggar, for that would be the other extreme. This spirit will come amongst ordinary people to give forth its teaching. Here I am going to make a statement on which I do not intend to elaborate and in which I shall ask you to bear with me, for I feel it will give you a clearer picture of Jesus. When the spirit of God came into the body you know as Jesus Christ it was not the first time it had come to Earth to give a teaching,⁵³ it was the second. I say this to you because of certain events which will be taking place in the life time of most of you, when the meaning of such a statement will become more apparent. I may say no more. I hope that I have succeeded in helping you to understand Jesus Christ. I have not gone into great detail regarding his life but I have tried to help you to understand him as a person, something which I feel is more important. I have

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tried to get you to feel for yourselves the conditions surrounding him, the limitations that such an all-wise spirit suffered in incarnation and the occult battles that had to be fought; not fought in the belligerent sense, but defended spiritually. For when a teaching of God is given it cannot be spread through belligerence; it has to be given with tolerance, understanding and humility. At the same time that teaching has to be in accordance with the overall evolution of the world at the time when the teaching is given. It is not God's wish that there should be doctrines and dogmas, but that such a teaching should be carried forth with firmness of purpose. Everything is there for you to accept or reject. It is entirely up to your freewill, for God will not force you.

I am sure that if you can look into what I have said and meditate spiritually for a while, taking your thoughts away from your material surroundings, you will know and understand a little more about the spirit that was incarnate in the body of Jesus Christ.⁵⁴

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The Third Coming

In this lecture I wish to go a little deeper into the cosmic reasons behind the incarnations on this planet of the Christ spirit, the Solar Logos which looks after this solar system. It is a subject that is very relevant at the moment because of developments which are taking place in the evolution of the planet. I have explained in my previous lecture that this planet has twice been visited by a spark from this cosmic consciousness; the first time was in Atlantis, the second time in Palestine. A third visit is yet to come. We must now consider why this spirit came, for it was not solely because of the Luciferian or evil influence surrounding this planet.

As most of you know, Earth is the planet of healing and music. Music, amongst its more obvious qualities of giving pleasure and stirring the emotional and spiritual depths of human beings, also enjoys the role of being a form of interplay between the spiritual world and the material world. It is one of the few links between those two worlds which man can readily understand; it is a vibration, a sound which can inspire, uplift, soothe, heal . . . and in its distorted forms depress, deprave, degrade. Music as you would understand it is unique to this planet in the solar system; and it is because of these qualities of music and healing that in the days of Atlantis a spirit from the Godhead manifested upon this planet, both to prepare it for what was to come and also to give out an influence of healing to the entire solar system. Healing is but a balancing and all spirits need balancing during the course of their evolution. As this planet was to give out this influence to the rest of the solar system it was necessary for such an influence to be reinforced by an incarnation of the Ultimate; also, a planet of healing will naturally attract the sick, the sick of spirit. This would obviously present a comparatively young planet with many problems, as it would not only be coping with the normal flow of spirits that would be passing through its hands but also with spirits of considerable evolution that had gone slightly off the rails and had come to be cured and re-balanced. It was for this reason that this Ultimate spirit incarnated to help the planet in its very difficult role. So we could say that, in Atlantis, the chief function of that spirit was to teach, using the word in its widest possible sense.

By the time this spirit again returned to Earth things were very,⁵⁵ very different. The influence of Lucifer predominated; all attempts to stem his infiltration were failing. The great civilisation of Egypt which had arisen so quickly after the fall of Atlantis was now in ruins. The civilisations in the East which had started so well were now declining. What could have been the great civilisation of Rome was now degenerating into a barbaric, sadistic regime. The Indians of North America, although leading a more balanced and closer to nature way of life, were little more advanced than the cave dwellers many aeons of time earlier.

However, there was one spot on your planet which lent itself to this incarnation and that was Palestine. You will recall that I have said elsewhere that the Jews, because of the type of evolution from which they came, had within their consciousness a belief that a saviour, some day, somehow, would come to save them. One could say that because of their behaviour towards their neighbours they had placed themselves in a position where they required saving! However, that is somewhat irrelevant, the main point being that they did have this belief and were virtually unique in this respect.

Palestine stood at one of the crossroads of the world's trade routes, a very important factor in the world as it was then for information travelled with traders; it was also under the occupation of the Roman civilisation which, although it was not functioning as it should have done, provided a vast network of communications through which the traders travelled. So you see that this particular country and these particular people were very suitable. Also, it was close enough to Egypt to provide a link with the ancients for, although Egypt was in ruins, there were still a few wise spirits amongst these ruins who could impart their wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

So this Ultimate spirit incarnated in Palestine. But it did not this time purely as a teacher, strangely enough; it came to sacrifice itself. In my previous lecture I emphasised that Jesus had the choice of either sacrificing himself or using his powers to arrest his own death; you must realise that when a spirit is incarnate in a physical body it cannot see the whole picture and realise to the full the karmic implications of its own life as it is able to do when

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discarnate. Jesus's spirit came from the Ultimate, but it was housed within a human physical body and, although the link between the spirit and the conscious mind was close, he had to make his own decisions and find his own karma. Many were his moments of doubt and uncertainty as he viewed his life from the physical plane.

It may seem strange to you that a wise spirit from the Ultimate should choose to sacrifice itself, but there was a reason. The various groups of people on this planet at that time were fragmenting, forming themselves into enclaves and separate units; only by a supreme sacrifice, made after first showing that no ill was intended toward anyone and that the ideal was for human beings to love one another, could they be brought together once more. This great love was demonstrated to the full by Jesus in his forgiveness and compassion toward those who⁵⁶ crucified him. Try to imagine the mind of a person not all that different from yourselves, a person who possessed great sensitivity together with a frail body and who had the realisation that his evolution was complete; try to imagine his realisation of the terrible suffering that would be inflicted upon his body, of what he must undergo. These were great challenges to the mind and to the spirit and, when the spirit did allow its body to be brutally executed, this decision released from this planet to the entire solar system a fulfilment of that force of teaching, healing, music even, which had been given those many thousands of years before.

Unfortunately, the forces of Light were not wholly successful in this particular occult battle for, as I explained previously, a spoke had already been put in the wheel of that divine plan, thus weakening the effect of Jesus's incarnation. His spiritual polarity had failed to incarnate, making his task a great deal more difficult. So that after his spirit had returned to its sphere of evolution the forces of darkness which had contrived to bring about the end of his incarnation moved in, as it were, upon the teaching he had given. This they were able to do through those people who, by their own freewill, chose to reject the simple truth in favour of a path which was more satisfying to their personal egos.

These forces of darkness, being of considerable evolution even though they were on what you would call the "left hand path", realised that, if they reconstructed the teaching rather

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than suppressed it, it would, from their point of view, be much more damaging to the evolution of this planet. They set about this task rather in the way a saboteur might plan the destruction of a large building; they placed their explosives in the parts of the building whose destruction would not completely wreck it nor bring it to the ground but would render it unsafe for habitation. This would mean that the occupiers of the building would have to demolish it themselves lest it fall upon them.

As time passed they removed the key pins of the teaching. Reincarnation was first to fall under their influence. They then started to elevate man above the animal kingdoms, the plant kingdoms and the elemental kingdoms by encouraging him to think of himself as a superior creation. Man should, in fact, be the guardian and keeper of this planet, not its master.

Many centuries went by and the logical outcome of this distorted teaching was that man's horizons became more and more limited. The old knowledge faded away in all but the minds of a few. The evil forces engendered the idea that one particular line of thought only was correct and there must be no deviation from it. Anyone thinking differently would be met by terrible wrath; punishment would follow and as the people had been deprived of almost all true knowledge they believed this. However, the powers of darkness were not satisfied as the Church still held one aspect that they could not abide and that was the feminine aspect, so that had to go and, with the Reformation, the⁵⁷ feminine aspect was finally removed from the greater part of Christianity. Even where it has been retained the "Virgin Mary" does not represent the true Mother God, the polarity of Jesus Christ. Both patriarchal and matriarchal religions give unbalanced influences, for the one tends to encourage the masculine qualities to predominate and the other over-emphasises the feminine qualities. The Godhead is a balance of masculine and feminine, positive and negative; it is, in its truest sense, a Father/Mother God.

