This lecture is given in an expanded poetic format, what I call a Devotional Format of the lecture, and in that sense this is my interpretation of the intent of the lecture. I may have interpreted portions differently from you, and I ask you to ponder the words for your own interpretation. I did this Devotional Format so I can take the words into my heart, phrase by phrase, much as I would in reading poetry – that is, devotionally.

The blessings to me in developing this format have been truly profound, and my wish is that this Devotional Format will be a blessing to others. I invite you to slowly read and ponder this format of the text – with an open heart to experience the Guide’s Presence and Love emerging from among the words such that the wisdom comes to LIVE you.

For clarity: The original text is in bold and italicized. [My adds of commentary/clarification/interpretation are in brackets, italicized, and not bolded.] To learn more of my Devotional Format and see the lectures I have done in this way, go to https://www.garyvollbracht.com/pathwork-lectures/pathwork-lectures-devotional-format/

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### Content

| 03 | Greetings in the Name of God and Jesus Christ. I bring blessings to all of you, my friends. |
| 04 | As I have promised, we will have tonight a question and answer session. From now on I will be ready to answer also personal questions in these general sessions, my friends, but only those of you who do not come for private sessions should take this opportunity. |
This is not an imposition for the other listeners.

Quite the contrary.

If you are ready to ask anything personal –

of course only concerning your

• spiritual development or

• psychological difficulties –

this will help others

much more than you can imagine.

And rather than taking time away from them by asking such questions, you will offer a gift to the others, while you benefit at the same time.

So, whoever is ready will be welcome.

And now, my friends, I am ready for your questions.

QUESTION:

I understand how the fallen spirits, through their longings, created for themselves the earth.

But I do not understand why it was necessary to

• move to a physical planet and

• have such a very

  • physical and

  • material

  life

  in order to achieve this.
ANSWER:
In the first place,
"physical"
    is merely an indication of
    the degree of density.

Human beings
    often make the mistake in thinking
    that, for instance,
    • the world of darkness is
      not physical or
    that
    • the spiritual matter there
      is of radiant matter.

In fact,
    the substance there [i.e., the substance in the world of darkness]
    is much denser
    than
    your physical substance [on earth].

It [i.e., the substance in the world of darkness]
    is so dense
    that it too
    becomes
    • invisible and
    • untouchable
    for your degree of density [on earth].

The whole scale of
    matter existing in the universe
    is in
    various degrees
    • dense
    or
    • subtle.

The lowest [scale of matter existing in the universe]
    is of the
    • thickest or
    • heaviest or
    • densest
    degree.
The higher the development,
• the more radiant or
• the finer the degree [of the substance in the universe] becomes.

While the more highly developed beings can
• see and
• feel not only their own substance, according to their development,
but can also
• see and
• touch the substance of lower levels,
the lower spirits cannot do so.

They [i.e., the lower spirits] are only receptive to the substance that corresponds to their own level of development.

The same applies to
• the human being or to
• the physical substance.

The lower the development, the blinder the being must be.
The earth sphere
    is just a grade in-between.

It is a condition
    of the particular development of
    the earth sphere
that humans
    generally
cannot see any other substance
    than their very own [substance].

The same principle applies
    to all spheres
    lower than the earth sphere,
but does not apply
    to higher spiritual spheres [i.e. this principle that spirits cannot see any
other substance other than their own does not apply to
    spiritual spheres higher than the earth sphere].

One of the
    particular purposes
    of this world of matter
    is that
    on the earth
    you
    are open for influences
    of the
    • higher,
    as well as of the
    • lower
    spheres, and
    you
    • stand, so to speak,
      in the middle and
    • can choose [which spheres – lower or higher – you
      allow to influence you].

This [capacity to choose between being influenced by lower or higher spheres]
gives you
    a much greater chance
    for faster development.
At the same time,
[on earth] you live
surrounded by
people of different levels of development,
which creates
friction [between you and other people].

It is much easier
to live with people
of the same spiritual spheres,
while
the difference of development
among different people
creates
• misunderstandings,
• blindness,
    and so on.

This very difficulty [of living among people of differing development]
can be the key
to faster development,
because
you can certainly
overcome your weaknesses faster
if they are challenged.

And this [i.e. And being challenged]
they [i.e., your weaknesses]
are [challenged],
by the
• frictions and
• conflicts
arising from
the differences in
• outlook and
• development.
So conditions of this earth sphere, with its degree of
• density and
• circumstances arising from it,
are certainly more difficult [than conditions that are more uniform on other spheres].

But therein lies the possibility of infinitely faster development.

Is that clear?

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**QUESTION:**
Yes, thank you, but now I have two questions.

One is: Do I understand right that because of the special degree of density of the world of darkness we cannot
• see it and
we cannot
• touch it?

**ANSWER:**
That is right.

It [i.e., the world of darkness] is
of an
• entirely different caliber,
of a
• very different substance.

It is
• not finer than yours, but
• thicker.

