

Pathwork Lecture 205: Order As a Universal Principle

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03	<p><i>Greetings, divine blessings for all of you, my dearest friends.</i></p> <p><i>Tonight's lecture is on a topic I have never discussed before.</i></p>
04	<p><i>The universe is a miracle of order.</i></p> <p><i>Every particle in it [i.e., in the universe] is always in its proper place.</i></p>

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Infinitesimal little

- *cogs and*
- *wheels*
 - *mesh,*
 - *interact,*
 - *complement one another and*
 - *create*
an immense mechanism
that humankind
can never
even remotely
conceive of.

The

- *harmony and*
- *grandeur*
of creation
could not exist
without
the underlying principle of order;

this universal order
has an

- *exactitude and*
- *mathematical precision*
that escapes
human vision.

Only at times

do you vaguely sense
the existence of
a greater order.

In the fragmented

human perspective
where everything
is seen
out of context,

you perceive

- *disorder and*
- *chaos.*

	<p><i>The</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>disorder and</i>• <i>chaos</i> <p><i>on the human level of life</i> <i>are, of course,</i> <i>real,</i> <i>because</i> <i>they [i.e., disorder and chaos]</i> <i>are consequences</i> <i>of a distortion.</i></p> <p><i>You may</i> <i>perceive</i> <i>what appears as chaos</i> <i>also in nature,</i> <i>for some natural phenomena</i> <i>are</i> <i>apparently</i> <i>destructive.</i></p> <p><i>Yet,</i> <i>in that very occurrence [of apparently destructive phenomena in nature</i> <i>that you perceive as disorder and chaos]</i> <i>a larger order</i> <i>manifests itself.</i></p>
05	<p><i>Orderliness</i> <i>is a by-product</i> <i>of</i> <i>divine harmony.</i></p>

	<p><i>In this lecture I will discuss what constitutes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>inner</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>order or</i>• <i>disorder,</i> <p><i>as well as</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>outer</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>order or</i>• <i>disorder,</i> <p><i>and their [i.e., inner and outer order or disorder's]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>meaning,</i>• <i>connection, and</i>• <i>relationship.</i>
06	<p><i>Inner order exists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>when human beings are fully conscious,</i>• <i>when there is no longer any unconscious material in the soul.</i> <p><i>Since there is no human being of whom this could be said [i.e., since there is no fully conscious human being],</i></p> <p><i>order,</i></p> <p><i>like other divine manifestations, exists only to relative degrees in human life.</i></p>

One can experience [any divine manifestation, such as]

- ***love,***
 - ***truth,***
 - ***wisdom,***
 - ***peace,***
 - ***bliss,***
 - ***reality,***
- only***
- ***relatively***
 - ***to varied degrees.***

So it is with [the divine manifestation of]

- ***order [i.e., one can experience order only relatively to varied degrees].***

***An entity that is
totally conscious
of***

- ***itself and***
 - ***the universe***
- is no longer born [i.e., incarnated]
into***
- ***human substance and***
 - ***material manifestation.***

Such an entity's [i.e., Such a totally conscious entity's]

- ***life and***
 - ***whole being***
- are***
- in total order,
with no loose ends.***

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***Conversely,
wherever
awareness is lacking
it [i.e., the lacking awareness]
indicates
disorder.***

***If you are
not aware,***

- ***you cannot be in truth;***
- ***things slip away from you.***

• ***You become confused.***

- ***Confusion and***
- ***disorder***
interact
as you
grope in the dark,

- ***struggling to make a patchwork
of the half-truths
at your disposal,***
- ***using
anything
to fill the***
 - ***holes and***
 - ***gaps***
of your chaos.

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***Most people
can recognize
this struggle in themselves [i.e., this struggle going on within themselves
to make a reasonably cohesive fabric from a patchwork of
the half-truths at their disposal, using anything to fill the
holes and gaps of their chaos],
if they focus on it [i.e., if they focus on the struggle going on within].***

***The disorderliness
of the mind
becomes frantic
in the attempt
to impose [i.e., to force and superimpose]
a false order [onto the disorderliness],
which [situation, i.e., the situation of the disorderly
mind's frantic attempt to superimpose a
false order onto the disorderliness]
heightens***

- ***the discomfort and***
- ***the disorderliness.***

*It is as if
you were to shove dirt under your furniture,
where it cannot be seen.*

*The atmosphere [i.e., The atmosphere of the disordered mind – the dirt
you have shoved under your furniture]
reeks
of the
hidden waste.*

*• False opinions and
• obsolete behavior patterns
are
literally
waste material,
to be disposed of.*

*If they [i.e., If false opinions and obsolete behavior patterns]
remain in the psyche,*

all your

- opinions,*
- perceptions,*
- actions and*
- decisions*

will be based on

- half-truths*

or [even]

- complete distortions and*
- errors.*

*The result
must be*

- chaotic and*
- disappointing.*

Unless
a person is willing
to make order
by examining carefully
every single
• attitude,
• belief,
• reaction and
• feeling,

he or she
will continue to do
patchwork [rather than creating a cohesive whole fabric]
until
the whole fabric [made up of separate disparate pieces, a
patchwork of half-truths, distortions, and errors]
falls apart.