There are many, many paths to God. Unfortunately, there are many deep ditches on those paths and those so-called religions which inhibit evolution rather than encourage it have no place there. In all fairness it must be said that there are many souls who have gained great

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inspiration, understanding and wisdom in passing through the gates of the more severe Churches; but they are very difficult gates through which to pass and gain enlightenment, for they hinder the evolution of the spirit by placing it in blinkers which it has to rid itself of on the next plane.

There now comes the redemption, as we shall call it, of your planet when this Ultimate force will return to ask for a third time whether the peoples of this planet wish to accept the love which the forces of the cosmos offer them, or whether they prefer the path of Lucifer and darkness. If they choose the path of Lucifer this planet will quickly degenerate into a state more ghastly than your most sinister science fiction writer can imagine. Life on this planet will have ceased in forty to fifty years - not only man but all life - and your planet will be spinning out of orbit, wandering aimlessly through space as an awful warning to other planets of what can happen if the peoples put themselves before the gods, those cosmic principles which emanate from the Godhead.

Should the cosmic force, the force of Light, be accepted, however, all of you will be staggered at the speed with which the golden age will dawn. Men will throw off their chains and return to that path which they originally set out upon so many thousands and thousands of years ago. Wars will cease, friction will die away, a new understanding between man, beast, plant and element will quickly surface in the consciousness of man, for all this knowledge is within the minds of men. An age of beauty, arts and music, of spiritual endeavour far beyond your wildest dreams will begin. Your planet will be welcomed by the peoples of other planets as a long lost friend returning. If you were to see the peoples incarnate on the surface of your planet in, say, two hundred years' time, you would think that many thousands of years must surely have passed, so great will be the changes.

The shadows of the returning gods, those cosmic forces of Light, are already amongst you; the long neglected feminine aspect is already manifesting strongly all over your planet. Thoughts which were held by an eccentric few only ten years ago are now widely accepted. Who today talks about the battle against nature? Only a fool. Many more people are realising that you are all in too great a danger of winning that⁵⁸ battle. All around you can

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see young people, old people, middle-aged people accepting beliefs that a few years ago they would have thought impossible.

There is a darker side, of course, for the Luciferian forces are coming in closer, too, to collect their flock and to encourage others to join it. You must all, in your thoughts and actions, work for what you believe to be right and try to spread Light amongst your fellow peoples, because this is a very real battle and it is not a foregone conclusion.

The third coming will be something very much more subtle than the one about which you know, as pinpoints of Light will emerge all over the planet. It will come in on a much lower level to begin with and manifest through small groups, large groups, any groups of people whose motives are unselfish, who have a sincere and genuine desire to bring Light to the darkest corners of the planet. Wherever you have a group of people with that motive then the highest possible help will be given; and from those small beginnings will emerge a vibration which will increase in intensity until it is of a frequency suited to a third manifestation of that higher force you call the Ultimate.⁵⁹

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PART III THE ATLANTEAN APPROACH

The Wings of Isis

In April 1957 The Atlantean Society was born. It was formed by a small group of people in south London who had listened to the teachings I had been giving through one of their number. One evening, after a consultation, they expressed a wish to me that they should start a society. I asked them if they had any idea of what they would be setting into motion; and to be truthful I do not think they had. But they were motivated by a spiritual desire which prompted them to take this step.

It is difficult to get a new group off the ground and they needed help to achieve this and to carry them forward. They needed a vibration that would fire them and a symbol was chosen for that purpose which was the sign of the planet Uranus.

A disruptive and explosive sign, you may think, as it truly was, it created the explosion which brought The Atlanteans into being. There was strong opposition to the birth of the group, not because at that stage it constituted any vital force for Light but because it stood for an age-old philosophy that was to be not so much revived as up-dated. It represented the turning of a full circle.

It was very necessary that this circle be turned not only in this but in many other groups, for the state of evolution of your planet at this moment in time has reached grave proportions. We of Light are finding it increasingly difficult to bring our message home to you. We are conscious of the crescendo of emotion which is building up on Earth at the present time and of the climax which is going to result.

The people who have gathered together to form the true core of this society are those who within them do not need proof, for they have the spiritual realisation that the planet is about to take one of its biggest initiations in which many lives will be sacrificed but from which will emerge the new man of the future golden age.

Mankind will be given yet another opportunity to try to right itself. You may ask where this planet has gone wrong and it is very easy to place all the blame on mankind; but there is

more to it as those of you who are familiar with my philosophy and teaching will know. At this present time the planet Earth is not being influenced by its rightful deva but by intelligences that do not follow the paths of Light.

The consequences of this are that the worst aspects of man's⁶⁰ character have become magnified and his better points stifled. It is so easy to listen to and act on wrong guidance but much more difficult to act on and believe in those things which are right; and by "right" I mean according to cosmic law. For things which are of the right hand path are much less exciting and much more difficult to follow. I think it was once said that the path of darkness has excitement, personal power and aggrandisement to offer, whereas the path of Light offers the philosophy of love which demands a great deal of sacrifice. Yet I am happy and pleased to see the considerable number of people on this trouble-torn planet who are still prepared to make this sacrifice.W

As the planet has moved through its evolutionary course it has twice reached the point where the coming of the Christ spirit has brought a tremendous force of Light to bear upon it. Unfortunately, the teaching which was given two thousand years ago was soon altered and adapted to man's convenience and, as I have previously explained, one of the greatest tragedies which has occurred as a result of the form of Christianity which has been taught is that of polarity imbalance. Let me explain myself.

You would only be able to stand up and walk across this room provided that you maintained a balance; if your sense of balance failed you would topple over. When you ride a bicycle if you do not maintain balance you will fall off and possibly injure your physical shell. Now the same process takes place in your thinking. If you think one way only your mind will become unbalanced . By this I am not suggesting that you should listen to the words of the practitioners of both the left and right hand paths, although in following the path of Light you need to understand the path of darkness, its wiles and subtle snares. But if you want to benefit spiritually through your Earth experience you are much more likely to do so if you live your life in balance, always maintaining an understanding, a comprehension, a

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sympathy, a balance between the material and the spiritual. This was the love of which Christ spoke, the compassion, the awareness, the open-mindedness.

Let us consider the Godhead. As a child you may have visualised God in your prayers as a white bearded old man sitting on a throne. Sooner or later your spirit realised that this infinite force could not be made in man's image and likeness, nor could it be known by one name only, because no one name will convey its true breadth and the double aspect which keeps it in balance. For the Godhead is, in itself, a state of perfect harmony, a state of perfect balance. When you eventually find perfect harmony and balance you, too, will be with the Godhead.

True balance means a perfect fusion between equal aspects of positive and negative. Your electric light will not function unless you have the positive and the negative. Plant and animal life recreate themselves through the fusion of male and female. In everything you do, in every decision you make, you have a yes or no possibility, a positive or a negative answer. On the physical plane man is positive and woman is negative. Psychically this may be reversed and a man may be⁶¹ negative psychically and a woman positive, or vice versa, but they will each be predominantly one or the other. The medium is negative psychically, the occultist is positive psychically. Within the very structure of this planet, even in the tiny atom, there is positive and negative.

Now you are going to ask "Where is all this leading to and what on earth has it to do with 'the wings of Isis'?" "A great deal, my friends, for, as I see it, one of the greatest corruptions of the teaching of Christ is the fact that it was turned into a one-aspected concept of the Godhead. If you refer back to the early religions you will find that there is a father, a mother and a son or daughter concept - i.e. a trinity. You have the positive and the negative uniting to produce a third force: the manifest.

This became changed in Christianity. The mother concept was dropped or relegated and into its place fluttered that vague transcendent force known as the Holy Spirit. And so the all-powerful father, his beloved son and another nebulous male spirit became the Trinity,

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one of the greatest tragedies of the Christian religion, in my opinion, for this tilted the whole concept of the Godhead into an ultra-positive direction.

The result of this was an imbalance which over-activated the aggressive male principle in younger souls, causing belligerence and intolerance. Consider the number of wars that have been fought in the name of Christianity. Look at the number of people who have been tortured physically and mentally in the name of a founder to whom such rites would have been abhorrent. Looking at the structure of the Christian religion today one wonders how the true teachings of Christ ever manage to come through. I speak not of the individuals who belong to it, but of the institution as a concept of thought.

