

Pathwork Lecture 229: Woman and Man in the New Age

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I did this Devotional Format so I can take the words into my heart, phrase by phrase, much as I would in reading poetry -- **devotionally**. *I invite you to slowly read and ponder this format of the text – with an open heart to experience the Pathwork Guide’s Presence, Wisdom and Love emerging from among the words. May the Pathwork Guide’s Wisdom come to live you.*

For clarity: The **original text** is in **bold, italicized, and mostly underlined**. [My interpretations and intended clarifications are in brackets, italicized, mostly underlined, but never bolded.]

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Blessings on your journey, Gary

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03	<p><u>Greetings,</u> <u>my very beloved,</u> <u>dearest friends.</u></p> <p><u>Blessings for every one of you here.</u></p> <p><u>I have promised to give a lecture tonight about</u> <u>woman</u> <u>in the New Age.</u></p> <p><u>I do so</u> <u>with great pleasure.</u></p> <p><u>I shall speak of the</u> <u>evolution of consciousness</u> <u>as it relates to</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>women and</u>• <u>the man-woman relationship.</u></p> <p><u>One cannot discuss this topic</u> <u>without noting</u> <u>the evolving relationship</u> <u>between the sexes.</u></p>

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04

As
• the planet
is maturing,

so are

- men
- and
- women.

What does this [i.e., What does this fact that men and women are maturing
as the planet it maturing]
really mean?

How have

- woman
- and
- man
 - evolved
- and
- where are they going?

What is

the ultimate realization
of

- womanhood –

and
of

- manhood?

Woman

is coming

- into
her own
in this phase of history;

she

is coming

- out of
her confinement.

05

At the dawn of history,
humanity
was in a
very primitive state of development.

Distrust of
anything
other than
the self
was rampant.

People distrusted
• nature,
• animals,
• the weather,
• the gods,
• fate,
• other tribes –
• anything that
• was
or
• seemed
• different,
• strange,
• foreign.

Distrust of
the opposite sex
was also very strong, of course.

Man
innately
distrusted
woman,
and woman, man [i.e., and woman innately distrusted man].

Each seemed
justified
in his or her distrust
because of
the other's
distrustful attitude.

	<p><u>Since</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>man was</u> <u>physically stronger,</u> <p><u>and since</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>physicality</u> <u>was the sole expression</u> <u>of early humans,</u> <p><u>man also assumed</u> <u>a general aura of superiority</u> <u>over all who were weaker.</u></p>
06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>The mutual distrust</u> <p><u>and</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>man's physical domination</u> <u>were very overtly acted out</u> <u>in these early periods of humanity.</u> <p><u>Since then</u> <u>the same</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>traits and</u>• <u>attitudes</u> <u>have remained embedded</u> <u>in the consciousness of</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>woman</u> <p><u>and</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>man,</u> <u>though to a lesser degree.</u>

Today

- they [i.e., the traits and attitudes of mutual distrust
and man's physical domination]

may be

overshadowed by

more

- realistic and

- mature

awareness;

- they [i.e., the traits and attitudes of mutual distrust
and man's physical domination]

may not be acted out

in the same way,

but

a dark corner in the psyche

remains

that needs to be

- exposed to consciousness

and

- changed.

07

When you look back in history,

you can see that

the entire species

did

what so many individuals do:

it [i.e., the entire human species]

retained an attitude

long after

it [i.e., long after the attitude]

remained useful.

Man retained his superiority [i.e., his physical superiority]

long after

physical prowess

ceased to be

the prime value.

Other values
that apply
equally
to both sexes
emerged
as development progressed.

Yet

- men –
and often
- women
as well –
persisted in
considering
 - man
superior
- and
 - woman
inferior.

In order to justify this assumption,

- woman
was supposed to be
 - intellectually and
 - morally
the weaker.

But you all know about this.

08

To the degree
man

- did not deal with
his own feelings of
 - inferiority and
 - weakness, and
- wished to
pretend
that he did not have these feelings,
he assumed a position of
 - arrogance and
 - superiority
over those who were
physically weaker.