It is so thick that you would not call it physical anymore.
QUESTION:
The other question is:

I believe you said in a lecture once that
the spirits
who are in darkness
actually
• wince and
• shrink away and
• feel physical pain
when they come into contact with
the light of
higher spirits.

You said that
the lower spirits
don't see the higher.

ANSWER:
It is this way:

As a rule, they [i.e., the lower spirits]
cannot see it [i.e., cannot see the light of the higher spirits].

As a manifestation
from the higher worlds,
at exceptional occasions,
the higher spirits
can manifest,
either in
• the form of light
or in
• their actual form.

If these higher spirits
do not take certain measures
to manifest,
the lower spirits
will not see them ordinarily.
But if such measures have been taken [by the higher spirits], the lower beings will
• see,
• feel, or
• perceive in some way the higher beings.

The same applies to your world.

You [on earth] may see
• a materialization or
• other sights, if the spirit world
• fulfills the requirements and
• wishes to give such a sign.

But ordinarily you [on earth] will not see it [i.e., will not see the light of a higher being].

So if this light [of a higher being] then manifests to those spirits in darkness, it creates a
• pain or
• discomfort of some kind, again according to their
• development, or
• lack of it.

Is that clear? {Yes, thank you.}
QUESTION:
You said last time that
due to the longing of the fallen spirits,
gradually
this earth sphere
came into existence.

I always thought
* God
created the world –
* not the lower spirits.

ANSWER:
In the first place,
I purposely said that
this earth
came into existence
not only due to the longing of
* the fallen spirits,
but also due to the longing of
* the higher spirits
  * who have remained faithful to God and
  * whose longing
    was directed to
    the salvation
    of their fallen brothers and sisters.

Their [i.e., the higher spirits’] longing
also helped
to create this world.

But this will still not answer your question quite satisfactorily.

Whether
* God
created this world
or
* the longing of the spirits –
  * the fallen ones,
as well as
  * the pure ones –
is one and the same thing, my dear.
God creates often
through
• His children,
through
• His spirits,
through
• His laws.

The spirits
cannot create
anything,
unless
they are given
the power
I was speaking of lately,
the power
that can be used
• for good
or
• for evil.

This
• creative power,
this
• life force,
• can be directed into
any channel and
• can create therefore
worlds of
• beauty and
• harmony
or
worlds of
• ugliness and
• pain.

You
create worlds
• all the time,
• every day and
• every hour,
• as you know and
• as I have repeatedly said.
You create
    spiritual worlds.

You do that [i.e., you create spiritual worlds]
    automatically,
because
    the law works in this way.

Therefore,
    God creates
    through
        • His power
            which He has given
                to His children
                    to use to a wide extent and
        through
            • His law
                that makes this [creation through His children]
                    possible.

This
    • material
        world
            • was, and
            • still is being
                created
        in the same way as
            • many other spiritual
                worlds.
The coming into existence of this earth was the expression of
• the attitude,
• the longing,
• everything that was and is part of the personalities involved,
  • the higher as [well as]
  • the lower ones [i.e., the higher as well as the lower parts of the personalities involved].

The spiritual worlds are nothing else but the expression of
their [i.e., the expression of the involved personalities’]
• attitudes,
• mentality,
• longing,
• goals,
• feelings,
• deeds and thoughts.

Is that clear?

**QUESTION:** Is it, so to speak, a co-creation?

**ANSWER:** No, I would not say a co-creation.
You might call it that,  
but it is not entirely correct,  
it [the idea of “co-creation”]  
will give a false idea.

Co-creation  
would mean that  
God actually went ahead and  
created Himself  
this world,  
while the other spirits [merely]  
• helped [God] and [thereby]  
• participated  
in the creation.

It is not that way.

God created  
• His laws of the universe.

He created  
• His children.

He created  
• various  
• powers and  
• strengths and  
• forces  
and He distributed them  
in such a way  
that  
all living spirits  
can use this power  
in free choice.

Part of the  
expression  
of this power [through the free choice of all living spirits involved]  
are the various  
• worlds or  
• spheres  
coming into existence.
QUESTION:
Yes, I understand that.

But there is something else.

You said that
  at that time [i.e., the time when the earth was created]
  they [i.e., the created spirits]
  were not so far developed
    that they would produce
      only
        spheres of light.

When I read that, I thought,
  is anybody
    now [i.e., today, after the time of the initial creation of the earth,]
    able to produce
      only
        spheres of light?

ANSWER:
Well, there are people
  now
  on this earth
    who belonged once
      to the
        • light and
        • partly, let us say, medium
          spheres,
      but not
        • dark
          spheres
            anymore.

At that time [i.e., at the time when the earth was initially created],
  this ability to produce
    only
      spheres of light
  did not exist,
    unless you take
      the pure
        incarnated spirits.
And that was the exact reason why pure spirits were incarnated on earth at intervals, so that a communication with the spirit world of God could be established, for which it is necessary that the beings in question [i.e., the beings able to communicate with the world of God] do not produce spheres of ugliness and darkness anymore, but have, at least to some degree, spheres of light and harmony of their own.