False structures [here structures of the mind made up of a patchwork of
half-truths, distortions, and errors]
always collapse.

The most radical collapse
is
physical death,
which always affords the possibility
to start anew
with a clean slate.

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On the day to day
outer plane
the same process holds.

It [i.e., the outer life]
is not merely
symbolic of
the inner life,

it [i.e., the outer life]
is an
expression of
it [i.e., an expression of the inner life].

	<p><i>The person who [in his outer life]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>accumulates</i> <i>useless material</i> <i>in his</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>closets and</i>• <i>drawers,</i>• <i>never cleans out,</i> <p><i>and [at the same time]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>thinks he can</i> <i>superimpose</i> <i>a functional order [in his outer life],</i> <p><i>lives in the illusion</i> <i>of a</i> <i>false [make-believe] order</i> <i>at a great expense.</i></p>
10	<p><i>There is</i> <i>a direct connection</i> <i>between</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>order</i><i>and</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>awareness.</i><p><i>When there is</i> <i>disorder</i> <i>in the life of a person,</i> <i>he or she is</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>escaping from something,</i>• <i>pursuing a policy of</i> <i>avoidance and</i>• <i>creating</i> <i>the darkness of</i> <i>disorderliness.</i></p></p>

*You can perhaps see also
another connection [between order and awareness and avoidance]:*

- *Avoidance
fails to establish
• order
on whatever level;*

*• avoidance
and
• lack of awareness
are
intimately connected.*

*On the
inner level
this [avoidance through lack of awareness, and hence
this not establishing order]*

*happens
when you are
not dealing with [i.e., when you are avoiding]*

- *the old*
 - *mental and*
 - *emotional*
- accumulations
that need to be
discarded*

[i.e., need to be discarded]

so that the

- *the currently valid*
 - *thoughts and*
 - *feelings*
- can fit into
the appropriate channels.*

*[After the old obsolete mental and emotional accumulations are discarded
and the current valid thoughts and feelings are added]*

One then

- *becomes self-aware and*
 - *can institute a [new]*
 - *harmonious and*
 - *fluid*
- operation
within the psychic system.*

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***On the material level,
one cleans house.***

***The focus
may be on
one's
• belongings,
one's
• things.***

***It [i.e., The focus]
may be directed to
one's
• financial affairs,
one's
• use of time.***

***It [i.e., Cleaning one's house]
may mean [focusing on]
• facing and
• overcoming
habits of procrastination,
the pattern of
postponing things,
rather than
dealing with them
as they come up.***

***The object [of one's cleaning house on this outer level, the material level]
in every case
is
to free one's life
of clutter.***

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In
• *inner*
or
• *outer*
life
the principle is the same.

One
makes a decision
to devote
• *time,*
• *effort and*
• *care*
to the smooth running
of one's life.

The greater
the accumulation
[i.e., in one's INNER life the greater the accumulation of old no-longer-current thoughts and emotional material and patterns, and in one's OUTER life the greater the accumulation of belongings, the more wasteful the use of time and money, and the greater the level of procrastination],
the greater
effort
one will have to expend
to establish order.

In the process [of establishing order],
• *new habit patterns*
are formed;
• *you deal*
instantly
with what you used to avoid,
• *you focus your attention on whatever*
the moment
may need.

Then [i.e., After order is thus established]
a new
inner peace
automatically
establishes itself.

	<p><i>No matter how much you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>meditate and</i>• <i>pray or</i>• <i>devote your energies to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>spiritual or</i>• <i>artistic</i> <p><i>issues, this [inner] peace will be lacking if</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>inner</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>outer</i> <p><i>disorder clutter up your life.</i></p>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Avoidance</i> <p><i>is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>escaping from what is.</i> <p><i>It [i.e., Avoidance and escaping from what is] means</i></p> <p><i>you do not know what is going on –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>inside</i> <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>outside.</i> <p><i>[Being unaware of what is going on inside or outside,] You become</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>confused and</i>• <i>disorganized,</i> <p><i>no matter how much you try to hide this fact [i.e., try to hide this fact that you are confused and disorganized] from your consciousness.</i></p>

*You well know that
the path
will always
bring you
to what you
want to escape from.*

*As far as your
inner pathwork
is concerned,
[i.e., Through your inner pathwork]
you create
more
• order
and
more
• light*

*as you
face
what you had evaded.*

*[By creating more order and light as you face what you had evaded]
You literally
feel
in your being
an inner
• cleanliness and
• order
you had lacked before.*

*But [conversely,]
when
• you do not know [because you have been evading what
you could and should know],
when
• you continue to avoid [that which you have been avoiding],
you dwell in a
dark mire
which
feels
very uncomfortable.*

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A third aspect of order [in addition to 1) the aspect of awareness or lack of awareness of a fact and 2) the aspect of facing or avoiding a fact] is reality [concerning a fact versus illusion concerning a fact].