He needed
slaves
in order to convince himself of
his own value.

This applied
to
• animals,
to
• peoples whom he subjugated
through warfare,
and also
to
• women.

Woman
later assumed a
• mental and
• emotional
position of
dependency,
thus
actively choosing
enslavement,
no matter how much
she tried to put the blame [i.e., the blame for
her enslavement]
exclusively
on man.

09

By the same token,
man
feared
those who were
physically
stronger than he.

And
the more
he feared them [i.e., the more he feared
those who were physically stronger than he],
the greater
his urge became
to subjugate
weaker people.

This human trait [i.e., This human trait to fear those who are stronger and
subjugate those who are weaker]
in the unenlightened person,
which you well know from your own inner processes,
is compensation.

It [i.e., This compensation, this human trait to fear those who are stronger and
subjugate those who are weaker]
still exists
in human consciousness.

It [i.e., This compensation, this human trait to fear those who are stronger and
subjugate those who are weaker]
is not something
that woman
is free of either.

When you look very deeply
into your own consciousness,
you will find
similar attitudes.

10

Why has woman

been

- subjugated and
- denied

her birthright

of

- self-expression,

of

- mental,
- emotional, and
- spiritual

equality with man

so long after

physical prowess

has ceased to be

an individual's

main value?

Woman

could not simply be

a victim of

man's egotistical desires

to

- feel
- superior and
- stronger

and

to

- possess her
- as an object.

The woman

also

plays a role here.

11

You, my friends on this path,
no longer
find it
extremely difficult
to ascertain

- *where you*
do not want to assume
self-responsibility,
- *where you*
want
to be taken care of
by a stronger authority figure.

Again,
similar attitudes [i.e., *attitudes of not wanting to assume self-responsibility*
and wanting to be taken care of by a stronger authority figure]
exist in man.

However,
in the old relationships
between

- *man*

and

- *woman,*
the woman
victimized
herself
by acting out
a denial of
self-responsibility;

- *she*
acted out
taking the line of least resistance
so she could be taken care of.

She wanted
an authority figure
to

- *make decisions for her,*
- *take the blame for her mistakes, and*
- *battle with the hardships of life.*

She wanted
to indulge in
the pseudo-comfort
of subjugation.

This [i.e., This victimizing herself through denial of self-responsibility, letting an authority figure make decisions for her and take the blame for her mistakes, and then indulging in the pseudo-comfort of subjugation] has turned out to be a
• *disappointing,*
• *unfulfilling*
way of life for her.

All misconceptions
sooner or later
turn out this way [i.e., turn out to be disappointing
and unfulfilling ways of life].

But woman
still abstains from
taking her share of responsibility.

She still puts
all the blame
on man.

12

The new women's movement
contains a great deal of truth,
but it is,
like all dualistic approaches,
a half-truth.

The truth is
that woman
indeed
possesses
the same faculties of
• *intelligence,*
• *resourcefulness,*
• *creativity,*
• *psychic strength, and*
• *productive self-expression*
as man.

	<p><u>To claim that she does not</u> [i.e., <u>To claim that woman does not possess</u> <u>the same faculties as man</u>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>makes no sense at all</u> <p><u>and</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>has become a game</u> <u>on the part of man,</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>who does not want to face</u> <u>his own</u> <u>feelings</u> <u>of</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>weakness and</u>• <u>inferiority</u> <p><u>and</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>who therefore</u> <u>needs</u> <u>to feel superior</u> <u>to woman.</u>
13	<p><u>By the same token,</u> <u>woman,</u> <u>in order to make</u> <u>the new women's movement</u> <u>truly meaningful,</u> <u>must ascertain</u> <u>within herself</u> <u>the part</u> <u>that has invited</u> <u>her enslavement.</u></p> <p><u>I would venture to say</u> <u>that</u> <u>the stronger</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>the rebellion and</u>• <u>the blaming</u> <u>of the opposite sex</u> [i.e., <u>blaming man</u>],<u>the stronger must also be,</u> <u>within the soul of that individual woman,</u> <u>the desire</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>not to govern her own life,</u>• <u>not to be responsible,</u><u>but</u> [i.e., <u>but rather, the desire</u>]<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>to lean on someone else.</u></p>