At that time [i.e., at that time when the earth was first created], there were very few of the fallen spirits who had any light spheres.

The best they could do was to have – again I use this word – medium spheres.

Of course, all this is so relative.

{Yes, thank you.}
QUESTION:
How come that
for the satanic power
the name
Lucifer,
which means
light-bringer,
was given?

Where is its scriptural origin?

ANSWER:
The name Lucifer
was not given to this spirit
after
he became
what you call Satan.

That [i.e., the name Lucifer]
was his name
when he was created
as a spirit of light.

And as you know,
• Lucifer
came after
• Christ.

He [i.e., Lucifer]
was a
• marvelous and
• beautiful
spirit –
the bringer of light.

That name [i.e., Lucifer]
originates from that time [i.e., the time before the Fall of the Angels].
Where you can find it in the Scriptures is a question
I am not entitled to answer,
because, as you know,
a spirit does not have the right
to answer questions
you could find out by your own endeavors.

But let me say this to you:
Lucifer
was not mentioned particularly by name
in
• the Scriptures or
in
• some of the so-called Gnostic literature
for the same reason that
a number of religions
do not refer to
• the Fall and
• Creation and
• the Plan of Salvation
as the Christian religion does.

I have explained this already.

If you wish,
I can answer it again,
tonight or at another time.

And perhaps you will then understand it better.

But there are also
a great number of seers
who have
• brought this knowledge and
• put it into
• books and
• literature.
In other words,
people who are open
• for this type of knowledge,
• for this explanation
  • of the Creation and
  • of the spiritual facts,
are able to receive this enlightenment.

And others,
whose different personalities
follow trends of another direction,
may receive
• great and
• wonderful
  enlightenment
    • in other ways,
    • concerning different facets of spiritual truth.

QUESTION:
Are the
• god
  and
• goddess
  • Shiva
  and
  • Kali
in any way
  connected with Lucifer?

ANSWER:
That is
  a different variation.
They certainly
  represent
  evil.
They may
  not represent
  Lucifer himself,
but
  the evil forces.

So there is a part of that.
QUESTION:
Has
Lucifer
 been incarnated [on earth]
as
• Christ
 was [incarnated on earth]?

ANSWER:
No, my friends,
 how could he?

Before you can be incarnated [on earth],
you have to have reached
 a certain development.

There are
 many, many, many
 other spirits,
• who have
   not fallen
     as deeply as Lucifer,
• who are
   not ready for incarnation either.

And much time will have to elapse
 before they can incarnate.

The worst criminals on this earth
 must have already
 some sense for good,
 somewhere inside them.

 For otherwise
     they could not be human.

They would not
 be ready for
 incarnation.
Lucifer

must be the very last to incarnate,
in theory.

In practice, of course,
since he would be the last,
his development
• will proceed in a different way as the others and
• will not go through this form of human incarnation.

If he would be
the only man living on earth,
there would be no point to it.

And he must, perforce,
be the last.

The first
will be the last!

And he was
the first to fall,
so he must be
the last to come back.

And he will be
the last to come back,
because
he is farthest away from God
in his attitude.

So if it were logical
for him to be incarnated at all,
he would be the last one.

But since there would be
no purpose
for such an incarnation,
his development
will proceed differently.
QUESTION:
Is it true that during World War II there was
- a danger point [i.e., danger of Luciferic forces defeating Christ’s forces]
also
  in the battle of the heavens,
parallel to
- the height of power of Hitler [i.e., the danger point of Hitler taking over the world]
  before the Russian debacle?

ANSWER:
Oh, no my friends!

Oh no!

You see,
if there was still a danger point on that score,
the salvation through Christ would make no sense.

- Since that war between
  - Christ
  and
  - Lucifer, and
- since
  the salvation [i.e., since Christ’s completion of His role in the Plan of Salvation]
everything
  - is established and
  - runs according to plan.

The free will
of the individual plays a role in it;
there is always enough leeway left
  for that [i.e., enough leeway for the individual’s free will],
in both directions [i.e., in either good or evil directions].
Nevertheless,
• up to a certain point of development,
• until they have found
  a certain spiritual light
  in an overall development,
collectively,
  people will have wars
  on your earth.

In principle,
• from a spiritual point of view,
  the last wars
  were no worse than
  the wars you had hundreds and thousands of years ago,
because
  it is
    not a question of
      • how many people are killed.

The question is
  • the motive.

And the motives
  have certainly purified
    in the latest wars,
      not only
        the very last.

With that
  I do
    not mean to say that
      • one side
        is always entirely right and
      • the other
        is entirely wrong.

There is always
  some wrong
    on both sides,
      certainly.
In recent times,
when people make war,
they may be
mistaken in their ideologies,
but at least
there is always
some ideology
behind it,
even if
there are some
ruthless people
who are completely selfish.

The majority of the people
follow
• some cause,
• some idea,
while in former times
they had to go to war
like sheep.

