## Pathwork Lecture 208: The Innate Human Capacity to Create

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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.

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03	<ul> <li>Greetings and</li> <li>blessings</li> <li>for every one of you here.</li> </ul>
	Welcome to • new and • old friends searching for their inner path.
04	I will speak tonight about the human capacity to create, an astoundingly underestimated potentiality.

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Your creative ability
                  is infinitely greater than
                       • you
                  and your
                       • scientists,
                       • psychologists or
                       • philosophers
                          realize.
              With the exception of
                  a very few enlightened ones,
                       most people
                          do not know of their
                              dormant capacity
                                  to
                                      • create
                                  and
                                      • recreate
                                         their lives.
              Some
                  may believe in it [i.e., Some may believe in their capacity to create
                                                            and recreate their lives]
                       in theory,
              but few
                  have truly
                       experienced it [i.e., but only FEW have truly EXPERIENCED their
                                                    capacity to create and recreate their lives].
05
              When you adopt
                  • a human body and
                  • the ego state
                       in this three-dimensional world [i.e., in this world of the three dimensions
                                                    of TIME, DISTANCE, and MOVEMENT],
              you automatically
                  close off the
                       memory of
                          other states of consciousness.
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These forgotten states [i.e., These forgotten states of consciousness]
                  are
                       much
                          • less confined,
                       much
                          • freer,
                      much
                          • more aware.
              In them [i.e., In these forgotten states of consciousness before your incarnation]
                  vou were
                       completely capable
                          of molding your life,
                              to a degree that
                                 the human consciousness
                                     cannot possibly comprehend.
06
              The power of
                  • thoughts,
                  • feelings and
                  • attitudes
                       is enormous.
              This power
                  exists just as much
                       • now,
                       • in your present state [i.e., in your present human state],
                          but
                              you do not see it.
              You do
                   not
                       know
                          that
                              vou
                                 have molded what you experience in this moment
                                     in such a
                                        precise way
                                            that there can be
                                                no mistake concerning it [i.e., concerning
                                                    the FACT that YOU have molded what you
                                                    EXPERIENCE in this moment].
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As I have often said,
    the sum total of
         all your
            • conscious,
            • semi-conscious,
            • unconscious,
            • explicit and
            • implicit
                • thoughts,
                • beliefs,
                • assumptions,
                • intentions,
                • feelings,
                • emotions and
                • will directions -
                           conflicting as they may be -
                    creates
                        • your present experience
                      and
                        • the way your life unfolds for you.
    Your
         • present life
expresses
    your
         • inner state
            exactly,
                like a
                   faultless mathematical equation.
Thus
    you can use
         • your life
       as a
         • map into
            your inner regions.
This [i.e., This fact that you can use your LIFE
                               as a MAP into your INNER REGIONS]
    is, after all,
         part of the method of the pathwork.
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07
              Many of you have
                   verified
                       that
                          • hidden,
                          • feared,
                          • guilt-producing and
                          • denied
                              • thoughts and
                              • feelings
                                  are more powerful
                                      in their
                                         negative creation
                                             than
                                                 anything you deal with
                                                     on the conscious level.
              • Fear and
              • guilt
                  are
                       potent creative agents.
              They [i.e., Fear and guilt]
                  contain
                       a great deal of energy.
              On the
                  positive level,
                       • enthusiasm,
                       • joy,
                       • vitality,
                       • interestedness,
                       • stimulation
                          are also
                              potent energy agents.
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08
              A path such as this [i.e., such as this pathwork]
                  must therefore
                       be intensely concerned with
                          exploring
                              what you
                                 • believe,
                                 • feel,

    assume and

                                 • intend
                                      on layers of your personality
                                         that are
                                             not
                                                immediately
                                                    accessible.
              Your
                  unconscious
                       motives
                          often create
                              what you do
                                 not
                                     wish to experience at all
                                         because
                                             you do not know
                                                • what you bargain for
                                              and
                                                • what side-effects
                                                    are attached to your
                                                        • unwise
                                                            wishes,
                                                        • false
                                                            assumptions and
                                                        • negative
                                                            intents.
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Also, you
                   • ignore
                       the potency
                           of such psychic material [i.e., the potency of your unwise wishes,
                                                        false assumptions, and negative intents]
                 and
                   • do not see
                       how infallibly
                          it [i.e., how infallibly such psychic material – your unwise wishes,
                                                        false assumptions, and negative intents]
                               translates itself
                                  into the creation
                                       of
                                          • matter,
                                       of

    events and

                                          • circumstances, and
                                          • life experiences.
09
               When humans
                   adopt
                       the limited
                           ego state,
              they do so
                  for very specific purposes.
               You
                   • manifest and
                   • express
                       yourself
                           in this limited state
                               for the purpose of
                                  • purification and
                                  • unification.
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It would
    not
         be possible
            to do such work [i.e., to do the work of purification and unification]

    quickly and

                 as

    effectively

                        if you were
                            in full possession of
                                your
                                    • entire consciousness and
                                your
                                   • faculties,
                                        my friends.
For your
    • ego
         personality,
                 as it expresses itself now,
            is but an
                 • isolated aspect,
                 • several isolated aspects,
                    of your
                        • total
                            personality.
A much
    • larger,
    • fuller and
    • more purified
         part of your
            • total personality, or
            • real self,
                 does
                    not
                        manifest overtly.
As I have often mentioned,
    personality
         consists of
            aspects
                 of consciousness.
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The manifestation of
    certain aspects [i.e., The manifestation of certain aspects of consciousness,
                including certain UNPURIFIED aspects of consciousness]
         in an isolated form -
                       [i.e., in an isolated form] which consists of
                               • the three-dimensional reality [i.e. the reality of
                                      TIME, DISTANCE, AND MOVEMENT]
                            and
                               • the ego –
           affords possibilities of
                a focused awareness
                   that is
                       lacking
                          when
                               these unpurified aspects [i.e., when these
                                           unpurified aspects of consciousness]
                                  are submerged in
                                      the largely
                                         purified
                                             personality.
Your purified spirit
    can easily overlook
         • small
         • but significant
           distortions
                that nevertheless [i.e., that, even though they are submerged in
                                   the largely purified personality, nevertheless]
                   act as hindrances
                       to further developments
                          surpassing the scope of
                               human consciousness.
Such developments [i.e., Such further developments surpassing and beyond
                                 the limits and scope of HUMAN consciousness]
    proceed
         in spheres of reality
           that you [i.e., that you, in your current limited human consciousness,]
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cannot comprehend now.