	<p><i>To the degree she makes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>unfair and</i>• <i>unrealizable demands,</i> <p><i>she must</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>resent and</i>• <i>blame male authority</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>play the victim game.</i>
14	<p><i>Similarly,</i></p> <p><i>to the degree man</i></p> <p><i>does not face his</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>fears,</i>• <i>guilts, and</i>• <i>weaknesses,</i> <p><i>he will</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>play a power game in one form or another</i> <p><i>and then</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>resent the woman for</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>exploiting him and</i>• <i>overburdening him.</i>

	<p><u><i>The immature soul</i></u> <u><i>of both [i.e., The immature soul of both woman and man]</i></u> <u><i>wants</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>the advantage</i></u> <u><i>without</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>paying the price:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>man wants</i></u> <u><i>the superior position</i></u> <u><i>but resents the price</i></u> <u><i>of taking care of a parasite.</i></u>• <u><i>Woman wants</i></u> <u><i>the advantage</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>of being taken care of,</i></u>• <u><i>of not standing on her own two feet,</i></u> <u><i>but resents the price</i></u> <u><i>of losing her autonomy.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Both [i.e., Both woman and man]</i></u> <u><i>play the same game</i></u> <u><i>but hesitate to see</i></u> <u><i>how they</i></u> <u><i>mutually</i></u> <u><i>create this distortion.</i></u></p>
15	<p><u><i>On a still deeper level of consciousness,</i></u> <u><i>one finds</i></u> <u><i>the opposite of</i></u> <u><i>the manifest behavior.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>The man</i></u> <u><i>also</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>shrinks from</i></u> <u><i>the responsibility of adulthood</i></u> <u><i>and</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u><i>envies the woman</i></u> <u><i>her socially sanctioned position [i.e., the sanctioned position of the</i></u> <u><i>woman, here for the man, of being taken care of</i></u> <u><i>by others and not standing on his own two feet].</i></u></p>

He compensates for this [i.e., He compensates for his shrinking away from the responsibility of adulthood and envying the woman her socially sanctioned position of being taken care of by others and not standing on her own two feet] **by overemphasizing the power game.**

The woman
hides the part in her
where she, too,
wants

- **aggression,**
- **power,**
- **strength –**

not only in

- **the real,**

but also in

- **the distorted**

sense [i.e., she wants aggression, power, and strength in both the real and the distorted sense of these masculine traits].

She

envies man

too [i.e., She envies man who has these traits of aggression, power, and strength].

In earlier times,

this side of her [i.e., this side of her that wants aggression, power, and strength] **had to be**
totally repressed.

It [i.e., This side of the woman that wants aggression, power, and strength] **was as socially unacceptable**

as the man's hidden wishes [i.e., as the man's hidden wishes to shrink away from the responsibility of adulthood and wishes to be taken care of by others rather than standing on his own two feet].

Only recently has this part [i.e., has this part in the woman that wants aggression, power, and strength and this part in man that wants to avoid the responsibility of adulthood and instead to be taken care of] **emerged,**

but it [i.e., but this part in both man and woman that is not socially acceptable] **is still often confused with**
genuine
selfhood.

16	<p><u>Both</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>men and</u>• <u>women</u> <p><u>must find their way out of the confusion:</u></p> <p><u>how can</u> <u>man</u> <u>be equal to</u> <u>woman</u> <u>without being</u> <u>weak?</u></p> <p><u>How can</u> <u>woman</u> <u>have her emotional fulfillment</u> <u>and still be</u> <u>an autonomous adult?</u></p> <p><u>These [i.e., Strength versus weakness; being taken care of versus taking full responsibility for being an autonomous adult]</u></p> <p><u>are</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>not</u> <u>real opposites</u>• <u>but</u> <u>consequences of</u> <u>the dualistic confusion.</u>
17	<p><u>When</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>movements,</u>• <u>orientations, and</u>• <u>philosophies</u> <p><u>deal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>not with</u> <u>the whole picture</u>• <u>but with</u> <u>only half,</u> <p><u>it is</u> <u>impossible</u> <u>to right the balance.</u></p>

Although
in the course of evolution
the pendulum must swing
from
• one extreme
to
• its exact opposite,
deeper insight
into
the unitive truth
can help one
to avoid excess.