Their rulers
forced them
and they had
absolutely no idea why.

It was just the thing to do.

Then
• the more
  you killed,
• the greater
  a hero you were.

The rulers
simply had their own advantages
as their goals –
• to get more land,
• to get more power.
Though people seem to be that way now too, even the most ruthless ones [i.e., the most ruthless rulers] have deep convictions about their own • ideas and • ideals, wrong as they may be in themselves.

If they [i.e., If rulers] were completely ruthless, today they • could not get away with this anymore and • could never induce whole nations to kill each other for their selfish interests.

Deep down they [i.e., the rulers] • know and • sense this.

There are some people who claim that the old way is still the case today, but they are entirely mistaken.

From the spiritual point of view, the question is not • how bloody a war is, • how effective your weapons are.

From our angle, what matters is the motive.
Even if you are mistaken,
   if your motive
      has some vestiges of decency,
it is far better than
   what happened in former times.

It is true that
   • a sincere
   • but mistaken
      motive to go to war
will not save you
   from the consequences,
   because
      ignorance
      does not alter
      the law of
      • cause
      and
      • effect.

But what is absolutely true
   is that
      • the sincere,
      • though false
         motive
is not evaluated in the same way
   as the
      purely
      • selfish and
      • wicked
      one –
         and therefore
         this
      must also
         eventually
         have an effect.

This alone
   should be an answer
      to people who claim there is
         no advance in spiritual development.

For there is!

   And this [progress in motives for war] is one of the many proofs.
But people will reach
   eventually –
   and it is to be hoped that this will happen
   in the not too faraway future –
   an understanding
   that war
   can never be a solution.

There
   • was
   and
   • is
   • spiritual progress,
   but not measured by
   • technical progress.

The mere fact
   that
   • technical and
   • material
   progress
has been going on so fast
   in comparison to
   • spiritual
   progress
will force people
   to come to
   • this conclusion and
   • this enlightenment.

As long as
   people
   • do not fight their lower selves
   and thus
   • become enslaved
     • to them [i.e., enslaved to their lower selves] and
     • to the powers of darkness,
the outer expression
   of this state will be,
   among other things,
   war.
But

• when
  this fight in
  • individual and
  • personal
devolution
  will have reached a certain stage,

• when
  people have reached
  a step nearer to God
  in a certain definite way,
  wars
  will not be possible anymore.

If only

a certain percentage of
human beings –
  by no means
even half of the world population,
  but only a small part,
  one tenth,
  and perhaps not even that –
would really follow
the spiritual
  • development and
  • purification
  I advocate,
  • overcoming
    their own lower trends,
  • recognizing in self-honesty
    their own lower nature,
  and thus
  • finishing the war
    that is raging
    in almost every human soul,
the outpouring of energy forms
in the form of warfare
will cease to exist.
There is hardly a person, even in this room, in whom:
- a war is not going on inside,
- a war that is not recognized as yet,
- where one trend of the subconscious wants to go this way, and
- the other [trend of the subconscious] that way.

And your consciousness does not know it.

This creates wars on this earth – your unrecognized
- hatred,
- selfishness,
- lack of love,
and so on.

Once you control this – it does not mean you have to be completely purified, but
- you control it,
- you are aware of it – even if only less than one-tenth of the entire human population will reach that stage,

I assure you, war will be impossible.

But to say that this war was created because of the war of the spirits cannot possibly be right.
QUESTION:
Are we to understand
• that it does not matter so much
  how many people are killed and
• that this [i.e., that many people being killed] is not regrettable?

ANSWER:
My dear,
  this depends entirely on
  • the way
    you look at it,
  • from what point of view [you look at it].

As far as you human beings are concerned,
  you should be
    very responsible,
    not only
      • about the life of your fellow-creatures,
      but also
        • their well-being.

  It is
    your
    personal responsibility.

So certainly,
  you should
    never
      adopt the point of view
        that
          what happens to others
            does not matter.

This distortion
  may serve people's
    lowest instincts.

It is your
  sacred duty,
just as it [just as your sacred duty] is
  • to do your best
    • for your own development,
    • for your own life,
also
  • to be concerned with
    the life of every other person.
In some way
you are bound to
• everyone else,
even
• your worst enemy.

That person [i.e., your worst enemy]
is you
and
you
are that person [i.e., you are your worst enemy].

But
from the spiritual point of view,
the question
how many people were killed in a war
is not
the important matter.

There [i.e., from the spiritual point of view],
the important matter is
• what the motive is,
• how the spiritual attitudes
  of everyone involved
    look to us.

Also,
you must not forget
that the clockwork of the laws
is so perfect
that nothing unjust
  can come
    to any single individual.

But that does
not mean
that you are free
• to commit sins,
• to be careless about
  the lives of others
    by leaning heavily on
      the fact
        that no injustice can happen
          to anyone anyway.
You cannot
do injustice
to another being,

but you can
harm yourself
by violating
the laws of love.

QUESTION:
Are some of the occult teachings true
that there is an
Antichrist
incarnated now?