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              It is, however,
                   possible [i.e., It is, however, even in a limited state of human
                                                                      consciousness, possible]
                           • activate the capacities of the larger self,
                        to
                           • focus on it [i.e., to focus on the larger self]
                      and
                        • be receptive to
                           its [i.e., be receptive to the larger self's]
                               ever-present
                                   inner voice.
              Similarly,
                   it is possible [i.e., Similarly, it is possible, even in a limited state of
                                                                      human consciousness,]
                        to
                           • focus on and
                           • be receptive to
                               negative aspects of your personality
                                   that
                                       • lie
                                          deeply buried
                                  and
                                   that
                                       • need to be
                                          purified
                                               on your evolutionary road.
               This path [i.e., Pathwork]
                   teaches you to
                        • contact all these hidden layers
                     and
                        • deal with them appropriately.
              In other words,
                   some parts of you are
                        more developed
                and
                   others [i.e., other parts of you are]
                        less [i.e., less developed].
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The latter [i.e., Those aspects of you that are LESS developed]
                   are
                        • not manifest,
              but they [i.e., but those aspects of you that are LESS developed]
                   are
                        • still
                           you.
               The
                   • manifest,

    more developed

                       part
                           has the means to
                               • explore,
                               • bring out and
                               • unify itself with
                                  the other parts [i.e., explore, bring out, and unify itself with
                                                              those parts of you that are less
                                                              manifest and less developed,]
                                       which you cannot yet see.
11
               When you undertake this exploration [i.e., this exploration of those parts of you
                                                       that are less manifest and less developed]
                   as your
                        main task in life,
                           • all restlessness
                               disappears
                         and
                           • a deep sense of
                               • meaning and
                               • fulfillment
                                  comes into your soul.
              Slowly but surely
                   • life's frustrations
                        begin to disappear and
                   • rich fulfillment
                        begins to take their place.
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For
                   only when
                       you focus your attention
                               the reason for coming into this plane in the first place [i.e., this
                                     reason being: the exploration, development, and unification
                                     of those parts of you that are less manifest and less developed]
                   can you
                       find your place in life.
12
              Conversely,
                   there are the many
                       who arbitrarily make a split
                          between what they call
                               • "living"
                          and their
                               • spiritual development.
              They do
                   not
                       want to give too much to the latter [i.e., to their spiritual development]
                          because
                               they foolishly fear that this
                                  shortchanges the former [i.e., shortchanges "living"].
              The more they concentrate on
                   • outer material living
                       without bringing it
                          into a
                               • cohesive,
                               • meaningful
                                  connection with
                                       • wider and

    deeper

                                          considerations,
              the more
                   • restless and

    depressed

                       they become.
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13	Whatever
	vi nuiever divine
	• laws and
	• attributes
	exist in the universe,
	the moment they [i.e., the moment these divine laws and attributes]
	express themselves
	• in the isolated ego state,
	• disconnected from
	deeper inner reality,
	they [i.e., these divine laws and attributes]
	become • distorted and
	• destructive.
	Let me give you an example.
	Let me give you an example.
14	
	A small child
	believes that it is
	omnipotent.
	Psychology
	designates
	this very obvious expression of the infant's claim to omnipotence
	as
	• immaturity and
	<ul> <li>destructive egocentricity.</li> </ul>
	It is that,
	but
	it is also
	much more.