18

You already know
the opposing principles of
• dualism
versus
• the unitive consciousness.

In duality,
man
will
feel
• superior and
believe woman to be
• inferior.

He will consequently
• exploit
her
but will also feel
• exploited
by her.

In such a relationship
fulfillment
is impossible.

The woman
will feel that she
is being unfairly exploited
by
the physically stronger man
and
will blame him
for
victimizing her.

Both [i.e., Both the man and the woman]
will fail to see
the other side,
where they are indeed

- very similar and

where they

- complement one another

in a distorted way.

19

Both

- the feminine

and

- the masculine

principles
must be represented
in the healthy individual.

They [i.e., The feminine and masculine principles]
may not be
expressed
in exactly the same way
in

- man

as in

- woman,

since
the differences [i.e., the differences between how
feminine and masculine principles may be
expressed in man and woman]
make a
complementary whole.

	<p><u>But the differences</u> [i.e., <u>But the differences between how feminine and masculine principles are expressed in man and woman</u>] <u>are</u> <u>not</u> <u>qualitative;</u></p> <p><u>they</u> [i.e., <u>the differences between how feminine and masculine principles are expressed in man and woman</u>] <u>must never lead to a</u> <u>judgment that</u> <u>one</u> [i.e., <u>that one individual or that one particular woman or man</u>] <u>is</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>better or</u>• <u>more developed</u> <p><u>than the other</u> [i.e., <u>than another particular man or woman</u>].</p>
20	<p><u>Let me paint a picture of</u> <u>the woman</u> <u>in the New Age</u> <u>and then see</u> <u>how this</u> [i.e., <u>how this picture of the woman in the New Age</u>] <u>applies to</u> <u>the relationship between</u> <u>the sexes.</u></p> <p><u>The new woman</u> <u>is</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>completely</u> <u>self-responsible</u>• <u>free.</u> <p><u>She</u> <u>stands on her own two feet,</u> <u>not only</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>materially,</u>• <u>intellectually,</u>• <u>mentally, and</u>• <u>emotionally.</u>

By that [By “standing on her own two feet materially, intellectually, mentally, and emotionally”]

I mean specifically

that

she knows

that no man

can give her

- **happiness and**
- **flowing feelings**

unless

she herself

produces them [i.e., **unless she herself produces happiness and flowing feelings**]

through

- **loving and**

through

- **integrity,**

through

- **opening**

her

- **heart**

to

- **loving and**

her

- **mind**

to

- **her own inner truth.**

The new woman

knows that

- **loving a man and**

- **surrendering to**

her feelings

for the man

enhances

her strength.

There is
no conflict
for the new-age woman
between being a
• productive,
• creative,
• contributing
member of society,
and being a
• loving mate.

In fact,
real love
is not possible
toward someone
to whom
one plays a slave
in order to avoid
self-responsibility.

The old fairy tale
that a woman's career
will make her
less of
• a woman,
less
• feeling,
less
• loving,
less
• equipped to be a giving mate,

has never had any substance.

21

This new state [i.e., This new state for woman]
requires a
• strength and
• autonomy
that has to be
earned.