ANSWER:
Oh no,
oh no!

Definitely not,
if by this is meant
one particular Antichrist.

Of course,
all spirits
• who come from
  the world of darkness and
• who are still
  entrapped in that darkness,
are all
Antichrists.

Everyone
who does not see
the light of
• God and
the light of
• Christ and
the light of
• goodness,
• love and
• truth
is an Antichrist.
In that sense, yes [the Antichrist is incarnated now].

They [i.e., all those who do not see the light of God, of Christ, of goodness] are still that [i.e., are still the Antichrist], but they will not always be.

They may be instruments,
- consciously or
- unconsciously, of the world of darkness.

But there is no
- particular,
- single, incarnation representing the Antichrist.

QUESTION:
So the idea that existed for a time that Hitler was the Antichrist is wrong.

ANSWER:
It is entirely wrong.

Hitler came from the world of darkness.

That is quite true.

But, particularly in the case of Hitler, the chances were that he could have done well in this life.
Before he was incarnated,
he was in a certain school
in the spirit world.

He had,
through previous incarnations,
deserved certain merits
and
even though he was still
very much connected with
the world of darkness,
these merits warranted
that he be given
certain instructions.

Before he came to earth,
he was told that he would,
by a conglomeration of many circumstances
that all play into the divine laws,
be given great power
and it would be
according to his free will
how he would use this power.

He even had
a great deal of
psychic power.

Up to a certain point,
the chances were there
that he might have used these powers
in a good way.

That may surprise you.

I do not mean by that
that he could have become
• a savior,
• a saint, or
• anything like that.

Of course not.
He was
• much too bound
to the world of darkness for that [i.e., for becoming a savior or saint],
• not enough developed by far.

But
he could have gained some progress
in his spiritual development.

He could have overcome
some of the darkness
that was still in his soul.

And he could have done
some good.

Yet,
• he was weak and
• he did not take this chance [for spiritual development].

He used his powers
• first only
  • a little,
  • unwittingly,
• and then
  • more and more
    for the powers of darkness.

But
that [i.e., but using his powers more and more for the powers of darkness]
was not determined
from the beginning.

There was a certain time in his life,
in his youth –
  and we can see this picture now –
when he was almost at the point
  of going over the borderline [where he could use his powers
    for the world of God, for his development, and for good].

He just did not quite make it.
And once entangled
only a little
with the dark powers,
he could never muster the strength anymore
to disentangle himself from them.

So he was not a Lucifer by any means.

He could not have lived on earth
in the first place,
if he were anything like it.

And particularly in his case,
more than in many of the others that surrounded him,
who were much darker spirits,
the very strong inclination existed –
comparatively speaking –
• to strive upward,
• to reach into the world of God.

If you were to study his life thoroughly,
you would find
many indications
that would confirm my words.

**QUESTION:**
In other words,
he was a tragic figure?

**ANSWER:**
Yes,
much more tragic than some others.

**QUESTION:**
And with regard to
Mussolini?

**ANSWER:**
Mussolini
was not quite the same case.
His case was different
  insofar that
    he did not come from
      such a dark sphere as Hitler.

But on the other hand,
  he did not have as much of
    the possibility for light
      as Hitler had.

His personality
  was more "even,"
    if I might use this expression.

There are people –
  and you may encounter them every day,
    and perhaps some of you
      fall into the same category –

who have
  a very strong inclination
    toward the good,
      but the discrepancy
        between
          good
            and
              evil
                in them
                  is much more extreme
                    than in others.

They are
  • much better
      than some other people,
        but also, at the same time,
          • much worse.
Correspondingly,
    one type of person
    will have some very dark spheres
    as their homes,
    but several spheres of the same type,
    with not too much difference among them,
    belong into
    a world of medium gray.

Roughly speaking,
    this is the difference
    between
    • Hitler
    and
    • Mussolini.

QUESTION:
May I ask in this connection
about Nostradamus
who has prophesied
some of these events?

Isn't that impossible to do?

Over 400 to 500 years [in the future]?

ANSWER:
No.

It is not impossible,
    because any great seer –
    and they are never entirely right,
    you will understand why –
    can at times
    be allowed
    to see the plan
    that exists in the spirit world.
Or, perhaps, due to some particular
• talent and
• personal vibration,
one can be tuned in,
so to speak,
to see
a part of such a plan.

God makes the plan
• according to
  the given circumstances,
• always within the framework
  of the law.

But there are several plans,
meeting all eventualities resulting from free will.

Either one will come true or another,
or still another,
varying only slightly in the time element in certain conditions.

But the plans must be
• made and
• prepared for all possible decisions, resulting from free will.

This is an important part of the Plan of Salvation.
We know that
   a certain number of possibilities
   are open.

We give leeway for
   all these possibilities when the time comes,
   to work from our end.

Now it sometimes happens
   that a seer
   sees just one such plan.

If, later,
   the free will
   of the individuals involved
   will have led up to
   the fulfillment of this plan,
   the seer was right.