***When you are in disorder,
you live in the illusion that your***

- evasions,***

your

- not dealing with what must be dealt with if you are to live in***
 - peace and***
 - comfort,***

will not have any impact on your life.

***[When you are in disorder]
You delude yourself into believing***

- that avoiding does not matter,***
- that you will be unaffected by it [i.e., by the avoiding],***
- that what you don't do [and what you avoid doing] has no creative impact on your life substance.***

But nothing that you

- do or***
- don't do,***
- commit or***
- omit,***

is without consequences.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not doing something creates<ul style="list-style-type: none">• conditions and• psychic substance <p>just as much as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• doing something [creates conditions and psychic substance]. <p>This [i.e., Doing or not doing something having consequences] applies as much to a person's<ul style="list-style-type: none">• outer<ul style="list-style-type: none">• habits and• orderliness,or its [i.e., orderliness's] absence,</p> <p>as it does to the [person's]<ul style="list-style-type: none">• inner life.</p>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of awareness [rather than having awareness],• avoidance [rather than facing] and• illusion [rather than reality] <p>create disorder, which creates more<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lack of awareness,• avoidance, and• illusion,</p> <p>until [eventually]<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the mind and• the will<ul style="list-style-type: none">• decide to confront the issue<ul style="list-style-type: none">• profoundly,• once and for all,</p> <p>and then<ul style="list-style-type: none">• commit to sustaining the order [that was created by confronting the issue].</p>

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Awareness

is

- *dealing with*
- and*
- *focusing*
 - *profoundly and*
 - *completely*
- on*

whatever issue is on hand;

reality

is

- *facing the effects*
of one's manner of living.

They [i.e., Awareness and reality]
provide the terms for

- *order and*
- *harmony.*

Order

[in turn]

creates

more

- *awareness,*

more

- *ability to focus*
as life unfolds;

it [i.e., order, also]

allows for

more

- *reality.*

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**You breed
disorder
out of
your illusion
that [whatever the disturbance, problem or
disorder is in your life]
"it will go away by itself."**

**And then you
suffer from it [even further, i.e., you suffer even further from not dealing with
the issue directly but rather believing that, "it will go away by itself"].**

**You may manage
to escape from [being aware of even]
this particular [additional] suffering,
due also to
your disorder.**

**Because your avoidance
is still active,
you may manage
not [even]
to be aware of your suffering.**

**[And even when you are aware of your suffering,]
You may try to ascribe [your suffering, i.e., ascribe]
your**

- **tensions,**
- **anxieties,**
- **discomforts,**
- **pressures,**
- **bad conscience,**
- **nagging discontent,**

to other matters [rather than to the true cause: your disorder].

**[Nevertheless,]
The fact remains that
your self-created
disorder
is responsible for
so much of it [i.e., for so much of your suffering].**

18	<p><i>It matters little whether one's neglect of order applies to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• the big important issues</i> <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• the unimportant ones.</i> <p><i>[Even] The smallest neglect</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• causes disorder and</i><i>• creates discomfort in the soul.</i> <p><i>This rule [i.e., the rule that even the smallest neglect causes disorder and creates discomfort in the soul]</i></p> <p><i>applies as much to a person's outer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• habits and</i><i>• life</i> <p><i>as to the [inner] life of the soul.</i></p>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• The outer life is always related to</i><i>• the inner life in some way.</i> <p><i>It is important for you, my friends, that you begin to pay attention to your outer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• life and</i><i>• habits</i> <p><i>from this point of view.</i></p>

***So far
we have dealt with this relation [between the outer life and the inner life]
only vaguely.***

***We have
not yet examined it [i.e., not examined your outer life and habits]
as a
gauge [indicator, or measure]
of where a person stands
inwardly.***

***Outer disorder
diverts so much energy
that
the inner life
must then be short-changed.***

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***Orderliness
is
a spiritual principle.***

***Its [i.e., Orderliness's]
• manifestation,
or lack of
• it [i.e., or lack of orderliness's manifestation],
reveals something
about where
the inward person
stands.***

***The spiritually unified person
is therefore also
an orderly person
in his or her
outer habits.***

**He or she [i.e., The spiritually unified person] is
not only
clean
in body,
but
equally clean
in the handling of
his or her daily life.**

**A harmonious being
does not
accumulate tasks
by procrastination;**

**instead of following
the line of least resistance [by accumulating tasks on a list of tasks
to be done later rather than doing tasks as they come up],**

**he or she
takes care of chores
as they come up
even when
it is momentarily difficult,**

**valuing
the peace
that follows.**

**Creating order
always
requires
an investment of effort.**

**The spiritually mature person
does not live in the illusion
that**

- peace of mind and**
- comfort**

**can be attained
without
investing effort,
realizing [fully]
that the gains [in inner peace]
outweigh the investment [of effort required to
create and sustain order].**