*It [i.e., This new state for woman]
needs to be
earned
by shouldering
the weight of reality,
• with all it entails,
• but not in a spirit of
• hate,
• rebellion,
• competition,
• defiance,
• not by imitating
the worst
• excesses and
• distortions
of manhood,
• the negative aggression and
• the power games.*

*It [i.e., Earning this new state for woman]
has to be done
• through the power of
• truth and
• love,
• from
• the higher self.*

*Whenever something
real
is denied
because of
the misconceptions
that it is
too difficult,
those difficulties
must first be
accepted.*

*They [i.e., When accepted, those illusory difficulties]
will then prove
not so difficult at all.*

	<p><i><u>Self-responsibility</u></i> <i><u>seems</u></i> <i><u>difficult,</u></i> <i><u>but is</u></i> <i><u>not</u></i> <i><u>once the</u></i> <i><u>apparent</u></i> <i><u>hardships</u></i> <i><u>are accepted,</u></i> <i><u>because</u></i> <i><u>such acceptance</u></i> <i><u>amounts to</u></i> <i><u>an honest approach to life.</u></i></p>
22	<p><i><u>Where distortion still exists,</u></i> <i><u>woman</u></i> <i><u>still wants from the man</u></i> <i><u>what she refuses to give</u></i> <i><u>to herself.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>For</u></i> <i><u>the new-age woman</u></i> <i><u>this [i.e., the distortion in which she still wants from the man</u></i> <i><u>what she refuses to give to herself]</u></i> <i><u>will not be the case.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>This [i.e., This distortion in which she still wants from the man what she refuses</u></i> <i><u>to give to herself no longer being the case for the new-age woman]</u></i> <i><u>does not mean</u></i> <i><u>that</u></i> <i><u>two people sharing their life</u></i> <i><u>do not also share, naturally,</u></i> <i><u>their difficulties.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>But I am not talking about this here.</u></i></p>

You know perfectly well
from your pathwork
that
what you secretly wanted from

- a superior father authority

you have shifted onto

- a mate.

You also know
how such an implicit desire [i.e., such a desire to get from your mate what you
secretly wanted from a superior father authority]
is bound to destroy
any relationship.

It [i.e., Such a desire to get from your mate what you
secretly wanted from a superior father authority]
is bound to make you

- resent and
- fear

the very authority [i.e., here the authority of your mate]
you wish to exploit.

Love
can flower
only
in a climate of
true equality,
where
no

- fear

exists
and therefore
neither

- defenses

nor

- blame.

Contrary to the fairy tale
that
femininity blossoms
when the woman
is just a
servant to the man,

feelings
can actually blossom
only when
the woman
is

- free,
- autonomous,
- independent

in the best sense of the word.

So fulfillment
is completely dependent on
a true state of
equality.

The moment
one feels

- superior
to the other,
 - one's respect [i.e., one's respect for the other]
is lowered

and

- the feelings [i.e., feelings in the presence of the other]
close.

The moment
one feels

- inferior
to the other,
 - resentment,
 - fear,
 - envy
become inescapable,

and that, too [i.e., and that, too, as when one feels superior to another],

- closes the heart.

23

The new woman
is neither
• a slave to the man,
nor is she
• his competitor.

Therefore
she can love,
and
• her love
will
• not lessen her creative self-expression
but rather
• enhance it,
just as
• her creative contribution to life
will
• enhance her capacity to love.

That [i.e., The woman who can open her heart and love as well as who can
fully offer her creative self-expression to life]
is the new woman.

24

The man
in the New Age
will no longer need
a weaker mate
in order to
deny
his own weakness.

He [i.e., The new-age man]
• meets
his own weakness,
• faces
it [i.e., faces his own weakness]
and thereby
• gains
his
real
strength.

He [i.e., The new-age man]
realizes
that his

- weakness
always comes from
- guilt,

and
[that] his

- self-rejection
is always
- a denial of
the integrity of
his higher self
in one form or another.

Therefore [i.e., Because of these two realizations]
the need for
a slave
no longer exists in him.

The [new-age] man
is then
not threatened by
an equal.

He [i.e., The new-age man]
does not require
an inferior mate
to convince himself
of his acceptability,
which, of course,
is then anyway
illusory.

Once he

- faces
his
- weakness

he must

- gain
his
- true strength.