Otherwise,
   this may account for his mistakes,
   although other circumstances
   may also play a role in that [i.e., in the seer’s mistakes],
   such as
   false interpretation of what was seen.

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**QUESTION:**
So the prediction of Nostradamus
   for the end of this century
   does not have to come true?

**ANSWER:**
Not necessarily.

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**QUESTION:**
That’s why I was asking,
   whether this [prediction] can be avoided.

**ANSWER:**
Certainly.
He [i.e., Nostradamus]
saw one plan,
and if the free will of the people
would work to avoid this particular direction,
then this would be
a necessary means
to a good end.

But if free will
works in any number of
other directions,
the plan is modified accordingly,
fitting the circumstances exactly.

All the alternatives
are prepared beforehand.

Nostradamus just saw
one alternative and
not the many other possibilities
according to free will.

QUESTION:
So seers, such as Nostradamus,
have insight into these records?

ANSWER:
Into some of it,
to a small degree.

As I said,
they may have glimpses of
one plan
for one alternative,
but not
of the many other possibilities
arising out of free will.

That is why such seers are
• sometimes right and
• sometimes wrong.
And do not imagine that such insight is always purposefully given from the spirit world.

This may occasionally be so, but generally this [insight] happens rather as a byproduct of a certain talent of seership where particular wavelengths meet and thus a tuning-in results.

**QUESTION:**
Can deep-seated psychological problems, pertaining to a previous life, be solved by human methods of hypnosis alone or does it need regression [i.e., looking back into a previous life]?  

**ANSWER:**
You mean whether certain problems, resulting from a former life, can be solved without becoming aware of them [happening in that former life]? {Yes.}

That depends very much on the case.
There are many cases where the psychological problems can be solved
• without regression [into previous incarnations],
• without the knowledge of the particular incarnation involved.

But there are instances
• where this knowledge [of previous incarnations involved in a problem] is an absolutely necessary factor,
• where the problem can be solved thoroughly
  only if this knowledge is made available.

But these cases are in the minority.

However,
I would like to add this:
• Only if the person in question undergoes the strictest process of
  • self-development and
  • purification,
• only if the
  • steepest and
  • most direct path is taken,
  • should or
  • even can such knowledge be made available without harm.
Then [i.e., when the person in question is in the strictest process of self-development and taking the steepest path]

the spirit world of God will
• interfere,
will
direct, and help
with
• the right timing and the proper and necessary guidance and

• see to it that not more than just certain sectors of knowledge are brought back.

Otherwise,
there would be no point in taking away your memory when you are born on this planet.

All that you hear today about
• previous incarnations and
• knowledge that is supposed to be so easily available should not be believed, my friends.

It [i.e., knowledge about previous incarnations] is one of the
• hardest,
• most difficult things to accomplish.

The world of God guards this knowledge very carefully.
This knowledge [about previous incarnations]
can never come to you,
be it
• through hypnosis or
• through mediumship,
without
the spirit world of God.

And the latter [i.e., the spirit world of God]
will not lend a helping hand
if there is not
a very good
spiritual
reason.

If this knowledge [about previous incarnations]
serves the purpose
of further purification,
then
without this knowledge [about previous incarnations]
this
• further and
• utmost
purification
cannot be accomplished
quite successfully.

It [i.e., knowledge about previous incarnations]
should not be taken
• merely as a cure –
let alone
• to satisfy personal curiosity.

It [i.e., knowledge about previous incarnations]
must be taken as
a heavy piece of responsibility.
The person should
• think and
• feel
  somewhat like this:

"If I learn certain factors
  about previous lives,
  then I have the duty
  to fulfill
  even more
  in
  • my own development and
  in
  • what I have to give to God."

This knowledge [about previous incarnations]
  must be
  the material for
  further self-purification –
  nothing less.

And before this knowledge [about previous incarnations]
  is made available,
  this attitude [of greater responsibility for your own development
  and for what you have to give to God]
  has to be proven already,
  at least to some extent.

It [i.e., knowledge about previous incarnations]
  will not be made available
unless
  it is proven
  that the person is following this path [of self-knowledge].
Now, as to the
  • technical and
  • practical
  procedure
  with regression [into previous incarnations]
  in hypnosis:

  Here it is my
  • very strong and
  • definite advice
  that it should never be undertaken
  without
  • God and
  • Christ.

Both
  • the subject and
  • the hypnotist
  should
    • feel themselves
      to be instruments and
      should
    • surrender to God and
    • ask for
      • guidance and
      • inspiration.

Otherwise,
  it [i.e., regression in hypnosis to access knowledge from previous incarnations]
  may be
  either
    • fake –
      and thus have
      no meaning whatsoever
      in the life of a person –
    or even
      • dangerous.

But if it [i.e., regression in hypnosis to access knowledge from earlier incarnations]
  is undertaken in the proper attitude,
then
  the spirit world of God
    • will help and
    • will, among other things,
      show the hypnotist how to go about it.
There are no definite rules that can be applied with everyone in the same way.