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The
   feeling
         of omnipotence
            is a memory of
                • another state,
                • a state of consciousness
                   in which, indeed,
                       • thoughts
                           become
                              • things and
                              events
                                  the moment they [i.e., the moment the thoughts]
                                      are formed.
    • Time
and
    • distance
         are part of the
            • three-dimensional
            • illusory
                state of consciousness,
                   so they [i.e., so time and distance]
                       do not exist
                           in a realm of
                               much more expanded consciousness.
The consciousness
    of the infant
         is still
           partially
                tuned in on
                   the state of its
                       total personality.
However,
    as the memory
         is translated into the
            • confined and
            • limited
                ego state,
                   it [i.e., its total personality]
                       comes out jumbled.
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              Since the ego state
                   is a
                       concentration of
                           the less purified state -
                                       in combination with
                                          already purified aspects
                                               which come to the aid of the personality
                                                  in the task of this life -
                               the power to create
                                  takes on a
                                       · distorted.
                                       • undesirable
                                          form.
              The ego
                   always
                       lives in the illusion
                           that
                               • it is not only
                                  separate from others,
                         but
                           that
                               • others
                                  are essentially antagonistic
                                       to its well-being.
              Everything
                   the ego does
                       is always
                           either
                               • against
                           or
                               • in competition or
                               • in comparison
                                  with
                                       others.
              This [i.e., This fact that everything the ego does is always either against, in
                                       competition with, or in comparison with others]
                   is what creates
                        its [i.e., is what creates the ego's]
                           • destructiveness and
                           • egocentricity.
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The ego
                  makes
                       power
                          a dangerous weapon,
                               as you all well know.
              You experience power
                   as something you
                       • fear
                          in others and
                       • feel guilty about
                          in yourself.
              Power is thus
                   always
                       exclusive of
                          • love and
                          • joy,
                              for it [i.e., for power]
                                  is an intensely separating expression.
16
              But when you
                   conciliate [i.e., reconcile and make compatible]
                       • your ego
                     split with
                       • the real, total self
                          and thus discover
                               the unitive principle,
              you discover that
                   • your interest
              is never in opposition to
                   • the interests of others,
                       although
                          on a superficial level
                               it may first appear that way.
              You also discover that
                   • power
                 and
                   • love
                       need not be opposites.
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[When you discover that your interest is never in opposition to the interests
                       of others and that power and love need not be opposites]
    You can then
         begin to use
           your innate power
                 to
                   • create and
                   • recreate
                       your life.
You may now understand better
    why
        knowledge
           of your power to create
                is dangerous
                   as long as
                       • you have
                          not
                              purified
                                  the distorted aspect
                                      that has found expression
                                         in this
                                             • body
                                       and
                                         in this
                                             • life,
                and
                   as long as
                       • you have
                          not
                              discovered
                                  the
                                      • eternal
                                      • inner
                                         realities,
                                             which are much more real
                                                than what you consider
                                                     • outer
                                                        reality.
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17
              The infant's
                  frustration
                       when its
                          • thoughts and
                          • wishes
                              do not
                                 instantly
                                     become fact
                                         is obvious.
              The
                  immediacy of
                       • cause
                     and
                       • effect –
                              • cause
                                 being the
                                      • thought or
                                     • wish,
                              • effect
                                 being the
                                      • experience –
                          is a
                              constant "given"
                                 in the state of consciousness
                                     that goes beyond
                                         the ego.
              One of the tasks of
                  most humans
                       as isolated ego aspects
                          is to learn
                              • trustful patience,
                              • flowing with the stream,
                              • unwillful receptivity.
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             Memory of
                  the power to create
                      must be
                          temporarily
                              cut off
                                 so that you can
                                     learn
                                        what you came here to learn.
              Through the very learning of this lesson [i.e., Through learning these lessons:
                       1) YOUR interest is never in opposition to the interests of OTHERS,
                       2) power and love need not be opposites and
                       3) trustful patience, flowing with the stream, and unwillful receptivity]
                  the deeper connections
                       establish themselves
                          again
                              spontaneously.
              However,
                  it does not
                      seem
                          to be
                              rediscovered memory.
              Instead.
                  connecting
                       • thoughts,
                       · wishes,
                       • intents,
                       • feelings and
                       • attitudes
                  with
                       • experience
                          seems
                              to be
                                 a new discovery
                                      that establishes
                                        awareness of
                                             the power to create.
              Then [i.e., Then, when awareness of the power to create is "discovered,"]
                  there is no longer
                       the danger of
                          using power
                              against others.
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The illusion
                   that
                       • self-interest
              must be
                   against
                       • the interest of others
                          is pierced.
19
              I hardly need to mention that
                   not only
                       • actual infants
                          make
                               • egocentric and
                               • antagonistic
                                  claims to omnipotence.
                       • Undeveloped,
                       • immature and
                       • destructive
                          people do too [i.e. Undeveloped, immature, and destructive people also
                                      make egocentric and antagonistic claims to omnipotence],
                               and
                                  they often
                                      act them out.
              Evil
                   does not exist
                       as a reality in itself.
              Evil
                   is always a
                       distortion of
                          divine truth.
              Every
                   • destructive,
                   • negative
                       attitude
                          can easily be explored
                               to find its
                                  root manifestation [i.e., to find the destructive, negative
                                          attitude's original divine undistorted root manifestation].
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It can then be seen that
    only
         in its [i.e., only in the attitude's or trait's]
            • ego manifestation,
         in its [i.e., in the attitude's or trait's]
            • separateness,
                 is such an attitude [i.e., is such an attitude or trait]
                    • destructive or
                    • evil.
The very same basic trait
    has an
         entirely different
            • effect and
            • meaning
                 if it manifests
                    in the depths of
                         • unified consciousness –
                    in the
                        • larger,
                         • wider
                            reality
                                of the inner planes.
This is why the [i.e., Because it would use it's full creative power
                                to create destructiveness and evil is why the
    • isolated,
    • incarnated
         aspect
            of the total personality,
                 manifesting in
                    • a body and
                    • an ego,
                        must
                            temporarily
                                forget
                                    • its full capacity and
                                    • its experience
                                        in a state
                                           that can only be
                                                wholesome
                                                   when
                                                        the whole self
                                                           is involved.
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Wherever there are
• misconceptions,
• ignorance,
• false ideas, and
• withheld emotional matter –
• spite,
• stubbornness,
• rigidity,
• inertia –
stagnant energy
exists
that must
create
• disturbance and
• negative experiences.
It [i.e., This stagnant energy]
is
very potent energy.
Only when you
release it [i.e., Only when you release this potent stagnant energy]
• directly and
• honestly
can you
transform
this energy.
You, my friends,
who follow this path
have often
experienced
the tremendous energy
that permeates you
when you
release
the stagnant matter
of
pent-up negative feelings.
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When you
                  • physically,
                  • emotionally and
                  • conceptually
                       express
                          • rage,
                          • hate and
                          • fury,
              you make
                  new connections
                       about yourself
                          that give you a
                              new understanding of
                                 • your role in life and
                                 • why you are
                                     where you are.
              This very released energy
                  is also
                       highly potent creative stuff.
22
              The time has come
                  when you can
                       convert
                          • negative
                              • energy and
                              • consciousness
                       into
                          • positive
                              • manifestation.
              To some extent
                  you have actually begun to do so,
              but
                  you are not yet
                       sufficiently aware of
                          the power
                              of the energy
                                 as it is released.
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If,
                  at the moment
                       the negative energy
                          • is leaving your system and
                          • begins to flow,
                              you can