*Therefore [i.e., Therefore, having gained his true strength by facing his weaknesses,
his relationship to
the woman
is truly one of
equality;*

*he is
not threatened
by someone
who is
as
• creative,
as
• adequate,
as
• morally strong,
as
• intelligent
as
himself.*

*He will
not need to play
the master.*

*Again,
this enables
man
• to open his heart and
• to experience
a fulfillment
that was previously
quite impossible.*

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*Whatever
• vicious circles
used to confine him
will now turn into
• benign circles.*

Instead of
inferiority feelings
• closing the heart,
• creating
 • resentment,
 • hate,
and therefore
 • frustration and
 • blame of the other sex,
the benign circle
will
 open the heart.

The
• fully autonomous,
• self-responsible,
• self-actualizing
 • man
and
 • woman
 have nothing
 to
 • fear,
 to
 • envy,
 to
 • resent
 in the other sex.

Therefore
they can [i.e., Therefore, since the autonomous, self-responsible, self-actualizing
man and woman have nothing to fear,
envy, or resent in the other sex, they can]
• open all the channels of feelings and
• experience
 • fulfillment
as well as
 • a sense of gratitude
 toward the mate.

Thus
two equals
help each other
in their growth
as
• individuals,
as
• man
and
• woman.

This is
the new-age
• man,
the new-age
• woman
and
the new-age
• relationship.

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Where this [i.e., Where this new-age condition in you,
in your mate, and in your relationship with your mate]
does not yet exist,
the mere fact
that you
• can point out the
• fallacies,
• misconceptions,
• distorted expectations,
• illusory aims and
• negative feelings
within you
and
• can recognize
your stake
in maintaining
an inner warfare,
will give you
an entirely different stand
toward
• yourself
and
• the other [i.e., and toward your mate].

So
• the new-age man
and
• the new-age woman
are
not
necessarily
• perfect and
• totally developed
individuals.

Rather,
they are individuals
who look for
the reasons
of their lack of fulfillment
just as much in
• themselves
as in
• the other.

Thus
they can recognize
a negative mutuality
that needs to be worked on
together.

They do
not
assume the stance
of self-righteous blame
to widen the gap
between
• the self
and
• the other,

between
• the self
and
• truth.

Autonomy
is an ever-growing process
that dissolves
distrust.

The distrust
that still exists
between the sexes
is a residue of ancient times,
when anything

- foreign and
- different

was

- feared,
- rejected, and
- conquered by force.

In the New Age,
differences
will no longer
induce fear.

When
the universe
is trusted,
difference
always
possesses
a special attraction.

When you

- do not fear
difference

but

- are attracted by it,

you

- fully actualize yourself

and

- dissolve
blocks of untruth.

Thus [i.e., Thus when you do not fear difference]
you realize
your highest potentials.

	<p><u><i>But when you</i></u> • <u><i>fear and</i></u> • <u><i>distrust</i></u> <u><i>the difference</i></u> <u><i>and</i></u> • <u><i>deny</i></u> <u><i>whatever is different,</i></u> <u><i>you can use this [i.e., you can use this fear, distrust, and denial of difference]</i></u> <u><i>as a gauge of</i></u> <u><i>your intent</i></u> <u><i>to remain in</i></u> • <u><i>untruth and</i></u> • <u><i>suffering.</i></u></p>
27	<p><u><i>In the present state of humanity's consciousness</i></u> <u><i>you find</i></u> <u><i>all these stages of development.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>The highest form [i.e., The highest stage of development</i></u> <u><i>regarding your relationship with your mate]</i></u> <u><i>may already exist in your consciousness</i></u> <u><i>to some degree.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>You may</i></u> <u><i>consciously embrace</i></u> <u><i>some of the ideas.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>But then there are also</i></u> <u><i>deeper levels</i></u> <u><i>where your</i></u> <u><i>emotional reactions</i></u> <u><i>do not at all agree with</i></u> <u><i>the ideas</i></u> <u><i>you consciously hold.</i></u></p>

It does no good
to postulate these conscious ideas [i.e., to postulate these conscious ideas
regarding the relationship between the sexes]
without also seeing

- **where and**
- **how**

you deviate from them [i.e., where and how you deviate
from them in your actual relationship with your mate].