It [i.e., the way to apply regression in hypnosis to access knowledge from earlier incarnations] depends very much
• on the case,
• on the individual.

Therefore, it [i.e., regression in hypnosis to access knowledge from earlier incarnations] has to be done differently with everyone.

And only the spirits of the world of God are in a position to see into the soul to know
• how much knowledge this person can digest without shock,
• how
• the timing and
• the procedure should be handled.

Only the soul is capable of conducting this operation.

It [i.e., the soul] can do so if the hypnotist is open to this
• guidance and
• inspiration.
Such a hypnotist
   will also have to go through
   a particular training of this sort.

This kind of hypnosis [i.e., hypnosis to gain knowledge of previous incarnations]
   must be handled
   entirely differently
   than ordinary hypnosis.

And never,
   never,
   should one
   start with
   hypnosis.

Only after
   much progress has been achieved
   by other approaches,
   • in psychological problems
     that can be handled
       without such regression,
   • in purification,
   • in uncovering the subconscious trends
     for the purpose of harmony in the soul,

only after
   some considerable progress of
   • spiritual development,
   • emotional
     • maturity and
     • stability,

only then
   should this treatment [i.e., should regression in hypnosis] be started –
     if God has given the answer, as always,
     in this matter
       just as in others.

I would be very happy,
   occasionally,
   to give advice in a more specific form.

   {Thank you.}
QUESTION:
You have told us
    how difficult it is
        for the spiritual world
            to prepare a spirit
                for incarnation in our world.

The fluids have to be changed,
    and so on,
        even in the case
            of a newborn baby
                that dies after two days.

Why all this work
    for nothing?

ANSWER:
Oh, the work
    is not for nothing.

The mother
    has to go through a karma
and this little baby
    will be given to another mother.

{Immediately?}

Certainly.

It will not
    go back to the spirit world,
it will be brought immediately
    to the mother
        who was chosen for it in the first place,
for, in the spirit world
    it is known
        that the first mother
            has to go through this karma.
This unhappiness [i.e., the death of a newborn baby after only a few days] is in her [i.e., is in the mother’s] plan that she has somehow sown before and now she has to reap.

It is good for her development and she thus pays off a debt.

You all know what the implication of • tests and • unhappy occurrences are.

But the work is not for nothing, for all this is • figured out and • planned beforehand and arrangements are made before the first birth.

And this infant is carried to the mother it was destined for in the first place.

QUESTION:
Would that hold true for an infant that has not developed? Just started?

In a miscarriage?

ANSWER:
In such a case there is no spirit there as yet.

The spirit takes possession the moment the first cry is uttered.
QUESTION:
You say –
and I have heard it from others too –
that the spirit
takes possession
only after
the first cry has been uttered.

But it has been known
that in some cases
a person could remember
hearing the parents talking
while it was still in the womb.

ANSWER:
I see what you mean.

But that does not mean
that the child was in the womb.

The child
is not in the womb at that time.

It is outside,
a spirit.

Of course,
among human beings
there are these arguments about various matters,
where
one school of thought
claims one thing
and
another
the opposite
and you will never agree.

I will tell you the way it is.

You can believe it or not.
It is not correct that the spirit takes over at the time of conception.

The movement in the womb is an automatic one, as I have already explained before.

It is caused by the bloodstream of the mother in order that the limbs will not atrophy.

It is necessary, but merely a technical procedure, so to say.

If such memories occur, it may be in rare instances that the spirit, prepared for birth, is awake at short intervals and then retains such memories.

It may be close to the parents in this period.

But it is even more likely that this baby happens to be very psychic, clairvoyant, or clairaudient.

After birth it can perceive – and remember – certain forms.

You know that thoughts create forms in the spirit world and the child perceives them afterward.
It may also be that other spirits repeat the same words after birth and the child can hear and remember them.

Such incidents may happen and are allowed to happen occasionally to show to humans that life does not originate on this earth plane.

But then, people often misinterpret this in another wrong way, namely, like in this instance, that this is memory from the time the child was in the womb.

Humankind ignores the many complicated and involved possibilities with these things.

**QUESTION:**
I would like to ask something about the idea of Ahriman [Note: Ahriman is the evil spirit in the dualistic doctrine of Zoroastrianism].

**ANSWER:**
I have answered that already some time ago. All you would have to do is look it up.
Briefly, I will just repeat
that this [i.e. Ahriman]
is also a spirit
• who had once
  very high standing
  in the world of God and
• who also participated in the Fall.

Lucifer has given this spirit
the authority
for
• this earth sphere,
for
• the world of matter,
for
• this particular substance.

As much power as this spirit has,
he is still
a part of
the Luciferic world.

To deny this is a great error.

QUESTION:
May I ask,
in connection with the discussion on
the "Pistis Sophia" ["The Wisdom of the Savior", a second-century
Gnostic document].

whether
after
• giving excerpts and
• covering the material
  in about five or six sessions,
can we then ask you some questions
  in the subsequent meeting?