	<p><i>The spiritually mature person has order in all matters of life, • inner and • outer, and would not want it differently.</i></p> <p><i>Such people [i.e., Spiritually mature people] • relish order and • are willing to pay the price for it.</i></p> <p><i>They are in reality [rather than being in illusion].</i></p>
21	<p><i>When people are disorderly in their outer life manifestations – in their • person and • personal affairs, • their • physical surroundings, • money matters, in • the tasks they have to fulfill – a very insidious thing begins to happen.</i></p> <p><i>[Namely,] They become preoccupied with the disorder they create.</i></p>

*This [i.e., This creating disorder and being preoccupied with the disorder
they create]
is often an ongoing process,
whether they are aware of it or not.*

*It never occurs to them
that
it could be different.*

*Often they fall into
the further illusion
that
creating order
requires energy
they do not have.*

*Nothing
could be further from the truth.*

*Disorder [i.e., not creating order, is what]
• consumes energies,
• wastes them [i.e., wastes energies],
• dissipates them [i.e., dissipates energies].*

[And further,]

*Since
order is
• a divine manifestation,
and therefore
• natural,
the moment
energy is summoned –
perhaps, at first, with some effort –
energy will be released.*

*Then [i.e., When energy is thus summoned]
more energy
becomes available,
energy hitherto used
to
• avoid reality and
• keep consciousness dim.*

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The creation of
• *inner*
and
• *outer*
disorder
is therefore
a tool of the
unconscious
negative intentionality.

This [i.e., That disorder is a tool of the unconscious negative intentionality]
may be a new angle
for you to view
outer
disorder.

In whatever way
disorder
exists,
it fulfills
the [negative] purpose of [creating and sustaining]
resistance
to
• *harmony,*
• *truth,*
• *health, and*
• *wholeness.*

Disorder
creates
• *tensions and*
• *preoccupations;*

it [i.e., disorder]
consumes
valuable creative energy
that could otherwise be used
to find
God
within.

I repeat:

***Though one may not be conscious of
the anxiety
that disorder creates
on any level,
the anxiety [created by disorder on any of the various levels]
is there.***

***One's affairs
are left unattended,
as life
constantly slips away,
waiting to be***

- lived,***
- fulfilled***

in the morrow.

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***It is easy to see
that
if you accomplish your tasks
on time [as they come up],
• you [then] have
control over your life.***

- You do not accumulate
old waste,***
- you deal at once
with the necessary issues,***
- you do not***
 - avoid,***
 - procrastinate, or***
 - delude yourself***

***that it [i.e., that procrastination]
does not matter.***

***This [dealing with matters as they come up]
is***

- healthy,***
- necessary
control.***

It [i.e., Dealing with matters as they come up and thereby gaining healthy, necessary control]

*is a function
that
the ego
should perform.*

- *Disharmony and*
- *distortion*
create
imbalance

and

- *a false lack of control [i.e., choosing not to control where one could and should control, hence false lack of control]*

exists

where

- *control*
should be.

This [i.e., Disharmony and distortion]

always

also creates

- *the split-off*
- *opposite*
- *distorted*
condition:

False

- *control [i.e. trying to control where one cannot and should not control – hence false control]*

*tries to compensate for
the false*

- *lack of control [i.e. tries to compensate for choosing not to control where one can and should control – hence compensate for false lack of control, or for false letting go of control],*

and vice versa [i.e., false lack of control or false letting go of control tries to compensate for false control].

The over-control [i.e., the forced false control – trying very hard to control
where one cannot and should not control]

**on the
feeling level
will be easier to relinquish
when control
is exerted**

where it is functional [i.e., where the healthy ego is
controlling what it can and should control].

**If you
hold yourself together
in the
right**

• way and

right

• place,

**it is [then]
easier to**

• abandon yourself and

• relinquish control

where that [i.e., where relinquishing and letting go of control]
is right

and to

• give in [fully, spontaneously, and freely]
to

• feelings and

• involuntary processes.

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**A person
with
right ego control
is capable of
surrender
in ways that the person
who lives in chaos
is not.**

*In chaotic states
it is virtually impossible
to let go of controls
because,
unless
one's ego
has been strengthened
through self-discipline,
one would
drown
in one's own chaos.*

*So, you see,
self-discipline
is an
unavoidable prerequisite
for
• spiritual
and
• worldly
fulfillment.*

*It [i.e., Self-discipline]
makes abandonment
to
involuntary processes
safe.*

*The self-disciplined person
can surrender
to
• spirituality,
to
• sexuality,
to
• the deeper [involuntary]
• feelings and
• processes.*

*It is safe [to do so, to surrender to these deeper
involuntary feelings and processes,
to spirituality and to sexuality].*

	<p><i>He or she [i.e., The self-disciplined person] stands on the firm ground of reality, • fulfilling the functions of the ego, rather than – falsely – • dispensing with it [i.e., rather than falsely dispensing with the ego and its proper functions].</i></p>
25	<p><i>Order always means discipline.</i></p> <p><i>The immature person refuses discipline in any form, associating it [i.e., associating discipline] with parental authority against which he continues to wage war.</i></p> <p><i>This behavior [i.e. Refusing discipline in any form, associating discipline with parental authority] is among the obsolete waste material of soul stuff.</i></p> <p><i>The more you look for parental authority to take care of your life, the more you rebel and the less do you adopt attitudes that would make you capable of fulfilling your life with • ease and • peace.</i></p>

*Thus do you
misinterpret
• self-discipline
for
• deprivation.*

What an error!