For that [i.e., For seeing where and how, in your relationship with your mate, you
deviate from the conscious ideas you postulate
regarding the relationship between the sexes]
is the only way
to safeguard against

- **imbalance and**
- **disharmony**
- **within –**

and thus [to safeguard] **against**
creating it [i.e., creating imbalance and disharmony]

- **externally.**

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There is of course
one key
to everything
and that key
is
love.

Without
love

- **nothing could be**
mended,
- **nothing could**
unify,
- **no truth**
could ever be gained.

And yet
it is equally true
that
• love
cannot be won
without
• truth.

In a deep corner of your hearts,
• hate and
• fear,
• resentments and
• distrust
of the opposite sex
still prevail.

Even more important,
• the will
to maintain this state [i.e., the will to maintain this state of hate, fear,
resentments and distrust of the opposite sex],
• the intention
to
• perpetuate and
• hide
these feelings [i.e., the intention to perpetuate and hide these feelings
of hate, fear, resentments and distrust of the opposite sex],
prevent
the flowering
of the
• hearts and
• minds
of both sexes.

To the degree
that you still cling to
the old state,
you
• have not gained
your own self
and
• are not able to
• relate to the other sex and
• fulfill yourself.

	<p><u>To attempt such</u> • <u>relating</u> [i.e., <u>such new-age relating to one's mate</u>] <u>and</u> • <u>fulfillment</u> [i.e., <u>such self-fulfillment as is possible in the New Age</u>] <u>while</u> <u>the old attitude</u> [i.e., <u>while the old attitude toward the opposite sex</u>] <u>remains unchanged</u> <u>is</u> • <u>sheer waste;</u> <u>it is</u> • <u>utterly futile.</u></p>
29	<p><u>So, I say to you, my dearest friends,</u> <u>find</u> <u>that</u> • <u>corner in your heart,</u> <u>that</u> • <u>small hidden crevice</u> <u>where you</u> <u>hate</u> <u>the opposite sex.</u></p> <p><u>You also</u> <u>defend yourself</u> <u>against recognizing this</u> [i.e., <u>You defend yourself against recognizing that there are hidden places in you where you hate the opposite sex</u>] <u>by</u> • <u>blaming,</u> • <u>accusing,</u> • <u>resenting, and</u> • <u>closing</u> • <u>your heart and</u> • <u>your feelings</u> <u>with</u> <u>apparent</u> <u>justification.</u></p>

The woman
will use the
• victim
game;
the man
will use the
• blame and
• superiority
game.

He
• will blame
women
for
• exploiting and
• using
him,
and
• will feel superior
to that part in her
that makes her weak.

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Temporarily,
the pendulum
has swung to the opposite extreme.

The woman
has become
militant,
thereby
• often forgetting
her
• heart and
her
• love
for the man
and
• rejecting
love [i.e., rejecting love from the man].

In the countermovement of the pendulum,

man

- *has left his*
positive aggression
behind

and

- *has expressed*
a weakness
he would never have let himself expose
in previous eras.

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All these pendulum swings
have a purpose:

to find
the true centered state.

Man

will now find
his real strength.

He had to leave

- *the false strength,*
- *the false superiority,*
behind.

He had to become
temporarily
weak,
but he is now
coming into
a new strength
because
he is able to
face
his weakness.

That [i.e., Man being able to face his weakness]

is how he

expands

the

real

• values and

the

real

• power

in him.

Therefore [i.e., Having expanded the real values and real power in himself]

• he no longer needs to be

the superior member of the team.

• He can afford

to relate from the heart,

on the feeling level,

to his partner.

• He can likewise

relate intellectually

on a level of equality with her.

That is

the man

of the New Age.

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For relating,
my dearest friends,
you need to go into
this deeper part of you
• where you do
not
want
to
• forgive,
to
• understand the truth,
and
• where you
want
to
• preserve your case and
• go on hating.