ANSWER:
I would even suggest that it is perfectly all right
not to wait until the end of the series,
but ask me in our next meeting.
This will be better,
because it will enable you
to get deeper understanding
of what you will read and discuss afterward.

**QUESTION:**
Could you please explain
what Jesus meant when he said to Peter,
"Thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it;
And I will give thee
the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven,
and whatever thou shalt loose on earth
shall be bound [sic -- loosed] in Heaven."
(Matthew 16: 18-20).

**ANSWER:**
The meaning is this:
Jesus entrusted Peter with His teachings,
that he might organize
the spreading of His teachings.

Now it is a well-known fact
that the Catholic Church
builds on the belief
that from that time on
everything is so settled
that nothing this Church says
could be wrong –
based on the saying you quoted.

And here,
I do want to explain this:

What Jesus meant
was that Peter should spread the teachings
exactly
as He has brought them.
But that definitely included
a communication with
the spirit world of God.

This communication [with the spirit world of God]
existed very actively at that time,
the time of the first Christians.

Jesus was much too wise
to suggest that
any truth
could be kept undiluted
by spreading
from
• one human being
to another,
from
• one generation
to another.

He knew that
human failings
are still much too great
not to let
• errors and
• false interpretations
  slip in –
  not to speak of
  the danger of
  the twisting of truth
  • the world of darkness
    has always aimed for and
  • which
    will succeed
    as long as
    there are unpurified beings
    on this earth.

Therefore,
direct communication
with the World of God
is the only way possible [to keep the teachings ever true].
Unfortunately, human beings have, sometimes
• ignorantly, sometimes
• deliberately,
  misinterpreted these words [of Jesus to Peter] –
  as they have many others, for that matter.

If these words
  had been taken in their true sense,
  exactly as
  • Jesus had taught
  and as
  • Peter had meant then,
    which included
      such a communication
        with the world of God,

many things
  would have been
    very different
      in your human history.

I know
  this will shock some friends,
    but I cannot help it.

  This is the truth.

And if you
  read the Bible
    with true
      • understanding and
      • openness,

you will find
  many, many instances
    where the sayings of Jesus
      cannot be interpreted
        in any other way [i.e., a way other than including an ongoing
direct communication with the world of God].
As a matter of fact,
you will see now,
particularly from the lectures, my friend,
that this is so.

You have
one demonstration there
that Jesus always meant you
to contact His spirits of truth.

It [i.e., contacting the world of God, Jesus’ spirits of truth]
was part of Jesus’ teachings
that Peter was supposed to spread.

And also –
which was not published,
or later taken out –
• how to go about it,
• what the laws are
to have communication with
the spirits of
• light and
• truth.

And when it was said
that Jesus appeared to his disciples after His death,
it was also a form of communication.

There are many different forms [of communication].

Later on
Jesus would not appear Himself anymore,
but send His emissaries.

And when He said
before His death,

"There are many things I cannot tell you as yet,
but will tell you later,"

how do you imagine He could tell that,
unless through such a communication
for which
• certain laws have to be obeyed and
• certain conditions prepared?
This [i.e., how to communicate with the world of God, with the spirits of light and truth]

was an integral part of His teachings
that was,
  unfortunately,
    for various reasons,
      • not maintained or
      • even distorted.

Furthermore,
this quotation means
that anyone –
  • then or
  • now –

  who binds himself to God
  through adhering to
  the teachings of Jesus
  that Peter was to
    • maintain,
    • spread and
    • organize,

would also
  be bound to the Father
  in the Kingdom of Heaven and
  could never be lost anymore.

But anyone
who
  • refuses these teachings and
  • loosens himself thus further from God,
will also be lost after death –
  not forever,
    but for as long as this attitude prevails.

This inner declaration
to
  • put God above everything else and
  • follow His will
    in every respect
marks a decisive step
  in the development of a soul –
    sometimes this is called an "initiation."
This is the meaning of it [i.e., the meaning of this statement of Jesus to Peter] in its essence, and certainly not that

- God and
- Christ

would only manifest through one human church-organization which alone should be immune
- to human failings
- and thus
- to the influence of the powers of darkness.

This would make no sense.

Whoever
- follows the real teachings of Christ and
- seeks the
  - development and
  - purification through which it is possible to hold the laws of God
- is indeed immune to all evil – "Hell will not prevail" – and
- will thus gain the Kingdom of Heaven.

But that [i.e., following the real teachings of Christ and seeking development and purification] is the only way that this [i.e., that gaining the Kingdom of Heaven] can happen, the only way, my friends!

And I believe that this must make sense to you.
And now, my friends,
I will retire into my world,
and I am leaving you
with a particular blessing
for each one of you.

May it give you
the strength to
• find yourself truly
and thus
• live in
  • bliss and
  • joy!

Be joyful,
for whoever is seeking God
through his own
• good and
• sincere
will,
has all the reason in the world
to have joy
in his heart.

Be in peace.

Be in God!

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