*Actually,
the more you
refuse
voluntary self-discipline,
the more you
unavoidably
deprive yourself
of the
• peace and
• comfort
that are its [i.e., that are voluntary self-discipline's]
rewards.*

*You deprive yourself
of the
• deep pleasure
and
• bliss
of the
involuntary
life stream
that you can only allow to come through you
when
your ego
stands on
the firm ground
built by
self-discipline.*

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*Create
a new climate
in your life
that will facilitate*

- *your*
 - *growth and*
 - *development,*
- *the solving of
painful problems,*
- *the fulfillment of
your real needs.*

*By learning
self discipline,
you will establish
order in your life:*

*In the way
you arrange
your*

- *time,*

your

- *money,*

your

- *possessions,*

your

- *surroundings,*

your

- *personal appearance.*

*Arrange your day in such a way
that you,
at least most of the time,
take care of tasks
as they come.*

*Organize the details
in such a way
that your day
will run smoothly.*

Devote

- *time and*
- *effort*
- to*
- *create this new order and*
- to*
- *clean up old disorder,*

and then

sustain it [i.e., sustain this new order].

Deliberately

meditate

for the

- *energy,*
 - *consciousness, and*
 - *guidance*
- to follow through.*

If you experience

a great deal of resistance

to doing so [i.e. If you experience resistance to deliberately meditating for the energy, consciousness, and guidance to follow through on creating this new order, cleaning up old disorder, and sustaining the new order],

let your helper

help you

- *express*
- the negative intentionality [that is behind your resistance] and*
- *deal with*
- the meaning of it [i.e., deal with the meaning of the resistance and its cause – your negative intentionality],*

as you do

in all other matters [through your pathwork].

Begin to view your

- *outer*
- *life*

as a reflection of an

- *inner*
- *attitude and*
- *intent.*

27	<p><i>If the resistance is not too great to establish this new mode of life, you will see what a difference it [i.e. what a difference this new mode of life] will make.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Burdens will fall off your shoulders.</i>• <i>You will relish a</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>peace and</i>• <i>comfort</i><i>that will give you clarity</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>to solve your inner problems and</i>• <i>to surrender to the deeper [involuntary] self.</i> <p><i>When you have control where it is needed you can relinquish control where it is not needed.</i></p>
28	<p><i>Outer disorder in a person's life always reflects the inner attitude:</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e., The outer disorder] mirrors the inner sense of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>false abandonment [of needed discipline],</i> <p><i>of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wishful thinking and</i>• <i>avoidance [of facing reality].</i>

*It [i.e., The outer disorder]
reflects
• your illusory state.*

Outer
*order [rather than outer disorder]
in a person's life,
however, is
not necessarily
a sign of
inner
• harmony and
• order
reached.*

[Rather,]
*It [i.e., outer order]
• may [be], and
• often is,
an indication of
the exact opposite [i.e. an indication of inner disorder].*

Then [i.e., when outer orderliness indicates inner disorder]
[outer] *orderliness
is not an expression of
• inner clarity,
but [rather, outer orderliness is]
• a compensation [for],
• a false attempt to resolve
inner
disorderliness.*

When
*• orderliness becomes compulsive
and
• you are
• tense and
• obsessed,
• afraid and
• anxious
when established routines
cannot be met –
that [compulsiveness for order and anxiety when established routines are not met]
is a reliable sign of
inner
disorderliness.*

If orderliness

- *becomes*
a burden in a person's life, or
- *exists*
at the expense
of
 - *feelings,**of*
 - *expansion,**of*
 - *relaxation,**of*
 - *freedom,*

then

the innermost being
is sending a message
to the conscious self.

The message says,

"make order in yourself."

But the message
comes through
garbled

because

- *the outer self*

is insufficiently attuned to

- *the inner self.*

The outer self
is still too resistant
to

- *communicate with*
the inner self

to

- *trust in its [i.e., to trust in the inner self's]*
guidance and

- *decipher its [i.e., to decipher the inner self's]*
messages.

**Resistance to
creating
inner order
is, as you know,
always
strong.**

One person
• **reflects this** [*resistance to inner order directly*]
in his
outer life [*so that his or her outer life is in disorder,
disarray, and chaos*];

another type of personality
• **misreads the message** [*from the inner self calling for order*]
and applies it [*i.e., and applies the message from the inner self
that is calling for order*]
only
to
the outer plane [*thus leaving out the inner plane*].

Order in such instances [*i.e., In instances where order is reflected only in the outer
plane and is not reflected in the inner plane, order*]
always
becomes
• **compulsive and**
• **obsessive.**

The compulsive orderliness [*in one's outer life*]
creates
as much
• **trouble and**
• **hardship**
in the person's
inner life
as
disorderliness does.