Over the past two thousand years Christianity has carried itself forward with a tremendous impulse under the mistaken impression that it was the only interpretation of the Godhead which was right. Unfortunately, its success in the form which it chose to adopt has not helped to maintain balance on this planet. Although the negative aspect of the Godhead is well represented in the eastern religions, somehow the twain never managed to come together and exchange ideas.

So, in many new-age groups which are at present emerging from their chrysalids, a new concept has been introduced ; a new concept which is also an age old one, that of a positive and .negative Godhead, a Father/Mother God. This is why, when I believed that The Atlanteans as a group were ready, we on our side started to bring influence to bear upon them to consider not a purely masculine Godhead but a force which comprised the principles of both the masculine and the feminine. The symbol had to be changed in order to manifest this influence and the symbol which I suggested to them and which they have adopted was the ankh within a blazing sun; the sun to symbolise the outgoing, motivating, positive aspects and the ankh to symbolise the negative, receptive, loving, compassionate and gentle aspects.⁶²

They were inspired by this new symbol, by its completeness. "We feel the symbol is right," they said, "but how do we handle this negative aspect, the Mother God?" They realised the occult implications which had to be considered because The Atlanteans is a society which

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exists on many levels. It offers a philosophy, a way of life, an understanding of the Godhead; it offers healing which extends beyond the physical to encompass the mental, the spiritual, the etheric and the elemental. Its occult work extends beyond the single individual to helping national and world-wide conditions. This help is always extended in a gentle way, for in following the path of Light they know full well that often they cannot make the initial move; they can only defend and never attack, they can only offer love, compassion and understanding. Here is an example of the dual nature of the occult; the power of the true occultist on the path of Light contains a great force and yet this must be applied only to influence and never to enforce.

So they decided to look back in time and seek an analogy in the ancient myths and legends; and from the pages of mythology they chose a name which the wise ones of the past revered as the mother of all. Thus the Isis concept in The Atlanteans was born.

There are many names which could have been chosen: Mary, Keridwen, Demeter, Tanith, Dana, all names which past civilisations have bestowed upon the divine mother. The Atlanteans realised the importance of names but, as it would not be right for me to release to you the true vibrational name of either of the two polarities of the Godhead, let Isis suffice, for if your thoughts are true and you have aligned the principle correctly in your mind, you will beam into the pure ray of the Mother God.

The Isis concept in The Atlanteans does not replace all that has been said before, it complements it and it sets you yet another challenge. For it must be correctly handled so that it, in turn, does not become over exaggerated or the imbalance will fall in the opposite direction. It is a challenge which, if you rise to it in the right way, will help to make a positive and determined attempt to bring Light and to dispel the gathering clouds of doom which creep upon you. And, my goodness, you have some problems to face; the ecological problems alone could fill a book! Then there is the acknowledged greed of man which has risen to fantastic proportions, plus the present trend of trying to dispense with individuality. For this is what your computer age is going to do; it will relegate man into a number.

Societies like The Atlanteans will be able to make their protests on all levels and determined protests they must be; equally, if the society is to succeed under the symbol of the sun and the ankh it must have balance at all levels.

Now you see why the wings of Isis were so necessary in order to bring forth into people's consciousness the feminine aspect of the Godhead. Isis was frequently depicted with her arms, like wings, outstretched to protect all creatures, the wings being symbolic also of soaring to spiritual heights. In the Egyptian legend the Father/Mother⁶³ God was represented by Osiris and Isis, Osiris to represent the other polarity, the positive aspect of the Godhead which we have also adopted; thus, when we use the term Osiris, we are referring to the masculine principle of the Ultimate as manifested in Jesus Christ.

Yet, remember, names in themselves are but symbols and it is the understanding they represent that is meaningful. As I see it, Isis and Osiris are not people, they are principles, levels of consciousness. They are symbols of archetypal power which have to be handled with delicacy and sensitivity. For the higher you reach towards the Light the lower you can be pulled down by the powers of darkness. The balance is a very delicate one, but one in which the seeker will profit from a firm awareness of the positive and the negative, the Father/Mother God, the Osiris and the Isis.

Perhaps if the true teachings of Christ had been maintained by the Christian religion we could have used their terms, their symbols; but we have had to take on earlier symbols which still exist and are still meaningful, more meaningful than some of the later symbols. So we have the positive and negative - the Christ concept as it was originally - represented in our symbol, the sun and the ankh.

My friends, the story which I have unfolded to you gives you a brief picture of the society's motivation and progress, an understanding of why the new symbol was introduced and why the names of Isis and Osiris, which are strange to some of you, have been introduced.

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I ask you to widen your spiritual spectrum and open your hearts and minds to the greater glory of the universe.⁶⁴

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Isis and Osiris - The Universal Law of Polarity

I make no apology for repetition in my lectures because it is sometimes necessary to reiterate with a different emphasis for the sake of clarity. I realise that much of what I am saying strikes deeply at fundamental ideas and I wish to express clearly this understanding of the universe to you. It is then for you to accept or reject my teaching as you will.

The Godhead in its infinite wisdom has perfection of vibration, a rhythm subtle, gentle and yet perfect in its beingness. The word rhythm is especially apt as all vibrations in this universe have a kind of beat or pulse; this movement is created by the interplay between the positive and negative aspects of any particular vibration and the Godhead has both a positive and a negative aspect.

It is of paramount importance that these positive and negative aspects are correctly related and balanced and this criterion can be applied to every level of frequency or vibration within the universe. In fact, it is the imbalance of the positive and negative vibrations relating to your planet which contributes to so much of its trouble.

Let us take the Christian religion. Of all the influences which have been brought to bear on the Earth planet that of Christianity was the most significant, inasmuch as it was a very strong effort on the part of the forces of Light to bring the Earth planet back on to course. Much of the failure of the Christian religion to bring peace and tolerance to your planet is directly due to its failure to maintain a balance between the polarities of the Godhead and to present these two aspects correctly to man. This is lamentable, for in the original teaching of Jesus Christ the emphasis on the masculine aspect was very much less evident than in the post-Nicea period.

Unfortunately, the Luciferian influence on Earth has encouraged man to feel insecure and inferior; it has ensured that he does not see himself as he really is but as Lucifer wishes him to be. This has taught man to snatch greedily at those aspects of life which make for his comfort and give him power. So one could say that some of the early councils of the Christian Church provided some of the greatest triumphs for the Luciferian influences which now seem to have such a close grip on *homo sapiens*.

As the Luciferian influences gradually gained in power they⁶⁵ encouraged the emotions of fear and insecurity. They imbued the subconscious minds of those early men of the Church with the thought that security lay only in the supremacy of the Christian religion and in those privileged to gain favour through its auspices. To achieve this form of intolerance and arrogance it was necessary to emphasise the masculine or positive aspect of the Ultimate and so God became to many men a force which demanded of them that they practise belligerence, inflict suffering and torture and seek power in his name. The desire to destroy, to hurt one's fellow beings and be hurt in return became a way of religious belief. All this could have been avoided if only a balance had been kept and the feminine/receptive aspect of the Godhead, the Sophia, with its particular influence of wisdom, love and compassion, retained in the Church's teachings.

In The Atlanteans we feel that it is now essential to try to correct this imbalance and restore the missing polarity; in order to achieve this we have introduced the Isis concept, Isis being representative of the feminine or negative/receptive vibration of the Godhead. When this concept was first introduced considerable attention was paid by The Atlanteans to this balancing aspect, the Isis or giver of love, tolerance, understanding, compassion, consolidation and meditation; however, it would not do for this influence to become predominant, otherwise the planet could swing too much in the other direction and people would tend to be indolent, negative and without a forward impetus; so with the Isis we must also have the Osiris. In using these terms I speak not of people or entities or even of levels of power but of influences, inclinations and ways in which power is utilised. This is the way to bring about a new Atlantis, Atlantis being the archetype of the Isis vibration. In Atlantis we had the problem of the over-emphasis of the Isis influence, so that the downfall of Atlantis was caused by opposite reasons to those causing the downfall of your present civilisation; for it is now all too evident that your present civilisation is careering headlong into disaster. Man is realising too late that he is prostituting the land, choking the air, poisoning the seas; and he has learned to use the fourth element, fire, in such a way as to destroy the very planet on which he lives.