    reconvert it and

                                 • direct it
                                      into a
                                         positive channel,
              you can indeed
                  bring
                       new creation
                          into your life.
              This practice [i.e., This practice of reconverting and directing negative energy
                                      into a positive channel the moment the negative energy is
                                      leaving your system and is beginning to flow]
                  will make you understand
                       how much creative power you have.
23
              These words
                  will not be enough
                       to convey
                          the truth
                              to you
                                 in a real way
                                      unless
                                         you have overcome
                                             certain attitudes of
                                                separateness.
              Otherwise [i.e., Otherwise, if you have NOT overcome
                                                    certain attitudes of separateness],
                  this knowledge [i.e., this knowledge about how much creative power you have]
                       would be
                          dangerous
                              for
                                 • vou
                            and
                              for
                                 • others.
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But
    totally
         committing to
            the path
                into your own
                   inner regions
                        with all its
                           apparent
                               hardship
                                   of
                                       • self-revelation and
                                       • self-confrontation
will make you
    increasingly aware of
         the spiritual reality
            of
                your own state of
                   eternal being
                        that cannot die.
[In totally committing to the path into your own inner regions
         with all its apparent hardship of self-revelation and self-confrontation,]
    You will also become aware of
         the power of
            vour
                • thoughts,
           your
                • intent,
           your
                • feelings.
You will learn to
    be careful
         what thoughts you think
            without
                either

    repressing

                or
                   • suppressing
                        • undesirable and
                        • destructive thoughts.
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**This** [i.e., Repressing or suppressing undesirable and destructive thoughts] does not help.

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You will learn
                    to
                       • deal with
                          such material [i.e., to deal with such undesirable
                                                            and destructive thoughts],
                    to
                       • challenge its accuracy [i.e., to challenge the accuracy of such
                                                     undesirable and destructive thoughts]
                     and
                       • be open for other alternatives.
              Learn to understand
                  • what it is in you
                       that makes you
                          want
                              to think that way [i.e., that makes you WANT to think
                                                          undesirable and destructive thoughts]
                and
                  • what price you pay [i.e., what price you pay for thinking such
                                                          undesirable and destructive thoughts].
              Begin to see
                  creation
                       as the relationship
                          between the
                              • causes
                          and
                              • effects
                                  that you have always seen as
                                      unrelated.
24
              As this growing process proceeds,
                  re-creation takes place.
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It [i.e., This recreation that takes place as the growing process proceeds]
                   is
                       not
                          a reward for
                               good behavior.
              It [i.e., This recreation that takes place as the growing process proceeds]
                   is a simple act,
                       instituted by
                          the self
                               • that is
                                  now
                                      in a much increased state of awareness,
                               • that
                                  now knows
                                      • what it is doing and
                                      · why.
25
              Many of my friends on the path
                   have begun to
                       experience
                          this process [i.e., to EXPERIENCE this growing process
                                                             of creating and recreating]
                               as an
                                  ever-increasing
                                      living reality
                                         that can be
                                              absolutely trusted.
              It [i.e., This growing process of creating and recreating]
                   is unfailing
                       in its lawful process.
              But
                   • recreating or
                   • creating
                       must
                          never be
                               a willful act.
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It [i.e., This growing process of creating and recreating]
    must
        never be
            used
                while
                   bypassing
                       anything
                          within your psyche.
There are
    • metaphysical and
    • spiritual
         orientations
            which know of this
                creative thought power,
                   but overlook
                       the danger
                          of skipping steps
                               within the psyche.
They [i.e., People who have metaphysical and spiritual orientations and who know
                               of this creative thought power, but who overlook
                               the danger of skipping steps within the psyche]
    become
         hypnotized, as it were,
            by a truth
                they have discovered -
                               the truth of
                                  self-creation.
And they [i.e., And such people who have metaphysical and spiritual orientations
                       and who know of this creative thought power, but who
                       overlook the danger of skipping steps within the psychel
    can
         • create and
         • recreate
            wherever
                the psyche
                   is relatively free from
                       obstruction.
But where
    the psyche
        is stuck,
self-creation
    is blocked.
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Stagnant energy [i.e., Stagnant energy that blocks the self-creation process]
    becomes
         even more potent,
            creating a
                conflict
                   that tears the soul apart.
The soul
    does not
         develop
            harmoniously
                when the personality
                   • works on
                       that which is already free
                  and

    neglects

                       that which needs attention.
In that state [i.e., In that state where the personality works on that which
                       is already free and neglects that which needs attention]
    the use of power -
                even if it is
                   not
                       overtly
                           expressed against anyone -
         becomes so dangerous
            that it may sooner or later
                lead to a
                   personal crisis.
Such crises would be avoided
    if the personality
         would focus on
            the
                undeveloped
                   part.
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26
               This [i.e., Because it focuses on undeveloped parts of the personality]
                   is the reason why
                       this specific path [i.e., pathwork]
                           requires
                               a lot more

    courage and

                                  honesty
                                       than
                                          most other orientations in practice today.
              But it [i.e., But pathwork]
                   is a
                        • safe and
                        • truly unifying
                          path
                               that leaves
                                  nothing
                                       limping behind.
              It [i.e., Pathwork]
                   creates
                        real harmony of the soul,
                          precisely because
                               • the process is
                                  slow
                             and