You need to
release
the hatred toward
the opposite sex.

You have to
pray for
this ability:
to
• love,
to
• forgive,
to
• understand, and
to
• see that
what you
• hate,
• fear, and
• distrust
exists in
• you
in exactly the same way as in
• the other,
though perhaps
manifesting differently.

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The woman
represents
the active principle
just as much as
the man [i.e., as the man represents the active principle].

And the man
represents
the receptive principle
as much as
the woman [i.e., as the woman represents the receptive principle].

In their [i.e., In the woman's and man's]
coming together
in sexual union
this [i.e., this fact that man and woman each represent as much of both
the active and receptive principles as the other]
may not
always
• manifest [i.e., manifest outwardly]
in the same way [i.e., in the same way in both partners],
but the
• inner forces
must combine
both the
• active
and
• receptive
principles [in both partners],
otherwise
imbalance exists.

No
true man
can be a man
without incorporating the

- receptive, or
- feminine,

principle.

If he expresses
only
the masculine principle,
he becomes
a caricature of a man.

He is then

- a bully,
- a tyrant,
- an exaggeration,
- a falsehood.

By the same token,
a woman
who expresses
only
the receptive principle
is

- a caricature of a woman

and is

- truly an infant

who

- leans on others,

who

- negates her autonomy.

So to be
fully receptive
on the feeling level,
woman
has to express
the active principle
every bit as much
as man.

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The two principles [i.e., the active, or masculine principle AND
the receptive, or feminine principle]

must be

- **represented in both** [i.e., in both partners]

and

must

• **complement one another** [i.e., the active principle in one partner must
complement the feminine in the other and vice versa],
while they [i.e., while the active and receptive principles in both partners]

are, at times, also

- **parallel** [i.e., the active principle in one partner may be at times
parallel to the active principle in the other and likewise
at times for the receptive principles in both partners].

This perfect balance [i.e. This perfect balance of the active and
receptive principles within and between both partners]

cannot occur

through

an intellectual decision.

It [i.e. This perfect balance of the active and
receptive principles within and between both partners]

can be found organically

only through

the inner act of

- **love,**

the inner act of

- **releasing the opposite sex**
from the bondage of

- **hate,**

- **distrust, and**

- **blame.**

- When this release [i.e., When this release of the opposite sex
from the bondage of hate, distrust, and blame]
is pronounced
in daily meditation,
 - when God's grace
can go to work
within the consciousness of
 - the woman
 - as well as of
 - the man,
- then
- love
will lead to
 - truth,
- just as
- truth
will lead to
 - love.

Individuals
of both sexes
will function as
equally productive human beings
in
the new universe,

- complementing

and

- aiding
one another,
- loving
one another,
- respecting
one another

and

- creating
 - bliss and
 - a new world

for each other
side by side.

This is the way
life
should be.

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You may have noticed
a pattern
on this path, my friends,
in which
an individual
must first resolve

- career problems

in order to
resolve

- partnership problems.

In the context of this lecture
this [i.e., this fact that an individual must first resolve career problems
in order to resolve partnership problems]
will become very clear.

When relationships
are formed to
act out

- dependency,
- parasitism,
- exploitation of the other,

and/or

- the need to
 - dominate and
 - enslave,

then, for a while,
these individuals [i.e., these individuals who form relationships that are an
acting out of dependency, parasitism, exploitation,
and/or the need to dominate and enslave]
have to fend for themselves
until
a certain minimal

- autonomy and
- independence

is established.

Once this
creative channel [i.e., channel of autonomy and independence] is established,

- a new freedom
can release
previously trapped energies, and
- people can
begin to relate to the opposite sex
in an entirely new way.

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*I was very happy to give you this lecture,
for everything
that leads toward
the further unfoldment
of the whole person –
both
• man
and
• woman –
is a joyful experience
for us in our world.*

*See
the beauty of Christ
that goes through
all of you.*

*Be in peace,
be your God.*

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