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How sad it is to see the joy now being experienced by Lucifer as he gloats over man's stupidity and lack of foresight! How readily man has fallen into this trap and how difficult he finds it to look beyond the confines of his own limited imagination! If only he could do this he would realise that his future does not lie in deep freezers but in a willingness to grow and use food in a natural way; nor does it lie in the plastics he manufactures but in his ability to grow and use natural materials. All these imbalances are being emphasised by his lack of balance in a philosophical and spiritual sense.

So when we plead with man to look beyond his own nose we do so in the hope that he will extend his thought to every corner of the planet, to every corner of the universe. This is what the Isis and Osiris concept is all about. This is what it means when one strips away the⁶⁶ embellishments of past mythology, for these are but terms to illustrate the problems and solutions which face mankind. Awake, O people, for it is never too late to commence the upliftment of your souls.⁶⁷

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The Sun and The Ankh

The symbol I have chosen for The Atlanteans is an ankh inside a blazing sun, a sun which gives forth light, germinating and polarising the ankh which gives forth love. Here in one symbol is the concept of the Father/Mother God combined, the positive and negative, the masculine and feminine aspects of creation, the entire universe gathered in one simple glyph; within it is contained my conception of the Godhead, a passive Godhead of love, tolerance and understanding; a Godhead which gives forth unselfishly and unceasingly.

Two thousand years ago, when the Solar Logos or Christ spirit took on a body in Palestine, another spirit representing the negative or polarising aspect should have incarnated at a different place in the world. I have explained earlier how the forces of darkness interfered with this plan so that Jesus the man was denied a living polarity. However, due to the complete understanding between the two aspects, the positive half was able to continue with the help of the negative half which effected a polarity from the world of the spirit. The early Christians were perfectly aware of these things and descriptions of the Sophia or wisdom can be found throughout their literature.

It was said at a recent talk given for the public that were a Christian from those early days to walk into a modern church he would not recognise it as part of his own religion. I could not agree more, for the beliefs of those who were taught either directly by Jesus himself or by those who had been with him are not the Christian teachings of today.

The Christos and the Sophia, the positive and negative aspects of the Solar Logos, were an accepted part of early Christian teaching; nor am I alone in my teaching concerning the incarnation of the Sophia which should have taken place, for there is ample evidence of this teaching in those past times. The Gnostics had a gospel which they called the Pistis Sophia, or faith/wisdom, but as this, like many other early Christian documents, was seen to be incompatible with Pauline teachings it was ignored by the main body of the Church as time went on.⁶⁸

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Your theologians refer to the period in early Christian history as the tunnel period, when little is known of the movements within the growing corpus which was to become the established Church. The gospels emerged many years later, by which time a definite line had been adopted. The two influences predominating in those times were the Judaic or Pauline and the Hermetic or Gnostic. The conflict between these two factions continued for many years until slowly, one at a time, the Gnostic teachers were declared heretical and the pattern was set for what was to become the Church of later years. The reason why this first hundred years is called the tunnel period is obvious. The train is seen entering the tunnel; let us say that when it goes in its funnel is green; but upon emergence at a later moment in time its funnel is red and that is exactly what happened to Christianity in those early days.

The original gospels were far more comprehensive than the collection of scripts which comprises your Bible today. Gradually pieces were omitted or rejected; a king disposed of this piece, a pope of that piece, an egotistical cleric of a third and so on. Collectively, those rejected fragments are known as the pseudepigrapha and there are translations of them in your museums today should you be interested in checking them out.

I mention this tunnel period in relation to my chosen symbol as it was while this metaphorical train was in this particular tunnel that it contrived to lose the essence of the Sophia. I could tell you the details of what happened but there is enough strife in this world and to add to the confusion of mistrust and disbelief would not help; suffice it to say that the subtle evil influence set in at a very early period and the deviation, although small to start with, became magnified by the passing of time until it ended up with the dogmas of present day orthodoxy.

Scholars over the centuries noticed these discrepancies in Christian teaching. Some, like Giordano Bruno, spoke forth about them and were burned for their pains. Others, like John Dee, commented on them under the guise of academic exercises and were humoured as cranks but nevertheless allowed to live.

I have already commented on the trinity and the use of the term "holy spirit" which the Churches employ to denote the third person, but what was originally said was "and I will send you a paraclete". A paraclete is a mediator, advocate or go-between, so what was

really being said was that a mediator would be sent to speak to the Christ on behalf of mankind, once his spirit had passed into the higher realms from which it had come.

Trinities have occurred in other religions and are by no means the prerogative of Christianity. Egypt had Isis/Osiris/Horus, Ptah/Sekhmet/Imhotep, Amun/Mut/Khons to name but a few, while in the East there was Rama/Vishnu/Sive and so forth. So where did the mother disappear and the dove fly in?⁶⁹

In some branches of the Christian religion she didn't disappear completely; she was relegated to mortal status and became Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus. Subtly the archetype contrived to exist, even if only on the finest of threads. Mary comes from the name Marah meaning "bitter sea" and as Stella Maris she was star of the ocean; but so, in an earlier period, was Isis in her role of divine mother. So one religion superimposed itself upon the other and took along with it much of the symbology of the original. It is interesting to note that symbolically the sign of Virgo is sacred to Isis or Demeter and the glyph shows a young maiden carrying either a sheaf of corn or a cornucopia, a horn of plenty. There is something for you to work out if you are interested in ancient symbology!

I have explained that there was a belief in the existence of the Christ polarity from the earliest days of Christianity which, in turn, came from even more ancient teachings and was embraced by Jesus himself. Let us now consider a little more closely these two polarities as archetypal forces. Here are a few associations which will help you to understand how each aspect of the polarity works and blends:

<p>POSITIVE</p> <p>THE LOGOS OR KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>The Great Power</p> <p>Associations:</p> <p>The Father</p>	<p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>THE SOPHIA OR WISDOM</p> <p>The Great Thought</p> <p>Associations:</p> <p>The Mother</p>
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Healing	Dreams
Light	Love
Music	Nature
Teaching	Intuition
Occultism	Mysticism
Strength	Inspiration
Leadership	Regeneration
Will	Understanding
Knowledge	Tolerance
Scholarship	Wisdom
Discipline	Beauty

The idea of a divine son of God is not confined to Christianity, it appears in many schools and systems. Sun gods and heroes who came to save mankind and who suffered death and torture for their pains were well known to the ancients. All arose triumphantly again in spirit; all possessed healing powers and all were purportedly born by some magical means, following the death of a father, as with Horus, or out of time, as with Apollo; and so forth. In the interpretation which I have chosen Isis discovers and Osiris crystallises . The ankh represents the seed of love and wisdom, the Isis; and the sun represents the Osiris, the light and warmth by which that seed grows and manifests.⁷⁰

Let me make it quite clear, however, that whether you use these old Egyptian names or whether you choose to refer to these principles in Christian, Hebrew, Chinese or Hindu terminology does not matter. God has many names and, no matter how honest you feel is the religion or belief to which you subscribe, it is ultimately your personal approach to the

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Godhead which will decide whether you touch the archetypal forces of Light or darkness. Belonging to a “safe” religion will not shield you; you and you alone are responsible for yourself and your evolution.⁷¹

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The Gods of Atlantis and Egypt

God is not as many of you think and imagine. You have already been taught how each individual spirit evolves towards the Godhead and eventually rejoins it, but many people do not understand that when you reach that state you do not cease to be “you”! When your cat reaches the Godhead she will still be in essence herself, for God is not a single person, it is a state of beingness. Man makes the mistake of seeing God in his own image and likeness but in an infinite universe where there are myriad forms of life, of shapes and sizes you have never dreamed of, why should you assume that the Creator of all this should have a likeness to you rather than to any other life form it has created? The ancients knew these things and this is why they gave their gods many faces and many forms. Man must rid himself of the super-ego he has acquired over the centuries and know true humility before he can come to real terms with his Creator. This humility will only be learned by a complete understanding of and feeling for all other life forms within the universe, or certainly within that part of the universe which his conscious mind is able to comprehend; he must realise that he is not the superior universal race. You all know where ideas of racial superiority have taken you in the past!