    there are no

                                  • quick,
                                  • magic
                                       results.
              For a long time,
                   the focus
                       must be on
                           the dark areas.
               That [i.e., Focusing on the dark areas]
                   is for
                       your own protection, my friends,
                           because in this way
                               you avoid
                                  a splitting off process
                                       that would
                                          defeat
                                              the task for which you have come into this life.
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You have come [i.e., You have come into this human life]
                   to fulfill your task
                       by concentrating on
                          those very aspects
                              you feel
                                  least inclined to deal with.
              That [i.e., To concentrate on dealing with those very aspects
                                                     you feel least inclined to deal with]
                   is the very reason
                       you squeezed yourself
                          into this
                              • narrow,
                              • uncomfortable,
                              · confining and often
                              • painful
                                 state
                                      in which you
                                         temporarily
                                             dwell.
              Only
                   aspects of you are here, to be sure,
              but that which
                  identifies with
                       these narrow aspects
                          must
                              suffer
                                  when
                                      the total reason for being in the human ego state
                                         is not yet conscious.
27
              You need to know
                   • why you came
                 and
                   • what it is you have to do here.
              What is
                   the weakness
                       you have to bring out?
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What is
    the ugliness
        you do not want to see?
These [i.e., The WEAKNESS you have not yet brought out and
                                      the UGLINESS you do not want to see]
    are the
        obstructions
            that keep you from creating freely.
Even now,
    you could
         • create
            infinitely more than you do,
      and
        • do it [i.e., and do such creating]
            • consciously,
            • wisely,
            • beautifully and
            • satisfyingly,
                although
                   not to the same degree
                       as when you are
                          free from
                              the ego-body state.
That is,
    you do
         constantly
            create,
                whether you know it or not.
The trouble is
    that you do not know
         what creations you produce
            unwittingly.
You create
    with every
         • breath you take,
    with every
         • thought you think,
    with every
         • attitude you display.
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These [i.e., Breathing breaths, thinking thoughts, and displaying attitudes]
    are
        powerful agents, my friends,
and
    you need to
        know
           • what you are doing
           • how you create.
Your
    disconnection from
         • the creative seeds
           you plant
      and
         • their results
           causes
                unnecessary
                   • pain and
                   • frustration.
Often you see
    the result
         only much later,
           without
                the slightest awareness of
                   what
                       in you
                          has produced it.
The awareness [i.e., the awareness of what in you produced a particular result]
    can be recaptured
        if you so desire.
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28
              Focusing
                   constructively -
                               which is very different from
                                  doing it [i.e., different from focusing]
                                      in a maudlin way [i.e., in a sloppy or silly way] -
                       on the
                          undeveloped
                               aspects in you
                                  means that you
                                      fulfill the task
                                         for which you came into this particular world.
              It [i.e., Focusing constructively on the undeveloped aspects in you]
                   means that you
                       unify yourself
                          so that you can
                               • actualize
                                  your potent creative power
                             and
                               • use it [i.e., and use your potent creative power]
                                  • consciously and

    deliberately

                                      in your life
                                         now.
29
               The
                   • creative process
              and the
                   • specific techniques
                       to learn
                          are given to you
                               slowly.
              I have shown you
                   some techniques of
                       meditation.
               When you
                   • meditate,
                you
                   • create.
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In this
    • concentrated,
    • relaxed
         [meditative] state,
            energy
          and

    consciousness

                focus in such a way
                   that
                       powerful creative seeds
                           are released.
But
    • meditative and
    • other creating techniques
         must be a
            secondary
                preoccupation
                   for the reasons just mentioned [i.e. because of your
                        DISCONNECTION BOTH from the creative seeds you plant
                        in meditative and other creating techniques AND from their
                        results, thereby causing unnecessary pain and frustration].
However,
    when a certain foundation of
         inner
            • self-purification and
            • self-awareness
                exists.
                   these techniques [i.e., these meditative and other
                                                             creating techniques]
                        can be expanded.
It will then be safe [i.e., safe to use these meditative and other creating techniques],
    from the point of view
         of this spiritual path.
Your being
    will then
         truly be grounded
              in

    reality and

             in
                • a unifying process,
                    so that you will not ignore any aspect
                       you have come to fulfill.
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30
              The organic process
                  of
                       • learning creative meditation,
                       • recreating life experience,
                          will come as an
                              • intuitive,
                              • spontaneous
                                  expansion
                                      of your consciousness.
              Just as you will
                  intuitively
                       understand
                          cosmic reality
                              from
                                  • experience
                              rather than
                                  • theory,
              so will you [i.e., so will you INTUITIVELY, from EXPERIENCE rather than theory,]
                  learn to avail yourself
                       of your
                          innate

    powers and

                              • resources.
31
              There is an
                  inner mechanism
                       that is extremely important for you to understand
                          that I would like to elucidate for a minute.
              My friends,
                  working on this path
                       you must have experienced quite frequently
                          that your helper may suggest
                              • a specific meditation and
                              • commitment in meditation
                                  to a positive self-expression
                                      that you deeply desire
                                         because you miss it.
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Yet
    as you pursue that self-expression,
        you experience
            an inexplicable resistance
                to follow through.
    • Something in you
        seems to stop you
or
    • you forget to do it on your own.
        It simply does not occur to you.
Perhaps
    your thoughts
         have
             no
                • energy,
                • conviction or
                • clarity.
They [i.e., Your thoughts]
    are diffuse
        and you feel that they have
           little effect.
At times
    you may even
         consciously
           experience an outright
                resistance
                   to meditate for
                       the very thing you most desire.
What is this block?
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32
              Let us suppose
                  you are
                       • lonely.
              Let us suppose
                  you long for a
                       • full and
                       • fruitful
                          partnership –
                              an abundance
                                  of
                                      • joy,
                                     • exchange,
                                     • sharing,
                                     • mutuality
                                         on every level.
              You
                  do have
                       the birthright
                          to experience
                              • this and
                              • other fulfillments,
                                 for the universe's abundance
                                     is there for everyone.
                                             No one is excluded.
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Nevertheless,
    it may hardly even occur to you
         to actively sow the seed
            in meditation -
                        which means creating it [i.e., creating and sowing the seed
                               for the experience you long for in your meditation] -
                by a
                    • clear,
                   • definite
                        thought in that direction [i.e., thought in the direction of
                                                      the experience you long for],
                by a
                    • commitment
                         to
                           • wanting it,
                         to

    experiencing it,

                         to
                           • realizing and
                           • bringing
                               this experience
                                   into actuality.
You may be
    perfectly aware of
         the principle of
            such meditative practice,
nevertheless
    you desist from employing it.
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What is even more significant is that when, upon suggestion, you do formulate the creative thought pattern, you find a • strange and • inexplicable reluctance in you. It is as though a wall in you prevented you from the • clear, • concise • commitment to what you most ardently yearn for. 33 Have you ever thought about the meaning of this resistance? You want something desperately. You intrinsically believe it [i.e., believe that what you desperately want] could exist for you. Your mind accepts the principles of creation.