The degree varies, of course.

The strongest manifestations [*of order that manifest on only the outer plane*]
are
• **wash compulsions, and**
• **the like.**

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This factor [i.e., the factor that outer order could be compulsive and actually indicate a state of inner disorder rather than a state of inner order] is important to understand so that you do not fall into the error of

- blind,***
- flat***

evaluation [in this matter of assessing the meaning of order in one's outer life].

Look very carefully to sense the climate of a person's life.

If

- the personal atmosphere is***
 - relaxed and***
 - easy***

and

- the orderliness creates more***
 - ease***

than

- strain***

in a person's life,
then it [i.e., then this orderliness] is indeed
an expression of the divine orderliness you find in the universe.

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*You have now
another tool
with which to*

- *look at yourself
in a newer light and*
- *gain
new understanding.*

*Those who are helpers
can apply this tool
for*

- *their own benefit*

*and
for*

- *those whom they help.*

*Wherever
you find disorder
in your
outer
life,
in whatever areas
it [i.e., disorder in your outer life] may manifest,
begin to focus on
your discomfort
about it [i.e., your discomfort about areas of disorder in your outer life].*

*Allow yourself to
feel
how much it [i.e., feel how much disorder in various areas
of your outer life]*

- *disturbs and*
- *harasses
you.*

*You may be surprised
to learn
how many of your [inner]
• anxieties and
• tensions
you had ascribed to
insolubly deep conflicts [within yourself]
will vanish
as you discipline yourself [and thereby bring order to
various outer areas of disorder in your life].*

Of course,

- **the resistance**
to self-discipline,
- **the need**
to make
disorder
in your life,
is
an expression of
such deep problems [and conflicts within].

The new awareness

- of its [i.e., of outer disorder's and discipline's]**
importance
will help you greatly
to
 - **tackle the problem [of disorder]**
also
from the outside
- and**
 - **actually rearrange your [outer] life**
in a new way.

You may now

- be far enough**
to do so [i.e., be far enough in your development to rearrange
your outer life in a new way, simply]
because
you so choose,
[and choose]
 - **with an**
inner understanding,
 - **not merely**
to perform
an outer obedient act.

The latter [i.e., merely disciplining your life to perform an outer obedient act]
would not be very meaningful,
because
you would

- **resent it** [i.e., resent merely being obedient to an “outer authority”
without an inner understanding of why you are doing this]

and

- **make the changes** [in order to obey an “outer authority,” only]
in the expectation of
pleasing the parental authority
who is supposed to
give you what you demand [as a reward for your
obedience].

If you then
failed to comply [with the imagined outer parental authority’s wishes for you
to be more disciplined],
you would feel
falsely guilty [falsely guilty since there was in fact no parental authority
to be obeyed in the first place in this matter],
which [rather than helping you in adding the needed discipline]
would rather
hinder you [in adding the needed discipline].

This [risk due to your earlier immaturity that would create unhelpful false guilt
for not obeying imagined parental authority in this matter of discipline]
is why
I waited for so long
to discuss this topic [i.e., this topic of order, disorder, and discipline].

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Pay attention to
how disturbed
you really are
by your disorder.

The resisting part in you [i.e., your negative intentionality not to do your inner work,
develop, grow, and evolve in accord with the plan of salvation]
knows that
if you free yourself of
the burden of disorder,
your inner work
will be much easier.

And the resisting part [i.e., your negative intentionality not to grow and develop] wants to avoid just that [i.e., wants to avoid making your inner work easier].

The disorderly person is never able to concentrate.

The same [i.e., Never being able to concentrate] applies of course also to the [outwardly] compulsively orderly person who merely compensates for the inner disorder [by being compulsively orderly outwardly].

Disorder makes

- concentration and***
- focusing impossible.***

The mind must wander, preoccupied with

- things undone,***
- with***
 - disorganized life and***
 - chaos.***

The mind may not directly wander toward

- the disorder,***
- toward***
 - the immediate disturbance created by the disorderliness.***

[Rather,] It [i.e., The mind] may wander elsewhere.

	<p>But if you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• follow the [mind's] wandering thought through <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the<ul style="list-style-type: none">• content and• climate <p>behind it [i.e., the content and climate behind the mind's wandering thought],</p> <p>you will see how disturbed you are by the many little things in your life that you do not wish to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• tackle and• set in order.
32	<p>Often people negate personal order as an important aspect of life.</p> <p>They may even feel it [i.e. feel that personal order] is pedantic [i.e., feel personal order is overly detailed, formal and dogmatic] to speak of it [i.e., even to speak of personal order in their lives], because it [i.e., because personal order, it seems to them,] has nothing to do with the important questions of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• creativity, or• spirituality, or• life. <p>But it is a fact that the great questions always rest on many little ones [i.e., many little questions].</p>

*When the
little
attitudes
fall into place,
as creation does
in every tiniest detail,
then your
creative expression
will be*

- *less [rather than more] hampered,*
- *much more free.*

*I ask you
not
to underestimate
this topic [of orderliness].*

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*You are now all [mature enough and therefore]
profoundly enough
involved with
the deeper levels
of your*