So when you reach the Godhead you will still be “you” but in a perfected form, in a state of complete beingness, having perfect understanding and balance. As each spirit returns to its Creator it adds to the state of perfection already existing, for God is not a static state, it is a constantly evolving life force.

Some of you may query as to how God, although still learning from the experience being added to it by spirits who are constantly rejoining it, can know all. The answer lies in the fact that you are looking at this in terms of Earth time. Within the Godhead there is no such thing as time; all that has been, is and will be are in the eternal “now”. So at no state does God know only the past and present, it knows the whole future that can ever be. This “beyond time” concept is difficult for the finite mind to grasp, but one day your scientists will put the theory to the test and will obtain evidence to substantiate the concept⁷² that

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the universe is infinite and that within that infinity there exist levels of consciousness undreamed of.

When the ancients advised against false gods the idea was later mistranslated, for they did not mean the idols in the square which could conceivably represent legitimate cosmic principles; they meant those values which are not of spirit, which are not in accordance with cosmic law. The primitive man worshipping his tree or river can be more in harmony with cosmic law than the man with a rigid, dogmatic approach sheltering under the banner of an established religion which has lost sight of cosmic principles.

During the formation of your solar system a wave of unbalanced thought which was travelling through the galaxy filtered through to this solar system and affected the blueprint of the creation which was taking place. It affected one of the negative principles which were involved in the creation of the planet and, although the imbalance was only a slight one, as it spread outwards and downwards it became magnified; rather like a torch beam which is narrow at the beginning but spreads out the further it extends. By the time it reached the material plane it was really making itself felt.

The role of your planet Earth is that of music and healing. Just as the sick person goes to hospital, so the unbalanced spirit would go to the planet of healing to be righted and brought into balance. Those spirits that were affected by the mutations and imbalances that were beginning to manifest as the solar system slowly developed came flooding to Earth to be re-balanced and helped.

For a considerable period in its evolution this was something the planet could live with, for its ability to give healing counteracted the worst aspects of the adverse vibrations which were constantly streaming into it; but, as those of you who are mental healers will know, sometimes an unbalanced patient becomes a parasite. The vibrations started to feed upon Earth like vampires; the planet managed to cope with them for a long time and then matters came to a head. The guiding force behind it realised that it could no longer continue to allow this permanent drain upon its life force and a battle took place, an occult battle at a very high level. Now this was no rattling of sabres, it was a question of forces of equal power trying to absorb each other. From your present level of consciousness you cannot really

conceive of what took place and it does not concern us here. Other planets and their devic rulers were brought into the affray, but they held their own while your planet lost.

Consider a patient who is possessed of an alien entity. The entity removed by exorcism, exorcism by a being of greater power. Your planet is rather like a possessed patient and that is why it is necessary for it to have a manifestation of the Godhead incarnate, for that is the only higher source other than the devas involved in the original battle.⁷³ But the way has to be paved and this is being done by groups of spirits both incarnate and discarnate throughout the solar system. For in the not too distant future an aspect of the Godhead will incarnate; it will be trained and it will undertake the task of exorcising Earth, aided by a group of devic beings who are part of its retinue. That is why it was necessary for a spirit of such evolution to incarnate upon Atlantis during its golden age. The seed was sown then, replenished in Palestine and will be brought to flower in the third coming during the Aquarian age. Three times the planet Earth will ask for aid from the Ultimate, in accordance with the universal law of three requests. At the third coming man will have to make his final decision as to whether he follows the path of Light or darkness. If man chooses evil the Ultimate spirit will withdraw and the possessed patient, Earth, will die.

Sometimes I hear it said that evil is necessary as a part of experience, as a sort of counterweight. This is not true. It is true that negative experience is necessary but not unbalanced or deliberate evil experience. For you on Earth evil is an unfortunate fact of life, but it is not necessary; it inhibits evolution and it does not help it. There is some truth in the saying that in certain circumstances people do use their conflict with evil as a springboard in their evolution, but if the evil were not there in the first place they would have evolved much more quickly.

Your solar system was fashioned by a group of devic-type spirits known as “archons” who had in turn evolved in another part of the galaxy. Archons take the collective evolution of the system from which they originate and use it to form the basis of the new system which they are fashioning. In other words, a certain amount of wisdom and evolutionary impetus is infused into it at its birth. They then see it through its cycle and, once the evolutionary

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pattern is established, they are in turn able to hand over to those devas who come to guide it along its evolutionary path.

During the early days of man's sojourn on this planet, when it was realised that all was not going well, the devas sought the aid of the Godhead and a spark from this divine source incarnated in Atlantis to try to help mankind to fight against the pull of evil. To aid this spark in its work certain devas attended it in retinue. Some of these came from the binary star you know as Sirius to join with other devas already within this solar system; and the reason why they came was because it was from Sirius that the wave of unbalanced thought which permeated your solar system in its early days originated. The Sirians had overcome it themselves, but they felt a certain responsibility for the chaos it had caused in this solar system. These devic spirits became known to the ancients as the "gods".

Man has given God many names over the centuries. The early Atlanteans understood the names of God in greater depth than successive civilizations; they also understood the archetypal principles⁷⁴ which the devic spirits from Sirius represented. Archetypal forces are constant and can be represented as divine beings or angelic forces that have been known to past civilisations as gods or heroes. Names are a constant source of worry to Earth people; if someone calls God by one name and his brother calls God by another, this can cause strife between the two. This is childish, for none of you really know the vibrational name of the Ultimate; such a power would be beyond you in your present stage of Earth existence. We have chosen the names Isis and Osiris to embody the concepts of the Great Mother and the Eternal Father. In Atlantis of old the Christ spirit was symbolised by the sun but, as this orb was obscured from the eyes of the people at night, the legend arose that this spirit descended to hidden places during night time and thus began the legend of the god of the dead which the Egyptians associated with Osiris. The Egyptian names have been chosen not because they are necessarily accurate, for the Atlantean names would have been nearer the true vibration, but because Egypt and the Egyptian names are the nearest you have to the Atlantean. Isis was originally Aset in the Egyptian tongue meaning "a throne" - early pictures show her with a headdress shaped like a throne - but this was translated to the name Isis by

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the Greeks so, in fact, the name bears both an Egyptian and a Greek influence. As both lands were colonised by the Atlanteans this makes the name doubly appropriate.

Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that God is neither male nor female, neither masculine nor feminine; it is a perfect complement of both. In its true state of existence both aspects are perfectly blended in the androgyne. But when a spark descends from the Ultimate the two aspects become accentuated and take on individual personalities. And so we have the Isis or maternal aspect, the consort of Osiris the paternal aspect, the two polarities of the same spirit.

The Egyptians chose to call the abstract concept of the Godhead Ra, standing for the complete state of beingness not individualised in any form which man could comprehend. This equates with the "Father" to which Jesus referred, meaning the whole spirit to which he belonged of which he was simply a manifested spark or aspect here to undertake a specific task.

The retinue of devic spirits from Sirius who came to help this solar system and serve with Isis and Osiris were known affectionately as "the family". The Atlanteans and, later, the early Egyptians recognised these beings as representing archetypal forces and gave them names according to their individual characters. They interpreted the cosmic drama in story form, a story which has been handed down to you as legend and which is even now still unfolding. To members of the family they gave the names Horus, son of Isis and Osiris, Hathor, Nephthys, Thoth and Anubis. The other spirit from this family, whom the Egyptians called Set, was unfortunately adversely affected by the evil vibrations of negative thought and chose to work against his brothers⁷⁵ and sisters. This is the biblical Lucifer, originally a bright archangel but now a fallen deva. Set's influence upon the planet Earth and the solar system has almost finished its reign and is due to be expelled by Horus, with the aid of the Christ spirit.

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There were, of course, many other gods in the Egyptian pantheon, deities of the sky, of the seas, of trees and of animals, but many of these were of Mu-an origin and were not amongst the gods or angels known and acknowledged in Atlantis.