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Yet you will find your mind
                   strangely paralyzed
                       when it comes
                          to
                               • truly letting go of your thoughts [i.e., to letting go of
                                              your distracting thoughts in meditation],
                          to
                               • sending your thoughts
                                  into the fertile soil of
                                      • the creative substance,
                                  or what I call
                                      • the soul substance,
                                         where
                                              any seed
                                                 will grow to fruition.
34
              The reason for this reluctance
                   is very simple.
              It is the same
                   • self-protective,
                   • finely calibrated
                       mechanism
                          that knows that
                               something in you
                                  is not yet ready for
                                      this experience.
              You yourself
                   have put obstructions
                       in the way.
              Perhaps there is an
                   unwillingness
                       to
                          • give and
                       to
                          • accept reality
                               on your level.
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Perhaps there is a
    concealed
        negative attitude
           toward the other sex
                vou are
                   not prepared to resolve.
Whatever
    the obstruction is,
         • confront
           it [i.e., confront the negative INNER hidden attitude or obstruction
                              making you unready for this EXPERIENCE for which
                              you desperately long],
         • explore
           it [i.e., explore the negative INNER hidden attitude or obstruction
                              making you unready for this EXPERIENCE for which
                              you desperately long],

    understand and

         • dissolve
           it [i.e., understand and dissolve the negative INNER hidden attitude or
                               obstruction making you unready for this
                              EXPERIENCE for which you desperately long].
If
    • you do not [i.e., If you do not understand and dissolve the negative INNER
                       hidden attitude or obstruction making you unready for this
                       EXPERIENCE for which you desperately long,
 and
    • you still create
         with a strongly focused
           • mind and
           • will.
the superimposed
    outer
         will
           must have its effects accordingly.
A "willpower construction" [i.e., An OUTER "willpower construction"
    conflicts with the
        inner
           • denial [i.e., INNER denial of what you desperately long for]
           • obstruction [i.e., INNER obstruction to what you desperately long for].
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The inability to
                   • meditate and
                   • create
                        is
                           • meaningful and
                           • should be heeded,
                               for it [i.e., for the inability to meditate and create]
                                   will reveal
                                       the nature of the obstruction
                                          so that
                                               you can eliminate it.
               Otherwise
                   you create
                        willfully
                           on an
                               ego
                                   level,
                                       which cannot satisfy
                                          your

    heart and

                                               • soul.
35
               The ego mind
                   has the power
                        to create.
                               It does so continually [i.e., The ego mind creates continually].
               But if it [i.e., But if the ego mind]
                   creates
                        separately from
                           the inner being,
               the results
                   must be disappointing.
              • Willpower,
               • the outer will,
                   can indeed
                        be effective
                           up to a certain degree.
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It [i.e., The OUTER will]
    creates
         • matter,
         • sub-matter and
         • experience,
            but
                not to your blessing.
It [i.e., The OUTER will]
    creates
         with a willfulness
            that lacks
                • wisdom,
                • understanding,

    vision and

                • depth.
It [i.e., The OUTER will]
    lacks
         inner
            · connectedness and
            • wholeness,
                so that
                   what it [i.e., so that what the OUTER will]
                        constructs
                           is often
                               more painful than desirable.
In the example we have chosen [i.e., In this example where you are lonely and long
                for a full and fruitful partnership where there is an abundance of
                joy, exchange, sharing, and mutuality on every level]
    this [i.e., this creating that the OUTER will does]
         would manifest
            in creating a partnership
                in which those areas
                   in the self
                        that have been neglected
                           would
                               • color and
                               affect
                                  the relationship,
                                      poisoning it
                                          as if from underground.
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36
              When you find your
                   inner voice
                       resisting
                          the creative thought process,
              this should be a sign
                   that there are
                       steps to take
                          in self-exploration.
              You must
                  shift the focus of creation
                       to
                          exploring the meaning of
                              your reluctance to create
                                  what you long for.
              Find out
                   what stands in the way.
              Instead of [i.e., Instead of focusing on creating]
                   • the desired experience,
              you must create the
                   · awareness and
                   • comprehension
                       of your obstruction to it [i.e., you obstruction to the desired experience].
              This will then
                   eventually
                       dissolve
                          the reluctance,
                              so that you find yourself
                                  wholly free
                                      to plant
                                         new
                                              creative thought material
                                                 into the rich soil
                                                     of your soul substance.
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37
               You cannot
                   create anything
                       that does not already exist
                           in the universe, my friends.
              Everything
                   exists
                       within you
                          already.
              All the
                   • answers,
              all the
                   • knowledge,
              all the
                   • power
                           • create,
                         to
                           • feel,
                         to
                           • enjoy,
                         to
                           • experience –
                                       all worlds
                                          exist
                                              within.
              For the
                   • true universe
                       is inside,
              while the
                   • exterior world
                       is but a reflection [i.e., is but a reflection of the TRUE universe inside]
                          like a mirror image.
              Everything
                   you ever need to know
                       about
                           • yourself and
                           • your life
                               exists
                                  within.
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You can
                   actualize
                        this knowledge [i.e., this knowledge that exists within, this knowledge
                               of everything you ever need to know about yourself and your life]
              if you learn
                    to
                        • focus,
                    to
                       • want it [i.e., if you learn to WANT this knowledge that exists within],
                    to
                        • aim for it [i.e., if you learn to AIM FOR this knowledge that exists within],
                    to
                        • commit to it [i.e., if you learn to COMMIT TO this knowledge
                                                                             that exists within],
                    to
                        • create it [i.e., if you learn to CREATE this knowledge that exists within].
              Some of the answers exist
                   on more
                       superficial levels,
                           in the so-called
                               • subconscious.
                           Some are on
                               • much deeper levels.
              All
                   is accessible
                       if
                          you undertake the exploration.
38
               Therefore
                   • creation and
                   • recreation
                       are primarily
                           a focusing.
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If you create
    from the
         • ego level,
            it will be a
                • tense.
                • anxiety-producing
                   focusing.
If you want to create
    from your
         • inner being,
            it must be a
                • relaxed
                   focusing.
It [i.e., Creating by focusing from your INNER being]
    will be
         relaxed
           precisely because
                you do not skip any steps.
[In creating by focusing from your inner being]
    You listen into
        your
            inner self,
                and if you
                   detect obstructions,
                       you will
                           • heed
                       and then
                           • deal with them.
Thus
    you create
        the condition in you
            to comprehend
                your obstructions.
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39
               This [i.e., Creating the condition in you to comprehend your obstructions]
                   is one aspect of the
                        • creating and
                        • re-creating
                          process.
              It [i.e., Creating the condition in you to comprehend your obstructions]
                   is a very important aspect
                       that can be used
                           not only by those who are
                               • already on the path
                           but even by those who are
                               • just entering such a path.
              All of you
                   can
                        • listen into yourself and