- *negation and*
- *destructive [negative] intent*

*so that
there is little danger
for you to use
outer
orderliness
as a*

- *false gauge*

and a

- *false evaluation
of your
inner
state.*

	<p><i>And those who newly joined the pathwork are enveloped by the rest of you who are sufficiently aware of yourselves to avoid the danger of glib judgment [against yourselves or others for any disorder or any lack of discipline].</i></p> <p><i>This danger [of your moralizing your state of disorder or lack of discipline] is another reason I waited so long to give this lecture.</i></p>
34	<p><i>As a task for all of you [i.e., As a task for all of you whether you are new or old to pathwork],</i></p> <p><i>I suggest that you look at your life from the point of view expressed in this lecture [i.e., from the point of view of inner and outer order and disorder].</i></p> <p><i>In what way have you created an order that affords you</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• ease and</i><i>• relaxation?</i></p> <p><i>In what way do you resist doing so [i.e., do you resist creating order]?</i></p> <p><i>In what way do you suffer from disorder?</i></p> <p><i>Are you [even] aware of the fact that you do suffer from it [i.e., that you do suffer from disorder]?</i></p>

If you are
not [*aware that you suffer from disorder*],
search inside
and
see the indirect discomfort [*i.e., see the discomfort in your life caused indirectly by disorder in your life*].

[*When you do this,*]
Suddenly you will recognize
many little
• actions and
• reactions
in your daily life
in a new light.

You will become
intensely
aware of
• how much
you do suffer from
your disorder
and
• how it was
always
so.

See how
your disorder
• makes you
lose yourself
in the wrong way [*i.e., makes you lose yourself in the wrong way by lack of control and self-discipline where you should have control and self-discipline – the healthy role of the ego*]
and thus
• prevents you from
losing yourself
in the right way [*i.e., prevents you from losing yourself to the inner involuntary divine energies within you*].

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***In this connection [i.e., in connection with disorder making you lose yourself
in the wrong way and preventing you from losing yourself in the right way]
I want to come back to
avoidance.***

***Avoidance
exists across the board.***

***You want to
avoid seeing
your
• negativity,
your
• destructiveness,
your
• dishonesty,
the little thoughts about
how you
wish to cheat,
even if you do not actually do it.***

***This [negativity, destructiveness and dishonesty in so many seemingly little ways]
can be so easily
• overlooked and
• glossed over.***

***These
• invisible,
• secret
• thoughts and
• attitudes
• seem
harmless to you
and
• you delude yourself
that they have
no impact
on you.***

*You
want
to avoid
the feelings
that are
inconvenient.*

*The price you pay
for avoiding [these inconvenient feelings]
is literally
insanity.*

*However,
if you [on the other hand]
confront
what you would rather avoid,
• the golden point in the middle,
• the wonderful point
of
• truth and
• reality
will suddenly appear.*

*• Deep within
the dreaded area,
• through
the dreaded area,
you find
• the golden point
of
• light,
• truth, and
• unification,
[that is, you find]
• the golden point
of
• God.*

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Every

- *area of avoidance*
bears within itself
that golden point.

Every

- *dreaded point*
bears its
golden center.

Go toward it [i.e., Go toward the area of avoidance, the dreaded point]
and
all woe
dissolves.

Go away from it [i.e., Go away from the area of avoidance, the dreaded point]
and

- you increase*
your
 - *suffering,*
- your*
 - *confusion and*
 - *darkness.*

You may think

- that there are areas*
 - *that cannot be faced,*
 - *that have*
no golden point
at their ground:
The areas of
your
 - *terror or*
- your*
 - *evil.*

This is not so.

As long as

- you avoid*
your
 - *terror and*
 - *evil,*

they [i.e., your terror and evil]
live in you
as phantoms.

***These phantoms [of terror and evil that live in you and that you avoid]
create***

- ***disaster and***
- ***chaos.***

***Turn around
one hundred and eighty degrees.***

Instead of

- ***going***
***away from it [i.e., Instead of going away from and avoiding
the terror and evil that live in you]***

- ***go***
***into it [i.e., go into the terror and evil that live in you],
no matter
how bad
it may feel,
at first.***

If you

- ***summon your***
 - ***courage and***
 - ***honesty and***
- ***persevere***
with a minimum of faith,

you will

- ***penetrate***
the darkness

and

- ***come to***
***what I call the
"golden point"
in the center of your being.***

***It [i.e., the "golden point" in the center of your being]
is in***

***the center of the area
that you
most dread.***

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*There is
no horror
that does not bear
the golden point
within itself.*

*There is
• no death
that does not bear
the golden point
of
• life.*

*There is
• no darkness
that does not contain
the golden point
of
• brilliant light.*

*There is
• no evil in you
that does not bear
the golden point
of
• your goodness.*

*If you can hold to
this truth –
and it is truth indeed! –
it will become
so much easier for you
not
to avoid,
but [rather]
to go through
the tunnel of darkness,
into
the golden area.*

This is my message for you tonight.