Let us now examine each of the vibrations in turn which equate with the archetypes or archangels of Atlantis and Egypt and which are concerned with this battle for Light. First of all, our enemy, Set or Lucifer. This vibration manifests against cosmic law. In an individual it can make for cruelty, arrogance, pride, selfishness and so forth. On a planet it causes wars, dissension, disregard for other life forms, arrogance in one particular species (i.e.man), mindlessness, a refusal to accept individual responsibility, closed mental attitudes. . . Need I go on! In the Egyptian legend Horus defeats Set and Set is, like the biblical Lucifer, bound over for a period in time during which his spirit will need to adjust once more to cosmic law and then go about the task of putting right the wrongs it has perpetrated. And yet Set was not evil when he was with his "family" in the Siriun system. It was only when he encountered the wave of negative thought after it left Sirius that he was unbalanced and became spiritually sick.

The planet Lucifer, which is now Earth's moon, was the most seriously affected by Set's evil influence, after which it was used as a physical battering ram in the occult affray between Set and the rightful deva of Earth. Lucifer came into the battle in latter Atlantean days when Set took control of it; hence the fall of the planet Lucifer when, on a physical level, it spun out of its true orbit round the sun and was captured by the gravitational pull of Earth; from such close proximity Set now wields his evil influence upon this planet. Other planets in the solar system were bruised in the affray, but Earth was one of the worst affected because it was the planet of healing and therefore attracted more sick souls than it could cope with, including Lucifer himself!

Yet evil could not exist on your planet if men did not welcome it and sustain it. As the Set spirit has rejected the Godhead it has cut itself off from its natural supply of cosmic energy, so it needs to feed upon forms of life lower than itself. This it does by encouraging these life forms to indulge in activities which give off a certain type of power, such as the hatred and violence which comes from war, intolerance and greed and from the power generated by the abuse of sex. If men turned their backs on evil the ray of Set would wither and die, so

really man is just as much to blame for the state of affairs on Earth as Set for one could not exist without the co-operation of the other.

The family of Isis are not solar or planetary devas in the sense⁷⁶ that each one of them watches over individual suns or planets. They are the seraphim of your Bible, the fiery angels who are called in to help when things go wrong. In the Egyptian pantheon the spirit Mikaal was shown in female form as Hathor or Sekhmet. The Egyptians “married” Hathor to Horus, thus indicating that, in the affray which lies ahead when Horus will defeat Set to free mankind, he will need the help of Hathor (Mikaal) in her role as warrior goddess when she dons the mask of the lioness and takes control of the eye of Ra. Mankind will need to watch its step in the days which lie ahead for, as the legend tells, there will be much shedding of blood.

In the Egyptian story Horus, son of Isis and Osiris, returns to his father 's kingdom to dethrone Set the usurper, but it is necessary for a certain awareness to develop in the nature of men before this state can be attained. The Egyptian version is slightly garbled but the battle cannot be won without the aid of the cosmic consciousness of the Christ, so Horus cannot dethrone Set until he receives the aid of the Ultimate, a manifestation of which will return to Earth as the third coming.

In the final battle Horus will ride forth on a white horse to meet Set, or so you are told in the Trismegistic teachings. The legend tells how Osiris gave his son the choice of a helper from the animal kingdoms and Horus chose the horse. Osiris asked him why he did not choose the lion, one of Osiris's own solar symbols, and Horus replied that the horse signified purified passion. The unicorn, or horned horse, is associated with Isis in her virginal aspect; hence the legend that only a virgin, or pure minded person, can control the power of the cornucopia represented by the horn of the unicorn. Incidentally, the white horse was the sacred animal in the latter days of Atlantis and Atlantean settlers engraved these animals on hillsides wherever they settled.

As well as being the deva who battles with Set, Horus also represents an archetypal principle, that of light and art, depicted later as the Greek Apollo. All forms of creativity

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come under this ray, as do music and beauty. But let me define music as the harmony of the spheres and not the disharmony which is so prevalent upon your planet today. Some of the noise which is called music is the sound of the “formless ones”, those spirits from the spheres of pre-human existence that have not yet found a harmony in form or chosen their branch of evolution. The problem here lies in the fact that the evolutionary gap is rather wide on Earth. At one end of the scale are the older souls who are trying to help to right things, while at the other end are those primitive spirits who are scarce used to bodies at all.

When Horus takes on an incarnation, as he will in the future he will be born in the normal physical way. He will understand form and know how to cope with it when it is manifest, for all practical matters come under his rulership. This planet has only seen the shadow of⁷⁷ Horus, the shadow of the falcon sweeping down from on high, and even that was impressive in Atlantis of old; when the time comes for the falcon to land, then the new golden age will be with you. The Horus ray is of the future, a ray which has yet to come. It embodies the male, the female and the elemental. It embodies the understanding of men and beasts. It is the ray of balance and because it contains spiritual understanding the symbol of the hawk is used.

Many people ask why sacred principles are often depicted by a creature of prey or a hunter or huntress. There is an answer to this; the archetype of the hunter or huntress has many meanings at different levels. It is a principle which stands for evolution and should not necessarily be interpreted as cruel simply because it appears so when taken at its face value. The hunter seeks out and destroys that which holds it back, thereby evolving through it. It is symbolically destroying the lesser evolved aspects of the self, surmounting and conquering them and yet gaining sustenance from them.

The Greeks signified the ray of the hunter in female form as Artemis, sister of Apollo; thus the Greek Apollo equates with Horus and Artemis with Bast, the Egyptian cat goddess. (Bast was a huntress and also the divinity of fecundity, pleasure and laughter.) The hunter seeks out his own evolutionary path and strives to devour that which holds him back or is inferior to himself. Yet there is also an aspect of this archetype which seeks to devour that which is

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wiser, in order that by so doing it may gain the knowledge and wisdom of that which it devours. In primitive society there was the man who hunted the lion and ate its heart, firmly believing that he would thereby partake of the strength and courage of that beast. A form of sympathetic magic, if you like. But in its higher octave the archetype of the hunter denotes the searching for or seeking of knowledge, wisdom and spiritual advancement which, by their light, cancel the lesser forms of darkness. Now let us turn to the Osiris figure, the king and ruler: Osiris represents the sun god incarnate. He is the king/teacher archetype, he who teaches the esoteric truths of wisdom and philosophy. Like the sun he rises in great brilliance, sets and descends into the underworld only to rise again. The analogy is a good one. Once the sun is unseen and darkness descends man feels alone for he cannot see his god and he has to approach him without being truly aware of what he is praying to. And this is where Isis comes in. It is strangely interesting and not inappropriate that many schools of occultism associate Isis with the moon. This confusion arose because many people believed that when the sun went down the light of the moon took over.

And so the story continues. Osiris came to Earth and was destroyed because he recognised the evil forces of Set manifesting in men. Man destroyed him mercilessly and it is only the intervention of Isis on man's behalf which can evoke in Osiris the compassion which causes him to love his tormentors and aid mankind in spite of it all. Just as the sun sets in the west only to rise again in the east, Osiris dies and⁷⁸ is resurrected. Legend tells us that he returns in spirit because Isis speaks for man, acting as advocate or paraclete, the role ascribed by Christianity to the Holy Ghost.

As Jesus foretold, the holy spirit has come to man, only it is not the abstract theological concept of the third person of the Christian trinity portrayed by the dove; it is Isis, the mother of all, the advocate who mediates between man and the Ultimate. The dove was often used as a symbol of Venus and those earlier goddesses associated with the love principle; it is strange that those who acknowledge the dove symbology of the holy spirit should not realise that it is the symbol of a feminine principle.

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It is important that you understand that it would be just as wrong to have a planet which was dominated by the feminine aspect, for either concept alone would cause the manifestation of an imbalance as the result of man's faulty translation of a higher principle. The balance will, however, be established in time, for this state of equilibrium is part and parcel of the Horus ray. Then and then only will man enter a golden age.

The ancient Egyptians could not abide a straightforward story; they had to embellish and embroider it and if they could throw in a little sex, blood and intrigue then so much the better, they thought. The Atlanteans on the other hand were a more straightforward people, so what has filtered through to you today is a mixture of the purer Atlantean interpretation of the cosmic drama with Egyptian embellishments. Some of the gods and goddesses of Egypt were early Mu-an deities on which the true Atlantean teachings were superimposed, while later deities were, sad to say, figures of convenience engineered by a crafty priesthood. If the archetype is pure then so also is the ray and the priesthood attached to it, but in later Egyptian times there was much spiritual pollution. So if you allow for this duality of rays and accept the pure Atlantean strain you will gain much spiritually. But should you tread without due care there are pitfalls to be encountered through Egyptiana.