    ask

                          your innermost being
                               • where to go,
                               • in which direction to focus.
              But
                   learning
                       how to listen
                           • is an art in itself
                         and often
                           • comes only later on the path.
              It [i.e., Listening into yourself]
                   requires some degree of
                       self-knowledge.
               This [i.e., This self-knowledge]
                   is
                       not easy to summon up for the novice,
              but it is possible,
                       at least temporarily,
                   to
                        • lay aside self-will
                     and
                        • open up
                           to whatever
                               the inner voice sends forth.
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It [i.e., This self-knowledge needed in order to listen clearly into yourself]
    requires, for example,
         awareness
             of your
                 · wishful thinking,
             of your
                 • stake in wanting a certain answer and not another,
             of your
                • fear of getting a different answer [i.e., an answer different from
                                                              the one you hoped for].
All these
    • attitudes and
    • feelings
                [i.e., All these attitudes and feelings of wishful thinking, your stake
                in wanting a certain answer, and your fear of getting an answer
                other than the one you had hoped for]
         may be
            • subtle and
            • well concealed or
            • rationalized,
                so that some degree of
                    self-discernment
                        is necessary
                           for the voice to be truly free.
You will
    trust the voice
         only to the degree
            you have freed yourself.
Each time you
    • consciously and
    • deliberately
         lay aside your self-will,
            you will become
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stronger and

• freer.

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State
                  • how your self-will manifests,
                  • what you
                       • want and
                       • don't want
                          to hear.
              Then
                  express
                      your trust
                          in the divine voice.
              Then
                  your faith
                       will stand on a
                          • firm,
                          • realistic
                              foundation.
40
              To the degree
                  you are aware of
                       wanting
                          • one answer
                       and not
                          • another,
                              you will avoid
                                 • confusion and
                                 • diffusion.
              Otherwise [i.e., If you are NOT aware of wanting one answer and not another]
                  you delude yourself
                       into believing you receive
                          • divinely inspired answers
                       which are nothing more than
                          • your ego's wishful thinking.
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Only when you have
                  attained a state
                       in which you can be very clearly aware
                              • the personal stake of the ego
                          and of
                              • wanting a certain thing
                                 • in one way
                                and
                                 • not in another
                                      can your own
                                         inner answers
                                             begin to be reliable.
41
              But if you are
                  already aware of your
                       • stake and
                       • inclination to
                          • distort
                         rather than
                          • be impartial to
                              the answer you wish to get,
              in that awareness itself
                  you create a
                       new channel of truth
                          into
                              your inner reality.
              You may then perceive a
                  deep,
                       deep
                          inner voice
                              that speaks truth.
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Then [i.e., When you are able to perceive a deep, deep inner voice that speaks truth]
                  the focusing
                       will be
                          • meaningful,
                          • relaxed, and yet
                          • concise enough
                              to create
                                  • new
                                      • thought forms
                              and therefore
                                 • new,
                                  • desirable
                                      • experiences.
42
              A second important aspect
                  about re-creation
                       is
                          the time element
                              that you,
                                      on the ego level,
                                 have to deal with.
              Impatience
                  is another
                       distortion
                          from a fuller state of consciousness,
                              [a state of consciousness]
                                 in which creation is
                                      immediate.
              [When in a fuller state of consciousness]
                  The thought
                       produces
                          the form
                              the moment it is uttered.
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Impatience
    is the memory of
         this experience [i.e., is the memory of this experience from a fuller state of
                               consciousness in which the thought produces the
                               form the moment it is uttered],
            [but, now in the limited consciousness of the ego, this experience]
                without
                   the connectedness with
                        the inner being,
                           so that the lesson
                               the ego has to learn [i.e., patience]
                                  is not comprehended.
Only on the
    ego level
         is everything separate:
            • effect
                from
                   • cause,
            • soul
                from
                   • soul,
            • form and
            • experience
                from
                   • thought,
            • inner
               from
                   • outer.
Life itself
    appears to you a
         • static,
         • "objective"
         • fixed
            thing
                into which
                   you are put.
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It [i.e., Life itself]
    seems
         totally