38	<p><i>A particular blessing is given for the meeting to follow.</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e., This meeting to follow concerning the new Center in the country] is yet another step in creating the earthly place where such</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wonderful work,</i>• <i>unfoldment, and</i>• <i>love</i> <p><i>can exist.</i></p> <p><i>You have</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>special blessings</i> <p><i>for this meeting [that follows],</i> <i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>a great deal of guidance.</i>
39	<p><i>Now,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>as my instrument</i> <p><i>comes out of the state of trance,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>as you</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>are quiet and</i>• <i>listen to the music,</i> <p><i>I ask that you</i> <i>all</i> <i>meditate specifically</i> <i>for giving something of yourself</i> <i>to this venture:</i></p> <p><i>Your</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>positive attitude;</i> <p><i>your</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>positive intentionality,</i> <p><i>your</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>goodwill,</i> <p><i>your</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>good thoughts,</i> <p><i>your</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>intention of giving</i> <p><i>your good feelings to it.</i></p>

***If you
do this,
and
the more you do this,
the more wonderful
the venture will grow.***

***What will take place there [i.e., What will take place at your new Center]
increasingly
will be something
that cannot take place***

- when you are all
in different locations in the city,***
- where you cannot
• focus
in the same way
and
• be by yourselves
in the same way.***

***What increasingly
will take place [at your new Center in the country]
is the transformation
from negative
to positive***

- energy,
from negative
to positive
• consciousness.***

***We have begun to do this [i.e., We have begun the transformation from
negative to positive energy and consciousness],
to some extent.***

***It is not coincidental
that the new movement
I had announced for this working year
comes at the same time
as your Center in the country
is being established.***

***There [i.e., There at your new Center in the country]
it [i.e., this new work of transformation from negative to positive
energy and consciousness]
will best take place.***

	<p><i>Your ability</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>to make this transformation [i.e., this transformation from negative to positive energy and consciousness],</i>• <i>to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>sustain and</i>• <i>feel comfortable with positive</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>feelings,</i>• <i>energy and</i>• <i>consciousness,</i> <p><i>will grow</i> <i>as a result of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>having owned up, and</i>• <i>continuing to own up, to the negative.</i>
40	<p><i>The work will go on constantly</i> <i>in these two ways,</i> <i>alternating between</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>exposure of negativity</i>and• <i>transforming the negative into the positive.</i> <p><i>You will learn more</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>techniques and</i>• <i>approaches</i> <p><i>[to this two-part work]</i> <i>as you become ready for them</i> <i>in your progress.</i></p> <p><i>You will have</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the means,</i>• <i>the peace,</i>• <i>the privacy and</i>• <i>the surroundings</i> <p><i>in which it will be possible to do this work.</i></p>

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Use this gauge:

Where

the positive

- *is unbearable and*
- *cannot be sustained,*

it is an indication that,

[even] with all the recognitions [of the negative in you that] you have made,

- *you still have not*

fully

- *accepted and*
- *exposed yourself;*

- *you have not quite*

- *understood or*
- *faced*

negative attitudes in you.

They [i.e., these negative attitudes you have not fully dealt with] may not even be different from those you already know in principle,

but your knowledge [of these negative attitudes merely in principle] is not sufficiently

- *deep and*
- *wide.*

Full acceptance [of these negative attitudes you have not fully dealt with] is still absent.

You are still submerged in those [negative] attitudes, as if half blind.

You are not really cognizant of
• *the way*
and
• *the strength with which*
you perpetuate
these [negative] attitudes.

So your
ability
to bear
• *good feelings,*
• *intimacy,*
• *love, and*
• *pleasure*
is
an exact indication
of that [i.e., an exact indication that you are not really
cognizant of the way and the strength with
which you perpetuate your negative attitudes].

The work in the Center
will particularly help you with
the transforming aspect of
the twofold task [i.e. the twofold task of 1) exposing your negativity and
then 2) transforming the negative in you into the positive].

This [two-fold task of the transformation work]
is a wonderful thing
to look forward to.

Just think of
the meaning of it all:

You will
no longer need to take refuge
in your negativity,
which
appears
to be
more comfortable
than
• *love,*
• *closeness, and*
• *pleasure.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Love,</i>• <i>closeness, and</i>• <i>pleasure</i> <p><i>will be the</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>most comfortable and</i>• <i>easy</i> <p><i>state to live in.</i></p> <p><i>This [i.e., the state of love, closeness, and pleasure]</i></p> <p><i>IS</i> <i>the natural state,</i></p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p><i>that [positive natural state]</i></p> <p><i>is</i></p> <p><i>what you will attain.</i></p>
42	<p><i>Blessed be</i></p> <p><i>everyone of you,</i></p> <p><i>my dearest ones.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Feel</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>accept</i> <p><i>the love</i></p> <p><i>that pours forth</i></p> <p><i>from</i></p> <p><i>the spiritual side.</i></p> <p><i>Be blessed,</i></p> <p><i>be in peace.</i></p>

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