It is up to each of you to sort the wheat from the chaff and this you will only do by seeing all these mythical characters in terms of principles or archetypes rather than as actual people. All these gods are part of your own consciousness. At the moment you think of them as being "there" and you as being "here" but this is inaccurate. All is one. Another mistaken concept is to think of these "forces" as being like the discarnate entities with which some mediums communicate. The⁷⁹ intelligences behind them are discarnate, agreed, but not quite in the way you may think. The nearest analogy is to radio waves. It does not affect a radio wave how many receivers are switched into it; you could have millions and millions of receivers tuned in to a radio signal without the wave being in any way affected. In the case of the "gods" these waves are personalised.

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You may call any of the archetypal principles to help you to resolve a problem and you will be answered in that the personality you approach will help you to rebalance the situation which has caused that problem. They will not, however, do your task for you. If your problem results from the fact that you are lazy and you ask for help with it, then a situation will be put your way wherein you will have to face up to your own laziness and do something about it. If you ask for help and your problem is that you are unable to stand on your own feet the archetype will not necessarily support you in your weakness but rather help you to stand up for yourself and accept the responsibilities which you are trying to shirk.

A part of your mind corresponds to the power within each archetype, so you will find yourselves more in harmony with one force, perhaps, than with another. Never hesitate to ask for help, for the very act of so doing will awaken that aspect of the archetype, the god or goddess, within your own mind. Your (sic) are only, in fact, using your own power and switching on that part of your brain which was originally designed to give you access to the forces of the universe, those principles which are constant and infinite: the higher self, in fact. Also, it helps the higher forces to bring through their powers of Light if people ask for their aid. "Ask and ye shall receive," said the Master, for no higher spirit can help if that help is not requested; such is cosmic law.

Although you are individuals in one sense you are also a part of a whole, a cell in a cosmic body if you like. The link with the rest of that cosmic body is good and helpful both to you as the individual cell and to the cosmic body of which you are a part. As long as you carry out your individual task and responsibility as a unit cell and do not lean too heavily upon the units around you, then you may seek to remain in balance with the whole by communicating with other cells and other aspects of it.

No archetype is concerned with how it is called. Over the centuries they have been called by thousands of names each slightly different, each covering a different aspect of their vast range of activities. So to specify Isis, Osiris or Horus is rather like picking up a teaspoonful of water and saying you have an ocean. It is well to bear this in mind and also to understand that you can only be helped in accordance with the stage of spiritual development you

yourself are in. The divine beings cannot appear to you in all their glory for, since you are of flesh and blood, their splendour would devour you. How well the Greeks illustrated this with the story of Zeus and Semele!⁸⁰

Now let us take a glance at the remaining spirits who form the family of Isis. Nephthys is the revealer. She is the deity or archetype of mysticism, psychism and receptivity and of all that is hidden or of other dimensions. In the myth she was originally joined in partnership with Set who represented the human intellect. When the split took place intellect and intuition became separated in the minds of men. This was one of the significances of the fall from the outer or cosmic worlds of intuition to the lower or restricting worlds of matter. The Nephthyan bridge of mysticism and natural intuition had to be withdrawn as it constituted a weakness through which the powers of Set could penetrate the minds of men. This was how man lost the faculty of long-memory, for in the early days of this planet he had a natural faculty of etheric sight which enabled him to communicate with animals, plants, elements etc. and also be aware of his own karmic past. In those days one part of the mind was ruled by rational knowledge, the ray of Set, and the other by intuition, the ray of Nephthys; so early man before the fall possessed the qualities of reason and intuition in equal parts.

The story tells how Nephthys left Set and gave herself, in the service of Isis, to help restore the kingdom of their brother Osiris. It is a cosmic principle that if two forces unite a third force results; thus you have your trinities of the early religions and the somewhat distorted version which later made an appearance in Christianity. Nephthys and Set had not united to create a third force and Nephthys was concerned both about this and the absence of Set's ray in the Osirian scheme of things. The principle of two forces uniting to produce a third can be evidenced at one level in chemistry and physics, at another in the procreation of physical species and at a cosmic level in the blending of rays to create a necessary principle. Seeking to correct the imbalance caused by the malfunctioning of the Set ray Nephthys sought the aid of Osiris himself, or we might say she turned to a higher power than herself for help. This part of the legend tells how a son, in the form of a dog, was born to Nephthys and Osiris which they named Anubis.

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Thus the story was told by the wise ones in Atlantis, for the people found it easier to think of the birth of something they could see and understand; as their mothers had borne them so did their gods in turn bear godlings. Another interesting point here is that, in ancient Egypt, it was considered that if a child were born malformed or genetically mutated in some way it was the done thing to put it down at birth, just as the animal kingdoms do today. This was done by exposing it in some harsh place where it slowly died before the brain attained to a state of consciousness which could accentuate its awareness of the suffering involved. The idea of a dog or jackal being born to someone frightened the primitives and they thought it natural for any mother giving birth to such a monstrosity to expose it; so, when it was explained to these people that the result of the blending of the⁸¹ rays of Osiris and Nephthys was a manifestation of an archetype representing the animal kingdoms, they invented the story of how Nephthys exposed her son and Isis took him in to rear as, after all, he was of divine origin.

Osiris and Nephthys had created a ray in Anubis which was complementary to the other rays and which helped to compensate for the deficiency of the Set ray. The archetype he represents is the jester, he who laughs in the face of evil, for evil does not like laughter and much wisdom can be hidden behind the jester's stick; you should investigate the origins of a jester's stick for it can tell you much.

Anubis has many functions. He is the escorter of souls, the psychopompos who leads the spirits of the departed to the hall of judgment where Osiris waits for them. He is the guardian of Hades - or the lower astral as it is sometimes referred to - and none may pass safely through those regions without his help. To Anubis are known the secrets of science and all hidden and concealed things. He is lord of anaesthetics - in ancient Egypt the anaesthetists were priests of Anubis - for his ray can relieve pain. He can also plumb the depths of the subconscious mind. He is the researcher, the finder of lost things, the spiritual guide dog to the blind soul.

The archetype of the clown or fool is perhaps not one which springs readily to your minds and yet it is an important one. Here I use the word "fool" in the proper sense, not meaning

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an idiot or a simple-minded person. This archetype brings into human life a concept which creates an anomaly and this, in turn, stimulates thought; this was the original function of the fool; so try to dispel from your minds all thoughts of comics and red-nosed comedians. Perhaps the nearest thing in your language would be the old court jester, the one person who could humorously point out to the king the error of his ways without suffering any dire consequences. This can be likened to certain atoms where one of the elements runs haywire but, in so doing, stimulates all the others. It is also an earthing force which can direct the mind into new channels of thought.

Anubis has this light side but he is also very serious. He has the perceptiveness to see what is wrong and to put it over to authority without offence; he earths the throne as it were. This he achieves by allowing higher forces to rid themselves of their inhibitions through him, through laughter. He is the safety valve for authority. He can get over to the king the will of the people when they are unable to express it in terms of the king's court.

Another aspect of Anubis is that he may venture into realms where no others tread. He can “break the rules”, or appear to, but strictly speaking he does not, of course. This aspect is illustrated by the saying “fools rush in where angels fear to tread”. Anubis is the fool in the family of angels and he gets away with his folly for it is the folly of wisdom. If you are ever unsure as to whom to call upon for help, ask⁸² Anubis and he will direct you to the ray for which you seek. In olden times the Anubian ray was the ray of the novitiate who had not attained to the rites of the other gods but who, by calling Anubis, could partake of the essence of higher divinities through his help. He is a great finder- of lost things, including lost minds, and like the jester he can bring you back to your senses when you are flying too high. This is why he is depicted with long ears, a long nose and a dog 's head.