    separated and

    disconnected

                from
                   your inner processes.
These [i.e., These illusions that life itself is a static, "objective," fixed thing and that
                                       life experiences are separate and
                                       disconnected from your inner processes]
    are the same illusions
         as your
            • concept and
            • experience
                  of
                    • time,
                    • distance, and
                    · movement.
They [i.e., These ILLUSIONS that life itself is a static, "objective," fixed thing,
                        that life experiences are separate and disconnected
                        from your inner processes and your ILLUSORY concepts
                        about and experiences of time, distance, and movement]
    are all
         byproducts of the
            • limited,
            • separated
                ego state.
Everything
    you experience
         seems
            to exist
                only in those
                   seemingly
                        objective
                           terms of the ego.
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The more you focus
    in that direction [i.e., The more you FOCUS in the direction of experiencing life
                               ONLY in the seemingly objective terms of the ego],
the more it will
    seem that way to you [i.e., the more it will seem to you that EVERYTHING
                               you experience in life does IN FACT exist ONLY in
                               those seemingly objective terms of the ego].
In reality,
    your life
         is merely a
            • subjective expression of
                yourself,
         not a
            • fixed,
            • objective,
            • immovable
                reality.
Once you
    learn
         to be more focused into the
            • inner
                reality,
you will
    perceive much more
         this
            • other,
            • fuller
                reality,
                   in which the
                        separated aspects
                           move together
                               in a

    wonderful and

                                  • meaningful
                                       web
                                          of
                                              • interaction and
                                              • wholeness.
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43
              Part of the creating process
                    is
                       • the patience
                          to let things be,
                       • learning to
                          trust life
                               to express back to you
                                  what you put into it.
               That [i.e., That part of the creating process requiring patience and trust]
                   requires
                       waiting for the seed to grow.
              Do you wait in
                   • doubt?
              Do you wait with
                   • impatience?
              Do you wait in
                   • fear?
              Do you wait in
                   • tension?
              Or do you wait in
                   • quiet trust?
              Or is your
                   trust
                       perhaps
                          • a gullibility and
                          • an expression of wishful thinking,
                               so that you
                                  cannot possibly
                                      trust
                                         your trusting?
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Do you want
                   whatever it is
                       so badly
                          that you create a
                              forcing current
                                  which
                                      prohibits fulfillment
                                         because
                                              its [i.e., because the forcing current's]
                                                 • tension and
                                             its [i.e., and because the forcing current's]
                                                 • emotional mind-content
                                                     defeat
                                                        creation?
              If the waiting
                   is truly
                       relaxed,
              • you will have
                   no doubts about
                       the fulfillment.
              • You
                   know
                       that the seed will grow
                          into a
                               wonderful flower.
44
              The recreating process
                   unfolds
                       forevermore
                          when
                               • the ego personality
                             unites with
                               • the other aspects of self [i.e., unites with the aspects of the
                                                                    heretofore hidden inner self]
                                  that had previously
                                      not manifested
                                         on the surface.
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The more
    this happens [i.e., The more the ego personality unites with
                        the aspects of the heretofore hidden inner self that had
                       previously not yet manifested on the surface],
the more
    joyfully
        you will create.
It may sound confusing
    when I say
         that you have to learn
            not to cringe away from
                • pain,
    and then say
         that it is your birthright
            to be in a state of
                • joy.
It may sound like a contradiction
    when I say
        you have to be willing to
            • give up -
                        • at least for the moment,
                      and
                        • in the right spirit –
                what you wish to create
       and
         that you must

    have faith

                in being able to create.
But these [i.e., But both these statements:
            1) you must not cringe away from PAIN
                AND it is your birthright to be in a state of JOY, and
            2) you have to GIVE UP what you wish to create
                AND you must have FAITH in being able to create what you wish]
    are contradictions
         only on the
            most superficial ego level
                where the
                   duality of
                        either/or
                           reigns supreme.
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In reality these [i.e., In reality, both these statements:
            1) you must not cringe away from PAIN
                AND it is your birthright to be in a state of JOY, and
            2) you have to GIVE UP what you wish to create
                AND you must have FAITH in being able to create what you wish]
    are
         mutually interdependent principles
            that must
                unite
                   in harmony.
As you
    cramp yourself
         into any desire
            that is
                too strong,
you
    close the doors
          to
            • joy and
            • relaxed inner creation.
Cramp
    always
         indicates
            • negation,
            • doubt,
            • a negativity
                that you must
                   • unearth
                 and
                   • specifically deal with.
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              In the
                  delusion of
                       the ego,
                          you perceive
                              • life
                                   as
                                      • your enemy,
                                         • foreign and
                                         • antagonistic
                                             to you,
                          while
                              • you
                                 are its [i.e., while YOU are life's]
                                      victim.
              In that delusion
                  you
                       cannot
                            create.
              So you will see, my friends,
                  that
                       your realization on this path
                          of how
                              you
                                 create
                                      your
                                         • suffering
                          will inevitably
                              free you to
                                  create
                                     your
                                         • happiness.
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              Let me close by saying that
                  you are a great deal
                       more
                          than you can possibly believe now.
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If you walk in the direction
     of
         • finding
           your real self,
     of
         • identifying with
            it [i.e., identifying with your real self]
                through the
                   layers of darkness,
you
    must
         discover
            the unending beauty
                of the universe.
With every breath you take
    you fill yourself
         with
            its [i.e., with the universe's]
                potent
                   • love and
                   • wisdom.
There is
    nothing
         that
            • surrounds and
            • permeates
                you
                   that does
                        not
                           express
                               the magnitude
                                  of a
                                       • divine and
                                      • benign
                                          creation.
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The more
                  aware you become of it [i.e. The more aware
                             you become of the MAGNITUDE of a divine and benign creation],
             the more
                  • joy and
                  • gratefulness
                      must
                         spread
                             in your heart.
              The
                  unending
                      beauty
                         of the universe
                             can be
                                experienced
                                       • reality
                                    rather than
                                       • theory
                                           only
                                              when you work your way through
                                                  your dark areas.
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             Be blessed,
                  every one of you.
             Feel
                  the love
                      that is extended to you
                         from a realm
                             in which you have
                                many friends
                                    who have guided you here.
             Be in peace.
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