But although Anubis laughs and wears a funny mask he is the equal of Set, so he may travel through the net woven by Set around this planet which separates the minds of men from the revealing rays of Nephthys; and Set can do nothing about it. Anubis has the power to bridge the two worlds and this he does through the symbology of the subconscious mind; he avoids Set's net by travelling under it, just as your subconscious minds absorb much of the

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stress of your daily lives and release it quietly during sleep state. Anubis's route is a devious one but it avoids Set; it is the bridge which Osiris and Nephthys created to join man with the gods.

The Scandinavians have a folk song about a bridge under which lurk three evil trolls bent upon waylaying passing travellers. So it is with Set who lies in wait to deceive and distort; but, with Anubis to guide and guard him around or even under the bridge, man may safely reach the higher regions.

It matters not in which guise you think of this archetype. You may think of him as St. Christopher, patron saint of travellers, as Anubis, or as an archangel. Different languages and different religions, that is all. If you stand alone and proudly say "I do not need help to cross the road" you will be on your own. But try to realise that you are sometimes a blind man in a country where others can see and you will need a guide dog occasionally when you cannot see what is coming. If you remain egotistical where psychism is concerned and say to yourself "I can negotiate the psychic worlds and inner planes without all this protection" your ego will lead you straight into the arms of Set and he will imprint into your mind that which he wishes you to receive. You will come round thinking you have been in contact with a great entity as, indeed, you have been, but a fallen one.

Now let us consider Hathor. Hathor is a dual-roled archetype. One aspect of her is the beautiful woman, the nourisher who replenishes the soul during sleep and gives nourishment to the body, which is why she was depicted symbolically by the Egyptians as a cow giving milk, or sometimes as a goddess wearing the headdress of a horned disc. In her other aspect she is Sekhmet, the warrior goddess with the head of a lioness who guards the eye of Ra. Like Athene in the Greek myths who was born from the head of Zeus, Hathor was born of the divine eye of Ra. She is associated with Horus because he will need her specific ray, the Mikaelian ray, to help him when he eventually faces Set. So, in her milder aspect, Hathor is the mother who nourishes her young and is⁸³ associated with the skills and crafts of women and the home, for her ray is an outgoing and positive one which sustains and strengthens. Yet this strength can turn to militancy if the honour of Ra is at stake and, like

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Athene (or Kali in the Hindu myths), when she does enter battle she is terrible to behold. Hathor is strong and reliable and through her ray she extends these virtues to all creation.

The Egyptian civilisation extended over some thousands of years and I would like to point out that these archetypes were sometimes depicted differently at different periods, which can be very confusing for the student of today. As an example, later Egyptian pictures show Isis wearing the headdress of a horned disc, whereas this is rightfully the symbol of Hathor.

The final seraph is Thoth. Traditionally the magician, Thoth is the Egyptian version of Merlin, but he has many other roles. He is the lord of karma and keeper of the Akashic records. He is scribe to the gods, lord of learning, of medicine, of diplomacy and truth. Where the ray of Set represents the human intellect and reason the ray of Thoth supplies that intellect with knowledge and information. At a later period Thoth was depicted as married to Maat, goddess of truth, but Maat is purely an abstract theological concept and in fact represents the receptive side of the Thoth ray. Thoth is teacher, repository and messenger, which takes some thinking out. He can be likened to the archangel Raphael in the Christian religion.

Man's idea of these archetypal forces is very limited. He tends to look at them with blinkers on for they cover a much wider field than he imagines. From the description I have given you in this lecture you can see how all these rays are interconnected and complement one another, broadly representing a set of cosmic principles which manifest at all levels. Nor are these archetypal spirits I have talked about the only spirits helping in the fight against evil for there are other devic beings from this solar system itself. Suffice it to say that you are represented by the positive and negative aspects of the Christ spirit, which we have called Osiris and Isis, and their band of seraphim who are helping in the battle to restore balance to this planet and harmony within the solar system and galaxy. Call on these archetypal principles in time of need for they are here to restore balance not only to the planet itself but to all individual spirits and creatures who are part of it.⁸⁴

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The Ankh and the Sistrum

The sistrum is an ancient Atlantean/Egyptian instrument which is in the Festivals of Isis held four times a year in The Atlantean Society. It is shaped like an ankh with four loose bars or rods across the loop strung with miniature cymbals.

In Atlantis of old sistra were used in all temples and at all festivals – not only those associated with Isis - and there were several types in use. Those which were employed in temple ceremonial were specially tuned so that the four bars could be struck to create four notes which were in harmony with the elements of fire, air, water and earth, while others were differently constructed and related to sonics. Yet another type of sistrum was tuned to link into frequencies beyond the wavebands of matter and intelligence on your planet, a telephone to the stars as it were, but far less complicated than your modern radio-telephones. Certain of these instruments were struck and not shaken but it is doubtful whether, if such a striker as was originally used for sonic sistra were ever found by your archaeologists, they would realise its significance.

The sistrum has featured much within the pages of early recorded history, but the remnants of the instruments you see in your museums bear little or no resemblance to the sacred or scientific sistra of Atlantis; they are but pale copies of the originals. One point which has been preserved, however, is its association with the mother aspect of the Godhead, the Isis or Sophia. In ancient Egypt the sistrum was sacred to the goddesses Isis, Hathor and Bast and, although it could be seen amongst the sacred instruments included in the rites of Osiris, Ptah, Thoth and other masculine deities, it was acknowledged as having particular associations with the feminine archetypes. (For those of you interested in a more detailed history of the sistrum the historian Plutarch wrote about it and, in more recent times, the American Egyptologist James Bonwick covered the subject in considerable detail.)

The ankh, which is the basic shape of the sistrum, is also the⁸⁵ symbol for the planet Venus: the circle over the cross, signifying spirit over matter. The planet Venus, as well as functioning on its own vibration, is holding in trust as it were the true vibration which the moon should give forth. That is why, as I have said before, there is some confusion between

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Isis and the moon. The moon governs the mind, the mind governs the body and you all know what happens when proper mental control is not exercised. It is no coincidence that a human being can, by standing with his arms outstretched sideways, emulate the shape of an ankh; perhaps the visible proportions are not quite correct but, as I explained above, the loop of the ankh represents spirit whilst the T underneath represents matter or the body. A human being standing with his feet together, arms outstretched and aura bright, looks very like an ankh!

Through the loop of the sistrum there are four bars which should vibrate in tune with each of the four elemental aspects of the spirit-air, fire, earth and water - which, in an evolved soul, would be combined in balanced expression.

In olden times the sistrum was connected with the initiate in that it could only function according to the power of the person who handled it and, therefore, its occult power was limited to the stage of development of the user. To use the sistrum correctly is to direct the four elements into a vortex of power; you will learn to master it in time but at the moment you do not understand it as the instruments you possess are not correctly constructed along true Atlantean lines.

From what I have said many of you may think that the ankh is a more powerful symbol than the cross. The equidistant cross is a perfect symbol in that it is balanced but it represents the four elements of which Earth is composed, so it is applicable to that level. The crucifix or unequal armed cross accentuates the element of earth and both of these crosses shut off the psychic and spiritual part as represented by the loop or circle. That, strangely enough, is why it is such a good protection against nuisance phenomena; it shuts down the psychic awareness which can be, so often, the entry point for dark forces.

There are certain archetypal symbols which act both as a protection against evil and an invocation to the forces of Light; the pyramid, the triangle, the equidistant cross, the circle and the lotus are but a few. Symbology in the occult sense is a highly specialised field and it is inadvisable to use unfamiliar symbols lest they invoke a force which is not easily handled.

Finally, I wish to stress that it is important that all who seek God do so in accordance with their own stage of understanding. Do not try to aim for paths along which you do not feel at

ease or accept ideas simply because they are in vogue when, in truth, you do not really understand them. The individual should feel at ease as each stage of his spiritual development unfolds.⁸⁶

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Appendix

In the foregoing lectures I have gone into considerable detail aligning various legends with an understanding of the Godhead. This detail has been given for those people with enquiring minds who would find comfort and reason in this knowledge and who might wish to use it to enrich their spiritual quest. I would like to emphasise, however, that consideration of the archetypal forces is not necessary in the normal course of seeking spiritual unfoldment although this knowledge can help to give you a broader understanding of the inner truths of the many and varied approaches to the Godhead. It is up to each one of you to find your own individual path towards that Ultimate Thought, the Father/Mother God.⁸⁷

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